FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Instead of my usual newsletter message, I wanted to share with you some thoughts of our Bishop of Parramatta, Anthony Fisher OP. He was present at the recent canonization of St John XXIII and St John-Paul II in Rome. This momentous occasion deserves a special place in the heart of all Christian people.

“The Gospels offer us a number of very moving vignettes of Jesus’ encounters with the first predecessor of Sts John XXIII and John Paul II, St Peter: the call to “Come follow me & I will make you a fisher of men”; Peter’s profession of faith “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” and Jesus’ response “You are Peter, the bedrock on which I’ll build my Church… I give you the keys to bind & loose”; Jesus’ further charges to Peter “Be not afraid… Confirm the brethren… Do this in memory of me… Feed my sheep… Try again: cast your net into the deep… Go out to all the world and proclaim the Gospel.” It is to texts such as these that we return time and again to discover role of popes who would be saints.

Perhaps Jesus’ most touching encounter with the first pope was after his Resurrection. As Jesus had predicted, Peter had three times denied knowing him. Now Jesus requires him three times to profess his love. Peter does so immediately. Rather than reminding him about his failures Jesus presses him about what he will do next, do now, do instead.

At first Peter doesn’t understand what this is all about, but Jesus gives him intimations about his future & about the future of the Petrine office. You will lead the Church in difficult times, He warns. You will be led where you’d rather not go. You will suffer in the process. You will spend yourself completely for God & the Church.

St John Paul’s longest apostolic journey, of the many he made, was in 1986 when he travelled 30,000 miles to Bangladesh, Singapore, Fiji, New Zealand, the Seychelles & of course Australia. In Sydney he held hands & danced in a conga-line with youngsters in jeans; in Melbourne he conducted an impromptu Q&A with primary school kids; in Alice Springs he encouraged Aboriginal Australians in their struggle for justice & reconciliation; in Brisbane he visited a hospital & cradled a koala; and in my own Diocese of Parramatta – then only a few months old – he wore a hard hat in a factory & told workers about the dignity of work. He made a deep impression upon Australians.

When Jesus told Peter about his mission as Pope – Papa for the Church & Vicar of Christ – he said he must feed or shepherd the sheep of Christ’s flock. But he added that he must feed the lambs. The young Christians that would come in the future mattered a lot to the Risen Christ. How was Peter to tend the lambs? World Youth Day was one of John Paul the Great’s brilliant pastoral moves in Petrine feeding of the lambs – one which we experienced in Australia in 2008 at the instance of his successor, Pope Benedict. Two great shepherd popes, Benedict and Francis, joined together yesterday to canonise two great shepherd popes, John and John Paul. Let us rejoice and be glad, Alleluia!”

Bishop Anthony
(Taken from bishop Anthony’s Blog “Canonisation of John Paul II and John XXIII"
http://anthonyfisherop.wordpress.com/2014/04/28/departing-rome-a-final-reflection/)

Kind Regards,

Attila Lendvai
Principal

FIRST DAY TERM 2
Who would have thought that the children would be greeted by a bunch of clowns when they returned to school last Tuesday? The clowns were really the staff who got into the spirit of our Term 2 theme: Bring SKILLS and FUN to your LEARNING. We also had a real clown, Dan Druff, entertained the children with his unicycling, juggling and slap-stick humour. Our theme focuses on
the thought that learning should have a FUN element to it and that we should use our gifts and skills to all of our learning. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this exciting return to school.

NAPLAN ASSESSMENTS

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting for the annual NAPLAN testing beginning on Tuesday 13th May and concluding Thursday 14th May. Friday 15th is scheduled as a “catch up” day for any students who miss an aspect of the NAPLAN assessments. For more information please speak to your child’s teacher.

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to all our students who will be competing at the Diocesan Cross County Run next Tuesday 6th May.

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CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

With this newsletter, you will receive your child’s Term 2 Curriculum Overview. This overview outlines the learning proposed for your child in the various Key Learning Areas. It should be kept in a prominent position, at home, as a reference and discussion point with your children about their learning.

PARENT HELPERS

All classes are in great need of additional parent helpers for reading, writing, maths, craft, art etc. See your child’s teacher but ensure that you complete the on-line Child Protection Module available on the Catholic Education website and the Prohibited Persons declaration from the front office before commencing. The module can be accessed via the following web address. http://ceo-parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm

Acknowledgement of your completion will automatically be forwarded to St Anthony’s. It is law that these requirements be adhered to before commencing. See Mr Lendvai or Ms Ducksbury for any further details.

