**Our Vision Statement**
St Anthony's School community works collaboratively to teach and live the values of Christ.
While respecting tradition, and to meet the demands of a rapidly changing society, it strives to educate our children to reach their full potential.

**Lucerna Pedibus Meis**

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**NEWSLETTER**

Thursday, 26th November 2015

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Last Sunday was the conclusion of the Church year as we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King.

This Sunday is the beginning of Advent.

**The First Week of Advent**

Lord God, only You can see into my heart and know that under all the busy-ness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes You more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of Your love and my mind searches for Your Light in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special love to those who disagree with me.

Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me.
Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt.

Amen

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to our Year One students and their teachers, Mrs Crosthwaite and Mr Kehoe, on what was an entertaining and informative assembly. I was at the Principals’ AGM and Mass but heard many great reports on the confidence and capabilities of our Year Ones. Congratulations to all involved and thank you to all who attended.

On Monday evening, we held our community AGM where reports were provided by our very dedicated School Board and P&F Executive. A school report was also presented and this will soon be on our website. Thank you to these parent leaders who have been a pleasure to work with. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with such committed people who have the best interest of our students and school at heart. In particular, I would like to thank the following people who conclude their terms on the School Board and the P&F Executive for their support, guidance and service to the school community: Lisa Carter, Anthony Parker, Darryl Hodgson and Alison Van Beek.

The AGM saw school community members; Kimberley Donnelly, Diarmuid McDonagh and Illona Perovic join the School Board. We also welcomed Rachel Pederick and Emily Evans to the P&F Executive. Thank you to all parents and staff who attended and supported the evening. This was an opportunity to reinforce the bond shared between home and school to provide a positive Catholic Education for each of our students.

Recently in the newsletter, requests for class placements were mentioned. Staff have been in discussions and planning regarding class lists and the time for requesting placements has now concluded. Much work goes into these lists to determine which students work best together and which teacher will bring out the best in each particular child. Whilst we attempt to accommodate genuine and valid class placements, we simply can’t guarantee that all of these will be fulfilled. It is important to understand that class teachers have opportunities to plan together and discuss students across year levels and how as a team we can enhance student progress. If your child is not in the class you imagined them to be in, it is important to remain positive to ensure your child is optimistic about their success. Our school values open communication and staff members welcome opportunities to discuss the well being and development of your child.

We are noticing that some students are presenting at the school gates well before the 8.10am opening time. Not only is supervision not provided until this time but this is also a dangerous practice that leaves students open to risk of injury or worse. We offer an onsite before and after school care service for parents and carers who need to drop their children off prior to the opening time. Please ensure that your child is not being put at risk by having them arrive at the correct time or alternatively, utilise our OSH Club service.

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‘A Light Beneath Our Feet’
We have also had a report recently where someone exiting from the City of Wanneroo car park across the road from the school had a near miss with a vehicle exiting our car park and turning right. The turn left only when exiting our car park rule exists for several reasons including, not blocking up the roundabout, smoother traffic flow but most importantly student safety. Please ensure that you are being courteous at all times and respecting the rights of others to travel in and out of school in a safe and positive environment. A detailed map and instructions are available on our website.

Thank you to Zenebrio (Nick) Nicoletti from the Parish who had a vision to mark our 80th Anniversary with a mosaic incorporating our 80-year journey. He took inspiration from our students’ ideas and meetings with Mrs Vallun to create the Mosaic pictured below. It will be blessed and presented to our school at the end of year Mass.

Congratulations to Niall and Courtney Kehoe on their wedding this week. On behalf of the school community we wish them a long and happy future together.

As well as the staff mentioned in recent newsletters, we will also be farewelling Ms Jerelyn Tierney at the end of this year. Jerelyn has been a key member of our Kindy team and with a young family, is pursuing teaching opportunities closer to home. We thank her for her contributions to our school and wish her well for the future. We welcome new staff member Samantha Spadaro to our staff for 2016. Samantha comes to us from Our Lady of Grace School and will be in Year 2 next year. Congratulations to Miss Spadaro.

