FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

WORKING BEE POSTPONED TO 16TH MAY

WILL YOU HELP? Due to the forecast of rain this Saturday 2nd May, our first working B will now be on Saturday 16th May from 7am - 11am. We would like to move and spread the remainder of the mulch as well as repair numerous wooden tops on our picnic tables. Parents attending are asked to bring wheel-barrows, rakes & shovels for the mulching. Any parents with basic carpentry skills and who may be able to bring a drop saw for the cutting of timber slats for the table tops and seats would be appreciated. The timber will also need to be stained. Stain and paint brushes will be provided.

HEAD LICE
We have recently had incidents of Head Lice. Can parents please check their children’s hair and treat appropriately. Regular inspection and ongoing treatments, including treating hats, clothing, linen, bedding, cushions etc are needed to prevent re-infestations.

SPECIAL MENTION
Congratulations to Darragh McKenna on his recent baseball achievements!

Congratulations also to Harrison Knight on his selection to train at the Australian Karate Federation National Training Camp in May.

SPRING FAIR MEETING
Our first Spring Fair will be scheduled for next Wednesday 6th May at 7pm in the school staff room. This is our major fund raiser and as such we need EVERYONE to support this great community activity. Whether you wish to run a stall or just work on a stall, we’d love to see you.

AN ANZAC POEM BY LEWIS WARD (YR 3)

I am
I am ready and scared.
I wonder if the others feel like me?
I hear waves crashing on the shore.
I see other soldiers.
I am ready and scared.

I pretend to feel great.
I feel brave.
I touch the wood of the boat.
I worry if all the troops die.
I cry, let’s do this.
I am ready and scared.

I understand why I am going.
I say I am ready.
I dream I had more practice.
I try to sit down and relax.
I hope people will talk to me.
I am ready and scared.

LIBRARY NEWS
We have loads of new books in the library this term including great children’s books about ANZAC Day. We’ve also purchased a great, fun book exclusively written for parents to read to their children. It’s called “The Book with no Pictures” by B.J. Novak. Encourage your child to borrow this book and share the love of reading together!

NEW BABY ON THE BLOCK
Congratulations to the Jones family – Alexandra in Yr 1, on the birth of baby Oliver Finn.
NAPLAN 2015
A reminder to all Year 3 and 5 parents that the 2015 National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy will be conducted on 12th, 13th & 14th May this term.

JOKE DAY
Next Monday is Year 5’s Joke Day.

  J. Do you need an ark?
  A. Cause I NOAH guy.

  J. Why did the headless horseman go into business?
  A. He wanted to get ahead in life.

Jasmine Sarkis
Hannah Hamilton

UNIFORM NEWS
Next Monday ALL students should return in their Winter uniform as the 2 week ‘grace’ period for uniform options finishes. Please ensure that your children are dressed in the correct uniform each day. This includes BLACK polishable shoes and PREDOMINANTLY WHITE sports shoes with WHITE laces. COLOURED laces are NOT to be worn. Due to a supply problem, our winter jumpers will be delayed for a couple of weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience.

CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to the following children who will be representing St Anthony’s at the Diocesan Cross Country event next Tuesday 5th May at Eastern Creek.

| Liam Hamilton | Darragh McKenna |
| Rebecca El-Khoury | Layne Knight |
| Lucas Smith | Hayden Brown |
| Zara Haddad | Maddison Hall |
| Liam Pascua | Sebastian Seghabi |
| Madison Whyte | Tayiah Hastings |
| Josh Abdilla | Cameron Frendo |
| Liberty Temmo | Taylor Toni |
| Daniel Walka | John Higgins |
| Bronte Miskell | Antonella Riskalla |
| Bailey Clark | Cooper Herc |
| Hannah Adams | Hannah Hamilton |
| Owen Yates | Oscar Andre-evarts |
| Jessica Parkes | Bianca Simonetta |
| Abe Hall | Jordan Salama |
| Renata Busic | Jessica Jurinario |
| Yash Mishra | Corey Zammit |
| Zac Palmer | Mithran Jeganathan |
| Cooper Hall | Kailen Pascua |

MOTHERS DAY
Our annual SCG Mothers Day Breakfast will be held at school on Friday 8th May starting at 7:30 – 8:45am in the school yard. Year 1 will then lead a special Mother’s Day prayer afterwards beginning at 9:15am We hope that all mums will be able to join us

INFANTS EXCURSION
Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 will be visiting the Riverside Theatre next Tuesday to watch a live performance of “The Bugalugs Bum Thief” This play will act as a great writing springboard for the children’s literacy.

