FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome to Week 3. A big welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families. These students completed their first day of school on Friday. The only sad faces seemed to be that of some parents! The children appeared to approach the day with great excitement and eagerness, entering the classrooms with the readiness to learn. We look forward to having them be a part of our school community.

Thanks to all of you who attended Parent Teacher interviews on Thursday afternoon. Our second round of interviews are this Wednesday 10th February from 3.30pm-6.00pm.

Last Tuesday the children from Year 3-6 competed in our school swimming carnival. The day ran very smoothly and there was a great sense of community and school spirit. It was fantastic to see the children get in and have a go, and to watch them encourage each other. Congratulations to all the children who participated and good luck to those who are competing in the Deanery carnival next week. Well done to those who were awarded Age Champions, a great achievement. See sport news for details. A big thanks to our parent helpers who contributed to making the day run efficiently. Your time is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to the staff involved, particularly Josh Gaynor and Judy Foley. A lot of time and effort goes into the organisation of such a day.

Tomorrow we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. Each year, the readings for Ash Wednesday are the same. They call us to a change of heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (sharing with those in need). These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them. So let us remember this as we prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter.

Friday sees us celebrate our Opening School Mass. At this Mass the Kindergarten children will be introduced to our Parish and the Student Council will be presented with their badges. The Mass is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and give thanks for all that has been, asking God’s blessing on all that is to come and ensuring that His presence is at the heart of our school. All of you are warmly invited to celebrate with us, at 9.30am, in our Church.

Enjoy the week,
Kind regards, Liz Johnston.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” (Nelson Mandela)

RE NEWS
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.

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.
Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to 2016, which looks set to be another great year at St. Anne’s. As part of the governance of the school, each year a budget is created for the St Anne’s school. As a part of this budgeting process the student fees are reviewed. At the end of last year, the school council ratified the 2016 St Anne’s budget, and this included a fee increase of 4%. We are all mindful of increasing costs in all parts of our lives, and have attempted to keep the increase at a manageable amount. This percentage increase will allow the school to continue to provide our children resources and opportunities to learn, grow and achieve.

Kind regards
Jennifer Hodges
(on behalf of the St Anne’s School Council)

School fee statements will be issued each term, however families are welcome to pay their fees by instalment, as shown in the table below. Fees may be paid by cash, cheque, credit card or by direct deposit. For those who choose to pay by direct deposit, the school account details are:

- St Anne’s School Board
- Commonwealth Bank, Lavington
- BSB no: 062 645  Account no: 1001 6861

If paying by direct deposit please ensure that you include your account number (as shown on your fee statement) and your surname, with each deposit, for example “1234 Georges”. This will help ensure that payments can be allocated to your account quickly and accurately.

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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 another two weeks, after this time they will need a bus pass, or will have to pay for their journey. Please note that free bus travel is only for travel between school and a student’s home address.

WELCOME BBQ

Come along to meet other school families and enjoy a free BBQ!

Friday, 26th February, 5.30-7.30pm

Notes about our Welcome BBQ were sent home with the eldest child in each family last week, spare copies are available from the office. Whilst the BBQ is free, for catering purposes we need to know attendance numbers, so please return your note by Friday, 19th February. We hope to see you there!

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesdays 8.30-8.45am and Fridays 3-3.30pm.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic ‘Book Club’ catalogues have gone home. Orders are due by Tuesday, 16th Feb. Please note that late orders cannot be accepted.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to those people who have generously offered to help in our Canteen. We still require many more helpers (especially for Thursdays) and please remember that no culinary skills are required!

**THIS WEEKS TASTY TREATS**

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SPORTS NEWS
On Monday 15th of February from 2 -3pm we will be hosting the Sydney Thunder Bus. The bus is traveling through Albury and will be visiting our school along with both the Women’s and Men’s BBL Trophies. Also in attendance will be Sydney Thunder star Chris Green. The Years 3-6 Students will be visiting the bus and taking part in some different skill activities that will be organised for the afternoon.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Tuesday the 2nd February we held our Swimming Carnival. We were blessed with a beautiful day and this allowed for high levels of participation and enjoyment. The winning team on the day was Mercy house with the other teams very close behind.

The day ran very smoothly thanks to all of the support from staff and parents. I would especially like to thank those parents who volunteered their time to ensure the carnival was as successful as it was. To the timekeepers, ribbon distributors, points calculators, marshalling assistants, 25m helpers and all others, we thank you very much.

We had some extra significant results on the day, a big congratulations to all of the Age Champions.
Jnr Girls - Champions - Amalia Machin/Alicia Spiers
Jnr Boys - Champion - Sam Webb
R/up - Andre Francisco
11 Yrs Girls - Champion - Lani Wall
R/up - Laila Machin
11 Yrs Boys - Champion - Mason Kannenberg
R/up - Jordan Croker
Snr Girls - Champion - Halle Eddy
R/up - Skye Bakic
Snr Boys - Champion - Brady Marshall
R/up - Harrison Arcus

These children and many more of our children have been selected to swim at the Deanery Swimming Carnival at the Albury Swim Centre on the 15th of Feb. Please refer to notes that have been sent home with these students last week. We wish them all the very best.

HELPERS WANTED!
We are establishing an Edible Garden here at school and are looking for help to set it up so the children can do some planting before Easter. We will be here this Sunday (14th Feb) from 10.30am to lay weed mat, soft-fall, edging and put up a garden shed. We would be very grateful for any help! Please call the office if you are able to assist on 6025-1281.

SCIENCE COMPETITION
Students in Years 5 and 6 interested in entering a Video Making Science Competition are asked to check out the details at: http://splash.abc.net.au/ugc-competition/-/u/2162543/?WT.tsrc=Email&WT.mc_id=Innovation_Innovation-Splash%7CPrimary_email%7C20160127

Mrs Moran will be available two lunch times each week to assist students with their entries. The first 12 students to respond by email to Mrs Moran will be eligible to participate. Be quick! Entries close March 18!

SCHOOL ABSENCES
If your child is away from school, please complete an Absentee Note via the school app or the website. Alternatively you can send in a written note when your child returns to school. Our school must receive an Absentee Note for every occurrence of a child being absent from school. The details of these notes are recorded on the official electronic Attendance Roll and are retained in accordance with official policies.

MEDICAL/CONTACT FORMS
Forms were sent home last week. Please check all the details and if there are any alterations to be made, please ensure your form is returned to school by this Friday. If no alterations are required, it is not necessary to return the form. Please note that if your child requires any medications (eg. Claratyne) parents will need to supply these and complete a ‘Medication Request Form’ which is available from the office.

LOST
One of our students has lost her pink, heart shaped signet ring. If found please return to the office.

HEAD LICE
We have had an outbreak of nits here at school. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat if necessary. Thank you!