FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

WORKING BEE ON 16TH MAY

Saturday 16th May from 7am - 11am will be our inaugural School Working Bee! We have a few projects that we’d like to get done:

* Moving the last of the mulch
* Cutting, fitting and staining new timbers to the picnic tables and seats
* Re-cementing pavers in the Friendship garden.

We’d love to see you there! BYO wheel-barrows, rakes, shovels, work gloves, power drills. If any dad has a drop saw, it would also be appreciated. A delicious morning tea will be provided. Please contact Mr Lendvai if you can provide a drop saw via the office. Watch out for the Skoolbag notification to volunteer.

SPRING FAIR NEWS

We had our first 50th Anniversary Spring Fair meeting last night. Thank you to the people who came and supported our major fundraising activity. We are however after a generous person to volunteer as the 2015 Fair Co-ordinator as well as a Fair secretary. Please contact our SCG President, Warren Whyte via the school office if you’d like more information or would like to put yourself forward. This year each class will be allocated a fair stall to work on. A roster will be established soon and we would ask that ALL families would be able to volunteer for at least 1 HOUR to assist on their particular stall. The grades and stalls will be as described below. An electronic volunteer roster will be live shortly.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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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.

COFFEE & CHAT MORNING
A reminder that next Monday 11th May will be our next Coffee & Chat morning at 9:30am in the library. Love to see you there.

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.

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 Callea, 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!

SCHOOL FEES
School Fee Statements have now issued and are due by Monday 25 May. If you have not received your Term 2 Fee Statement, please contact Margaret Hopley.

JOKE DAY
Next Monday is Year 4’s Joke Day.

J. Where do cows go on holiday?
   A. Moo York.                        Amira Hussein-Smith

J. What ink does a pig use
   A. Onk.                            Clare Saliba

J. Knock Knock
   Who’s there?
   Ash
   Ash who?
   Bless you.                          Ring Akol

J. What is Bruce Lee’s favourite drink?
   A. Water.                          Michael Salama

J. What did the shoe say to the gum?
   A. Stuck.                          Michael Beshara

UNIFORM NEWS
ALL students should now be in their Winter uniform as the 2 week ‘grace’ period for uniform options has finished. 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.

MOTHERS DAY
Our annual SCG Mother’s Day Breakfast will be held at school tomorrow 8th May starting at 7:45 – 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

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.

The standard sections about ‘Personal & Social Development as well as Learning Behaviours’ will also be included. There will be 2 sections for teacher's comments. The firsts section will list the main ‘Area of Development’ for Religious Education, Literacy and Numeracy. The second comment section will feature 3 ‘Areas for Improvement –
the next step for future learning'. We are hopeful that this new format will give parents a better insight into their child as a learner.

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Congratulations Niak from Year 5– caught doing it right by speaking to please up on Area C!

By Vansh 5G

This week's social skill was:

APPRECIATING OTHERS – ACCEPTING DIFFERENCES

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SOCIAL SKILLS BY YEAR 5

This week’s social skill was:

SPEAKING TO PLEASE – NOT TO TEASE

This means we want to hear students speaking with ‘healthy talk’ not ‘trouble talk’. Trouble talk is any kind of talk that leads to people being hurt, angry or upset. Things like gossiping, spreading rumours, whispering about others, yelling, sharing hurtful stories and lying. Trouble talk is a problem when it is done in person or online, at home or at school.

When we speak to please, we can have healthier, more positive friendships.

Yesterday we found a great example of ‘Speaking to Please’ up on Area C during a soccer match (this is a place we sometimes hear trouble talk when people are competitive about the game). Year 5 were playing a big game of soccer with about 28 boys and girls. Niak was encouraging both teams throughout the whole game saying things like “Go go Sylvia!” “Nice save” “You can do it, you can get that ball to your players”. He was also commentating the match and interviewing players after they did a good kick. This is a good example of not taking a friendly soccer match too seriously and using his words to make it fun and pleasing for both teams.

