



St Anne's Catholic School

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THOUGHTS

We are more than halfway through the term already. The students are well settled into their routines and still enjoying the brilliant weather.

It was lovely to see some parents attending our first assembly for 2015. Rooms 1 and 2 did a fine job of organizing this. The wonderful singing at St Anne's is incredible. Many of our students have been blessed with beautiful voices and to hear them sing is indeed an uplifting experience.

Solomon Rose, our School Council Leader did an excellent job of explaining the role of the School Council at St Anne's. It is not too late to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment for the Personalised Learning Plan meetings. These are for rooms 4, 5 and 6 and will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. There has been a great response to these!

We have planned a fun day for St Patrick's Day—Wednesday 17 March. Please see the attached invitation. If you would like to be involved please contact me or any of the Parents & Friends committee members. We'd appreciate a couple of extra hands on the BBQ! The PFA are generously providing the sausage sizzle

The PFA had their first meeting for 2015 on Tuesday evening. They are a very motivated group who are working really hard for the school and we are planning some interesting activities for the rest of the year. I was impressed to learn that the PFA subsidise the transport for every child's swimming lessons. They make a very generous donation of \$600 towards the overall cost! If you would want to become more involved in the school they would love to have some new members. It is a small friendly team who only meet once per month. Contact Sarah Taylor Phone 0211581450, if you are interested.

Mrs Reddy is sending out letters to the families of the students who indicated that they were interested in becoming Young Vinnies. The first meeting will be held this week.



Thumbs up to Mr McInnes for his organization of our fabulous School Cricket World Cup Day! Thanks to all the parents and family friends who came to join in the fun!

God Bless

Margaret Coleman - Principal

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 6 Assembly 9am R4
Class mass R4
- 8 Parish & School Mass
- 10-13 Yr 7 & 8 Camp
- 13 Zone Swimming
- 17 St Patricks Day
- 18 Reconciliation R5 & 6
- 20 School Cross Country
- 23-3 Apr Swimming
- 25 Annunciation
- 26 Easter Raffle Mufti Day
- 27 CARITAS—Day of Difference
Assembly 9am R5
Class Mass R5
- 29 PALM SUNDAY
- 30 Canty Swimming Champs
HOLY WEEK
- 31 Easter Raffle draw
Parents & Friends Assn Mtg
End of Term

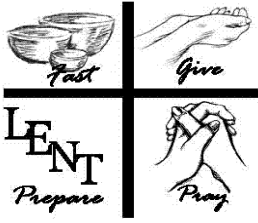
Altar Servers

Sat 7 Mar 6.00pm	Sun 8 Mar 10.30am
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| 1. Ethan | 1. Lingas |
| 2. Letone | 2. Finn |
| 3. Ruby | |

Sat 14 Mar 6.00pm	Sun 15 Mar 10.30am
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| 1. Harley | 1. Mimi |
| 2. Macarius | 2. Talia |
| | 3. Ruthie |



Religious Education

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Due to the fact that newsletters now go out fortnightly, I will be adding two Sunday readings and reflections. Preparing for Sunday Mass through the Gospel readings is an important part of our faith development and I appreciate the time and effort you put into this.

Grace Reddy (DRS)

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

SUNDAY GOSPEL 8 March

John 2:13-22

In this Gospel Jesus becomes angry when he sees the temple, the house of God, used for activities that do not properly belong there.



REFLECTION/DISCUSSION :

The happenings in the Temple turned into marketplace show us what the results are of a love of God that has lost sight of the neighbour.

ACTION

The Ten Commandments recognise our dependence on God and the rights of our neighbour. By keeping them we can in a positive way show our love for God and our neighbour.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

SUNDAY GOSPEL 15 March

John 3:16-17

In this Gospel we hear how God loves to rescue people and give them second chances. It emphasizes that God saves through love rather than condemnation. Any image of God as fierce, judgmental and condemning is a false one set up by those with unhealed condemnation in their own hearts.



REFLECTION/DISCUSSION :

Reflect on what God's life-giving love does for us weak, sinful humans and on our joyful obligation in faith and hope to feed, clothe, shelter, and visit those in need.

We do not earn God's love or mercy; it is something that is there, a free gift for the taking, the fruits of faith. It is by grace that we are saved, not by anything we ourselves have done.

ACTION

Touch a cross and say this prayer :
"Thank you for loving us and staying with us.
Help us to stay with you."

Young Vinnies.

Years 6-8 students have had a special meeting with Miss Coleman and Mrs Reddy about this organisation which teaches students to participate in service activities to help the less fortunate in our societies. We sent out a letter recently so please read it and encourage your child to join. All the senior students, the leaders of our school, have been invited to join.

St Anne's Cross Country 2015.

Woolston Park on Friday 20 March.

Rooms 2—6 will participate in the St Anne's School Cross Country. This year it will be run in year groups, not ages, to reflect the regulations of the Canterbury Primary School's Cross Country.

Programme:

- 9:20am - Arrive at Woolston Park.
- Year 7/8 - Girls and Boys Race (4 Laps)
- Year 5/6 - Girls and Boys Race (3 Laps)
- Year 4/3 - Girls and Boys Race (2 laps)
- Year 2 - Girls and Boys Race (1 laps)
- 10:30am - Walk back to school.



Spectators are warmly invited to support children.

Parents & Friends Assn News

Hi all,

The Parents & Friends committee is all go for the year. We recently held our AGM and on our committee this year we have:

Sarah Taylor : Chairperson

Penny Cherry : Treasurer

Sharyn Beccard : Secretary

Other members are: Pauline, Kelly, Jancy, Nicky and Rhondda.

We welcome you to come along and join in. It would be great to have more people involved.

Our next meeting is on the Tuesday 31 March at 7.00pm in the Staffroom.

This year we have the Easter raffle coming up. Mufti day will be on Thursday 26 March when the kids will need to bring an Easter goodie. Tickets will go out for sale soon for the Easter baskets and need to be back in by the Tuesday 31 March. The raffle will be drawn late on the 31 March 2015.

We are planning on having a sausage sizzle option for lunch this year, probably starting in week 2 of term 2. Also we are going to run a bacon fundraiser in term 2, so look out for more info about these activities closer to term 2.

The intention this year is to raise funds to help pay for transport to swimming for the kids (this helps keep the costs down for our swimming lessons) and also to buy some new winter sports gear.

Again, thank you to everyone for your continued support in raising funds for our students.

Sarah
P & F A

WANTED—Casual Handyman to do odd jobs around the school for few hours per month. Position would suit a retired builder or similar. Please contact the Principal, Margaret Coleman if you can help.

Thank you to the Parents and Grandparents who came on our trip to Willowbank. We had a fabulous day!
Rooms 1 & 2

MARIAN COLLEGE Open Night— Thursday 19 March 2015 6.30—8.00pm 122 Barbadoes Street
Half hour formal address in the hall 7.00pm, repeated at 7.30pm. NO Parking on site please



WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE WISE OWLS AT ST ANNE'S?

A Wise Owl is a retired member of the community who has some spare time on Wednesdays -

2.00pm Reading with the 5 year olds in Room 1.
Usually it is 1-1 or with a small group

followed by

2.30pm Afternoon tea in the Parish hall hosted by senior students

Please contact Margaret Coleman (Principal) if you are interested. We would love to see you!

You're invited to join our celebrations



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



Tuesday, 17 March

9.00am Dress Parade
9.10-12.30pm Activity Rotation
12.40pm Sausage Sizzle

Afternoon of fun activities in our classroom

**Games * Drama * Art
Reading * Story writing**

