Dear Parents,

Today marks the first day of Spring and hopefully an end to the many and varied winter bugs that have kept a lot of us grounded! I hope your family hasn’t been hit too hard.

Preparations for our Father’s Day Breakfast are well under way and I thank those responsible for organising this. At last count there has been over 240 accept the invitation. If you haven’t responded, you have until tomorrow. I am sure that this will be an enjoyable occasion and a lovely way to bring our community of dads and their children together.

Our school has volunteered to be part in a NAPLAN online trial which is being managed by ACER (the Australian Council for Educational Research), under the direction of ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority). This is a set of computer based tests which will be delivered using an online delivery platform. The purpose of the trial is to try out an initial batch of online items to support the development of 2017 NAPLAN online tests. A representative from ACER will come to our school and administer these tests. On Monday 14th September, Year 3T will sit a Reading and Grammar and Punctuation trial, and 5G will sit a Reading and Writing trial. Any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Let me finish with a thought for the week, a message that came to me through Sunday’s Gospel: “Jesus taught that the Pharisees had forgotten the meaning behind their rules. They thought they were making themselves holy by following the rules about making things clean. But Jesus taught that there was something more important than these actions. Jesus taught that our words and deeds toward others are what show us to be true followers. God wants us to do good things with our lives, share our possessions, think kind thoughts and be truthful.”

Enjoy your week,
Liz Johnston.
STUDENT BANKING
Tomorrow is school banking day. Application packs for new accounts are available from the office.

UNIFORM SHOP
Our opening hours are -
Tuesday, 8.30-8.45am
Friday, 3-3.30pm.

FETE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Thank you to those families who have sent in their Fete volunteer notes. We need many helpers to ensure a successful Fete, so please consider volunteering some of your time. Helpers are needed before, during and at the conclusion of the Fete to assist with pack up. Spare volunteer notes are available from the office.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! From now until 8th September, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers (one sticker for every $10 spent).
We have sticker sheets available in the office, otherwise please just send your stickers in and we will place them onto sticker sheets here at school.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION VIA APP & WEBSITE
You can now quickly and easily notify us of your child’s absence from school using the school app. Thank you to those parents who have provided feedback on this feature. We will be modifying the app so that users will receive a confirmation that their note has been submitted. In the meantime, please be assured that it is working correctly and we are receiving absence notes submitted via the app.
Alternatively, Absence Notes can be submitted via the school website. Just go to the ‘Notes’ menu on the home-page and select ‘Absence Notes’.

PARISH ‘HISTORY SNAPSHOT’ BOOKS FOR SALE
2015 marks the 60th Anniversary of our Sacred Heart Parish. To commemorate this occasion, Sr Anne Hagan has compiled a 99 page book of the history of the Parish. This wonderful book contains many reflections, memories and photos of the history of the Parish.
We have copies of this book available for sale in the school office for $20. If you would like to purchase one, please send payment in a sealed envelope labelled “Parish History Book” and include details of your child’s name and class.

MERCY AND McAuley Day CELEBRATIONS
Friday 18th September
Mass at 9:30 am in the Hall will be led by the House Leaders from Mercy and McAuley Houses. The Sisters of Mercy will be invited to join us for the celebrations.
After recess, ‘Student Busking Day’ will return as part of these celebrations between 11:40 am and 12:45 pm. Students are encouraged to bring coins to drop in a bucket for their favourite acts. Money raised will be donated to support the ongoing work at Mercy Health Albury.
Parents and friends are welcome to join us for a fun day of activities and support students performing. Please see note sent home with the eldest child in each family today for more details.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
Thank you to all those families who have sent in their notes regarding the Father’s Day Breakfast this Friday. We are looking forward to sharing a delicious breakfast of bacon and egg rolls, juice, tea and coffee, with the St Anne’s dads. Thank you also to everyone who has offered to bring in items for the breakfast, please bring them in on Wednesday or Thursday. We are also looking forward to seeing some very cool cars!

