Dear Parents,

Thank you once again to everyone who supported our fete, it was a great success and made a profit of $13,600! As you are all aware, we have had to finish up Bingo on Friday evenings as it was no longer viable. The support of families over many years giving up their time on Friday nights has been greatly appreciated. To thank everyone who has helped over these years you are invited to join us at the Commercial Club in the Stanley Room this Thursday evening at 7pm. Refreshments and finger food will be provided. Everyone who has helped with Bingo is welcome!

This weekend we will be taking five teams from St Annes to Goulburn to compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Basketball Championships. This is one of the few opportunities that children are able to represent their school at this level. I hope our students, families and teachers attending will have an enjoyable weekend. Thank you to Mrs McCowan for her work organising this event.

Last Thursday and Friday we had four visitors from the Catholic Schools Office visit our school as part of our registration process to meet the NSW Board of Studies requirements. They looked at administration, policy documents, teacher programs, assessment, student work, facilities, records and future planning. I am pleased to say that we met all requirements.

The panel was very impressed by the professionalism of our documentation, the quality and reflective nature of the teachers programs and the thoroughness of the students assessment. Overall they were impressed by our standards. I would like to thank all our staff for their many hours of work in their planning, the Leadership Team of our school, Mrs Hobbs for the mountain of work she completes and Mrs Jones who spent many hours collating all the documentation to make it accurate and accessible. Our school community should be pleased to know that our school is seen as a professional, reflective, progressive and caring environment for our students. Speaking of students, the panel visited classrooms during our Peer Support program where they witnessed our students listening and working together. They were very outspoken about the excellent behaviour and respect shown by our students to each other, congratulations should be given when it is deserved. I know all our parents would have been proud of our students if you had seen, how well they conducted themselves and did our school proud.

The Sacred Heart Parish has organised:

A Night with Monsignor Doherty

An acclaimed broadcaster on ABC Radio and author of many books about the Catholic Faith.

This event will be held in our school hall on Thursday, 15th November at 7pm.

Tony will look at Vatican II fifty years down the track and see the life we have with new eyes. “We understand our lives backward but we live our lives forward”

For enquiries please contact the Parish office on 6025-1516 or contact Gemma Whitehead (bonser@bigpond.net.au), mobile 0438 431 363. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

Fee statements will be going home this week. It is important for parents to finalise your fee accounts as we are dependant on this income to meet our commitments. Our school budget has little flexibility as we endeavour to keep the fees each year as reasonable as possible. Your support on this matter would be greatly appreciated. If any families are unable to meet these commitments please contact me to discuss.

Have a great week

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“Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.”

George Evans
**SCHOOL BANKING**
School banking tomorrow!

**TUCKSHOP**
A reminder that the tuckshop will be open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

**UNLABELLED CLOTHES**
Please ensure that all of your child’s clothing is clearly labelled with their name.

**BASKETBALL**
Good luck to all the St Anne’s teams competing in the NSW Catholic Primary Basketball Championships this weekend in Goulburn.

**CHANGE OF OPEN DAYS**

Monday - 8.30-8.45am
Wednesday - 2.45-3.15pm

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**THANK YOU EVENING**
An invitation to our Bingo Thank you Evening was sent home last week to all our wonderful families that had committed to the running of our Friday night Bingo fundraiser.

The Bingo ‘Thank-you’ evening begins on Thursday, at 7pm in the Stanley Room at the Commercial Club. We look forward to sharing good times and memorable bingo moments together, along with a few refreshments and tasty finger food with all our wonderful volunteers.

**KINROSS RAFFLE**
Due to a last minute change we are looking for two people who can run the meat raffle at Kinross this Saturday night. If you are able to give one hour to help please contact Tina in the office, or Jane Murtagh on 0403869088 immurtagh@bigpond.com

**MAJOR RAFFLE**
A book of tickets was sent home to each family today. Please return all tickets, sold or unsold by 20th November. If you would like more tickets for your family and business please contact the office.

Thanks for those who have contacted me since last week to offer their time to sell tickets at the Rotary Markets. We could do with a few more helpers on 25th October, 11th November & 23rd November. If you can help please leave your name with the office or contact Jane Murtagh 0403869088 immurtagh@bigpond.com

**DRIVE**
The 5 cent drive will continue until the end of the year. We will be counting coins next week to determine the winning class for October.

Keep those coins coming in!

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

**This Week**
- Wed. 24th Oct - Kate Cummins, Tina Cautela
- Thurs. 25th Oct - Jenny Zanardo, Lisa Rankin
- Fri. 26th Oct - Anne Moffat, Elizabeth Loneragan, Teresa Lieschke

**Next Week**
- Wed. 31st Oct - Jenny Zanardo, Tina Cautela
- Thurs. 1st Nov - Jenny Zanardo, Teena Conway
- Fri. 2nd Nov - Cate Bell, Sally Webb, Kelly Blair

Please remember that St Anne’s is a nut-free school. Nuts and nut products must not be brought to school.

**BORDER VILLAGE CHARITY WALK FROM MELBOURNE TO ALBURY**
Last month I committed to walk from Melbourne to Albury to raise money to help build a village for 40 families in the Philippines. They lost their village in the tsunami. There are 12 walkers leaving federation square on the 4th November and arriving back into Albury Wodonga on Saturday the 10th Nov. On the Saturday we are leaving Chiltern at 7am and arriving in Wodonga about 12.30 at the water tower, then leaving there at 1pm to walk back to Albury QEI square. We would love to get as many people as possible to walk from Wodonga to Albury with us for a gold coin donation per person. For those who would like to challenge them selves and walk the 33km from Chiltern you can do this to, please contact me Anne Moffat on 0409225735 or email annemoffat@bigpond.net.au. Please visit our web site http://bordervillage.net/ for the whole story.

Anne Moffat

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**ST ANNE’S APP**
The app is now available on Google Play for Android devices and the Apple store for the iPad and iPhone. Search the store for ‘St Annes Primary School Albury’ to get our free app!

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**RE NEWS**
On the weekend our church celebrated World Mission Sunday. Let us be reminded that as followers of Jesus we are called not to live off the work or exploitation of the poor but to share our wealth with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. To give, because we can, and to do so that each person created in the image of God may live in dignity.

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**ST ANNE’S SWIMMING PROGRAM**

**Dates of the programs are:**
- Kinder-Year 2
- Year 3– Year 6
- 26-30th November.
- 12-16th November

(Permission notes with further information will be going home this week)

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**LOST AT THE FETE**
- a silver bracelet with teddy bear and heart locket charms
- 2 x mobile phones

Please contact the office if you have any information regarding these lost items.

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**SCHOOL CONCERT - REMINDER**
‘The Pirates of the Curry Bean’ Preparations are well underway for our end of year production – ‘The Pirates of the Curry Bean’. Claiming the date: Thursday 6th December. Mark it on your calendar and come along to enjoy another great show by the students of St Anne’s.

Judy Foley, Music Teacher

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**CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN**
Did you know there are only….

64 days till Christmas!