HAIR, UNIFORM AND GROOMING

Parents are reminded that children should always be neatly and appropriately groomed and dressed when at school. Grooming for boys includes ‘normal,’ evenly graded hair – no shaved or unusual haircuts are permitted. Girls who have shoulder length or longer hair, should have their hair tied back with green hair elastics, scrunchies or ribbons. Boys and girls hair should always be of its own natural colour. School shoes MUST be black and polishable – NO BLACK SPORTS SHOES. Sports shoes must be PREDOMINANTLY WHITE without coloured laces. Thank you for your co-operation.

WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 is Winter uniform time, however parents can choose either summer or winter uniform up until Monday 12th May. From Monday 12th May, ALL children must be in their WINTER uniforms.

STAFFING UPDATE

This week we welcomed Mrs Jacqueline Gaid (Yr 5) and Miss Candice Woolcock (Yr 1) to our staff. We trust that everyone will make them feel very welcome.

NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Blake Murphy and Alexandra Jones who began in kindergarten this week.

NOTES & NEWSLETTERS

From this term all notes and newsletters will be coming home with the eldest child in the family.

JOKES OF THE WEEK

Next Monday is Year 5’s Week!

J. Why did the boy throw his watch out the window?
   A. To see if time flys.  
      Angela Younes

J. What did the ocean say to the sand?
   A. Nothing. He just waved.  
      Joshua Spehar

J. Why did the boy throw butter into the sky?
   A. Because he wanted to see a butterfly.  
      Ray Bates

J. Why did the man put his money in the freezer?
   A. He wanted cold, hard cash.  
      Hannah Seballos

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SUPERVISION TIMES
Parents are reminded that teacher playground supervision is provided from 8:30am each morning until 9:00am. After school, children are supervised from 3:15 until 3:45pm. Children not picked up after 3:45pm are supervised by a leadership team member in the front office.

SCG MOTHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL
Our annual SCG Mothers’ Day breakfast will be held on Friday 9th May from 7:30 until 8:45am. The Mothers’ day stall will be open afterwards for children. Gifts range between $2 - $15.

YEAR 5 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PARENT MEETING
All Year 5 parents are strongly urged to attend the Personal Development / Human Sexuality meeting next Thursday 8th May 6:30 - 7:30pm. Resources which will be used and the program outline will be shared.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
DANCE FEVER HAS RETURNED TO ST ANTHONY’S
Yesterday Matty and Ally from Dance Fever commenced dance lessons with all students K-6. There were plenty of children applying newfound skills and fun to their learning in this area of performing arts. You may even see them practising these moves at home. Students need to wear their sports uniform each Wednesday this term.

SAVE THE DATE!!
Dance Fever Challenge (Years 3-6)
Tuesday 17th June
Evening performance
State Sports Centre, Homebush

Infants Performance (Kinder-Year 2)
Wednesday 25th June
2.20pm
School Assembly Area

Linda Ducksbury
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
OPERATION ANDREW
Operation Andrew is our parish community’s effort to invite others to share in a deeper relationship with Christ. Andrew was the disciple that introduced Peter to Jesus.

Pope Francis calls us to be disciples - to share our faith with others, to interact with others in our faith community, and to ask people to be involved.

This week, we have been asked to reflect on how we can share our faith. What is the Good News that is worth sharing? In this season of Easter, when we hear about the proclamation of the resurrection and the growth of the early Church, how can we go out and share what we believe?

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND – FAITH AT WORK
During the month of May, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund. Also known as faith@work, this fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions.

On Monday we will send out collection envelopes with letter to parents about the Appeal. We invite you to make a contribution and return it to school during next week.

Bishop Anthony Fisher has written his letter on the back of the Giving Envelope to you and other members of the Catholic community across Western Sydney to ask for everyone’s support.

What works does this appeal support?
The appeal supports the charitable works of the Diocese of Parramatta. These include counselling and family services, care services for the elderly and people with disabilities, religious education in state schools and cultural support programs. It supports people in need here in Western Sydney, and in our very own community in Girraween.

