FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

TRIVIA NIGHT
It’s not too late to attend our first Trivia Night! Tickets can be obtained via the school office. The night promises to provide loads of fun for mums and dads. Tickets $8 each or $60 a table of 8. BYO refreshments and nibblies.

FEAST DAY
Our St Anthony’s feast day will be on Friday 13th June 2014. This will be a wonderful parish / school celebration that I would urge all families to avail themselves of. Don’t miss this terrific family event. Full details on the attached flyer.

STAFFING UPDATE
Congratulations to Mrs Kathleen Mitchell (and her husband John) who recently gave birth to her first baby, a girl Cora Elizabeth. All are doing very well and we hope to see them visit school soon.

CONDOLENCES
We extend our prayers and sympathies to the Thomas family on the recent passing of Mrs Thomas’ father, grandfather to Rhea in KG and also to the Saldanha family on the recent passing of Mrs Saldanha’s father, grandfather to Rochelle in 1W. Please keep these families in your prayers.

TIPS FOR PARENTS
How to Get Your Kids to Love Reading
Parents can play a significant role in encouraging children to read, both during the holidays and all year round. Create a culture of reading at home by following these tips from top literacy experts.

1. Help kids see reading as fun, interesting, enjoyable, and a part of everyday life; one way is to set aside a regular family reading time.

2. Read books and conduct Internet research about interesting topics or field trips and vacations you might be taking. Even families whose travel options are limited can use the Internet to learn about new places. Combining print and online experiences can facilitate deeper reading and a "rich and complex set of understandings."

3. Take advantage of free holiday programs at the public library, Executive Director’s Reading Challenge and the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

4. Give books or magazines as gifts for birthdays or special occasions.

5. Encourage, but don’t nag—especially when it comes to older kids. Nagging can cause them to associate reading with negativity. Keep it positive and fun. For instance, instead of saying, "No more video games until you do some reading," try using an incentive such as telling kids they can stay up 15 minutes later if they are reading. "You want reading to be a pleasure rather than an assignment."

6. Connect reading to kids' specific hobbies or interests. Help them find books, magazines, or websites where they can learn more about the things they already love.

7. Provide opportunities for kids to share their opinions. For instance, many young readers enjoy rating books and sharing comments on Goodreads and similar reading websites.
8. Use books as a way to encourage conversation about difficult issues kids may face. Reading books about issues such as fear, bullying, and body image "can make it easier to talk about a problem the child is having."

**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.

*Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this appeal. Donations $2 and over are tax deductible. If you still wish to contribute, please return your envelope to school by the end of this month.* If you have misplaced your envelope, you can still make your donation through the school office (in person or using a clearly marked envelope), or online at [www.faithatwork.org.au](http://www.faithatwork.org.au).

Have a great week.

Attila Lendvai
Principal

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**JOKES OF THE WEEK**

**Next Monday is Year 2’s Week!**

J. Knock Knock
   Who’s there
   Dish
   Dish who?
A. Dish is a nice place.

Maddison Hall

J. Two lions were eating a clown and one lion said to the other?
A. Does this guy taste funny to you.

Erin McFarlane

J. What did the traffic light say to the car?
A. Turn around I’m trying to change.

Alexia Touma

J. Why did the Emu cross the road?
A. Because it was the chicken’s day off.

Bailey Clark

J. Knock Knock
   Who’s there
   I said
   I said who
A. I said sit down and be quite.

Lumena Battikha

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN MATHEMATICS LEARNING K-6?**

‘The maximum number of children engaged in the maximum amount of mathematics for the maximum amount of time’ (Ann Gervasoni)

If you were to ask your child about what they learnt in their mathematics lesson on any given day, you may hear them talk about a number ‘WARM UP’. Each grade K-6 engages in 1 hour of Mathematics each day. The warm up is the initial part (10-15 mins) of this numeracy block session.