Have a great week,

Attila
Principal

DANCE FEVER PERFORMANCES – SAVE THE DATE

PRIMARY: 3-6 Interschool Challenge
Tuesday 16 June – 5.30-8.30pm
Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Homebush

INFANTS: K-2 Parent Showcase
Wednesday 24 June - 2.30-3.00pm in school playground

AFTERNOON PICK UP – NAME SIGNS

Student name signs displayed in vehicles in the green pick up zone of an afternoon are very helpful in assisting the flow of traffic and enabling us to have children waiting. If you have a sign with your child's name or surname, please ensure it is on a reasonable size paper (half of A4) and has LARGE, BOLD, DARK PRINT that

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can be read from a distance. Attaching this sign in a way that you can safely display it while driving and moving up in the line is also vitally important. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safe dismissal of our children.

PEER SUPPORT – SPEAKING UP
Peer Support groups commenced last week with students K-6 getting to know each other and establishing group agreements of how they will work together over the term. Year 6 Peer Leaders introduced their fellow group members to a definition of bullying that ‘Bullying is when someone hurts or upsets someone else on purpose, so they feel unsafe’. The students are looking forward to how they will explore these ideas further in session 2.

Kind Regards

Linda Ducksbury
Assistant Principal

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL
During the month of May schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta will join to support the Diocesan Works Fund Appeal (also known as Faith@Work). The Appeal raises necessary funds that support ministries and outreach services to people across Western Sydney. Some of these ministries include CatholicCare, which is the social services arm of the Catholic church, making a critical difference in the lives of tens of thousands of individuals, children and families from our community, each year; for example Catherine Villa, which houses and provides guidance to young mothers, and Blacktown Neighbour Aid. The DWF also provides funds for Catechist training, youth ministry, and the Seminary.

St Anthony’s will be holding a fund raiser on 21st May and students are asked to wear crazy gloves and bring in a gold coin for this appeal.

Tania Geracitano

MINI VINNIES – ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER SLEEPOUT
St Anthony’s Mini Vinnies team, in conjunction with Prayer Force One, are participating in the St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleepout. Support our student’s efforts by donating to our fundraising page. Alternatively, you may make a cash donation via the school office. Thank you for your support of our school’s social justice initiatives. http://nswvinnieschoolsleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/AwkarS

LIBRARY NEWS
Check out this fantastic reading resource for students. PK mag is a place where primary school students can express their ideas and thoughts and to share their creativity in words, art, film or music. A fun and interactive site that includes lots of stuff by kids for kids.

As a reading resource, PK mag is an abundant source of literature with a variety of multimodal texts on topics that kids are really interested in. A great way to engage your child in reading online with short, sharp bursts of text, videos and artwork.

For your free access to this resource, type in the link and happy reading:

Further 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!

AN ANZAC LETTER HOME - BY DANIEL BISWAS (YR 6)
May 16th, 1915
46 Gorillon Street, Toongabbie, NSW

To Mum and Dad,

I’m still alive at a Maltese hospital all due to a mine. I think the mine was about two feet underground considering the damage done to me. Also there was no warning there by any of my allies! I was rescued by one person and a donkey with the names of Simpson and Duffy who I hear now are ‘Legends’ and whose heroic face I got a glimpse of! You may be wondering how I know all of this after I was nearly blown up. According to the nurses, it was because I went unconscious shortly after the explosion. The nurses also told me that I was rushed to Malta by the ‘MUA - Medical Uses Aircraft’ and I wouldn’t stop thanking them and when I woke up I was told that I almost died from bleeding and the jet got me here just in time.

My time on the battlefield was petrifying; with blood and gore everywhere and with every new friend that I made not surviving for more than five weeks! At that rate I was in huge regret that I ever signed up! Our commander told us to reach the top of the hill, which was almost impossible with the heavy rain of rifle bullets. When I wearily woke up, I was in huge relief when I found out that I was still alive as I was ready to see the humble...
and beautiful face of God. When I looked around, I saw most of my bones were under surgery and o’ what a gruesome sight that was. I thank you as I know that you have been praying for me, only two of my comrades made it to the hospital like me, so I must have been really lucky.