Catholic Care Social Services, which this appeal helps to support, responds to over 20000 calls for help each year.

I contribute to this appeal at the church. Do I need to contribute at school as well?
No. As the school is part of the parish community, you’re only invited to make a single contribution, either at church or at school.

Is my donation tax deductible?
All deductions $2 and over are tax deductible. If you want to receive a receipt, please ensure that you complete the details on the envelope.

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MOTHERS’ DAY
Our school community we gather together for a Celebration of the Word to give thanks for the gift of mothers and those who are like mothers in our lives. We invite everyone to participate with us in this celebration on Friday 9 May at 9:15 am at school.

Upcoming events
- Wed 7th May: Confirmation Parent Session, 7:30pm
- Fri 9th May: Celebration of the Word in Thanksgiving for Mothers, 9:15am
- Sat 10th May: Confirmation Parent Session, 12pm
- Sat 17th May: Confirmation Workshop, 4:45pm
- Sun 18th May: Confirmation Workshop, 8:45am
- Fri 23rd May: Parish Mass, 9:30am – Years 2 & 4 attending
- Sat 24th May: Confirmation Workshop, 4:45pm
- Sun 25th May: Confirmation Workshop, 8:45am
- Fri 30th May: Parish Mass, 9:30am – Kindergarten & Year 5 attending
- Sat 31st May: Confirmation Workshop, 4:45pm
- Sun 1st June: Confirmation Workshop, 8:45am
- Sat 7th June: Confirmation Rehearsal, 11am
- Wed 11th & Thur 12th June: Sacrament of confirmation, 7:30pm
- Fri 13th June: St Anthony’s Feast Day Mass and Celebrations

Kind Regards

Robert Barden
Religious Education Coordinator

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.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 5th May, 2014 from 8:30am – 9:15am. Orders can be placed through the office at any time.

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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SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP (SCG)
Our next SCG meeting will be on Monday 12th May at 7:30-8:30pm All parents are warmly invited to be a part of the SCG.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users
Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.

Android Users
Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.

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CANTEEN ROSTER
5th – 9th MAY

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BOOK CLUB

Book club brochures will be coming home today with the Students. Orders are only to be sent to school next THURSDAY 8TH MAY. As ordering takes place online on that day, please do not send orders to school before or after the due date. Parents are also asked to include the correct amount of payment with their order if at all possible.

Kind Regards
Miss Katrina James,
Book Club Organiser

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED
The Solo Parent Ministry is now taking registrations for their next Post-Separation Recovery Program (commencing on May 14th). This is an excellent 7 week Program to assist you work through many of the issues that you face as you negotiate your way through the loss, pain and challenges following the break-down of your marriage relationship. It will be held at Blacktown from 7.30pm – 9.45pm for 7 consecutive Wednesdays. Cost $80.00. For further details and registration contact soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

PRAYER AND REFLECTION DAY

Sister Eileen Quade will be running another Prayer and Reflection Day at Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd. Castle Hill on Sunday 4th May, (10.30am – 3.00pm). This is open to anyone and includes guided meditations, Scripture reflections and silent prayer. BYO Lunch. Cost: $10.00. More details and Registrations: eileen.quade@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

FEEDER SCHOOL NEWS

PARRAMATTA MARIST
Parramatta Marist Year 7, 2015 enrolments close on Wednesday, 7th May 2014. Applications received after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list.

Catherine McAuley
Westmead Open Day
Saturday 10 May 2014
9am-12.30pm
Come and see our school!

Our Open Day will have school tours, lots of fun activities and student demonstrations. A simulated archaeological dig will be run by the History Department, a lino printing workshop by the Visual Arts Department, lots of hands on science experiments organised by the Science Department, a Japanese cultural demonstration by our Year 10 Japanese students, dancing displays by our Dance students and lots of delicious treats made by our Hospitality students in our new commercial kitchen.

Meet our new Principal with presentations at 10am and 11am

Car parking available on site via Gate 3, Darcy Road. Additional car parking available at the paid UWS carpark, entrance via Hawkesbury Road. Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 for further information. We are located opposite Westmead Private Hospital at 2 Darcy Road, Westmead.

Have you seen our school website? Go to www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

EASTER HAT PARADE

On the last day of Term 1 we held the Easter Hat Parade and the following children were presented with a Certificate for the best hat in their class.

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