Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents who have attended their child’s parent teacher interview and to those who are attending this week. Communication is very important as we all work towards providing the best possible opportunities for our children.

As I mentioned previously, the reports which were sent home have changed in their format from previous years. I will be providing feedback to the Catholic Schools Office in Wagga on the current report. If any parents have any feedback, please write something down and hand into Tina or Anita at the Office and if you wish, I can forward this feedback onto Wagga. It is good to get a parents perspective as well as that of the staff.

This Friday we will be celebrating our ‘St Anne’s School Grandparent’s Day.’ This is a special celebration for our school and we hope as many grandparents as possible will be able to attend. This will be held in our school hall starting at 9.30am. Our Year 1 students will also be presenting their assembly.

Professional Development
Mrs Jones, Mrs Johnston, Miss Turner and myself will be in Wagga over the next two days working with Helen Timperley and Linda Bendikson from the Faculty of Education at the University of Auckland. We are working on inquiry approach to learning.

Today, teachers from Catholic schools went on strike for a couple of hours in relation to changes to their pay and awards. Staff at St Anne’s chose to attend classes and I thank them for their commitment.

Please keep in mind our Gatsby Casino night (Ball). Our parent working party have organised a great night and for our small school community to present a function as grand as this evening is a credit to the strength and support of our school community. Bring some friends along as everyone is welcome.

Have a great week.

Bede.

“Friends are those rare people who ask how we are and then wait to hear the answer.”

Ed Cunningham.
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

UNIFORM SHOP - SALE ITEMS
We have limited stocks of the ‘new’ older style track-suit jackets, available for only $5 each.

LOOM BANDS
Thank you to the many children who have been busy making loom band bracelets for the Xavier students to take on their Immersion Experience. Bracelets need to be sent to the Office by Friday morning.

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

MEETINGS
Board Meeting - 23 July
Fundraising Meeting - 12 August

YR 5/6 NAIDOC GALA EVENT POSTPONED AGAIN- NEW DATE
This event will now be held on 22nd October.

UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS
If this payment belongs to you, please contact the office-
$70 paid on 15 May
Please ensure that all payments to the school account include your surname and account number as shown on your statement. Thankyou!

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK
This term we celebrate Book Week. Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia, celebrating its 69th year in 2014. Children’s Book Week in 2014 is celebrated between 16 – 22 August and the theme is ‘Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect’.

Every year Book Week is a major event for our Library and much planning and organisation is required to recognise and celebrate this wonderful event. We are looking forward to a fabulous day for our book week assembly where the children dress up and parade, on 20 August in our school hall. More information regarding this event will be sent home shortly. During this week we also celebrate the joy of reading and Book Week with a Book Fair. The books come from Scholastic Australia- the same organisation that operates Book Club for everyone to purchase. There are many jobs that need to be done to make this important week a success, from stocktaking books, to assisting with the book fair – setting up or assisting with book sales. If you are able to assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated as the children look forward to this wonderful event and your help is invaluable. Please leave your name at the office with Tina if you can help and I will be in touch. More information regarding the events of this term will be sent home shortly.

You can check out The Children’s Book Council of Australia- Children’s Book of the Year Shortlist at: http://cbca.org.au/shortlist_2014.htm These titles from the younger readers, early childhood, picture book and Eve Pownall sections are available at our library. They will be the focus of our library lessons this term.

Bookclub catalogues will be sent home this week and will be due back by 30th July. Please ensure your name and class is clearly labelled on the form. Return completed form to the office, correct money is appreciated. Sorry, no late orders accepted.

Happy Reading
Rochelle O’Callaghan

“We can be inspired to be anything When we open up a book and believe.” Nathan Cahill

CONFIRMATION
Just a reminder that there is a Parent meeting next Wednesday 30th July @ 5.30pm, in our Library. At this meeting you will receive the relevant information in regard to the Sacrament - ie dates, commitment card, program, cost, etc. The Confirmation Commitment Mass will be on Saturday 2nd August @ the 6pm Mass.
EISTEDDFOD
Our Year 4 Choir and the Kinder Choirs will be competing in the Verse Speaking section at the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod on Friday 8 August. Their session will commence at 10.30am in the theatrette located above the ticket office, next to the Albury Entertainment Centre. More information regarding transport and uniform will be going home with these children soon.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
The Feast of St Anne and Joachim - Grandparents Day - will be celebrated this Friday 25th July. Celebrations will begin with Mass at 9.30am in our School Hall followed by a Morning Tea, to which you are all invited. Following the Morning Tea is the Year 1 Assembly at 11.00am and following this, Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchild/children’s classroom. If you are able to provide a plate for Morning Tea, this would be greatly appreciated. It can be taken to the Hall on Friday morning before school.

Just a reminder for the children to ask their Grandparents: “If you had one piece of wisdom to share with me, what would it be?” These responses can be written down, accompanied by your child’s name and class, and be given to myself or your child’s class teacher. These will be included during a Reflection at Mass.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
This Week:
Wed, 23 July - Rochelle Duncan, Suzanne Bijster,
Thu, 24 July - Cate Bell,
Fri, 25 July - Jason O'Keefe, Mandy Quirk, Anne-Marie McAuley

Next Week:
Wed, 30 July - Robyn Frohling, Nikki Summerfield
Thurs, 31 July - Paula Molnar, Sharon Doubleday
Fri, 1 Aug - Michelle Aldrich, Melissa Healy, Donna McDonell

WALKATHON PRIZES
Unfortunately there has been a hold up with supply of some prizes for the walkathon. All prizes will be distributed early term 3.

PSSA SPORT
For children in Years 3-6 participating in PSSA sport:
• $3 bus fee payable each week, except when playing at Xavier,
• Lunch orders are only available at first break for children playing PSSA sport,
• AFL players MUST wear a mouthguard (no mouthguard = no play!),
• Soccer players MUST wear shin pads (no shin-pads = no play!)

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GATSBY CASINO NIGHT
Tickets now on sale!
Alternatively you can try to win two tickets in this month’s 100 Club Raffle. Tickets cost $2 each and are available in the office. If you can’t make it to the office, complete this slip and return it to the office. Good luck!

Name……………………………………………………………………
Eldest child’s name……………………………..………Class…………………
No of tickets required ........
Preferred ticket numbers (if unavailable, nearest number will be given)……………………………………………………..
Total amount enclosed………………………………

FETE GIFT BASKETS
A separate note is going home today regarding donations for our gift basket. Spare copies are available at the Office.

NEWSLETTERS
Each week our newsletter contains important school information, details of upcoming events and reviews of student activities. A paper copy has gone home to every family this week as we try to check that everyone can easily access a copy of the newsletter each week. If you have been unable to access the newsletter via direct email, the school website, Facebook or the school app and have not been receiving a paper copy each week, please select one of the following options, and return this section to the office. Thank you!

1. Please email the newsletter directly to me each week

   Name……………………………………  email address……………………………………………………………………

2. Please send home a paper copy of the newsletter each week

   Name ……………………………………  Eldest child’s name……………………………..………Class…………………
Last term some of our Year 3 children used their new finger-knitting skills to contribute to the ‘yarn-bombing’ project of the Holbrook Submarine. What a great effort!

Yesterday Year 3 students saw the ‘Me & Bonegilla’ performance at the Library Museum and they looked at the ‘Bonegilla’ and ‘Emporium’ exhibitions.