



St Anthony's Catholic School

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June

Sat 3rd

Family Mass St Francis Church,
Riverside 5.00 pm

Mon 5th

Launceston Competitions –
Gr 3/4 Choir
Kindergarten 2018 Interviews

Tues 6th

Reconciliation Workshop 6.00
pm St Francis Church
Kindergarten 2018 Interviews

Wed 7th

School photo day

Wed 7th – Fri 9th

Principal's Conference

Sun 11th

Parish / School Mass 10.00 am
in the Assisi Centre, all welcome

Mon 12th

Public holiday – no classes

Tues 13th

St Anthony's Feast Day Liturgy
and celebrations
NIJSSA Cross Country
Reconciliation Workshop 6.00
pm St Francis Church

Thur 15th

Band Soiree 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Tues 20th

Reconciliation Workshop 6.00
pm St Francis Church

Fri 23rd

Reconciliation Retreat 9.00 am
– 1.00 pm for the Reconciliation
Candidates

No 14

Wednesday 31st May 2017



*"Come to me,
all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest."*

(Matthew 11:28)

Dear families & friends of St Anthony's Catholic School,

Loose Parts Play

We would like to add some more elements to our Loose Parts Playbox. We are looking for junk! Timber, PVC pipes, tubes, material, building material, electrical wire spools, cable drums, tyres, rocks, pots, pans, anything that the students can build with and use in dramatic play. If you have any interesting junk lying around, please contact Luke van Tienen who will tell you if it's suitable.

A story of forgiveness:

Last weekend some of our candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation received a special blessing at Mass. I thought I would take this opportunity to share a little story of reconciliation that I witnessed at school this week.

Two children had a disagreement and, as I was walking past, they asked me to help get to the bottom of it. They had started recounting what had happened, when one child said, "Well, it doesn't matter if he says sorry or not, I forgive him anyway." Turning to face the other boy he said "I forgive you." Now I was a bit surprised, because this child has found it hard to forgive on previous occasions, but on this day, he was full of the spirit of forgiveness, and he was happy about it! It reminded me of a saying by Drasko Dizdar, a theologian who has worked with the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office for many years. He was

referring to the quotation from scripture, John 20:23 "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." This quotation was directed at the apostles, but Drasko talked about it in light of our own lives too. He suggested that if we refuse to forgive those who have hurt us in some way, we can bind that hurt more closely to us, instead of freeing ourselves of it. At school this week, this little boy showed that he has learnt this, and it made him a happier person. That's a God moment!

The story doesn't finish there. I was telling the child's classroom teacher what had happened and the teacher told me that the same child had been watching a child in a lower class who has been learning how to calm down when his anxiety is high. The elder boy confided to his teacher that he was pretty impressed by this, and was going to try it himself! That's the power of a school community - children often learn just as much from each other as they do from the staff!

CONASTA 66 The Art of Science Conference

Congratulations to Andrew McCausland who applied for and won a scholarship to attend the Australian Science Teachers Association's National Conference in Hobart this year. This conference only comes to Tasmania once every eight years. Special thanks to Stewart Bell and the West Tamar Council who made this generous scholarship possible. We look forward to hearing about Andrew's experience and seeing it in action in the classroom.

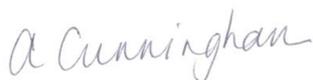
Facebook

You may have noticed our information sheets and videos about the Catholic faith on our Facebook Page. Mrs Bartush has been developing these with the students, in answer to questions raised by some of our school community who would like to know more about the Catholic faith. Did you know that about half of our school community are Catholic and half are other Christian religions or do not identify as a particular religion? No question is too silly, and if you have a query, someone else is probably wondering the same thing. We would love to hear what you are wondering! (You can email any queries to me.)

I look forward to seeing many of you at this weekend's family Mass (5 pm Saturday at St Francis Church), or our whole Parish Trinity Mass the following Sunday (10 am at the School Assisi Centre), or even both! Everyone is welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you around the school.

Anita



PRINCIPAL

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION - Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Caritas Project Compassion appeal last term. The amount raised is \$420.85!

Anthony House wins a 3rd Cross Country Shield in a row!

