February

**Thur 16th**
9.30 – 12.30 pm School Swimming Carnival Gr 3 - 6

7.00 pm P & F meeting and Wine & Cheese evening

**Fri 17th**
11.30 am Whole school assembly 6.00 – 8.00 pm P & F Pool Party Riverside Pool

**Mon 27th**
2.00 – 2.45 pm Bravehearts

March

**Wed 1st**
Ash Wednesday

**Mon 6th – Wed 8th**
Grade 6 at Camp Banksia

**Wed 8th – Fri 10th**
Grade 5 at Camp Clayton

**Thur 9th**
8.30 – 9.30 am SPC Band Program commences

**Mon 13th**
Public holiday – no classes

**Thur 16th**
7.00 P & F AGM

**Mon 20th – Sun 26th**
Catholic Education Week

**Thur 23rd**
NIJSSA Swimming Carnival

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**No 1 Wednesday 15th February 2017**

**Back 2 School Prayer**

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I’m afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school.

Amen

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**Welcome back to the 2017 school year!**

Dear families and friends of St Anthony’s School,

Welcome back to school! Thank you for all you have done to prepare your children for the new school year - purchasing books and uniform, cleaning shoes, making lunches, allaying anxieties and generally helping to bring a positive and happy vibe to our community. Our staff are delighted to be back (although we all tend to have a sleepless night the night before starting again!) We all want to do our very best and support you and your children as we embark on another year of living and learning together at this wonderful school.

This year the School Board and the Parents and Friends Committee, are hoping to make the year memorable and a lot of fun. We have some wonderful events planned for each term, that will help us all get to know each other and really feel part of the community. This Friday is our first function - the much anticipated and highly recommended **P&F Pool Party at Riverside Pool** from 6-8pm. It’s a free event for our community (thanks to previous years P&F fundraising) and a really fun night. Some of our school...
staff will be attending with their own families, and I hope to be there, however, I am attending a funeral late that afternoon so may be detained. Please send your RSVPs back to the office (ratio of one adult to three children maximum please), as we need to record these details for safety reasons, and remember that by attending, you are agreeing to actively supervise your children at the pool. (If we need to cancel the event due to inclement weather, we will do so via our school notifications app School Stream, so please ensure you have this on your smartphone, with notifications turned on).

A very special welcome to our new students and their families. With so many new faces in the school, this is a wonderful opportunity to join us at P&F meetings and meet some of the people you will be seeing each day at the school. If you have some free time available you may wish to volunteer in some capacity on the P&F committee; if not, please still come along to our meetings, which are held once a month. The first meeting is this Thursday at 7pm in the school library.

I am sure all parents will join me in saying a very big “Thank You” to Steph Van Rooyen, mum of Maddison in Kindergarten, who has stepped into the role of running the school clothing pool (Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30 - 9:15am). This is a wonderful gift of Steph’s time, to all of us. Now we need someone (or a group of parents) to volunteer to run our school canteen, one or two days per week. Please give this some serious thought, as currently the canteen remains closed. You will become a firm favourite amongst those of us (parents and staff) who rely on being able to use the canteen when the cupboards are looking a bit bare!!

Looking forward to seeing you around the school, at the Gr 3 - 6 Swimming carnival on Thursday, or the Pool Party on Friday,

Anita

PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our new and returning staff members –
Cecelia Vunaki (Grade 6), Bianca de Deuge (Grade 3), Lauren Bartush (Prep) and Brendan Kiely (Grade 4 & Music)

and our new students –
Evan Young (Gr 1), Emilia Allan, Oliver Walker & Taliah Wright Gittins (Gr 2), Paddy Young (Gr 3), Bridgett Wright Gittins (Gr 4), Liam Wright Gittins (Gr 6).

Newsletters
The newsletter will be distributed every Wednesday afternoon via School Stream and the school website – no hard copies. Families who do not have access to either, please notify the school office to make other arrangements.
FIRST DAY of Prep
## Grade 6 2017 Leadership Roles

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|                 | Lance Jones  
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|                 | Brooke Berry  
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|                 | Gus Coulson  

### House Captains

| Anthony | Casey Berry  
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### Aussie Sports Leaders

### Minnie Vinnies

### Media Group

### Grounds Committee
Tuition Fees 2017
All families should have received a School Fees Invoice letter last week. Please ensure that you inform the office as soon as possible of your preferred payment arrangements, so they can be put in place by the beginning of March.

Families wishing to take advantage of the $50 discount for payment of fees in full have until the end of February 2017 to complete payment. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Reminders…
We are a Nut aware school – please avoid bringing foods that contain nuts (especially peanuts) to school. Products include Nuts, Peanut Butter, nut spreads such as Nutella, some fruit and nut bars, some biscuits and cakes.

Traffic & students safety
The school urges all parents to support road safety by obeying signage displayed and also ask you remind your child/ren to be very aware of potential traffic related dangers around the school.
Sometimes for example, motorists do not abide by road laws, and if students are crossing inappropriately (with or without you), or just not aware of their surrounds by always looking either way, we could have an accident.
The education and care of our students is a partnership between the staff and parents and we all need to do our bit by acting appropriately and not showing a disregard for road laws, even if only to demonstrate your support of appropriate behaviour to children who may be watching.

Student Pick-up Arrangements
Pedestrian Crossing: School Car Park
A reminder that parents and students are to use the walk path and pedestrian crossing for their own safety. There is no safer walk avenue from the parent car park to the kinder room. I remind drivers to be vigilant of pedestrians using the crossing who have right of way.
** The school driveway is a NO CROSSING AREA.**
Please do not cross the access road (ie from the carpark across to the Early Learning Centre / Kindergarten yard). Please use the designated pedestrian crossing through the carparks.

