From the Principal
Welcome back to Term 1 2014. We hope everybody had a relaxing break over the vacation period. A special welcome to the new families and students who will be attending Anson Street School for the first time. Students have been allocated into classes however all classes are subject to change depending on new enrolments which will occur over the next 2 weeks. Families and caregivers will be notified of the final classes, if there are any changes, by Friday 14 February.

Please see the list of class and support staff who will be working at the school this year.

We welcome three 4th Year Physiotherapy students from Charles Sturt University Albury Campus. Sophie, Bec and Young will be working at the school for the next 5 weeks; this is an excellent opportunity for the students to see how therapy services operate in a school setting. Mrs Kay Skinner, CSU Lecturer, is working with the students whilst they are on site. The school’s Physio, Mrs Jennie Kempson, is overseeing this program.

Please be aware if you drive into the school carpark and exit using the top gate you must turn left (turning right will be a traffic infringement and drivers may incur penalties from the Police).

Student Information forms will be sent home today, please return these forms as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency the information provided by parents/caregivers will be used by medical personnel re: assessment/treatment.

For those students who require medication at school, parents/carers are required to complete a new form for each medication and return it to school as soon as possible. All medication should be delivered and signed in at the office by an adult and be clearly labelled with the name of the medication, dosage, directions and students’ name.

Any enquiries regarding school uniforms please contact Miss Cridland through the school office.

We look forward to working with all families. In the meantime if you have any enquiries please contact the school.

Enjoy your weekend
Garry Brotherton

Anson Street School Staff
2014

Classroom Staff
Elke McGrath – Class 1 Teacher
Gemma Newman – Class 11 Support Officer
Geoff Pierce – Class 1 Support Officer (Mon)
Scott Sullivan – Class 2 Teacher
Kim Turner – Class 2 Support Officer
Troy Williams – Class 3 Teacher
Sue Jackett – Class 3 Support Officer
Karla Parsonage – Class 4 Teacher
Marg Weston – Class 4 Support Officer
Billie-Jo Cook – Class 5 Teacher
Trish Quilty – Class 5 Support Officer
Melissa Woods – Class 6 Teacher
Angela Barlow – Class 6 Support Officer
David Gell – Class 7 Teacher (M/T)
Christine McFarland – Class 7 Teacher
Toot Keegan – Class 7 Support Officer
Antoinetta Sharpe – Class 8 Teacher
Sharon Chapman – Class 8 Support Officer (M/T)
Kate Brown – Class 8 Support Officer (W/Th/F)
Andrew Moor – Class 9 Teacher
Sharon Swain – Class 9 Support Officer
Kari Priest – Class 10 Teacher
Cathy Huggett – Class 10 Support Officer
Julie Hudson – Class 11 Teacher
Neil Weekes – Class 11 Support Officer
Cathy Dawson – Class 12 Teacher
Helene Uys – Class 12 Teacher (Th/F)
Kathey Middleton – Class 12 Support Officer
Stephen Gross – Class 13 Teacher
Judy Brewer – Class 13 Support Officer
Sylvie Fiddes – Tutorial Program Teacher (Pri)
Vicki Hill - Tutorial Program Support Officer (Pri)
Jess Hodder – Tutorial Program Teacher (Sec)
Suzie Grant - Tutorial Program Support Officer (Sec)
Kellie O’Donnell – Tut. Program Support Officer (Sec) (M)
Peter Napier - Return To School Program Head Teacher
Cassie Leathem - Return To School Program Support Officer

Executive and Support Staff
Garry Brotherton – Principal
Rebecca Halls – R/Deputy Principal (DP)
Julie Hudson – Assistant Principal (AP)/Class 11 Teacher
Cathy Dawson - Assistant Principal (AP)/Class 12 Teacher
Christine McFarland – R/Assistant Principal (AP)/Class 7 Teacher
Peter Napier – Return To School Program Head Teacher
Caroline Chapman – District Guidance Officer
Giovanna Cox – Support Teacher Transition
Lindy Owens – School Administrative Manager
Nicki Cridland – School Administrative Officer
Rev. Anne Neville – School Chaplain
Ted Thornbery – General Assistant (Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri)
Bill Fairgrieve – General Assistant (Part-time)
Peter Keegan – General Assistant (Part-time)
Megan Baker – Farm Assistant (Mon/Wed/Fri)
Jennie Kempson – Physiotherapist (Tue/Thur)
Allison Wu – Speech Therapist
Kellie O’Donnell – Music/Performing Arts

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Anson Street School Community News
Independence Through Learning
From the School Chaplain

I am delighted to welcome new families to Anson Street School in my role as School Chaplain under the National School Chaplaincy Program funded by the Federal Government.

In my role I am available as a trusted person for students and the whole school community to offer support and encouragement, particularly in times of stress such as family illness or grief, while underpinning the values and ethics of the school community and to nurture students’ spiritual development. I am available to students, families and staff of ALL faiths and beliefs and participation in the Chaplaincy Program is completely voluntary.

Each Friday morning at 8.45am I will co-ordinate “Breakfast Buddies” in Anson Café where students enjoy cereal, juice, milo and toast to start their day. All students are welcome to participate and senior students assist with preparation and cleaning up afterwards.

Please come along to our Welcome Morning Tea in Anson Café on Tuesday, 11th February at 10.30am following the Induction of our new School Captains and Prefects. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers and available staff members. Parents and carers are also invited to join me in Anson Café from 2.20pm on Tuesday afternoons for a cuppa or cool drink prior to collecting students.

I look forward to engage with and support the whole school and welcome the opportunity to meet with you at any time! Please contact me through the School Office.

Reverend Anne Neville
School Chaplain

School Noticeboard

Anson Street School Excursion & Transport Supporters (ASSETS) Bus Contributions

The Bus Contribution is $25 per term and is to be paid as early as possible each term. This payment can be claimed on your tax return.

A reminder to all parents/carers visiting the school; to minimise class disruption, please proceed to the Administration Office on arrival. Miss Cridland and Mrs Owens will look after your enquiries.

Students should not be dropped off at school prior to 8.45am. Staff require this time to prepare and organise materials for the day. On occasions when this is unavoidable students should sit on the seats provided in the foyer area until the bell goes at 8.45am at which time they go to their classroom.

School Uniform Shop

The School Uniform Shop stocks polar fleece jumpers and short and long sleeve polo shirts. All items include embroidery of the school logo. Please request an order form from the office if you would like to place an order.

Reminder – Please ensure all items (clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles, school bags etc) are clearly labelled with your child’s name so as items are not misplaced and can be returned promptly.

Absences

Please ensure a phone call or a note explaining your child’s absence from school is given as soon as your child returns. If no explanation is given the absence is entered into the computer as an “unexplained” absence. If too many unexplained absences occur for a particular student it is then followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO).

If your child is sick at school we will monitor the situation. If we feel that your child is not going to manage we will phone you to collect them. It is not in their best interest to be at school if they are sick. If parents are not in a position to collect their child please make sure the emergency contact numbers are up to date so we can phone someone else to collect them.

STUDENT SPECIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS AND CARERS

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to contact the relevant Special Transport Service (bus or taxi) if students do not require transport on a particular day. Transport can be cancelled by contacting: CareWest Bus Service 6362 6554 Orange Taxi Service 131 008