FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On 2nd April St Anthony’s had its Athletics Carnival. All the students did their best cheering and running. Some of our students however, were successful on the day and received ribbons and awards. These are our champions and runner ups. See Mrs Law item for the full list of winners.

We would like to thank Mrs Law, Mr Howse, teachers and all our parent helpers that helped out on the day.

TERM 1
St Anthony’s has had a spectacular start to 2014. Reaching high with our learning was our school goal for this term and it is clear that St Anthony’s has done a wonderful job doing that. With Mr Lendvai’s hilarious jokes and crazy music, Term 1 has been fun for everyone.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA FUNDRAISING
Over the last few weeks Paige and her friends have been raising money for Caritas Australia with their own little fundraiser. We interviewed Paige and she said that it was fun to raise money for a good cause, but it got a bit busy at some times. Thank you to Paige’s mum for supplying the raffle prizes. Well done Paige.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion appeal this year. With our fundraising efforts at school, and your own contributions to your Project Compassion boxes at home, we have raised over $2,109.00! This is a fantastic effort for our major social justice project of the year. Thank you again for helping to support people in need.

COMMEMORATING HOLY WEEK AT ST ANTHONY’S
Palm Sunday
On Monday, Kindergarten led a joyful celebration for the whole school to remember Holy Week. They presented a Palm Sunday act and sang a song for all of us. Kindergarten put a lot of effort into this presentation and it was absolutely brilliant. Kindergarten are very talented and we are incredibly proud of them.

By Sian, Gabbie and Jorja.

THE WASHING OF THE DISCIPLES’ FEET
On 8 April, the whole school had a ceremony of Jesus washing the disciples’ feet. We had basins of water for people to put their hands in and be dried by their partner. While we were doing this we were thinking about four ‘I Wonder Questions’ that reflected on the washing of the disciples’ feet.

By Josh S & Jacob M

THE LAST SUPPER
On Wednesday, each class went to witness our very own Last Supper. We watched a small clip about Jesus talking to his disciples. During this time we had 2 students who broke the bread into small pieces so we could share it around. It was a very reverent time where we could reflect. Year 4 organised this whole session and we appreciate it. Thank you especially to Mrs Korny, Ms Robertson and Mrs Martin.

By Sian, Jorja and Gabbie.
THE TRIAL OF JESUS
This morning, each class prayed a meditation on the trial of Jesus. It was a very peaceful opportunity, and a chance to focus on how Jesus was accused of things he did not do. We also thought about how Pilate did not want to commit Jesus to death, but let him be crucified because he was frightened of how the crowd would react.

EASTER RAFFLE
This week St Anthony’s have been selling raffle tickets for Easter Raffle. It has been going very well. So far we have sold many tickets and this is great. Remember that 100% of this money goes to support our school, so go and buy some raffle tickets and win yourself some yummy chocolate!

By Leo & Brad

SPORT NEWS
Year 6 student Scott Lord played in and won his cricket grand final last weekend. His contribution to the game was outstanding, scoring 100 not out. Not only was this an amazing effort, it was all the more impressive considering Scott was playing 3 age groups higher than usual in the Under 14’s, rather than the Under 11’s. Congratulations Scott, we hope you are proud of your achievement.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents & Carers,

As we near the completion of the first term, I would like to thank the many parents who I have met especially those who have assisted St Anthony’s in so many ways such as reading, mathematics, new parent dinner, cross country, coffee morning, athletics carnival, pancake breakfast, Spring Fair, SCG, book club, banking, canteen and so much more! Your great assistance is so greatly appreciated. Secondly I would like to pay tribute to the staff who have been very patient and welcoming of me. Thank you for the great work you do every day in nurturing and growing our children. And lastly I’d like to thank the children for their overwhelming friendliness. That has certainly given me a smile on my dial every day!

The events of Holy Week begin next Sunday. Holy Week is the tragic and sorrowful lead up to the glorious season of Easter. I cannot urge you enough to take an active participation in these events in our church. Jesus’ death and joyful resurrection is at the very heart of our faith. God sent his own son to endure a human existence, suffer horrifically and then die not because of anything he did but to give us the saving grace of an eternal life with God. And all of this was because of the unconditional love God has for us and that he wanted to ensure that we would have a way to be with him. This is the core of our faith and our duty as teachers and parents to share with our children.

May the joy and love of the Risen Jesus be with you and your families.

Happy Holidays,

Attila Lendvai
Principal

Easter Hat Parade
Tomorrow Friday 11th April at 9am
The SCG Easter Raffle will also be drawn during the Hat Parade.
Pre-Schoolers & toddlers are welcome to be a part of the parade.