Earlier this term, Mrs Crosthwaite was acknowledged for winning a NEITA Excellence in Teaching award. Please see an excerpt from our local community paper featured within this newsletter. Congratulations again to Mrs Crosthwaite on this outstanding achievement.

All community members are invited to join the Year 4 students at mass tomorrow morning in the church at 9.00am.

God Bless

Mark Marando
PRINCIPAL
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS


BRONZE AWARD (Monday Assembly): Tristan Bryson, Alex Ikin, Thomas Gregory, Kirralee Fairless and Mikaela Moore.

SILVER AWARD (Monday Assembly): Sara Combes, Angel Benoy and Ethan Whyte.

GOLD AWARD (Monday Assembly): Natalija Gorgievksa, Jake Hodgson and Emily Evans.

RELIGION and FAITH NEWS

- Advent - This coming Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is the liturgical season that precedes and prepares for Christmas. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation. Many symbols and traditions are associated with Advent, especially the Advent Wreath with its four coloured candles (three purple and one pink).

- The Graduation Mass with Presentation of Awards is to be held at St Anthony’s Church on Thursday 3rd December commencing at 6.00pm. All students are expected to be dressed in their full Summer Uniform. Many of the Year 5 children will be required to perform in the choir for the evening. The Mass and presentations will conclude at approximately 7.15pm. The announcement of next year’s Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains will also be announced as part of the Principal’s address to parents at the conclusion of the Presentation of Awards.

- The Year of Mercy: Pope Francis has declared that the universal Catholic Church will observe a Jubilee year of Mercy from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016. The Pope made the declaration on April 11, 2015, in front of the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica. The Holy Door, usually bricked up, is opened during a jubilee year. In the accompanying papal bull, the Holy Father underscored the universal Church’s “responsibility to be a living sign of the Father’s love in the world.” Jubilee years occur about every 25 years—the last occurred in 2000. These holy years are led with special celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and the opportunity to experience God’s grace through the sacraments, especially confession. Jesus came to proclaim the Good News that God loves us. This is the mercy that Pope Francis asks us to celebrate during the Holy Year of Mercy that begins December 8.

God bless
John Topliss
Assistant Principal (Year 3-6)

Congratulations to the Hotham family on the arrival of Stefan, a brother to James (2B) and to the Maher family on the arrival of Oscar, a brother to Sam (2B) and Oliver (KG)
Year Five are discussing Advent and how and why we ‘wait’ on Jesus. We also have discussed inner strength, what symbols we can create for this and what that strength consists of.
This term in Year 6, we have been busy learning about earthquakes, creating sea monsters, drawing tessellating patterns and playing footy!
**VOLUNTEER THANK YOU MORNING TEA**
We are very fortunate at St Anthony’s School to have many parents and carers volunteer their time in various capacities to make our school a better place for our students. We have many volunteers who assist in the uniform shop, canteen, classrooms, library, at various events and on a range of committees. On Tuesday 8th December, after the Pre Primary Assembly, we will host a morning tea in the staffroom for all who have volunteered at our school throughout the year. All volunteers are invited to attend.

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**Dates To Remember**

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The Uniform Shop will be open on the following day in 2016 before school commences:

**Friday 29th January**
8.00am - 11.00am

As of 2016 the Uniform Shop will be changing the normal opening day to Wednesdays from 8.00am - 9.00am.

**In 2016 all students should be wearing the new school polo shirt**

Please note that the uniform shop will not be open on the first day of school for 2016, as the new opening day is every Wednesday. Therefore, the shop will be open on Wednesday 3rd February.

Thank you
Chris and Gabrielle
The 2016 Booklist order forms were sent home last week. The following options are available through Ziggies.

**Option 1: School Shop Pick Up**
- Return order forms to the school by 2nd December 2015. If you wish to prepay, return order with credit card details or a cheque.
- Order online by 4th December 2015 and choose shop pick-up.
- Pre-placed orders can be collected at St Anthony’s on Friday 29th January between 8.00am-9.30am, from the multi-purpose room. Cash or EFTPOS payments are accepted at the school shop. Cheques are not accepted.