From Jimmy

FROM YEAR 6

On 5th of May, 2015 students competed in the Diocesan Cross Country and represented St. Anthony’s. It was a very long and tiring, but exciting day. We thank Mrs Law and all the teachers who helped. These are a few of the interviewed students:

Bailey Clark in Year 4 represented St. Anthony’s and came 91st. He described it as fun and tiring. His favourite part was being able to compete.

Sebastian Seghabi also in Year 4 loved competing and came 102nd. He described it as tiring but had a great time running.

Zac Palmer in Year 6 participated and came 16th out of 134 students. He described it exhilarating. Crossing the finish line was his favourite part.

Well done to all the students listed below who competed!

Helen Jo

Clark Edillo

Dance Fever - a new activity for Kindergarten and new students. Dance Fever is an organisation, where two people go to every school in the Diocese to teach the students some awesome dance moves. The genres the students learn are Waltz, Hip-Hop and Samba. The two hosts – Matty and Rachel come every Wednesday. There is also a competition on, June the 16th. Another week of great fun!

Dance Fever

For the past few weeks Year Four have commemorated the ANZACs. They have been very busy thinking of ‘I wonder’ questions. One of the main ones is: ‘I wonder why were the ANZAC’s at Gallipoli?’ Year Four also had a very special display of what the ANZAC’s wore. They are making posters to represent what they know about the ANZAC’s at war and putting all their effort into it because they are going to be presenting their poster to the whole class.

Jemma Abdila

CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH!

Hannah Hamilton in Year 6 did a superb job of representing our school in the diocesan cross country. She won her race and has moved to the next level, which is the regionals. Hannah said that it had been fun but extremely hard as the pressure was on. She also said that she is proud of what she did.

Rahul Hosakere

CANTEEN ROSTER

11th – 15th May

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Reminder to Years 5 & 6 that your Morning Tea Hashbrown Meal Deal orders are due back tomorrow, Friday 8th May, 2015.
CAFE NEWS - BIRTHDAY TREATS

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 are fuss free – just pre order from the canteen/office and they will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

The options are:
- Lemonade Ice 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 week’s notice to enable stock to come in.

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.

FROM THE SCG

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break and the school holidays.

Our next event, Trivia Night, is coming up very soon on Friday 22nd May!

This event is building up to be the event of the year as the Super SCG Committee has been in full training to wrestle the title from The Perfect Parishioners in 2015. Rumour has it that the Terrific Teachers will also be making a big play to win the title. We know that they will be no match for the Super SCG team as the winning team needs to be experienced and worldly to address the broad category of topics. We are keen to see what the teachers know outside their text books!

So I hope you have been busy building your teams drawing from friends, relatives, and neighbours. You’ll see a side of Mr Lendvai that you’ve never seen before!! Last year he did a lot of monkeying around on the night – and I meant that literally! Don’t miss out on seeing the best Trivia master this side of Parramatta Road!

Remember the theme for the night is World Cup Sports so you can come as your favourite sports person or come as the World Cup of your favourite sport or just come as yourself - a winner! It will be a great night out.

There needs to be 8 for a team but if you can’t register a team, just register yourself and we will allocate you a team. You might even be able to join the Super SCG Team or the Perfect Parishioners as I hear they are struggling with numbers this year.

So come on have a go and have a fun, entertaining night out without the kids!

Did you know that…. A pregnant goldfish is called a twit?
Or that Antarctica is the only continent without reptiles or snakes?

COMMUNITY NEWS

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on May 18, 2015.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2016 and 2017.
Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Holy Family Primary School, Luddenham
25th Anniversary Mass & Morning Tea

For further information contact the
School Office on 4773 4485
Email - Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au
RSVP - 22nd May to
Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office
Friday 12th June
9.15am in the Church
Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall

Cumberland Gang Show is a theatrical performance with a cast of youth and adult members of the Scouting and Guiding movements. This year join us for the captivating show “REACH FOR THE STARS”: two hours of live, fast-moving, musical comedy theatre for all the family. Staged at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta these July school holidays.

For tickets to any of these shows from July 3rd –11th please contact Julia Parkes 0412 294 945 (Jessica Parkes 5G). Discounted tickets will only apply before purchases made before June 20th.