STAFFING
Many thanks to Mrs Artelle Lenthall and Mrs Amanda Khoury for teaching 5G for term 1. Your efforts were outstanding. Thank you for your continued support of St Anthony’s. As mentioned previously, Mrs Jacqueline Gaid will begin as the new Year 5 teacher from the beginning of term 2. Many thanks Amanda and Artelle for looking after the kids. We hope to see you again very soon.

Congratulations to Miss Katrina James who is getting married these holidays. We wish her and Anthony every grace and blessing as they start this new chapter of their lives.
We welcome Miss Candice Woolcock on year 1 beginning next term so as to allow Mrs Venessa Ward to move wholly into co-ordinating Learning Support.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to Sam Ward and Jordan Brownlow for participating and shaving in the World's Greatest Shave recently done through our parish youth group, Prayer Force One. The boys raised more than $450 for a worthy charity. Well done boys.

Congratulations also to Paige Cunneen for her wonderful active support for Caritas Australia. Paige organised a wonderful raffle which raised over $70. Huge thanks to Paige's parents who donated the great prizes. Special thanks also to Ally & Oscar for their support in selling tickets.

SPRING FAIR UPDATE
On Monday night we had our first Spring Fair meeting. I would like to thank everyone that came along. We had some new families but we still require a lot more volunteers to make the Spring Fair a success.

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Stalls that have someone to run them:

- Cakes: Parish
- Showbags: Deb Pooley
- Devonshire Tea: Biddy O'Malley
- Drinks/ice Cream: Leah Smith
- Gift Baskets: Kate Herc/Vicki Barlow

We still need confirmation of the following stalls to be run. This can be done individually or a couple of people together.

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Besides these stalls if you have any other stall ideas we would love to hear about them. Remember this is our major fundraising event for the year and it’s a fantastic community event. If every family gets involved in the day all families will have fun with their children.

If you would like more information about any of the positions, ideas or like to volunteer you can contact Louise Frenfo until the Co-ordinators position has been filled on 0414 347 277 or stanthonysspringfair@gmail.com.

Next meeting 26 May at 7.30pm in the Hub.

RETURN TO SCHOOL
School concludes this Friday 11th April for term 1. All children will return on TUESDAY 29th April due to our Staff Development Day on the Monday. The children should be returning in WINTER uniform however we will allow a 2 week grace period where parents can decide whether their children wear summer or winter uniform depending on the weather. By 12th May, ALL children MUST be in their full WINTER uniform. Please refer to the extra opening hours.

CAR PICK UP / DROP OFF
When picking up your children from the Kiss and Drop Zone, please DO NOT queue around the road into Targo Road. We appreciate your willingness to keep our children safe but recently some drivers have been noticed queuing around the corner blocking traffic and buses. Please note that drivers who queue right around the corner can and will be fined by the police.

JOKES OF THE WEEK
First week back will be Year 6 joke day!

J. Where do fish keep their money?
   A. In a river-bank.  
   Mrs Renu Gaur

J. Where does a cat buy its presents?
   A. From a CATalogue  
   Mrs Steph King

J. If 20 dogs were chasing 1 dog, what time would it be?
   A. 20 after 1!  
   Mr Lendvai

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Our first Pupil-Free / Staff Development Day will be on Monday 28th April. The staff will be continuing their work in processing and using data to inform their teaching practice. Parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for their children on this day as NO school will be available. Children will then return to school to commence term 2 on Tuesday 29th April.
SKOOL IS KOOL
Our school registered for the “Skool is Kool” program with Good Guys Prospect. Under this program, every time you spend $35 at Good Guys Prospect, The Good Guys will donate $1 to our school with your name. So next time you are looking for electrical appliances or gadgets, have a look around Good Guys Prospect – and don’t forget to mention St Anthony’s Girraween School when you pay for your goods.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
WAYS TO KEEP CHILDREN LEARNING IN THE HOLIDAYS!!

Do you want to keep your children’s learning ticking over throughout the holidays? The holidays are a great opportunity for school based learning to be applied to real life situations. It is also a chance for children to explore and learn for themselves. It is important that while children get a well deserved break from the classroom, that they are provided with opportunities to see learning as a life-long activity, not just something that is done at school. Have a think about how your child will spend their days these upcoming holidays and try to build in a variety of fun learning opportunities into it.

Here are at least two weeks worth of holiday learning activities!

