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 and we have 4 dads so far!! 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.

It seems that every time I turn on the news, there’s another tragedy graphically illustrating people in need. The recent earthquakes in Nepal are a strong reminder of the fragility of our world. As humans we want to respond to such disasters through supporting various charities and agencies who can work directly with those afflicted however money is not the only way that we can help others in need. As people of God, we should also turn to prayer.

So Why Pray?

Through prayer we acknowledge God’s power and goodness along with our own need and dependence. Prayer is an essential ingredient in all our efforts for a better world and for our own inner peace. Prayer can help us make sense of our lived experiences which may be overwhelming in positive or negative ways. Reflecting in prayer empowers us to grow in confidence that whatever life may bring we are loved unconditionally by our Creator. For Catholics, praying together clarifies our relationship with one another within the bigger context of our relationship with God. By gathering together to pray ‘in the name of Jesus’ we are part of ‘the body of Christ’. This links us to others beyond those physically assembled in the one place.

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace." Mother Teresa

Have a great week,

Attila
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SOCIAL SKILLS BY YEAR 5

This week’s social skill was:

APPRECIATING OTHERS – ACCEPTING DIFFERENCES

Differences are what make us unique and special in every way. We need to accept that we all have differences and that nobody is perfect. We should try to accept everyone and include others who may be different to us. We can appreciate others by showing respect and dignity and always using our best manners in our words and actions towards others.

By Jessica 5G

Yesterday we found a great example of this week’s social skill. Tasman and Cooper K were playing a ball game in the morning before school. They invited a friend into their game and made some adjustments to the pace and skill level that they would usually play the game so
that their friend could easily join in. They played this way together right up until the bell went.

Congratulations Cooper K and Tasman from Year 2– caught doing it right by appreciating others and accepting differences when out on the playground!! Well done!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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Next week’s social skill is: APOLOGISING AND MEANING IT!

PEER SUPPORT – ‘SPEAKING UP’ AGAINST BULLYING

One of the bullying messages from our Peer Support program is children being aware of the ‘Bullying Triangle’ and the relationship between the bully, the person being bullied and the bystander. Most children will find themselves in the role of the bystander in a bullying situation. When a person looking on knows and takes the steps to report bullying when they witness it, it sends a strong message in a group or community that bullying behaviours will not be accepted. The action of the bystander is essential in ‘speaking up’ against bullying.

DANCE FEVER PERFORMANCES

PRIMARY: Years 3-6 Interschool Challenge
Tuesday 16 June – 5:30 – 8:30pm
Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Homebush

Notes went home today for the 3-6 Dance Fever Challenge, please complete and return to school by Friday 22 May.

INFANTS: K-2 Parent Showcase
Wednesday 24 June – 2:30-3pm in school playground

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year school photos will be taken on Tuesday 2 June. Children are to be wearing full winter uniform on this day. Photo notes have been distributed today, please see envelope for payment options. Sibling/family photo envelopes are available for collection at the office.

Kind Regards

Linda Ducksbury
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MOTHERS DAY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Celebration of the Word in Thanksgiving for Mothers last Friday. Thank you also to Miss Marks, Mrs Smith and the Year 1 students for their preparation and leadership of this celebration.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A number of students in our school and parish community will soon be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. These celebrations will take place on 27th and 28th May. Please keep the students and their families in your prayers.
SOCIAL JUSTICE
There are currently a number of social justice projects underway in our school, supporting a range of needs in our community. Next week, Kindergarten will lead us in supporting the Diocesan Works Fund, supporting essential services in our Diocese of Parramatta. Our Mini Vinnies team is also very busy in supporting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. On Monday, our Year 5 Mini Vinnies members visited the Toony Tots Parish Playgroup and spent time with them. It is great to see our school community actively working to respond to the mission of Jesus and the needs of people in our local community.

Thank you to our staff who are initiating these projects, especially Mrs Awkar and Mrs Battikha who are working with the Mini Vinnies team throughout the year. They are continuing to live out the charism of the Sisters of Mercy who established our school.

MINI-VINNIES SLEEP OUT
Mini Vinnies, in conjunction with Prayer Force One, have started preparing for this year’s Winter Sleep Out. The Sleep Out is an event to raise awareness about homelessness in our country. The event will take place on Friday 29th April. We are asking for your support by making a donation through the following site: http://nswwinnieschoolsleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/AwkarS

Kind Regards
Robert Barden
Religious Education Co-ordinator

MOTHERS DAY
Many thanks to all the wonderful helpers who assisted with our recent Mothers Day Breakfast, Stall and Raffle. It was great to see a few new faces assisting with this beautiful celebration. A very big thank you to our SCG Social Co-ordinator, Natalie Lette for her wonderful support and organisation of the events. Well Done!