**Option 2: Home or Business Delivery - $5 per list.**
- Orders online must be placed by 4th December 2015. These must be pre-paid. The website is: booklists.ziggies.net.au

Orders placed after 4th December 2015 will be processed for home delivery and will incur a late processing and postage fee of $10.00 per list. Delivery of late orders before the start of school cannot be guaranteed, so please order before the 4th December 2015.

Please note that self-service prices at the retail shop in Canning Vale will be more expensive than through the special school booklist prices.

Dee Johnston
Curriculum Coordinator

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**DVD SALE** - DVD bundle of the 80th Anniversary Mass with student interviews. Limited numbers available from the office for $10 (not sold separately). DVDs of student interviews only are $5 each.

Proofs of the photographs taken by Savvy Photography will be available for viewing at St Anthony’s Church from Saturday 5th December until Sunday 27th December. Order forms available with the proofs.

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**Peanut and Nut Aware School**

Peanuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed.

Please wash hands. Clean hands help you to stay healthy and keep our friends safe.

Thank You!
**SWIM CLUB** - There will be vacancies in our school swim club in 2016 for students who have achieved Level 5 and I am particularly keen for students in Years 4 and 5 (next year) to join. Semester fees are $80 which includes pool lane hire and sixteen weeks of coaching (2 hour per week). Students pay reduced entry price on entry to the pool. I spoke to several students last week at In-term swimming lessons and many indicated interest in joining the club next year. I am presently making up a swim club register and will have a section for possible new members in 2016. If you think your child would like to try out next year please let me know by email or note.

**AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER** - The children are having a great time with Kieran at after school soccer! There are two weeks to go this year and any child who wishes to try out can attend either session. The program will be continuing next year.

**FILMING** - Thank you to the parents of students in Year 2 who completed for us, and those who whizzed home and collected sports uniforms! SCSA were very impressed with the students’ behaviour and engagement in the lesson I took. Well done!

**SUN SMART** - Just a reminder in this continuing hot weather to ensure your child has their hat, water bottle and sunscreen to protect them from the effects of heat and UV. I recognise that some parents are putting sunscreen on their children before they leave home but this will not last the day. Therefore please encourage your child to re-apply sunscreen from the bottle in the classrooms or the ones I place outside the Sports Shed at recess and lunch. The sunscreen active ingredients are: homosalate, cetyl salicylate, octocrylene, methoxydibenzoylmethane and oxybenzone

**CAMP 16th-19th FEBRUARY 2016** - Letters will be sent home this week confirming who our helpers will be for the Year 6 camp next year. Thank you to all those who put up their hand to assist but we can only take two people. The camp is in Week 3 of Term One, which means we have to complete paperwork this year. Information sheets and permission slips will be given out next week to be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 2nd December. I am presently booking caterers and activities and the information on those forms ensure the bookings are appropriate. Thank you in anticipation.

**BADMINTON 2016** - Next year we will have a new badminton club starting at our school in Week 2 of Term One Thursday afternoons from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. All equipment provided, qualified coaches and lots of fun! The term fee will be $50. There will only be twelve places available so if you think your child would be interested, please let me know. I already have five students on my list so please let me know as soon as possible.

**BATTERY RECYCLING** - Please remember to bring in your used batteries in the next two weeks and place in the metal bin in the shed. Christmas is often a time when lots of batteries are used so please collect them up and bring the to school next year!!

Yours in sport
Ann Shakespeare
OSH CLUB NEWS

So this week at Oshclub we have been busy learning about ways to live a healthy lifestyle. We have talked about what food is good for us and what things we should eat a lot less of. Some of our activities have been making healthy eating placemats and lunch boxes with some fabulous healthy snacks inside.

The last two weeks of term we will be decorating our room with Christmas decorations and enjoying some festive activities to help celebrate the festive season. This time of the year is always very exciting and lots of fun.

The children have been enjoying the nice weather by going outside and having fun playing soccer and basketball together. They have also been enjoying the sandpit and being very creative building some sandcastles and exciting sculptures.

We are asking parents if possible to donate any items they have such as pots, pans, plastic mixing bowls, utensils, tablecloths, aprons or any other kitchen items for the children to explore in our home corner environment. If you have any of these things that you don’t need or might be cluttering up your house, please feel free to drop them down to the Oshclub room.

