FROM THE PRINCIPAL
It is with great pleasure and a wonderful sense of anticipation that I write to you for the first time as the Acting Principal of St Anne’s. I trust that your Christmas season has been a real blessing and that you had, at some stage, the opportunity to rest and relax – and importantly, to enjoy time to be with family and friends, and do the things you wanted to do.

It was both refreshing and exciting to visit each classroom on Friday and see so many engaged children and teachers, who appeared very happy to be back. All classrooms are bright and welcoming- perfect environments for learning. The new furniture in the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms looks fantastic and certainly lends itself to contemporary learning. This coming Friday we welcome all our new Kinder students. We also have some new families joining our community this year so a big welcome to you all.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Tegan Vogel who will be teaching Year 5 and to Kirstie Kannenberg who will be our new librarian as Rochelle O’Callaghan is working full-time in Year 1. I would also like to welcome back Rachael Toohey, on a part time basis from her Maternity Leave. The full staffing list is as follows:

KR: Jessica Ryan
1B: Gemma Burke
1O’C: Rochelle O’Callaghan
2OS: Natalie Osborne
3M: Belinda Moran
4L: Chris Lewis
5V: Tegan Vogel
5Mc: Caroline McCowan
6N: Leanne Newth
6G: Josh Gaynor

Librarians: Kirstie Kannenberg (Years K-4), Cassandra Jones (5/6)
Assistant Principal: Cassandra Jones
Music Teacher and Religious Education Coordinator: Judy Foley
Year 1 Literacy and Numeracy support: Rachael Toohey
ICT: Karon Grimmer
Administrative Staff: Tina Hobbs, Anita Carpenter
Teacher Assistants: Sharlene Croker, Louise Griffiths-Tutt, Marg Jessup, Karon Grimmer
Canteen supervisor: Leanne Michael

We’re already off to a busy start but I am very excited about sharing the year ahead with you all.

Let me conclude with a short prayer as we begin this new school year together:

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and our staff and our community. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kind regards, Liz Johnston

RE NEWS
Week 1 Religious Education Highlights
Lent begins with Ash Wednesday 10th February. As a School we will be attending the Parish 9:30am Mass in the Church. All parents and families are welcome to join with us.
Shrove Tuesday (known in some countries as Pancake Tuesday) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent). As a School we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with Leanne Michael offering to make pancakes for students with members of the Student Council helping serve.

**Time:** from 11:00 am onwards and beginning with Kinder classes.

**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation (Caritas Project Compassion 2016). Students will place their gold coin donation in the Collection box at the Canteen when they collect their pancake.

When students have collected their pancake they will then go back to their area outside their classrooms to share eating their pancake.

**Beginning School Mass:** Friday 12th February 9:30am in the Church

At this Mass the Captains, Vice Captains and Student Council will receive their badges. All parents and friends are very welcome to attend.

**SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL**

Any child now in Years 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6 who had a bus pass in 2015 should have automatically received one for 2016 (if not, please contact the office). However, any children who are now in Year 3 and require a bus pass will need to re-apply. Application forms are available from the office. Please note children may travel without a bus pass for the next two weeks, after this time they will need a bus pass, or pay for their journey. Please note that free bus travel is only for travel between school and a student’s home address.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The Uniform Shop will be open this week on-
- Wednesday - 8.30-8.45am and 3-3.30pm
- Thursday - closed
- Friday - 3-3.30pm

**SCHOOL FEES**

Information about school fees will be included in next week’s newsletter and statements will go home next week. We are still trying to identify the family who made 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**

Our 2016 canteen volunteer recruitment drive is underway. We were blessed with a wonderful group of helpers last year. If you could spare any time to help in this capacity please return the notes being sent home this week by Monday 8th February. The canteen is also a wonderful way for grandparents to get involved & no great culinary skills are necessary.

Safeway Supermarkets have again graciously agreed to assist our school canteen with a regular donation of fresh produce over the coming year. Their weekly box of assorted fresh fruit & vegetables is an invaluable contribution to our school’s commitment to promoting better nutritional choices within our canteen in a manner that is cost effective & we are extremely fortunate to have their support.

Don’t forget your gold coin donation for a delicious pancake next Tuesday Feb 9th.

**THIS WEEKS TASTY TREATS**

- Ned Kelly Subs - $1.50 (Roast beef, rocket, school garden roasted red capsicum & horseradish cream)
- Cheese, Bacon & Zucchini Slice - $1.00
- Apple & Blackberry Muffins - 80 cents
- Icy cold Watermelon Wedges - 50 cents

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday (4th Feb) and Wednesday (10th Feb) for students in Years 1-6. As usual, interviews are to be booked online at sobs.com.au (School Online Booking Systems).

**DRAMA CLASSES**

Drama classes with the Sharyn Hill School of Speech and Drama will be offered for students at St Anne’s. Classes take place before school in the hall.

Classes involve creative thinking, improvisation through to character development, script work, dramatic movement and vocal work developing confident and imaginative individuals through theatre workshops.

All groups devise a performance for the end of year production at Albury Entertainment Centre.

There will be a come and try morning for year 1 and 2 Tuesday 16th and 23rd February at 8.20am in the hall.

The session will conclude at 8.50am.

For further information go to the web site: www.shdrama.com.

Contact Sharyn Hill: 0411 181 655 or admin@shdrama.com

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