Dear Parents/Guardians,

September 22 2015

It is with much pleasure that I invite you to our Preparatory Student Orientation morning to be held on:

Thursday November 5
8:45am – 11:00am

Upon arrival, you and your child will be greeted at the Preparatory school by our senior students. Please park in the car park near the prep building and enter via the pickup area gate (map enclosed).

Once your child is settled at one of the activities which will be set up in the Prep area, please make your way to the Sala di Sant’ Antonio Centre.

The Orientation morning is designed to give you the opportunity to meet with our leadership team, staff and other parents. Your child will be well cared for by our Prep teachers and their assistants.

Please bring a hat and some morning tea for your child. Please note that St Anthony’s School is an allergy aware school. Please do not bring any products containing nuts or seafood, as we have a number of students with severe food allergies.

The uniform shop will be open on this day for your convenience (eftpos/cash only). The uniform shop will also have samples of the St Anthony’s homework/library satchel which can be pre ordered. A uniform price list is included with this letter.

Attached to this letter is a yellow form that I ask parents/guardians to complete about their child. This form provides information to the teacher about your child and their needs to ensure the transition to school is a positive experience. I am also inviting parents/guardians should they wish, to write a letter addressed and in an envelope to the Principal in relation to their child’s class placement in 2016. The reasons may include educational, relational (friendships) or emotional concerns. Please understand that this is not an avenue to state teacher preference, as it is not known which teachers will be teaching particular grade levels next year. This is one stage of a process which involves teachers, support staff and school leadership. Parents/guardians need to consider that this is a very important and complex task and therefore one that staff approach with care and professionalism. Please bring the yellow form and letter to Orientation day. While consideration will be given to all requests, the final decision will be made by the school. I know families will appreciate the high level of consideration and time that is dedicated to this task and respect and accept the final decision.

I look forward to seeing you at the Orientation morning on Thursday November 5 2015, when we will be able to share the excitement and the decision making which accompanies the Prep year.

Yours sincerely

Martyn Savage
Principal