Dear Parents

A wonderful night was held on Saturday, 16 August, at the Commercial Club when we held the St. Anne’s Gatsby Night. For those who were able to attend everyone appeared to have a great night. Live music, performing dancers, willing gamblers on the roulette and black-jack tables (play money) and fine food led to a great night of entertainment. Thank you to the auction bidders who were generous in their support. Our Fundraising Committee has been very active over the year and again have provided a great opportunity for our community to come together to meet new people and to celebrate. Rachel Alexander has shown herself to have a flare and talent in presenting social evenings and has lived up to her reputation again. Rachel has placed a lot of effort into providing this night and on behalf of the school community, I thank her enormously. Brent Alexander also needs to be thanked for his support of Rachel and his contribution towards the evening. It is a credit to our school community that we are able to provide an evening of this standard for the enjoyment of families and friends. Auction winners were Anna Kay (Tania Scott fascinator voucher), Travis Barker (Footy Show tickets), Sam Haifa (Signed Carlton Guernsey), Bernie Moncrieff (Australia Cricket shirt) and Jason Croker (Signed Hawks Guernsey).

On Saturday we celebrated a beautiful Confirmation ceremony, led by Bishop Hanna. We congratulate all the children who received the Sacrament. Bishop Hanna met with the children on Friday and was pleased with how well the children were able to relate to the Sacrament of Confirmation and to their faith. Thank you to our staff at St Anne’s for your support of the students, not only during their preparation for Confirmation but with their Faith Journey. Thank you to Mrs Johnston, Mrs McCowan, Mrs Wild and Mr Gaynor for your work in preparing the children for this Sacrament. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for all her work organising and Mrs Foley for her work organising the music.

There has been a lot of research and discussion about the benefit of homework over recent years. Research has shown that homework can range from beneficial to detrimental in student’s learning; largely based on the type and amount of homework. For some time now it has been argued that homework is needed to extend a child, build independence or prepare them for high school. Some research suggests that it is more appropriate for older students. A common theme to current research seems to state that homework has needed to change. If it is set work to complete not related to the task at school then it achieves very little and if marked at school, then it also takes away from good learning time in class.

Two main ideas to come forward from research in the area of homework-

I. Homework should include aspects such as research, reading or follow up from a class activity

II. There is little evidence that homework assists student learning at all.

I have left a couple of copies of a research paper at the front office if any parent would like to have some further reading. It is research collated from the NSW Government. Here is a short summary taken from part of this report.

‘In summary’ -

- The ‘more homework the better’ view has no research support (Cooper, H, 2001). Homework for All - In Moderation, Educational Leadership, 89 (7), cited in QLD Government Department of Education and the Arts, 2004)
- The quality of the homework assigned is likely to be more important than the quantity (Canadian Education Association, & Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 2010)
- Homework must be purposeful and relevant to student needs and should not jeopardise the right of children to enjoy a balanced lifestyle (Dixon, 2007)
- The amount of homework and time spent on it should accord with the student’s age and developmental level (Canadian Council on Learning, 2009)
- Effort spent on homework is a stronger correlate of academic achievement that time spent on homework (Canadian Council on Learning, 2009)
- Year level appears to be a determinant of homework’s academic effectiveness (Blazer, 2009; cooper, 1989).
- Most researchers conclude that for primary students, there is no evidence that homework lifts academic performance. There is only a small correlation between homework and achievement in middle school (Cooper, 1989; Walker, 2011). Only in the senior years of high school does homework clearly raise academic performance’.

(NSW Government - Education & Communities, Public Schools NSW Homework Policy: Research scan)

Professional Development - Mrs Jones and Mrs Johnston will be attending the “Boys and Education” Conference in Melbourne this Thursday and Friday. I will be attending a Principal’s and Clergy Retreat in Wagga this Thursday and Friday.

Have a great week
Bede.
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

MEETINGS
Fundraising Meeting - 9 Sept
Venue to be advised

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
This Week:
Wed, 27 Aug - Renea Maskell
Thu, 28 Aug - Paula Molnar
Fri, 29 Aug- Cindy Walsh, Melissa Healy, Kim Cremer

Next Week
Wed, 3 Sep - Annie Shearer
Thu, 4 Sep - Cate Bell
Fri, 5 Sep - Katherine McLennan, Michelle Aldrich

TAKING PHOTOGRAPH AT SCHOOL
EVENTS
At St Anne’s we have several students who are not permitted to be photographed for legal reasons. Please be mindful of this when taking photos of your children at school events. If you are planning on publishing your photos on social media please ensure you obtain permission from parents of all children shown in your photos as not all parents wish their child’s image to be ‘shared’!

