Dear Parents,

I hope all the ladies in our community had a lovely day on Sunday and were spoilt with love.

Thank you to the parents and Year 2 teachers for organising our lovely Mass on Friday. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community in attendance. Also thank you to our parents who organised the follow up morning tea and to Mrs Bennett who organised the Mother’s Day stall. It is on days like this that I reflect about our school and the many challenges faced. However you can’t help but feel we are heading in the right direction when you see so many people having fun and celebrating together. To see the smiles and happiness from both parents and children acknowledges the hard work and shows what is important. Thanks also to the students who helped at the stall, morning tea, at Mass and in preparation for the day.

This Wednesday evening at 5.30pm we will be holding a Parent Communion meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to outline the program which will be used with the children and to clarify what is involved in the preparation for receiving the Eucharist. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to attend this meeting which starts at 5.30pm and will be held in the library.

Professional Development

The Leadership Team from our school attended an in-service in Wagga last Tuesday and Wednesday with Helen Timperley and Linda Bendlisken from the Faculty of Education at the University of Auckland. We are looking at how to improve student outcomes by using the Action/Inquiry Cycle.

Have a great week.

Bede

More of the history of St Anne’s School

To relieve overcrowding in the Sacred Heart School, Fr Bongiorno and his parishioners decided to build a school at North Albury, St Anne’s. Building started in 1956 with the laying of the foundation stone at the present school site, Curlew Crescent and Lowry St. The school was erected by volunteer labour which reduced the construction cost of St Anne’s School by an estimated two thirds. Had the construction been undertaken on a contract basis, the school would have cost 30,000 pounds. The school took two years to build and was officially opened on March 9, 1958 by the Most Reverend F A Henschke. In his address, Bishop Henschke commended Fr Bongiorno, his parish assistant, and their willing and dedicated band of workers. At the time of the official opening, the enrolment showed 287 primary students in attendance and in the next few years the enrolment increased to 440. Since the official opening several alterations to the school have taken place. In 1962, men of the parish concreted the courtyard, a year later the bell tower was built and in 1964 they added a classroom.

Major renovations commenced in 1975 which included the present-day administration wing. A basketball court was built in 1988 and a year later there was the addition of another classroom with the latest round of improvements being blessed by the Bishop of Wagga, Rev W. Brennan on November 11, 1989. With the exception of 1988, the principals of St Anne’s School have belonged with the latest round of improvements being blessed by the Bishop of Wagga, Rev W. Brennan on November 11, 1989. With the exception of 1988, the principals of St Anne’s School have belonged to the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy. Classes at St Anne’s were “co-ed” with the exception for a period during the 1960s when insufficient room to cater for all students resulted in the boys attending years 3-6 being sent to St Patrick’s under the care of the Christian Brothers.

In 1974, St Anne’s reverted to being co-educational and has remained so ever since. The school from its beginnings had a family atmosphere and received excellent support from parents, friends and the School Board.

Scan the QR codes above to access our Apps on the various platforms
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
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 WINNERS
Congratulation to Louie Ceglar the winter of the Russell Hobbs Salt and Pepper mill set.

Congratulations also to Thomas Davidson and Ellie Walsh who were the lucky winners of our Mother’s Day raffles, each winning a massage voucher from Ella Bache.

‘KID’S GARDENING PACK’ RAFFLE
Our next 100 Club raffle is for a Kid’s Gardening Pack.

The lucky winner will receive -
• $10 Peard’s Nursery voucher
• mini greenhouse
• pair of children’s gardening gloves
• mini sunflower kit
• veggie garden kit (contains carrot, pea and pumpkin seeds)
• two mini gardening tools
• 3 packets of seeds-
  ◆ ‘Butterfly Garden’ mix
  ◆ Cress (good for growing egg shell grass-heads)
  ◆ Purple beans

Proceeds from this raffle will be used by the Garden Committee to continue work on the school gardens. Lucky numbers cost $2 each and can be purchased from the office.

UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS
If either of these payments belong to you, please contact the office.
• $572 paid into the school account on 10th March.
• $50 paid into the school account on 1st May

PARENT SURVEY - FUNDRAISING
Thank you to all the parents who submitted a response to our Fundraising Survey. Responses are being collated.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
This week:
Wed, 14 May - Annie Shearer
Thu, 15 May - Cate Bell
Fri 16 May - Katherine McLennan, Kylie Miller, Donna McDonell

Next Week:
Wed, 21 May - Anese Hyland
Thu 22 May - Sue Teesdale, Kollie McDonald
Fri 23 May - Stephanie Winckle, Sabrina Baker

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.

BASKETBALL TRIALS
Junior boys and girls basketball trials were held today. The senior boys and girls trials will be held tomorrow.

MACKILLOP NETBALL
A big ‘Congratulations’ to Josie McAuley who has made it to the MacKillop Netball team. Well done Josie on this great achievement!

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS
Congratulations also to the following students who have progressed to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival - Liam Reimers, Alex Bennett, Laura Keighran, Harry Arcus, Alec Costaridis, Audrey Barker, Cailey Allibon, Isaac Dykes, Josie McAuley, Sam Webb, Luke Frohling, Ashlee Purcell, Sophie Lee, Latisha Styles, Skye Bakic and Will Liersch.

1B COLOURED CLOTHES DAY
As the first winning class for the 10c Coin Drive, the children in 1B may wear coloured clothes to school this Friday.

VINNIES BLANKET APPEAL
On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, we are collecting blankets for those in need. If you have a good quality used or new blanket that you would like to donate, please send it into the school office. Thankyou!
**SEASONS FOR GROWTH**
Mrs Moran will be running an 8 week programme to support children who are experiencing grief due to death, loss or separation. The programme will run during school hours commencing in Week 6 of this term. The programme is strategy based and does not take the place of counselling. If you feel that your child would benefit from the support offered through this programme, please collect an application from the school office. Should you have any questions regarding the programme, please see Mrs Moran as soon as convenient.

**ST ANNE’S SCHOOL FETE**
**Save the date for our Fete!**
**Friday, 10th October.**
Preliminary planning is underway! A separate note has gone home today calling for fete volunteers, suggestions of new ideas and feedback regarding last year’s fete. Volunteers are welcome to give as little or as much time as they like, with any assistance given greatly appreciated!

**WALKATHON**
**Friday, 30th May**
We are again holding our annual St Anne’s Walkathon
A note explaining the Walkathon was sent home with the eldest child in each family today. Additionally, every child received a Walk-a-thon sponsorship form. Spare copies of these notes are available in the office and samples of most of the prizes will go on display in the office over the next couple of weeks.
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

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother’s Day stall last Friday, we hope everyone enjoyed their gifts! A special ‘thank you’ to the members of the Student Council who did a great job running the stall.

**KINROSS RAFFLE**
Our Kinross Meat Tray Raffles got off to a strong start last Saturday night. Thanks to Ray Murtagh and Damien Parkinson for selling tickets, with the big crowd they were finished in 40 minutes, plenty of time for dinner and a drink!

We are still looking for volunteers for the following dates:
- 14th June
- 12th July
- 13th September
- 8th November

**LIBRARY NEWS**
May is National Family Reading Month. This encourages students to ‘Read Every Day’ with their families. Scholastic have a competition going which encourages children to read for at least 10 minutes everyday. There is over $10 000 worth of prizes to be won. To learn more about what’s involved visit this website: http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au
Happy reading
Rochelle O’Callaghan

13th December
If you can help on any of these dates please contact Jane Murtagh 0403869088 or jmurt-agh@bigpond.com

**MEN’S CONFERENCE**
Bishop Hanna is hosting a Men’s Conference in Wagga Wagga on May 17. All men of good will are invited to attend. An incredible opportunity to build up faith in Jesus Christ.
For more information and to register, go to http://www.wagga.catholic.org.au/event.aspx or scan this QR code.
The event is free, but registration is essential for catering purposes. Register today!
Thank you to everyone who joined in our Mother’s Day celebrations. We hope you had a great time!