It is very important to ensure all your bookings are done online and within the 9.00pm cut off time, as the service is growing. On the day, bookings are not always guaranteed so it is important that you allow enough time to book in. Also if your child is booked in and will not be attending, it is essential that you call and leave a message or text to advise us on the number below. We offer breakfast until 8.00am and we also provide an afternoon snack for after school. We also provide a range of indoor and outdoor activities suitable for all different ages.

Hours of operation are 6.30am-9.00am and then from 2.40pm to 6.00pm. Please feel free to pop in and see us or you can contact us on 0428 161 879.

Kind Regards
Tina and Ryan

LIBRARY NEWS

This is the last week for library borrowing. Please ensure your children return their library book(s) next week so we have all our resources returned for the end of 2015. If your child has lost their book could you please forward the replacement payment of $25 to the office.

Many thanks also to the kind parents who have taken books home to cover!

Happy Reading
From the Library
You and your family are invited to

Carols on the Green

A musical event to celebrate Christmas, where every student gets a chance to sing on stage.

When: 6.00pm Wednesday 9th December 2015

Where: The Amphitheatre and grassed area behind the Wanneroo City Council building (opposite our school).

What to bring: Picnic blanket or a low chair, picnic basket, camera and your Christmas spirit.

Please dress your children (and yourself if you are feeling festive) in Christmas dress.
This could be Christmas colours – red, green, white or gold, or a Christmas t-shirt, hat, tinsel etc.

Be as simple or creative as you like

Please note that, as this is part of our school’s advent and music programme, it is an expectation that all students attend.
A Wanneroo primary school teacher’s passion has not been missed by a parent, who nominated her for a national award. Nicole Crosthwaite from St Anthony’s School was named as one of eight WA candidates vying for the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards, which will be held in Melbourne next year. “The award is to recognise teachers for their excellence and their contributions to their teaching,” Mrs Crosthwaite, a Year 1 teacher, said.

“I was extremely proud and honoured to be nominated and didn’t think that I would make it as far as I have. From the 1100 people nominated, I have made it into the top 36.”

She said she would now complete a short written assessment and a video interview presentation.

“The top 12 are chosen to fly to Melbourne for the final awards ceremony,” she said.

Mrs Crosthwaite’s career began in 1993 at Kalgoorlie’s St Mary’s Primary School, where she stayed for nine years teaching pre-primary, years 2 and 4 and physical education. She has also taught at Good Shepherd in Kelmscott, Our Lady’s Assumption in Dianella and St Michael’s in Bassendean.

She started at St Anthony’s in 2012 and ran the three-year-old program and did support in Years 1 and 3.

“I went full-time in 2013 and taught pre-primary. In 2014 I began teaching Year 1 in an open doors collaborative setting.”

She said she had known from a young age that she wanted to teach.

“Teaching is an evolving career, forever changing. I enjoy the challenges that teaching brings; new curriculums, strategies and children with different personalities and learning abilities. The children are the main reason I teach. I thrive on exposing them to new things and information, to help make changes to their world and likewise how their personalities and stories make changes and touch my world too.”

She said she enjoyed learning and working with the children, encouraging them so that they achieved success and felt confident within themselves.

“There is no better reward as a teacher to have smiling, happy children who enjoy their learning and want to do their best,” she said.

Principal Mark Marando congratulated Mrs Crosthwaite on her achievement.

Three local teachers have been recognised for their outstanding contribution to the community.

Neil Gray from Sacred Heart College, Paula Warr from Woodvale Secondary College and Nicole Crosthwaite from St Anthony’s School in Wanneroo were among 60 people to receive a National Excellence in Teaching Award. The award recognises outstanding and dedicated teachers who are passionate about education and helping students achieve their potential.

Mr Gray, an engineering studies specialist teacher, was credited for helping Sacred Heart become one of the top ATAR-performing schools in engineering studies.

The Woodvale School Board nominated science teacher Mrs Warr for her innovative teaching methods.

The three teachers were among eight recipients from WA. NEITA will announce the national award winners next year. Professional development and project grants are available at the national award level. One teacher will get the opportunity to go to Space Camp in the United States.