This year's Cross Country Carnival was run in what can only be described as "good cross country weather". However, the cold, wet and windy conditions could not stop Anthony House from claiming a third consecutive House Shield. A close carnival saw the lead change hands several times, but a dominant display in the final Gr 6 girls race saw Anthony overhaul a spirited Francis team to take victory.



The whole carnival was very competitive with all students putting in a huge effort in all races to try to gain maximum points for their house.

A huge thank you to all the parents and staff who put their hand up to help out on the day, with a special mention to our "Lake Staff Crew" of Mr James & Mr van Tienen. Mr vT ran probably further than anybody else encouraging all the students to finish off their races with a flourish.

The school is unable to put on events like this without the support of the school community, so everybody involved – students, volunteers and teachers all deserve a big pat on the back for what was a great day.

Nick Stacey

The All Schools Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 27th June at Symmons Plains. Entries close on Monday June 19th and cost \$15 per person.

Grade 3/4 Choir

Parents are reminded that the Grade 3/4 Choir will be competing in the Launceston Competitions this Monday 5th June at approximately 9.30 am.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 4 orders are due back to school by Friday 16th June. Alternatively, you can use the LOOP facility on the Scholastic web site at scholastic.com.au/LOOP to place your order online.

Entertainment Books

Please return your Book or envelope with payment to the office asap! Failure to return the book may result in you being charged for it.

A promotional poster for school photos. The background is blue with a white honeycomb pattern. At the top, the text "Say Cheese!" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, "St Anthony's School Photos" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a photograph of a smiling pug dog. To the right of the dog, there is a yellow speech bubble with a scalloped edge containing the text: "Please return your photo forms by photo day, Wednesday 7th June. On the day, please ensure your child is dressed in full winter uniform, including jumpers." At the bottom left, there is a white and blue camera icon.



Nationally Consistent
Collection of Data
School Students with Disability



Information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability as defined under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect quality information about school students receiving an adjustment due to disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as other students.

The national data collection provides an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When undertaking the national data collection, every school in Australia uses the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney collects and submits data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The annual collection aims to, over time, lead to nationally consistent, high quality data that will enable schools, education authorities and governments to gain a more complete understanding of students who are receiving adjustments because of disability in schools in Australia, and how to best support them.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?

A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. Reasonable adjustments reflect the assessed individual needs of the student, and are provided in consultation with the student and/or their parents and carers. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom

(such as adapting teaching methods) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Every year your child's school will collect the following information for each student receiving an adjustment due to disability:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's level of adjustment
- the student's broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be available to all governments to inform policy and program improvement for students with disability.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder, as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy or diabetes, that require monitoring and the provision of adjustments by the school, may be included.

WHO COLLECTS INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

Teachers and school staff count the number of students receiving an adjustment due to disability in their school, and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided, based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team's observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

HOW IS MY CHILD'S PRIVACY PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential and is an explicit focus of the national data collection. Personal details, such as student names or other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities.

Further information about privacy is available from www.education.gov.au/notices.

IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

Yes. All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students receiving adjustments due to disability in their care, and the level of adjustment they receive.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child's school principal and the relevant education authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child's school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. You can also visit

www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at

<http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/>.

What are 'The Sacraments'?

All of our students learn about the 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The Sacraments are designed to draw us closer to God. There are 4 Sacraments that our students may participate in, in the following order:

Baptism



This Sacrament enables a person to become a perfect child of God and a member of the church. It washes away Original Sin and allows the person to have eternal life. Many children are Baptised as babies but if any student wishes to become baptised, you can contact Father Martin and expect to be welcomed with open arms!

Reconciliation



This Sacrament celebrates repentance, the forgiveness of sins and the reconciliation of the individual with God, the Church, and its members. As we all have sinned at one time or another, we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time. A person can receive this Sacrament as often as they wish. Many of our students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in Grade 3.

First Holy Communion



This is a special occasion - a further step in becoming one with Christ. This is the Sacrament that enables all Catholics to experience the true presence of the Lord. During Mass, students can receive both species of the Eucharist, in the form of the Body and Blood of Christ. This Sacrament follows Reconciliation and is usually celebrated in Grade 4.

Confirmation



Also in Grade 4, recognition of God's Holy Spirit in our lives is celebrated with Confirmation. By the virtue of this Sacrament, we all become the soldiers of Christ, using the invisible weapon Jesus gave us, LOVE. The Archbishop places his hands on candidates heads, at which time the Holy Spirit comes upon them. The newly confirmed are strengthened for a fuller life in Christ through receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Students choose a Confirmation name e.g. St Peter, and are 'Confirmed' because the faith given at Baptism is now made strong.

