Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everyone. I hope that the celebration of Easter was an opportunity for you as a family to celebrate.

We had a terrific number of families who supported the ANZAC parade. Thank you to those families, our teachers and the students for representing our school community and marching. Thank you to Laura Keighran and Jeremiah Dykes who represented our school by laying a wreath on behalf of all of us at the 10.00am ceremony at the Monument. Thank you to Laura and Jeremiah’s families for making the children available and getting them to the ceremony.

I have included a letter which was written by a Parishioner and included in the Sacred Heart Parish newsletter called the Heartbeat. Our role in supporting children in their faith journey and supporting families is an essential aspect for the existence of our school. It is appreciated to hear supportive comments from the wider community.

WE WERE UPLIFTED AND BLESSED contributed by Margaret Gawen.

On Friday 7th February, Ray and I turned up to what we thought would be a ‘normal’ Friday Mass. What we found was a Church three quarters filled with children and their teachers. This was the event to celebrate the start of St Anne’s Year. The usual Friday ‘regulars’ were joined in the remaining back quarter of the Church by lots of mums, dads, siblings and grandparents to celebrate the special occasion with the school community. As it was one of our heat wave days and pews were almost filled, we gratefully retired to the back pew under our lovely Sacred Heart stained glass window. We had gone to Mass because we felt sad and to pray for our friend who had died. We left the Church feeling uplifted and blessed. These are the things that made us feel uplifted and blessed:
- The feeling of peace and harmony in the Church.
- The reverence, respect and self-discipline of the K-6 students. They are a credit to themselves, their families and their teachers.
- The liturgy – was well prepared with students doing an excellent job of readings, offertory procession, prayers of the faithful and altar serving. At all times the students were gently and unobtrusively supported by staff.
- Father Kevin’s leadership – his welcoming and inclusive manner embraces all. His special introduction of the Kindergarten class to the gathered community was heart-warming.
- The Year 6 buddies accompanying their brand new kindergarten friends in the entrance procession.
- The commissioning of the Principal, the staff, the students and the parents of St Anne’s School to honour their roles and responsibilities during the year.
- The blessing and presentation of badges to the 2014 student leaders.

We felt privileged for being part of this celebration to mark the start of St Anne’s School Year and wish them every blessing as the year unfolds, and look forward to reading their news in Heartbeat.

Professional Development.

Yesterday we were led by Sr. Anne Hagan (Catholic Schools Office) in a reflective look at the faith story of our Parish and school. I will include more about this in next week’s newsletter.

Have a great week.

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SCHOOL BANKING
School banking tomorrow!
Application packs for new accounts are available from the office.

UNIFORM SHOP-OPEN DAYS
The Uniform Shop will be open on:
- **Tuesday** – 8.30-8.45am
- **Friday** – 3.00-3.30pm
For this week only, the Uniform Shop will be open each day from 2.45pm.
Second hand winter uniforms are now available. Donations are very much appreciated and we are in need of girls ties, size 6 & 8 winter culottes and pants.

100 CLUB RAFFLE
Our prize is a Russell Hobbs Salt and Pepper mill set, valued at $49.95.
Lucky numbers cost $2 each and can be purchased from the office.

ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT
A payment of $572 was made into the school bank account on 10th March. However there was no name or account number given. Please check your records and call the office immediately if this payment belongs to you.

EASTER RAFFLE - THANKYOU
Thank you to the families who made a donation to the Easter raffle and purchased tickets.
A big thank you to Nicky Bennett for organising our Easter Raffle and also to Joan Fischer for her help in wrapping the prizes. The raffle raised $990.

FROM THE OFFICE
When sending in money for school activities it would be greatly appreciated if the correct money could be sent in. As many families are now paying for activities using EFTPOS, we have less cash on site, so therefore it is becoming increasingly difficult to supply change. Thank you!

WANTED - DVD’S
If you have any unwanted G rated DVDs, please send them in to Mr Lewis. Thank you!

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
This week:
- **Wed, 30th Apr** - Suzanne Bijster, Rochelle Duncan
- **Thu, 1 May** - Cate Bell
- **Fri 2 May** - Mandy Quirk
Slushies will not be available again until Term 4.
We are still looking for volunteers for Fridays. If you can help, please contact the office. Thank you.