PRC NEWS
Many of you may remember the Catholic Schools’ Parents Conference that was co-hosted by the Parramatta Parents Representative Council and held in Parramatta back in 2013. It was a wonderful weekend with much to learn and great opportunities to meet with parents from all over NSW and ACT.

The Parents Conference will be held again this year. This time hosted by the Lismore Diocese. It is to be held over the weekend of 16 & 17 May 2015 at the Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour. Once again there are a number of world class presenters on a wide range of topics planned.

STUDENT OF THE TERM
Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Term awards:

| KG | June Karmacharya |
| KW | Ekene Okoye |
| 1G | Crystal Bhambhania |
| 1W | Markus Sumang |
| 2G | Preeth Kavin |
| 2W | Elisha Higgins |
| 3G | Madison Whyte |
| 3W | Jiivan Sampathkumar |
| 4G | Jade Javier |
| 4W | Cooper Barlow |
| 5G | Kye Russell |
| 5W | Ryan Jonak |
| 6G | Ruben Sugalan |
| 6W | Connor Salmon |

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A number of the PRC Executives hope to be able to attend also.

We would invite all parents from the Parramatta Diocese to consider attending this conference.

The PRC is able to sponsor a couple of interested parents to attend this conference. Accommodation at Opal Cove Resort (conference discounts apply) and travel to and from Coffs Harbour as well as incidental and personal purchases will need to be booked and paid for by each attendee.

Any interested parent who would like to attend should email Selina Calleia, PRC President ASAP at prcparrapresident@gmail.com. Parents will be selected as fairly as possible and the PRC's decision is final. If you should miss out on the PRC's sponsored place, you might wish to consider asking your school's principal if they could sponsor your attendance.

It would be amazing to have a good contingent of parents from the Diocese of Parramatta attending the conference, learning from the great opportunity and supporting conference organisers as well as a great weekend away in Coffs!

REPORTING TO PARENTS

One aspect of our new reporting format, to be used mid-year will be the attainment grid. In the past we have used an A to E grading scale. The new reporting format will use the following grid that not only indicates the ‘grade’ but also whether your child is Working Towards Grade Outcomes; Working at Grade Outcomes; or Working Beyond Grade Outcomes.

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Have a great week,

Attila
Principal

SCG TRIVIA NIGHT

Did you know that the word “typewriter” is the longest word in the English Language that can be spelled with the top of the keyboard? Our “World Cup” themed Trivia Night is drawing close! Make sure that you keep Friday 22nd May free for this fun-filled night of adult fun! Tables will be of 8, but singles and couples are great as well. Meet new friends and have a fun time. Tickets available soon.

PARISH NEWS

All Men of the Parish and our Primary school are invited to the St Anthony's Parish Men's breakfast this Saturday 2nd May at 7am to 8.30am in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker this month is Savanth Sebastian. Savanth, an equities economist for the Commonwealth Bank, will be speaking on the stock market and trends in the local and world economies.

Come along, listen to this interesting speaker, catch up with your mates and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Please contact Peter Gardner on 0419 262 464 or Cameron Laurie on 0404 196 726 to RSVP.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SOCIAL SKILLS

Year 5 students will be working in small groups to help spread the anti bullying message through our social skills this term. As from next week, they will be designing the posters and promoting the weekly social skill on assembly and in the newsletter. As co-leaders in our peer support program, we look forward to hearing the important messages they have to voice and share.

This week’s social skill was: PUTTING A SMILE ON SOMEONE’S DIAL

Have a great week,

Attila
Principal

This week, the children at St Anthony’s were challenged
to put a smile on someone’s dial every day! We hope they did this at home as well!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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Next week’s social skill is: **SPEAKING TO PLEASE – NOT TO TEASE**

**ICAS – INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS**

Information about 2015 ICAS competitions was sent home last week. This year we are offering:

- Science: Wednesday 3 June
- Spelling: Tuesday 16 June
- English: Tuesday 28 July
- Mathematics: Tuesday 11 August

Students in Years 3-6 are eligible to participate. Please note the testing dates as the tests are administered on these days and there are no catch ups. If your child will be registering for one or more of these competitions, please complete and return the note by Friday 1st May. Notes returned after this date may prevent students from participating as they will not be registered.