*The other Sacraments are:
Marriage
Anointing of the Sick
Holy Orders (Becoming a priest)*

Please note: Students in higher grades may also participate in each of the Sacraments if they have previously missed out.

Please feel free to come along to Church and support our students as they receive the Sacraments this year! Details in the newsletter.

From the P & F

The first all new 2017 committee meeting got off to a resounding start with 10 people in attendance. The ideas were definitely flowing and there are great plans afoot (so stay tuned)!

A big thank you to Sarah White & Emma Evans (Kinder/Prep Reps), Rhiannon Casey & Anna McGovern (Grades 5/6 Reps) for joining the committee.

We are however, still looking for parent representatives for **Grades 1/2** and **Grades 3/4** to come along to some meetings; assist us with fundraising ideas & execution; as well as help to build and strengthen the P & F community.

Having a broader base of parents would help us understand the views and requirements of the different grade levels. It is not a time consuming role, with meetings held once a month (excluding school holidays) with some additional help required (when possible) with P & F activities.

As we are sure you will all appreciate, to make any venture successful, many hands make light work.



The minutes of our last meeting and the agenda of our upcoming meeting will be displayed in the noticeboard box outside the school office. Why not have a quick read if you get a chance?

Wine and Cheese night

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th June at 7pm in the school library. As always everyone is welcome and don't worry we won't try to sign you up to anything; it's just nice to have some fresh faces, ideas and opinions. So why not come along enjoy some nice wine and nibbles and find out about all the exciting goings on?

As always if you have any questions or would like any further information please don't hesitate to contact **Steph on 0447 342 195** or **Claudia on 0401 208 150**



The P&F is running a Sunrise Bakery fundraiser. As well as providing the opportunity to stock up your freezers with freshly made goodies for the school holidays you will also be helping to earn new sports equipment for the school.

We're sure your friends and families will love the wide range of yummy things available and as always we would appreciate your support.

The eldest student in each family will be sent home with a fundraising form.

Please ensure forms and money are returned to school no later than **Thursday 22nd of June**. Your orders will be delivered to the school and will be available to pick up at the end of the school day on Friday the 30th June.



The CoolKids and Adolescent Health Program

Helping distressed children & adolescents suffering from somatic health complaints (including recurring headaches, stomach-aches etc).

About 40% of children and adolescents may experience functional somatic health complaints, which are medically benign (that is, they have no identified organic cause). The most common somatic-health complaints experienced by children and adolescents include recurring abdominal pain, gastro-intestinal symptoms, recurring headaches, chest pains, dizziness and nausea. Research has shown that these children are prone to have increased rates of school absenteeism, and this may also have an impact on their learning, peer relations and overall quality of life. Studies have also indicated that up to 80% of children and adolescents struggling to cope with these recurring functional somatic health complaints may also be experiencing anxiety and/or depressive problems.

Our new, CoolKids and Adolescent Health Program is designed to specifically help children learn how to concurrently cope and manage their somatic symptoms as well as learn stress management skills. This program is specifically designed for children aged 7 to 17 years who are experiencing recurring somatic health complaints for at least 3 months (and which a GP or medical specialist has confirmed that the symptoms are medically benign). The program is individually based and involves 10 x 1 hour weekly therapy sessions held either in-person at the Centre for Emotional Health (CEH) Clinic at Macquarie University or via Skype or telephone. Interested families will be invited to attend a screening assessment to determine eligibility.

Organisation: Centre for Emotional Health, Macquarie University. Researchers: Associate Professor Maria Kangas, Prof Ron Rapee, & Prof Mike Jones.

Who is eligible? Children and adolescents aged 7-17 years who are experiencing recurring somatic health complaints for a minimum of 3-months.

Contact: For more information, please contact Assoc. Professor Kangas and her team (email: CoolKidsHealth@mq.edu.au or maria.kangas@mq.edu.au) or telephone (02) 9850 8599 or (02) 9850 4082.

Congratulations to Jordan Powell who competed in the 8th Mooto Gold Coast Open Championships for Taekwondo. He gained one Bronze and two Gold medals.