1. Read or tell stories daily – read from a newspaper, a magazine, have your child see or hear you reading too, make up stories.
2. Make your own cooking show – let your child choose a meal, help shop for the ingredients, cook the meal and commentate on what they are doing as they measure, mix, prepare, cook and serve.
3. Go for a walk in your local area, in the city or on a hike – observe and discuss all the things you see such as buildings, people, animals, plants. Use this as a stimulus to look things up when you get home and learn something new or sketch/paint a picture of something you saw.
4. Lend a helping hand - assist parents, family members or neighbours on a home project or special task.
5. When shopping – select items to a set spend amount, estimate the bill, calculate change, write a pocket money budget.
6. Summarise the day’s activities – verbally, written or digitally (take photos).
7. Send an email or write a postcard to someone – update them on the most recent events, achievements and interests of the people in your family.
8. Keep a holiday diary or journal – write about your day, draw a map of where you went, work out the cost of the day, draw what you saw.
9. Attend events such as a craft workshop, local library holiday activity, a concert or play or go to an art gallery or museum.
10. Catch a train, bus, ferry or take a car trip – look up and read the timetable, plot out the route, talk about distance, cost and time of forms of transport.
11. Make tents or forts in the house or in the garden – problem solve and discuss which strategy or material is best for the construction of their fortress?
12. Play games that require communicating, language, counting, decision making, problem solving or strategic thinking – Scrabble, Guess Who?, Chess, Uno, Monopoly, Jenga, Battleship, Boggle, find a words, Sudoku
13. Have a family trivia night based on fun family experiences and memories where each person gets to write 5 questions.
14. Ask your child one thing they have been wanting to learn how to do….get them to try it!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Linda Ducksbury
Assistant Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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**UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**
The Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 28th April, 2014** for appointments only. You can go onto the schoolinterviews.com.au website using the **code 69C7T** to book an appointment.

**CALENDAR**

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**PARISH NEWS**

**JUNIOR ALTAR SERVERS:**
Any child who has received their First Holy Communion is eligible to become a Junior Altar Server. If you are interested please contact Jodie on 0450 130 527.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES**

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Thurs 3 April 7.30pm

**Holy Thursday, 17 April,**
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7.30pm - (No 9.30am Mass)

**Good Friday, 18 April:**
10am Stations of the Cross for children/families
3pm The Lord’s Passion
Reconciliation - after The Lord’s Passion
10pm Pilgrimage Walk starting from Blacktown Parish

**Holy Saturday, 19 April,** Service of Light, 6.00pm

**Easter Sunday, 20 April,** Mass 8am & 10am

**SPORTING NEWS**

**CROSS COUNTRY**
Congratulations to the following students who will be representing St Anthony’s at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival on the 6th of May.

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**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
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A massive THANK-YOU to the following parents who volunteered on the day, without you the day could not have run successfully.

Mark Hamilton, Steph King, Petar Peranovic, Julie Brownlow, Louise Frendo, Doug Temmo, Peter Luong, Sue Adams, Melinda Jacobs, Karen Leeder, Julia Parkes, Helen Seghabi, Emma McKenna and Sameer Pandey.

Due to tomorrow being the last day of Term 1, there will be no milk available at the canteen.
STAGE 3 SOCCER CARNIVAL
Tryouts for Year 5 and 6 Boys will be held on 1st May (Thursday week 1). Two teams of 15 will be selected to represent St Anthony’s on the 27th of May. If your child is trying out and you would like to assist please give your details to Mrs Law via the front office. Boys will need to have shin pads to try out on the day.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Applications for enrolment at St Anthony’s will be available from Monday 7th April until Friday 30th May. Application forms and information packages will be available from the school office during that period. Please contact Mrs Laurie on 9631 5283 if you have any questions.

Please note that, even if an older child is attending St Anthony’s, forms must still be returned by 30th May.

From the beginning of Term 2, Kindergarten will be finishing at 3:15pm with the rest of the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Fire and Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local fire-fighters and learn more about home fire safety.

Attached are a selection of digital banner ads and a story on the FRNSW 2014 Open Day that you can include in your newsletter or notices.

We would appreciate your support in promoting this important community safety event to children, staff, parents and families.

Should you require further information please visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au or click on this link 2014 Open Day Participating Stations to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.

Best regards
Community Engagement Unit
Fire and Rescue NSW
E: cedu@fire.nsw.gov.au
T: 9742 7179

NIT ALERT!
They’re back!!! Several cases of head lice have been spotted over the last week or so. Please check your children’s hair and treat and remove all wild life. Seriously, this is an ongoing problem at school and we ask your co-operation in trying to stop the spread. Thank you for your support.

END OF TERM PAYMENTS
Unfortunately we will be unable to accept cash payments at the office tomorrow. You can still make payments via eftpos on Friday 11th April.

ST ANTHONY’S SKOOLBAG
Have you downloaded the FREE St Anthony’s Skoolbag app to keep updated with all events and news? We’re up to 252 downloads and counting! Download it now.

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