**STAGE 3 SOCCER GALA DAY**

The Stage 3 Soccer Gala day will be on 27th May. St Anthony’s will be taking 2 teams this year, trials will be held next Wednesday, 6th May on Area C for any boys in Year 5 or 6 who are interested in playing. The Team Manager this Year will be Miss McCauley. If any parents are able to help manage a team or assist with refereeing on the day please contact Mrs Law through the School Office.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Reminder to Years 2 & 4 that your Morning Tea Hashbrown Meal Deal orders are due back tomorrow, Friday 1st May, 2015.

Help is urgently needed for next Wednesday 6th May. If you are only able to help for a couple of hours in the morning, that time would be greatly appreciated.

**CANTEEN NEWS – BIRTHDAY TREAT BUCKETS NOW AVAILABLE**

What better way to celebrate your child’s birthday with their classmates! We are introducing a Winter alternative to the Bucket of Birthday Treats. They are great for children with allergies and they are fuss free – just pre order from the canteen/office and they will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

The options are:
- Lemonade Icy Poles
- Ice Cream Cups
- Juicy Tubes
- Packet of Lollies
- Packet of Popcorn or Chips

This is all available for $1 per child and requires 1 weeks’ notice to enable stock to come in.

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ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

Applications for enrolment at St Anthony's are now available until Friday 29th May. Application forms and information packages will be available from the school office during that period. Please contact the office 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 29th May.

WRITING FROM YEAR 4 – WHO WERE THE ANZACS

Nurse ANZAC

I was watching bullets being fired at innocent volunteers. I was feeling tears sliding down my face, looking at dead bodies. I was ready to rush out and help, but I couldn't. Late at night I was thinking about the trenches that the soldiers have to sleep in, how uncomfortable! James was doing well, to be honest. The ANZACS made the best of a bad situation. Playing cards, chess and more. All of the troops were in the same situation, lice, dust and disease. It's so dreadful! I also feel bad for the soldier's relatives. Hearing the bad news coming to their front door.

Helena Arronis

The Wounded

I see people come in here every day, those people are the wounded. When I see all those people coming in from the war with an injury it burns my heart to know such good people are suffering such great pain. Sometimes my help is all they need to survive. But in other times I can't help at all and they die.

I feel like the whole world is dying around me as I watch the wounded suffer and struggle to survive. I see them die on the operating table, when they do I feel like I'm going to burst into tears but I know I can't so instead I hold it back and my heart aches.

Sara Shaw

What I Can See

Nurse

Rushing, caring, what can I do for you? Boom! So many deaths. I don't know if you're going to make it out .... People, innocent people dying for nothing. Peace is all we want! More people loading in. RUN! Rapid gun fire! No one can run now. They shoot to kill and it looks like the job is over. Calm down.

Soldier:

I am ready, ready to fight. I am standing right where all of the fallen ANZACS have been. I am now different to all of them. I wish I had never signed up for this dreadful place! Nothing to do, say or entertain myself with. Arrg! So much waiting to do. This is a stupid way to decide! We charged out with no cover, nothing, except a bottle of water and a mouthful of food. A sharp pain shot through my shoulder. Someone took me to the roses. The roses with vivid white dresses and a beautiful white hat with a red cross. They did nothing to help. They left me to die ....

INFORMING ABOUT ABSENCES VIA SKOOLBAG

We are reaching nearly 600 devices through our Skoolbag app! Some parents have also discovered an easy way to inform the school of their child's absences via the app. This function will generate an email that will be sent directly to our school office with the particulars of your child's absence.

To do this you must firstly ensure that you have the LATEST version / UPDATE of Skoolbag. (You can check if you need to update via the notifications in the App Store) The latest version has a space to 'sign' the absentee note. Then proceed through the steps shown:

1. Go to the HOME page of Skoolbag
2. Click on eFORMS
3. Click on ABSENTEE FORM
4. Complete ALL the sections
5. Sign in the box “Tap to Sign” This extra security function will only be available if you have recently updated your Skoolbag app. The signature ensures the genuineness of your email.
6. Click SUBMIT

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