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 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.

CRAZY GLOVE DAY FOR 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

TRIVIA NIGHT
Did you know that…. A snail can sleep for 3 years straight or that Your mouth uses 75 muscles when you speak! Well whether you did or not you'll be great at our annual SCG Trivia Night to be held on Friday 22nd May 7:00pm This is an adults only, fun night. Book the baby-sitters now and reserve your spot for a great night of laughter and prizes. $8 a ticket or $64 for a table of 8. This year’s theme is “World Cup” We’ve had World Cup Football (Soccer), Cricket, Netball, Touch Football and more! Let your imagination go wild with what you’d like to do! There’ll be a special prize for the best dressed person and the best decorated table. Start gathering a group of your friends and plan your dress-ups! Tickets available via the office. Send money, in an envelope, to the office marked Trivia night along with your names. If you can’t organize a whole table of 8, we can work out a table for you to be on even it’s just one seat. Hope to see you there!

UNIFORM NEWS
Parents are urged to ensure that their children are in the correct school uniform at all times. Children should wear:

- Predominantly WHITE sports shoes
- White laces in their sports shoes
- Proper school sport socks
- Regulation style and colour for trousers and shorts
- Track suit jackets with their sports uniform ONLY

Keep up with all the latest news and information

http://www.stanthonysgirraween.catholic.edu.au
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Join the conversation #stanthonysg
SCHOOL FEES
Term 2 fees have now been issued and are due for payment by Monday, 25 May 2015. Thank you to families who have already made payment. If you are experiencing any difficulty with payment, please contact Margaret Hopley in the office to discuss payment options.

COFFEE & CHAT MORNING
A reminder that next Monday 25th May will be our next Coffee & Chat morning at 9:30am in the library. Love to see you there.

JOKE DAY
Next Monday is Year 3’s Joke Day.

J. Why was the broom late?
A. It overswept.

J. What did the hamburger name his daughter?
A. Patty.

J. What did the triangle say to the circle?
A. You’re pointless.

J. Why couldn’t the pirate play cards?
A. Because he was sitting on the deck.

SPORTS NEWS
DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to the 37 students who represented St Anthony’s at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 5th May. The 8/9, 10 years students ran 2km and the 11 and 12 years ran 3km in the heat and all students did very well. Congratulations to Hannah Hamilton who won the 11 year girls age group; she will be representing Parramatta at the Mackillop Cross Country later this year.

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: http://www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au/libraries.cfm?lib=391&src=nHdBZpDL

CANTEEN ROSTER
18th – 22nd MAY

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Reminder to Kinders that your Morning Tea Hashbrown Meal Deal orders are due back tomorrow, Friday 15th May, 2015.

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.

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.
PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Parents/Guardians ONLY are invited to attend one of two enquiry sessions to be held Wednesday 17th June at 7:30pm or Saturday 20th June at noon. Both sessions will be held in the church. Any child in Year 4 or higher is eligible providing they have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
Are you a Euchre player? Would you like to be part of our upcoming Euchre Tournament? Saturday 16th May in St Edna's Hall Starting at 7:30pm sharp. Entrance cost of $15 which will include a light supper with tea/coffee. Cash Prizes for first three places. Any queries refer to Bill Ryan 9636 3120

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

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 for purchases made before June 20th.

MERCY MUSIC & PERFORMANCE ACADEMY MAY WORKSHOPS
This month, OLMC Parramatta is launching the Mercy Music and Performance Academy Parramatta. Building on the strong musical tradition established by the Sisters of Mercy at OLMC, the Mercy Music and Performance Academy cultivates and nurtures the creative talents of young performers. The Academy offers instrumental lessons and workshops for both boys and girls. Students aged 9 – 14 are invited to attend the Vocal Workshop (9am – 12pm) and/or the Woodwind Workshop (1-4pm) on May 23 and May 30 (over 2 days). Cost: $150 per workshop see www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/TheAcademy for more information and to book.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
All Entertainment Books, sold or unsold, are due back to the school by tomorrow, 15th May, 2015.