Dear Parents,

On Tuesday evening Jan Hayes, the reviewer appointed by the Catholic Education Office, presented her report to members of the School Advisory Council. It was a great opportunity for representatives of the parent community to hear the findings and to be involved in discussion about where we have come from in the last 4 years and the recommendations for the future direction of the school. Using the information from the review as well as the data collected from the Insight SRC surveys that were conducted recently we will work together to develop a School Improvement Plan for the next 4 years when we will again go through the same process of review. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the School Advisory Council for their contributions to the life of the school.

PTFA Meeting scheduled for the 28th October.

We were due to have a meeting on Monday evening but due to a number of the executive committee having prior commitments we will cancel this meeting but we will need to have the November meeting a little earlier as we will need to organise the details of the Carols Night planned for December 6th.

Fete Meeting 24th October

We have a meeting planned for Thursday 24th at 7:30 at the Ball Court Hotel. This is the third of our meetings and so far the numbers turning up has been a little disappointing. We will make a decision on Thursday night whether we proceed with the planned event because unless we get additional support we will have to cancel the event. It would be too much work for such a small number of people.

A few dates for your calendars

In the lead up to Christmas I know how busy things can get so I thought it would be a good time to put a few dates in your calendars so that you can keep us in mind

31st October – Orientation day 2 for children starting prep in 2014. Amanda Thomas the numeracy coordinator will address parents in the Multi-Purpose Room

27th November – Parent information Night for prep families in 2014 & 00pm start

29th November – School Closure day

5th December – Moving up day for all students and Orientation for students going to Salesian College

6th December – Carols Night

10th December – Thanksgiving mass and morning tea for those who have supported the school throughout the year.

11th December – Keyboard Concert

13th December – nativity Plays for Year 1/2 students

17th December – Graduation for children in Year 6

18th December – Last Day for students. School Finishes at 3.15pm.

Year 6 Graduation

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, we will be having the graduation mass at St Anne’s on Tuesday 17th December. This will be followed by a supper and some presentations in the Parish Centre. It has been a tradition that Year 5 parents act as hosts on this evening. We will supply the food but we need some parents to help serve the food and drinks and to clean up at the end of the evening. You will only be required for about and hour and a half from 8.00 until about 9:30 and the more parents that we have the easier it will be. If you are able to help on this evening please contact the office and I will be in contact when we get closer to the celebration.

Take care

Paul Hogan
Terrific Kid

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Gospel Challenge: The Story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Jesus told a story to some people who were sure they were right with God. They looked down on everybody else. He said to them, “Two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee. The other was a tax collector.

“The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself. ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people,’ he said. ‘I am not like robbers or those who do other evil things. I am not like those who commit adultery. I am not even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. And I give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood not very far away. He would not even look up to heaven. He beat his chest and said, ‘God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner.’

“I tell you, the tax collector went home accepted by God. But not the Pharisee. Everyone who lifts himself up will be brought down. And anyone who is brought down will be lifted up.

Our challenge: Australians in general are humble folk. We tend to downplay our successes and focus more on the hard work that went into a success, rather than the talent that initiated it. Christ rewards the sinner who admits he is at fault and rebukes the ‘good’ man who is boastful.

If we realize our limitations and build on our strengths, offering our best efforts to God, we are assisting to build God’s kingdom here on Earth.

Mission Week and the Rosary

This week is Mission Week. It is also October the month of the Rosary. Over the last part of October and Mission Sunday – this weekend, could we offer prayers and be generous to our brothers and sisters who are struggling to make create a life for themselves and their families.

The praying of the Rosary is a spiritual experience of prayer that builds unity and provides children with great example of the powerful nature of group prayer.

Reminder: Year 1 and 2 Family Mass this Sunday

Year 1 and 2 Family Mass
Sunday the 27th October 2013
St.Annes Church (10:30am)
29th October 2:00pm and 7:00pm – Fr. Andrew Hayes –Parenting in Faith.

Colin Healy
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**THIS WEEKS ACTIVITIES**

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**Parent Information**

OSHC program phone: 0401 850 518
Coordinator: Sarah Parkinson
Assistants: Simone Mosticone
Trudy McConnell
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

We have had a number of complaints about speeding cars in the school precinct.
Please take care when driving in Jackson and John Streets. The safety of our children is paramount.

SCHOOL BANKING

THIS WEEK:
28 students (2 new) banked
$205.05

Great Effort
OLMC!

HEAD LICE DON'T GO ON HOLIDAYS

We have had a high instance of head lice throughout the school recently. Please check your children’s hair weekly for these very small insects. Health regulations state the child must be removed from school until adequately treated. If you are unsure what you are looking for please pick up a brochure from the school office.

Grade 5/6 News

A big thank you to the following parents for assisting the teachers on our Sovereign Hill excursion: Narell Coughlan, Robert Galeotti, Rochelle Hope-Lane, Geri Daicos, and Tamara Moir. Thank you also to the parents who offered to help. Unfortunately we could not take everyone!

These excursions are not possible without your assistance.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

PRAYER OF SORROW: IN RESPONSE TO THE ABUSE OF CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS:

On Wednesday 13th November in St Anne’s Church at 7pm, a service called “Prayer of Sorrow: in response to the abuse of children in institutions” will be held. We wish to acknowledge the abuse that has happened in our Church in the past. We wish to welcome everyone to the service. We invite those who were physically affected by abuse, families of those abused and all parishioners who have felt betrayed by the treatment of the abused by the Church. We would wish that all parishioners could come and by their presence say that we are sorry for the hurt done by our Church. Experts tell us that healing only begins when trust is established. Trust is based on truth. Truth comes packaged in honesty and humility.

PARISH CHOIR: is looking for children to sing at 10.30am Mass on a monthly basis. If your child is interested in being part of the Parish Choir, please contact the Parish office on 9744 1060. We look forward to hearing for as many families as possible.


YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT: will be held in the Parish Centre on Friday 1 November. More details to follow shortly.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUNDRAISER: our Parish is supporting St Anne’s Grade 6 teacher, Kerry Champness raise funds for “Hands Across the Water Charity 500km Bike Ride”. She is attempting to raise $5000 by December to donate to a new orphanage in Thailand set up for children with HIV. The first event is a live band-“The Projectors” who will play their own original music. A DJ will also be part of the night. BYO drinks and food to the Parish Centre on Friday 15 November from 6pm onwards, to support this worthy cause. Tickets are $15 from the Parish Office. Also, on Tuesday 26 November a High Tea in the Parish Centre will raise funds for “Hands Across the water”. Tickets are $28 from the Parish Office.

STAYING SAFE IN A WIRED UP WORLD

Be Cybersmart

The Internet, Online Technologies and mobile phones are incredible tools. They provide an opportunity to communicate, learn, play & be entertained by content around the world.

At St Anne’s school we realise the importance of managing the online risks and providing our students with safe and positive experiences. As a parent or guardian, you too have an important role to play in helping to educate and guide your child in their online experiences.

We have invited back ‘TONY RICHARDS’ an expert in this area, to provide a parent session that cover the following areas;

- What children do online
- What challenges we face as parents
- Building relationships and trust about online activities
- Protect data and information
- General awareness of online activities that should be avoided
- Cyberbullying

When: THURSDAY, 24th of October at 7pm
Where: At St Anne’s – THE HUB (Senior school area)
Please call the office if attending on 9744 3055