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Term 3 Week 10

29th September 2017

DIARY DATES

TERM 4

Week 1

Monday 16th October

- ⇒ First day of Term 4
Welcome back!

Thursday 19th October

- ⇒ Little Investigators
Playgroup 9—11am

Friday 20th October

- ⇒ Little Ants 9-11am
- ⇒ Football Clinic

Week 2

Tuesday 24th October

- ⇒ P&F Meeting 7:30pm

Wednesday 25th October

- ⇒ 4/5 LK Assembly at
2:30pm
- ⇒ Book Fair
From 25th —31st Oct

Thursday 26th October

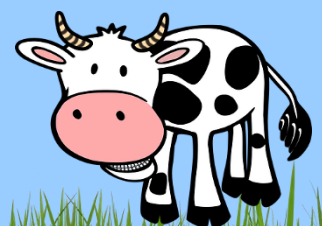
- ⇒ Little Investigators
Playgroup 9-11am
- ⇒ Principal's Tour
9:15-11am

Friday 27th October

- ⇒ Little Ants 9-11am



**R/1 Excursion to Little
Hampton Farm**





Tess Talks

Dear families and friends,

As I reflect on Term Three and all that has happened I am once again amazed at all that is packed into ten weeks of a school term. What a term it's been, we've had: NAPLAN, celebrated Mary MacKillop day and the Feast of the Assumption with whole school parish Masses. Musically there's been the Catholic Schools Music Festival and our All Star singing group has visited local kindies. Book Week saw everyone dressing up, Dad's spent a morning with our R/1's tinkering, classes have been on excursions, there's been sport carnivals, Outdoor Education Day highlighting sustainability, STEM and social skills. Photo Day brought out all our big smiles, classes have showed off their learning at Assemblies, teachers have had opportunities to undertake professional learning, our 2018 Reception children began their Little Ants sessions, playgroup families practiced their science skills plus much, much more. And that's just what I can think of without even opening my diary!

As a principal of only three terms experience at St Anthony's I've continued to get to know children during yard duties and random wanderings, meetings in my office (they love this!), through lunch club, assemblies, school gatherings, popping into playgroup, little ants and classrooms, my door is typically open during the day and many children wander in and out for a chat, one day last week I had around 12 children playing around me in my office as I was responding to emails – I love every minute of it!

In regards to the community: I'm getting better with parents names and knowing who belongs to who, chats at drop off and pick up are often the highlight of my day, I've joined in a car park coffee van session, I've run four tours for prospective families, I've built a relationship with some parishioners, I met with Fr Phillip and consultants from Catholic Education and I always aim to sit with staff at one break time, I've been to visit many of our local kindies and long day care centres – introducing myself and giving St Anthony's a face, I've had many meetings with our regions principals and I've had many meetings with parents, some just casual, others more formal, some positive and some more difficult. I've met with all teaching staff in regards to their work and their dreams and, I'm feeling like I've been here a long time – and I love every minute of it!

At this time of the year for me it is like living in two worlds, there's all the normal day to day running of a school that is happening here and now, while at the same time I am planning for next year. With the school staff we have begun looking at 2018, what our needs are, how we can better cater for your children and how we will make all ends meet. This is not an easy task! Next term this will get even more complicated as there are so many more school events to manage and prepare for. Please be mindful that Term Four will start with a vengeance and won't slow down and we have our School Fete which will keep us all on our toes. Be gentle on yourself and kind to each other or as 4/5SB say...be kinder than kind.

Class Placements

A blessing of a small school is that we all need to be able to work together and with each other as there are few ways to separate children. Early next term we will be formulating classes for 2018 and in many instances little will change for some children however by nature of our class structures we do have children move rooms and teachers. In some schools I've worked in this can be a very long and difficult process, I'm confident that it will be smooth in our school. I don't want this to be the cause of anxiety for any child or parent.

The children themselves are only ever focused on making sure they have a friend in their class, and class teachers have a process that enables this. I believe class teachers are the best people to make a professional judgment on which class a child should go into and which children they will work best with and I know that you will trust us to make the best decision. However as a school that consults and values highly parent input, if you have any information you believe we need to consider, could I ask you to put it in writing and hand it to the front office by the end of week one. I encourage you to focus on your child's academic needs and avoid including names of children and or teachers.

Please let me add, a way to build children's resilience is to support them through difficult times. Life has ups and downs and what better way to build our coping skills than when we are surrounded by loved ones who can hold our hand and walk the tough journey with us. If your child does begin to worry about next year, a simple, "I know you're worried but let's leave it for now" and then distract them in a way that you know will be successful. When we trust in each other and in God, things have a way of turning out just right!



Tess Talks (contd)

Staff News

At St Anthony's we are living the real circle of life at the moment. Last week, sadly, Robyn Mercer's father passed away. Losing a loved one is never easy and you can never prepare for the hole they leave in your heart. The beauty of being people of faith, is in trusting that God holds all of us in the palm of His hand. On your behalf I offer Robyn and her family our condolences and promise our love and prayers in this time of need.

And so life continues to be a wonder as I announce, Megan and Luke Kirkbright are expecting their second child in March next year. We wish them all the best with this exciting news and I have no doubt Hugo will be thrilled with a baby brother or sister. Tom Fosdike and Madeline Stewart are also expecting a baby and I trust this new precious little bundle will give them much joy. Congratulations to both families.

Thank you

A big thank you to each and every one of you for your contribution to this term. In particular I'd like to publicly thank all the staff who do a wonderful job in the areas of teaching and learning. But more importantly, in catering for each child and family, for taking the time to know them deeply and in doing their very best, to be, the very best St Anthony's staff member they can be. I wish them a restful term break and am already looking forward to seeing what they can pull out of their hat next term!

