Dear Parents

This week our Infant’s Swimming Program has commenced. A lot of organisational work goes into this week. We hope it is beneficial for the children and I thank everyone for the effort involved.

This Friday is our celebration of Bongiorno Day in memory of Fr Bongiorno whose foresight led to our St Anne’s School being built. We have combined this day with our Gift Giving Mass to support families in need at Christmas time, through the work of St Vincent De Paul. This organisation is very involved in our Parish and local community and do a wonderful job. Over the years our school community have been extremely generous and your support has been greatly appreciated. We have gifts available to purchase from the Make-A-Wish foundation. This provides a gift for a family at Christmas and supports Make-A-Wish which seems to me to be a great way of supporting two charities at one time.

End of year reports will be coming home on Thursday, 10 December. Parent/Teacher interviews are not held at this time however you are welcome to contact your child’s teacher if you wish to discuss any matter in regard to your child’s report.

Our School Board AGM will be held tomorrow at 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

As you are aware I have been seconded to the Catholic Schools Office for the Wagga Diocese for a two year period. Mrs Johnston has been successful in gaining the Principal position here at St Anne’s School for that period of time. I congratulate Liz and wish her every success and enjoyment in the role. I know this great community of staff, children and families will support her in this role.

Have a great week

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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

John Quincy Adams
STUDENT BANKING

Tomorrow is the last day for school banking for the year.

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

(A great Christmas gift idea for anyone involved in the Parish!)

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

If you still have raffle tickets at home, please return them tomorrow (Wednesday, 2nd December).

“HAT ON - GAME ON!”

Please note that children are required to wear their school hat during the breaks in 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.

BONGIORNO DAY & GIFT GIVING MASS

To celebrate Bongiorno Day, children may wear red to school on Friday.

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.

We have a limited number of each of the toys pictured below that are now available to 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.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Sacred Heart - North Albury

December 10th at 3.34pm in the church

For children interested in altar serving or who may have just began to serve on the altar.

(for children who have received their first communion)

Any enquiries please call
Virginia Mitsch 0407266016 or
Ed Brown on 0427 452 762

Please do NOT send nuts or nut products to school.
Please check at home to see if you have any school readers or library books. If so, please return them by this Friday. Thank you!

**SCHOOL READERS & LIBRARY BOOKS**

**MEETINGS**
Board AGM - Wed. 2 Dec

**UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT**
We received a payment on 23rd November from WAW Credit Union without a reference name. Please check your records and call the office urgently if this payment belongs to you.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
The canteen will open for the last week in the term on **TUESDAY 13th & WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER** for **SNACKS, COLD TREATS & DRINKS ONLY**. No lunch orders will be taken.

A huge thank you to our **8 Thursday volunteers** who have graciously given their time to provide **1186 lunches** to our students thus far. Similarly, **2130 Friday lunches have been provided by** our dedicated team of **20 volunteers**.

They quality of service from our schools canteen is a reflection of the commitment of our volunteers. Next year we will be seeking to recruit new helpers. Please consider joining us.

**THIS WEEKS VOLUNTEERS THANKYOU**
Thursday 3rd Dec - Helen Gaston, Kay Locke
Friday 4th Dec - Kelly Blair, Nicole Tschirpig, volunteer please.

**THIS WEEK’S TASTY TREATS**
- Spinach Ravioli & fresh Tomato Salad - $1.50
- Black Forrest & Fresh Cherry Icy delights - $1
- Apricot Fruit Loaf - 80 c

**SMOOTHIE OF THE WEEK**-
Orange & Apricot  $1.00

**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.
KINDER VISIT TO UPA

Last week our Kinder children visited the Sunshine Club at UPA Aged Care Services in Lavington. Our children performed “A Miracle in Town” which tells the story of Christmas. Afterwards, they chatted with the members of the Sunshine Club and distributed the beautiful cards and gifts created by our Year 1 and 2 students. A visit to Turtle Park ended a wonderful day.

You are invited to watch the Kinders perform “A Miracle in Town” at the Kinder Assembly on Friday, 11th December at 11.40am.