PARENT SURVEY - FUNDRAISING
As mentioned in previous newsletters, the School Council is seeking feedback from parents regarding how we can use the money raised by our fundraising activities. Survey results will be forwarded to the School Council, along with teacher suggestions and a Priority List will be created.
The survey is available at [http://bit.ly/1iSJ88O](http://bit.ly/1iSJ88O) (a paper copy of the survey has also gone home with the eldest child in each family today), responses are due by Friday, 9th May.

YEAR 5/6 BALLARAT EXCURSION
The children in Years 5 & 6 have received a note about their excursion to Ballarat on Monday, 1st Sep - Tuesday, 2nd September. This excursion has been designed to support the HSIE (Human Society & its Environment) curriculum area, with the students studying the topic “Eureka!” in Term 3. Permission slips with the $20 deposit are due back at school by Friday, 9th May (the total cost for this excursion is $200).

PROJECT COMPASSION
A reminder that Project Compassion Boxes should be returned to school this week. Any contributions that you are able to make will be greatly appreciated.

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

KINDER 2015 ENROLMENTS
We have already received many Kinder enrolment applications. If any current families would like to submit an Application for Enrolment for a child to commence Kinder next year, and have not yet done so, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it to us by Friday, 9th May.
CROSS COUNTRY
Tomorrow (Wednesday, 30th April) we will conclude our Cross Country. All the children in Kinder-Year 2 will participate in a Fun Run. Additionally, those children in Years 3-6 who did not run competitively in the Cross Country held at the end of last term will also take part in the Fun Run. This event will commence at 9.10am.

Tomorrow at 10.45am in the hall we will hold a presentation for the Cross Country. Parents are very welcome to attend.

K-Yr 2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
To be held tomorrow, (Wednesday, 30th April) 9.30am - 10.40am
Parents most welcome to attend!

MOTHER'S DAY STALL
On Friday, 9th May, we will be holding a Mother's Day gift stall. All items on the stall are new and priced between 50c and $4. The aim of the stall is for the children to use their pocket money to buy something they have chosen by themselves for the special ladies in their lives.

WALKATHON
Friday 30th May
We are again holding our annual St Anne’s Walkathon!

Students will soon come home with their sponsorships forms.

Your kids would love your support on the day and we are looking for parent helpers for the day - helping with the BBQ, helping children place beads on necklaces as they complete laps and general happy smiling to encourage them along!

There will be real coffee and cake for you to purchase during the morning.

Please contact Jo Dykes if you can help. 0409 634 699 joannedykes@hotmail.com

SHARYN HILL’S THURSDAY DRAMA CLASS
A reminder that this Thursday’s after school drama class for children in Years 1 & 2 has been cancelled.

MOTHER’S DAY 100 CLUB
We have a wonderful prize for Mother’s Day - an Ella Bache Massage Voucher. A note with details was sent home today with the eldest child in each family.

LAVERTON PANTHER’S FOOTBALL
On Saturday 3rd May, the Lavington Panthers will play North Albury at the LPO. Students from St Anne’s Primary School have been invited to go along to the football on this day. At half time in the first grade match there will be some games between St Anne’s and Holy Spirit. Any children wishing to join in with these games are encouraged to join in at the Lavington Panthers Oval for the day. There will be an announcement made at the game for participating children to meet Brett Sanson.

Game day passes are available from the school office for parents (children under 12 are admitted free).

Please note that this is not a school organised event and the school takes no responsibility for supervision or involvement on the day.

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XAVIER 2015 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS
Applications for Enrolment in Year 7 2015 are now being taken and should be submitted by Friday May 2. If you would like further information about enrolment at Xavier High School please contact Mrs Cerina Meredith on 60406388 or email xhs-info@ww.catholic.edu.au

Please note that Xavier enrolment applications must be delivered directly to Xavier High School, they cannot be submitted here to the St Anne’s School office.
At the end of last term our Year 4 students went to Beechworth! They went on a Walking History Tour and visited the Murray Brewery and Beechworth Honey.