KINDER FATHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS
Our Kinders are inviting their Dads or a special man in their lives to come for an afternoon snack and a play. Please come to the Kinder rooms this Friday, 2.30 - 3.30pm and remember to wear your sneakers!

Please do NOT send nuts or nut products to school.
**Canteen News**
The canteen will be closed for cleaning on the last day of term, 18th September. **Strictly no lunch orders available this day**

**16th September**: Homemade Burger Specials Day. Notes to go home next week

Last week’s Book Week themed specials in the canteen were a hit with the students, in particular the Fruit Cones with Turkish Delight Flavoured Ice-cream. A nutritious alternative to regular ice-cream, students may like to make their own in the holidays. Recipes will be available in the office from Wednesday.

**This week’s volunteers - thankyou!**

**Thursday 3rd September**: Sharon Knoble, Kylie Miller

**Friday 4th September**: Nicole Tschirpig, Volunteer needed please.

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**Yr 5/6 - Canberra Excursion**

Our Year 5/6 students will be travelling to Canberra on Monday, 12 October - Wednesday, 14 October. The cost for this excursion is $295. Payment can be made by instalments, with all payments due by Wednesday, 7th October.

**Fete Rides - Wrist Band Orders**

Order forms for ride wrist bands were sent home last week with the eldest child in each family. Please return the forms as soon as possible for processing. The final date for forms to be accepted is Wednesday 7th October. Pre-purchased wrist bands cost $30 (with commission paid to the school). On the day of the Fete, wristbands will cost $35 and individual ride tickets priced at $7 will be available from the ride company, however these will not benefit the school, with no commission paid to us. Please note that wrist bands will only be sent home on the wrist of the children if you indicate that on the form. All other wristbands will need to be picked up from the Raffle Stall.

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**Libraries News**

Congratulations and a huge thankyou to everyone at St Anne’s for their participation and support of our Book Fair and Book Week Assembly. The children, and staff, all looked great dressed up (a big thankyou to parents for assisting with costumes) and the Book Fair was a massive success, our best yet! The final figures for the Book Fair are in, over the five days we were open we sold a whopping $7,333 worth of books which saw St Anne’s rewarred with over $2566 worth of books and resources for the library and classrooms as commission. This worked out at the highest level you can earn of 35%. A fantastic effort and a huge thankyou to everyone for their support of this event. Such a wonderful result proves our love and enjoyment of reading at St Anne’s. The children are now looking forward to reading these new books. A big thankyou to the wonderful volunteers whose help was invaluable assisting with the Book Fair over the week, they did a fantastic job. Thanks to Rachael Muntz, Kate James, Rochelle Duncan, Allison Redfern, Suzi Stewart, Angela DeMamiel, Ingrid Hopwood, Lisa Maginnity, Renea Maskell, Katrina Daniher, Deb McLeish-Emmett, Anita Carpenter, Shannon Jacobs, Katie Keeping, Sharlene Croker, Jennifer Hodges, Cate Bell, Karen Arendarcikas. A big congratulations also 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 Muller family (Mackenzy in 5/6N) for entering and winning the family competition. Alexis Murray KT, Jack Maskell 1B, Britney Visovich 2Mc, Max Ryan 3G, Xylavene Beale 4BM, Jordan Purcell 5/6G and Zac Lieschke 5/6G were the lucky winners of our “Book Worm” competition. Those who have placed books on re-order 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 new books and thanks again for the wonderful support from the St Anne’s community of this worthwhile event.

Rochelle O’Callaghan, Librarian

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**Fete Art Show**

Please keep a look out for the Art Show category list going home later this week.

**Sport News**

Good luck to Euriah (5/6N) who will be in Wagga later this week for the MacKillop Cricket Trials!

**PSSA Sport**

PSSA Sport has ended for the year. Please ensure that any outstanding bus fees are paid by this Friday. Thank you.

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**Some of our new Book Week books!**

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**Menu**

**This week’s tasty treats**

- Singapore Noodles $2.00
- Thai Chicken Parcels $1.50
- Banana & Apricot Bread $1.00
- Fruit Cups with Lemon Delicious $1.00

**Available this Thursday & Friday!**

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