The number warm up is a motivating activity that all students participate actively in. During this time, children are engaged in hard thinking and are often asked to share their thinking by explaining and proving it to others. It is an important time that allows children to deepen their understanding and ways of thinking about numbers.

Invite your child to teach you a number warm up that they do in class. Our Year 6 students have been busy investigating the number warm ups that have been happening across the school this week. If you would like to find out more about number warm ups and how you can make links at home to the mathematics students are doing in the classroom, then come along to one of our parent workshops.

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**FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS & YEAR 6**

This week, ourselves and the Year 6 media team have been going around and looking at the warm up activities that each grade have been doing during their Mathematics time. All the grades complete different activities during Mathematics each week. From Kindergarten counting backwards and forwards from particular numbers, to Year 4 learning decimals and fractions, we think all grades have been successful with their Mathematics learning and we hope they continue their great work!
YEAR 6
This week Year 6 have been doing number busting as their warm up activity. The teachers give them a number and they have to find as many ways to answer the number given to them. They use decimals, fractions, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction strategies to number bust and sometimes they plot their number on a number line. While we were walking around we saw some amazing number sentences. Keep up the good work Year 6.

By Keane McKenna

YEAR 5
This week Year 5 have been completing array busting for their warm up activity to practice their multiplication. Two dice are rolled, one to represent how many rows there will be and the other to represent how many counters they need in each row. Year 5 make their array using counters and then have to work out the different possibilities, number sentences and solutions for this particular array. They do this activity in pairs to check each other’s arrays. They get ten minutes to get through as many arrays as possible. Year 5 are working well with their warm up activity and we hope they keep up their fantastic work during their exploration time as well.

By Emily Brown

YEAR 3
This week Year Three has been exploring a new and exciting warm up called ‘2 Minute Collection’ before their Mathematics lesson. The Mathematics of this warm up is counting. To start off, you need a die, a box of counters, a timer and your Maths book. Once you’ve got your equipment you set the timer on for 2 minutes and then roll the die and collect the amount of counters as shown on the die. The students continue doing so for 2 minutes so they have a collection. At the end of the two minutes they must find an efficient way to sort their collection so they can add up all their counters quickly. Once they’ve completed adding up all their counters, they then use this number to start counting forwards and backwards by 2, 5 and 10. We hope our Year Three students enjoy the exciting new ways of learning and that they continue to keep up their amazing work!

By Jorja

YEAR 1
This week Year 1 are currently playing ‘1’s, 10’s, 100’s, 1000’s’ for their warm up before they start their task for the week. In this warm up game they have a die, counters and a place value chart. When they roll a 6 they put 6 counters into the ones column and when they roll a 4 they then have 10 ones and that means they can put one counter in the 10’s column. Year 1 have a good understanding in their math and have been extremely creative with their mathematics skills, because when we were in there we were impressed with how much they know about place value. Keep up the good math work!!

By Jacob M and Josh S
YEAR 4
This week Year 4 are doing number busting for their warm up and they were number busting the fraction 2/4, as well as learning about fractions and decimals for their exploration. Number busting is when the children are given a specific number and have to find as many different ways to make that number the answer. Their presentation of work was outstanding, and it was easy to see their thinking on the page. We think our Year 4 students are excelling in their work and we encourage them to continue their great work!

By Sian and Josh

YEAR 2
Year 2 have been playing a game called Number Line Bingo and the main focus of this game is to develop their skills of place value. They play this game in pairs and using dice or cards they make a 2, 3 or 4 digit number which they then plot on a number line. Depending what digit numbers they use determines if they need to get those numbers within a decade or within a century. The first with 3 in a row wins. For example if they roll 345 then the next person rolls 355 they have a chance to steal victory as they are within a decade so now if they then roll 349 or 351 or a number like that they have won. Keep up the good work Year 2!

By Leo and Brad

Not only will you walk away with some great ideas that will help bring skills and fun to your child’s mathematics learning at home, but you will also get a little goodie bag to help you on your way!

