5th February 2014

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Your child has shown an interest in joining the St. Anthony’s Senior Choir. This year as we transition to Year 7 going to high school in 2015, the Senior Choir is for students in Years 4-7 who enjoy singing. The Senior Choir has developed into a group of beautiful singers and students will need to make a serious commitment if they wish to join. Here is some information to help you make your decision.

**Choir Practice:**  
**Thursday morning 7:45am – 8:30am.** (There may be other practices especially around eisteddfod time)

**Performances:**  
There will be performances in and out of school. Some performances last year included:

- Cultural Night
- School Fete
- Redlands Eisteddfod
- Queensland Catholic Colleges Music Festival
- Iona College Choral Spectacular
- Yr.7 Graduation

**Attendance:**  
**PLEASE CONSIDER THIS ASPECT CAREFULLY.**

Attendance at choir practices and performances is compulsory once you have made the commitment to join. Parents are asked to help the children to get to choir promptly at 7:45am. Children who are continually late miss the vocal warm ups and exercises – an important aspect of voice training. Forty-five minutes is not a long time to practise, and it is important that everyone is there from the very start of the practice. It is much like a sporting team – if the whole team is not there, we cannot achieve our goals. If your child has to miss a rehearsal for any reason, a short note explaining their absence would be appreciated.

Members who are continually late for practices may be excluded from performances. To be eligible for a membership pennant at the end of the year, students must have been a member for the whole year, and show excellent attendance at practices and concerts.

The choir will continue to sing songs of many different styles, including folk, traditional and modern.

Students who wish to be involved in choir and cross country are able to do so. We encourage the students of St. Anthony’s to have a balance of activities at school, so three training sessions a week of cross country is acceptable if the students are involved in other before school musical activities.

St Anthony’s have a choir to be really proud of. If you think choir is for you, please fill in the form below and return to me as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing many enthusiastic singers in the St. Anthony’s Senior Choir.

Musically yours,

Heather Francis  
Music Specialist

Peter Griffin  
Acting Principal

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**ST ANTHONY’S SENIOR CHOIR 2014**

My child (name) _______ would like to join the St. Anthony’s Senior Choir.

I understand the commitment required and will support my child’s membership of the choir.

Parent’s / Caregiver’s signature ____________________________