100 CLUB RAFFLE
our next raffle is for a tandem trailer of firewood (pictured below).
Tickets costs $2 each and can be purchased from the office.

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!)
As this is the second last week of PSSA sport, please ensure that any outstanding bus fees are paid promptly.

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LOOM-BAND BRACELETS
Last term, many our children made loom-band bracelets in the colours of the Aboriginal flag, for the children at Yuen-dumu. The bracelets were given to the children at Yuedumu by Xavier students. We currently have a beautiful poster in the noticeboard outside the office of some of the children wearing their new bracelets. Again, a big thank you to the St Anne’s children for putting their time and creative talents into making these bracelets. The recipients were very thankful.

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

UNIFORM SALE
Albury Uniforms & Schoolwear
(1104 Mate St, North Albury)
Are having a sale for two weeks, with 25% off all floor stock.

MISSION KIDS
Thank you for supporting our shop a couple of weeks ago. We raised $300 and sold out of most our items. Our Yr 6 shopkeepers did a tremendous job keeping up with demand. We will take a break to restock and will reopen in November.
BOOK WEEK REVIEW

Congratulations & a big thank-you to everyone at St Anne’s for their participation and support of our Book Fair and Book Week assembly. The children all looked great dressed up (a big thank-you to parents assisting with costumes) and the Book Fair was a huge success. The final figures for the Book Fair are in. Over the five days we were open we sold $6482 worth of books which saw St Anne’s rewarded with $2269 worth of books and resources as commission, worked out at the highest level you can earn of 35%. An awesome effort! The children are looking forward to reading these new books. A big thank-you to the wonderful volunteers whose help was invaluable assisting with the Book Fair over the week. They did a fantastic job. Thanks to Bridget Smith, Elisa Arcus, Paula Sheehan, Kajja Marshall, Tracy Baynes, Sharlene Croker, Katrina Daniher, Renae Maskell, Donna McDonnell, Suzanne Francisco, Jane Murtagh and Maryanne Scully. A big congratulations to the Library Monitors for their fantastic effort in leading the Book Week assembly, they were very excited and did themselves proud, well done! Congratulations to the Osborne family (Rose 5/6JW & Mrs Osborne 1OS) for participating in and winning the family reading competition. Congratulations also to Sienna Corrigan KT, Chelsea Maginnity 1B, Zoe Marshall 2JL, Grace Aldrich & Miss Ryan 3T, Bethany Stone 4M, Iggy Alker-Christiansen 5/6JW and Grace Yensch 5/6JW for their winning entries in the bookworm guessing competition. Those who have placed books on reorder will be notified when your books arrive, the order has been placed and I will get them out as soon as they arrive. Enjoy reading your wonderful new books and thanks again for the wonderful support of the St Anne’s community of this worthwhile event.

Rochelle O’Callaghan

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."  

Groucho Marx

YR 5-6 BALLARAT CAMP

A reminder that the full payment for the excursion (totalling $200) must be paid by tomorrow. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS in the office.

Thank you to all the families who have already sent in their Father’s Day Breakfast note. If you have not yet replied and would like to come along, please send this note back to school by Friday.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST - Friday, 5th September

To celebrate Fathers at St Anne’s School, we would like to put on brekky for the dads and their children BEFORE SCHOOL. We have 3 different time slots that we would like you to choose from, so that we can cater successfully. We will be offering free bacon and egg rolls, juice, tea and instant coffee. There will also be REAL coffee available to purchase on the morning.

**Please note that children will not be able to be left unattended until after 8am.**

While the breakfast is free, we need accurate numbers for catering purposes. Therefore if you will be joining us for the Father’s Day Breakfast, please return the slip below by Friday, 29 August.

Family name ____________________________

Number of adults attending _______  Number of children attending _______

Arrival time slot (please circle one) -  6.30-7am  7-7.30am  7.30-8am

If you are able to donate any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated (please circle the item and include your contact phone number) -  EGGS  BACON  JUICE  BREAD-ROLLS  Contact Phone No…………………………...

If you have a ‘Cool Car’ that you would be happy to bring along for the other dads to admire, please write your contact phone number here ………………………….. and we will contact you before the day.

Ross Circuit Preschool is now taking enrolments for 3, 4 and 5 year old preschool in 2015. Now is the time to call and enrol your child!

Please call Amanda on 02 6025 4866 or Email: admin@rosscircuitschool.com.au for more information and to discuss their quality preschool programme.

FEAST DAY OF ST. MONICA

Mass will be offered on Wednesday, 27th August, at 10.30am at St Patrick’s Church, Albury. Mass will be followed by a visit to Monica’s Cafe, Smollett St (across the road from the Church).
Confirmation Candidates

Book Week