As I've said already, from day one of Term Four we will all be running but we can do that at a pace that enables us to breath and talk. Please take some time during the term break to let children recharge their batteries and prepare for all that is to come. Together we will work, learning, and enjoying each other's company and before we know it we'll be singing Christmas carols!!

Keep smiling,
Tess

School Fees



Finalising school fees for 2017

As per our School Fees Policy, if you are not on a regular payment plan, school fees must be **paid in full** prior to the end of Term 3 (Friday, 29th September 2017). Those that are on a regular payment plan (direct debit from a bank account or credit card), will need to finalise your fees prior to the end of the school year (unless other arrangements have been made).

Statements have been sent home to families this week with the remaining amounts left to pay for the year.

If you are having difficulties finalising your fees by the due dates, please contact me at your earliest convenience so that we can discuss alternative arrangements.

Please note there are a few invoices yet to be sent out regarding CSMF and other sporting activities. These will be sent out next term.

Kind regards

Sue Hargreaves
Finance Officer

OSHC



Vacation care is here again and we have lots of exciting activities planned including a visit from Animals Anonymous and a Ninja Warrior Day featuring a jumpy castle obstacle course. We'll also be getting messy with slime, shaving cream, and more, on Messy Monday.

A reminder, with the warmer weather approaching, please pack a hat for your child this vacation care. This is in accordance with our sun smart policy that when the UV reaches 3 or above children must wear a hat. On these days, if children do not have a hat, it will be no hat, no play.

St Anthony's OSHC will also be welcoming back Hollie next week, as she returns from her honeymoon. Have a safe and happy school holidays from all the team at St Anthony's OSHC.

See you in vacation care!



Special Visitors Day

We would like to invite all grandparents and other "great" senior people and friends who are special to us



When: Term 4 Week 3 - Monday Oct 30th
9:30am Liturgy in the Church
10am-11am Classroom visits
11am Morning Tea

We are looking for some photos of children with their grandparents or other special 'older' friends....

please send via email to rmerc@statedw.catholic.edu.au before Mon Oct 23rd

R/1 Community Excursion to Platform 1

In Week 9 the children visited a farm in the Adelaide Hills. It was a glorious trip filled with so many different learning and fun experiences. The children were able to feed farm animals, have a go whip cracking, cow horn blowing, go on a guided paddock walk, play outside games, visit a train shed and ride on a miniature train. All the children were very brave to have a go and try new things. Thanks to the parents who assisted on the excursion too.



Reception and Year 1 Community

P&F Happenings



Hello All,

Well we have survived Term 3!! Even India (10) said to me last night that she can't believe how fast the year is going! I thought it was only old people like myself that feel like time flies! Apparently not.

I have collected all of the Earn and Learn Sticker Sheets and will be submitting them today. We have a total of 92 sheets, which is 5520 stickers!! An excellent effort by a little community of 135 students! So thank you to everyone who brought in their stickers, and a special thank you to Mary Wilks who spent considerable time (with various students) sticking in loose stickers - I'm pretty sure that is not in her job description!!! As I have said earlier, once we know what we have enough points to buy I will liaise with school staff and let you know what we get.

It's all about the Fete, 'bout the Fete!! It's getting closer ... and it's getting exciting!! The Fete Committee have contributed to this newsletter too, so keep up to date, get on board, and have fun with it!

On behalf of the P&F, I would like to send our love and support to Robyn Mercer following the death of her father. It is a significant loss when someone loses their parent - no matter what age the person or the parent is. Robyn has been an amazing support to my little family in our grief, and we remain extremely grateful. I hope Robyn can find some peace in remembering happy times with her Dad and that provides some comfort in this difficult time.

I wish you all a safe and restful school holidays. For those who have to continue at work (like myself), enjoy the break from the monotonous lunch making (!), and for those who are lucky to have some time off with the kids, I hope you can fit in some fun, relaxing and down time.

Go Crows!!!!

Letitia, Emily, Jennie and Jenny
P&F Executive



Online Lunches Every Friday

Just a reminder you can order lunches online every Friday prior to 8:30am. If you want to set up your online ordering, it is a simple process.

Please visit www.schoollunchonline.com.au to register.

Can all parents please check your details online to make sure your child is placed in the right year and class. This can be done via 'my account' and then click on the 'user details' tab to check and change if necessary, thank you.

Congratulations to the Sacred Heart Drum Corp

The Combined Drum Corp which includes a few of our old scholars had an exciting day last Sunday performing at the SANFL Grand Final to an audience of over 39,000 people. They represented Sacred Heart College with pride and are to be congratulated on their performance.

Special thank you to Paul Lewis for his continued support of the students and for preparing them for the performance.



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Photo Insert: Stained glass window of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, located inside the St. Maria Goretti chapel within St. Anthony's church at Edwardstown, South Australia.

Parish Priest	Weekend Mass times	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Father Phillip Alstin	Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 9:30am	Wednesday -10:00am until 7:15pm including confessions from 6:30pm-7:15pm concluding with Benediction.
Parish staff	Weekday Mass times	Anointing of the sick
Mrs Caterina Pileggi Catechist	Tuesday 9:30am Wednesday 9:30am Thursday 9:30am Friday 9:30am	First Friday of the month after 9:30am Holy Mass. This is followed by Holy Communion to the sick and housebound by the Priest.
Parish office hours	Confession times	
Wednesday 8:00am-12:15pm Thursday 8:00am-12.15pm Friday 8:00am-12.15pm	Before and after Holy Mass. Wednesday 6:30pm-7:15pm	

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew Chapter 11, Verse 28.