For parents attending the Wednesday afternoon session, supervision of students will be provided during the session.

We would love to see you there! Please RSVP by returning the slip below.

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2014 SCHOOL PHOTOS – SAVE THE DATE
The 2014 School Photo day will be on Tuesday 10th June (after the long weekend). Photo order/payment envelopes will be distributed to students next week.

WINTER UNIFORM
Thank you to all parents who have their children dressed smartly in the correct winter school uniform. The transition to winter uniform occurred this week. All items can be purchased from the uniform shop by contacting the office. We do ask that students are dressed in the St Anthony’s uniform items and not in generic green clothing items such as jumpers and tracksuit pants.

For details of the correct uniform items for boys and girls for winter and sport uniforms, please refer to the parent handbook:
http://www.stanthonysgirraween.catholic.edu.au/parent-handbook

All parents/carers are invited to come along to one of our sessions:

Tuesday morning 3/6/14 @ 9:30am in the Hub
OR
Wednesday afternoon 4/6/14 @ 3:20pm in the Hub

Signed: _________________________________

NUMERACY PARENT WORKSHOPS

Name: _________________________________

Class/es of children: ____________

I will be attending the following session:

o Tuesday morning 3/6/14 @ 9:30-10.00am
o Wednesday afternoon 4/6/14 @ 3:20-3.50pm

Signed: _________________________________
COMMUNITY & DIOCESAN NEWS

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta 125 Years Anniversary Concert – June 5 & 6, 2014

You are invited to join with the OLMC Parramatta community in celebrating our 125th anniversary at a special concert at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta, on Thursday June 5 and Friday June 6, 2014. Visit olmc.nsw.edu.au/125years for details and to book your tickets.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as “How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?” Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: $5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, reKindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset – your Marriage!

Weekend date: 13 – 15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
www.wwme.org.au
www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

Guided Tour of North Head: 5 August

Join the Social Group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes for a walk through North Head’s peaceful and pristine heathland where it can be easy to forget that you’re only 11km from the CBD. Take a guided tour through WWII tunnels, gun emplacements and more at North Fort. Hear how North Fort contributed to the defence of Sydney and enjoy magnificent views of the harbour. Cost: $30 includes coach, morning tea and entry; lunch at Harbord Diggers (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am at the bus stop opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Book now, places filling fast. Payment in full required at time of booking: Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Applications for enrolment at St Anthony’s are now available. Application forms and information packages are available from the school office and need to be returned by Friday 30th May. 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.

CALENDAR

Fri 23rd May School Trivia Night – see flyer
Tues 27th May Stage 3 Boys Soccer
Fri 30th May Parramatta Knockout Football
Mon 2nd June Kinder excursion
Wed 4th June ICAS – Science
Mon 9th June Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend
Tues 10th June School Photos
Fri 13th June SCG Mother/Child Night Out
Mon 16th June ICAS – Writing
Tues 17th June ICAS – Spelling
Wed 18th June Reports go home
Thurs 19th June Year 6 excursion to Canberra
Fri 20th June Year 6 return from Canberra
Fri 27th June Last day of Term 2

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.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents/Guardians ONLY are invited to attend one of two enquiry sessions to be held Saturday 21 June at midday or Wednesday 25 June at 7.30pm. 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.

Keep up with all the latest news and information

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Have you downloaded the FREE St Anthony’s Skoolbag app to keep updated with all events and news? We’re up to 298 downloads and counting! Download it now.

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.

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### STAGE 3 BOYS SOCCER
Reminder that notes and money need to be returned by tomorrow. We are also still looking for parents to assist with car pooling to the carnival.

### UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
The Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday 26th May, 2014** from 2:30pm – 3:15pm. Orders can be placed through the office at any time.

**A reminder that Woollen Jumpers are not to be worn on sport days and the Tracksuit Jacket or the V-neck sloppy joe are to be worn on sport days**