Dear Parents,

A reminder that this Friday the children do not attend school. The teachers have a Professional Development Day which has been planned since the beginning of the year.

Recently I have been reading the Grattan Institute report for 2015-16. The Grattan Institute is an independent think-tank focused on current research into Education. It provides interesting reading.

It states “while NAPLAN tests provide essential data for system monitoring and can point to areas of strength and weakness in a classroom, on their own they are too imprecise and held too infrequently, to identify each student’s specific learning needs. Instead, schools should use NAPLAN as part of a balanced system of assessment.

There is a better way. Teachers and schools can lift all student’s performance if they are equipped to collect and use evidence of individual student achievement and progress. Working together, teachers should assess what each student knows, target their teaching to what they are ready to learn next, and track each student’s progress over time. Teachers should then analyse their own impact, keep what works and change what does not”.

This collecting of relevant data and implementing this into our teaching practices is a huge but necessary challenge for our teachers. I am pleased to say our teachers have been working in line with this belief for some time. We are currently working towards monitoring the children’s progress over a period of time to ensure all children are indeed progressing in their learning.

Our Kinder Orientation for our Kinders coming in 2016 will continue over the next two Wednesdays.

Many events are coming up, so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

Have a great week and remember -

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift”

Bede
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

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION
VIA APP & WEBSITE
You can now quickly and easily notify us of your child’s absence from school using the school 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.

ST ANNE’S MAJOR RAFFLE 2015
Each family should have received one book of raffle tickets. If you would like additional books please ask at the office. We would love to see our tickets in as many shops and businesses as possible.

Tickets are $2 each. The raffle will be drawn at the Kindergarten Assembly on Friday 11th December.

1st prize: iPad mini 3 16GB & ipod touch 16GB – valued at $778

2nd prize: 2 nights accommodation (off peak) for Family of 4 - Poolside Villa, The Great Aussie Resort Value:$320

3rd prize: $100 voucher Albion Hotel – can be used in Azotea Restaurant
donated by Turner Construction

Please return all tickets sold or unsold by Monday, 24th Nov.

INVITATION TO OUR
‘HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SESSION’
(tomorrow, Wednesday 16th Nov)

The simplest way
to get your kids loving Fruit & Veg.

Come to our
Healthy Lunch Box Session
Eating more fruit and vegetables could be the simplest change you can make to improve your family’s health!

The following session is available for all parents of St Anne’s Primary School students:

Date: Wednesday 16th November 2015
Time: 9.30 am
RSVP: Monday 16th November 2015

The Healthy Lunch Box Session highlights the importance of packing a healthy lunch box. Parents who attend receive a free ‘show bag’ containing a healthy lunch box kit, planner and other great resources to help improve vegetable and fruit intake for the whole family.

Please register with the school office if you wish to attend.
Phone: (02) 9225 1261

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

NO HAT = NO PLAY
Please note that we have a NO HAT = NO PLAY policy during Term 4. Children without a school hat will be required to sit in a designated shaded area during the breaks.

2016 ATTENDANCE
If your child/ren will not be returning to St Anne’s next year, please inform the office as soon as possible, as we are beginning to finalise numbers for next year.

Yr 5 XAVIER DAY
Thursday, 26 Nov (approx. 9.30-1.00pm)
Students should wear their sports uniform on this day. Our students will be accompanied to and from Xavier by a member of St Anne’s staff. The canteen will be available for students and lunch will be provided.

Please do NOT send nuts or nut products to school.
This year our Gift Giving Mass coincides with Bongiorno Day on Friday, 4 December.

Our school community has a very strong and generous tradition of helping the local Vinnies organisation at Christmas, which can be a very difficult time for many people. So this year, we are again asking our families to consider making a donation of either:

- a toy (suitable for a child up to 12 years)
- a book (suitable for a child up to 12 years)
- Christmas food / Christmas treats

Please do not wrap your donation, as we will do the wrapping here at school. Gifts can be brought in to the office anytime up until Wednesday, 2 December.

A separate note will go home next week regarding a selection of toys that will be available for purchase from the office for $5. Purchasing one of these gifts will support the ‘Make-A-Wish’ Foundation and in turn, your gift will be passed on to the Lavington branch of St Vincent De Paul Society for distribution within the local community.

KIDS ON KEYBOARD

Tired of running your children to activities and paying excessive fees? Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school. Fees are low ($120.00 a term) and there are no hidden costs (Book and CD included). Students in Grade 2 to 6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music, and have fun in a familiar environment. Numbers are limited to one class, which is on Tuesday at 3.15pm (at school). Call Jacqui Dainer on (02) 6025 8273 for details and bookings.
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

**Distinction**
Zac Lieschke

**Credit**
Jack Hobbs
Shreya Chetty
Charlie Summerfield
Alonso Gibbons
Stella Emmett

**Merit**
Max Thompson

**Participation**
Jacob Scully
Alex Scott-Coutts

MATHS

**Distinction**
Zac Lieschke

**Credit**
Jack Hobbs
Justin Laver
Charlie Summerfield
Cooper Hall

**Merit**
Chloe Francisco
Alicia Spiers

**Participation**
Kayla Ward
Owen Smith
Netaya Milne
Montanna Mathews
Charlie Tutt
Alex Scott-Coutts
Charlotte Benson
Sam Webb
Indyanna Vadayattu
Jesse Pizzolato
Grace Aldrich
Max Thompson
Harry Smith
Hazel Powell-Wray
Alonso Gibbons
Stella Emmett
Annabel Sirr

SCIENCE

**High Distinction**
Jack Hobbs

**Credit**
Zac Lieschke
Justin Laver
Laila Machin
Alicia Spiers

**Merit**
Max Thompson
Annabel Sirr

**Participation**
Charlie Summerfield
Alonso Gibbons
Stella Emmett

ENGLISH

**High Distinction**
Amalia Machin

**Distinction**
Laila Machin

**Credit**
Zac Lieschke
Charlotte Benson
Charlie Summerfield
Alicia Spiers

**Participation**
Charlie Tutt
Grace Cremer
Shreya Chetty
Indyanna Vadayattu
Hazel Powell-Wray
Alonso Gibbons
Annabel Sirr

SPELLING

**Credit**
Shreya Chetty
Charlie Summerfield

**Merit**
Mackenzy Muller

**Participation**
Jacob Scully
Jesse Pizzolato
Hazel Powell-Wray
Alonso Gibbons

WRITING

**Distinction**
Charlie Summerfield

**Credit**
Alonso Gibbons

**Merit**
Jasmine Tutt
Hazel Powell-Wray

**Participation**
Charlie Tutt
Laila Machin
Indyanna Vadayattu
Grace Aldrich

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the University of NSW ‘ICAS Exams’ this year.

A special congratulations goes to Jack (High Distinction - Science), Charlie (Distinction - Writing), Zac (Distinction - Digital Technologies & Distinction - Maths) and also to Amalia (High Distinction - English) and Laila (Distinction - English).