Parent Pick-up
A teacher supervised, drive through “parent pick-up” process is provided from 3.00 – 3.20 pm each day. Students are walked to the shelter and supervised by a teacher.
To collect your child
1. Drive around the turning circle – please note that the buses have right of way
2. In turn cars line up at the shelter where a teacher in high visibility vest is standing. The teacher will call the child/ren forward through the designated walk area (yellow lines)
3. Remain in your car. Children and parents are reminded that the safest entry into the car is through the passenger-side car doors.
4. Parents are responsible for ensuring their child/ren are secured in the car and doors are closed (this is not the teacher’s responsibility)
5. Student pick-up cars are to continue driving, turning right, and exiting from the first exit road adjacent to the round about.

NB: If your child/ren cannot enter through the passenger-side door or if you need to get out of the car, we ask that you either
   1. Come to parent pick-up after the initial rush eg 3.10 pm
   2. Park in the designated spot and collect your child from the sheltered area.

PARENT PICK-UP IS DRIVE THROUGH ONLY!

Please do not exit from the extended car park area as this is for parked vehicles, and drivers need the safety of access in reversing their vehicle when leaving.

I encourage all parents to use the school designed parent pick-up arrangement or car park to collect their child/ren, not to make alternative pick-up arrangements on the West Tamar Highway as this is not a staff supervised area nor is it safe for students to wait beside such a busy road.

Signing Children In/Out
Children who arrive at school after the 8.55 am bell must sign in at the school office. Parents collecting children prior to the end of the day must sign out at the office prior to collecting the child from the classroom.

Sunsmart / Sunhat
School sunhats are to be worn at recess and lunchtime during Terms 1 and 4. The school sunhat is part of the school summer uniform. Students are encouraged to bring and apply their own sunscreen.

Band Program 2017
The Band Program commences on Thursday 9th March at 8.30 am. If your child is in Grades 3 – 6 and would like to enrol or re-enrol in the program and has not done so to date you can via the following link, http://www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/school-life/cultural-co-curricular/music-enrolments

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Manions Bus – Launceston Cup Day
Launceston Cup is Wednesday 22nd February, and on that day there will be NO Devil, Platypus or Possum bus, and NO Early bus in the afternoon.
Any queries please contact Jan Clayton - Manions Coaches - ph 63831221

THE ST ANTHONY’S PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
WARMLY INVITES ALL OUR SCHOOL’S NEW & RETURNING FAMILIES TO
ATTEND OUR
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL 2017

WHEN: Friday 17th February, 2017 from 6.00pm until 8.00pm
WHERE: Riverside Swim Centre, Eden St, Riverside

And…..

P & F Meeting This THURSDAY 16th February 7pm in the school library - all executive positions will be vacated next month so come along if you are interested in joining the P & F Committee in 2017.

Working with Vulnerable People Registration
Government legislation now requires all people working or volunteering with vulnerable people to be registered. It is an expectation placed on our schools that any person who is on an excursion, helping in the classroom, helping out with students getting changed after swimming, attending camps etc must have this registration. If parents do not have registration or registration is pending you will not be able to volunteer and attend the excursion or school event. This is something that we do not want to have to do but as legislation and a system policy we need to adhere to it.

How to apply for a WWVP and Number
1. Complete the online application form
   www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children
2. Print the “Application Receipt” which is generated when the application has been completed in full
3. Take the “Application Receipt” to a Service Tasmania shop, pay the fee ($17.60) and have your 100 point check to confirm identity

Once your registration has been approved and you receive your WWVP card, please bring it to the school office so your name, registration number and expiry date can be recorded and verified.

**Are you looking to join a Netball Club?**

*Heritage Islander Netball Club is the club for you!*

If you are aged between 8-15 years old, and want to have some fun, or learn a new sport, come along Thursday nights to Hoblers Bridge, Centre Court 1 at 4:30 pm.

Contact:
Annette Griffin......0458 711 993 for more information

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**Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association**

The Northern Tasmanian Junior Soccer Association, would like to invite boys and girls 5-16 years of age, to join the largest participation sport in the world. Season 2017 kicks off in April at Churchill Park, Invermay. The Association is made up of the following clubs;

**Westside Devils** – Mitsubishi Park, Westbury Road, Prospect  Ph. 0418 316 475  
e-mail Amanda Noble  ccstas@bigpond.net.au

**Launceston United** – Birch Avenue, Newstead  Ph.0408 441 836 (Club Sec)  
e-mail Heather Reading  heather.reading@education.tas.gov.au

**Riverside Olympic** – Windsor Park, Riverside  Ph. 0439 032 396 (Club Sec)  
e-mail riversideolympicjuniortas@gmail.com

**Southern Raiders** – Prospect Park, Harley Pde, Prospect  Ph. 0400 639 790 (Club Sec)  e-mail southernraiders@gmail.com

**North Launceston Eagles** – Churchill Park, Invermay  Ph. 0407 034 779  
(Registrar) e-mail Andrew Harper  abharper@mmm.com

**George Town JSC** – Blue Gum Park, George Town  Ph. 0400 289 417 (Club Sec)  
e-mail Kristy Fawdry  kristyfawdry@hotmail.com

**Deloraine JSC** – Deloraine  Ph. 0459 032 169 e-mail teniellem@icloud.com

**Northern Rangers** – NTCA Ground  Ph. 0448 008 606  
e-mail rangers.juniors@gmail.com

To register to play, or for more information please contact one of the above clubs, or the NTJSA on 03 6331 911 or e-mail admin@ntjsa.org.