From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Anthony’s,

Gospel Reading of Sunday – 2nd June, 2013

Luke 9:12-17

The Twelve approached him and said, “Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.” He said to them, “Give them some food yourselves.” They replied, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.” No the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, “have them sit down in groups of about fifty.” They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied.

Reflection

This reading helps us meditate on the life-giving gesture our Lord makes for the world in the Eucharist. As he fed the five thousand, he feeds all who come to the Eucharist with the grace to carry on his mission. Christ’s gift of self invites our hands and feet to help share it. His Body and Blood are our heavenly food, offered to nourish us for our ministries. May we work so that all who hunger partake of it and are satisfied.

Let us pray together:-

God of abundance, your Son gives us his Body and Blood to strengthen and nourish us, so that we may share the life-giving gift of your love with those around us.

As we encounter the Lord through the Eucharist each week, may we be filled with passion and courage to embody his love for the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen

REMINDER

Full School Winter Uniform is to be worn from Monday 3rd June. No summer uniforms are to be worn.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 5. It is that time of the year when the weather can affect our health and wellbeing. Please ensure that your child is coming to school with the correct uniform and warm. There are so many jackets and sloppy joes in the lost property they do belong to someone. Can you please check your child’s clothing and if an item of clothing is missing it would be worth going through the lost property.

Last weekend Mrs Sonia Awkar, Mrs Joanne Digwood and Mr Wes Palmer attended the Council of Catholic School Parents and Parents Representative Council, Diocese of Parramatta, iConnect conference at Parramatta. Many parents came from all over the state of New South Wales to attend the conference. An excellent line up of speakers included Andrew Fuller, Brett Murray and Greg Whitby. Greg’s talk was about:-

- the new generation of learners, and how they differ in their attitudes, competencies, interests and learning styles from their Gen X parents and Baby Boomer grandparents.
- the future of Catholic education in Australia in light of faith formation of students and families and certainty/uncertainty of funding with consecutive governments.
- Catholic Education in the Parramatta diocese – trends and directions.

It was wonderful to see so many parents so interested and excited about the education of their children. The message that came through for parents was to ensure that they are:
working in partnership with their child’s school  
developing a supportive relationship with their child’s teacher  
always interested in their child’s learning and making it known to their child that education is important  
building and encouraging resilience, optimism, creativity, problem solving, creativity, critical thinking skills and a love of learning within their child  
always seeking support from and collaborating with their child’s school staff and community.

I wish to thank Mrs Awkar, Mrs Digwood and Mr Palmer for supporting our school community.

CYBERBULLYING
I am very concerned with the amount of the students at St Anthony’s that have access to so many different types of technology that can result in harm to self and others when the child is not monitored, taught the appropriate use and alerted to the consequences of inappropriate actions. Unfortunately there have been a number of incidents that have come to my attention and have had consequences on the playground and in the classroom with students. The place where such types of problems originate from is in family homes with children engaged in social networking activities such as:-

- KIK
- Facebook
- Texting
- Messaging

Our children are digital natives and have access to technology that is part of their life. However, it is the parent’s responsibility to monitor such use and teach the appropriate usage. I fear that some of our students have already a Digital Footprint that can’t be deleted. The consequences being that it may surface one day when you least expect it.

I am organising another opportunity for parents to attend a workshop on Cyberbullying and information that will help you to protect your child. When the workshop details are finalized I will advise you and encourage as many parents as possible to attend the meeting. I will follow up with organising an incursion for Year 4, 5 & 6 students on Cyberbullying.

KISS AND DROP
I thank the many parents who have been using the Kiss and Drop service safely over the last week. There are still a few parents who still get out of their car. I had a parent who came in this week very distressed because they tried to help a parent by advising them that they need to stay in the car when using the kiss and drop. Sadly they received verbal abuse from the parents. It worries me that some parents are modeling such behaviour in front of their child.

Keep ALL CHILDREN SAFE AND DO THE RIGHT THING!!!!

NEWSLETTER AND NOTES
Notes for parents will now go home on a Thursday. There have been many parents concerned that notes have gone astray and sometimes notes can be left in bags. Therefore a decision has been made that all notes will only go home on Thursday. This will alert parents to check school bags and pollywollies on Thursdays. It will be only in an emergency that a note will go home on another day of the week and sometimes a grade may send a note home only to that grade. The message is: CHECK SCHOOL BAGS ON THURSDAY

All notes that go home will also be uploaded to the St Anthony’s School Website.

Kind Regards

Cheryl Brown
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
This Sunday we celebrate the great and wonderful feast of The Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. The story of the Last Supper and the institution of the Blessed Sacrament is the real miracle of this week’s scriptures. That Jesus gave us this incredible gift the night before he went out to meet his captors and be killed on the Cross- because of us,
and our sins! And yet he chose that time, that evening to give us the greatest gift it was possible to give, the gift of himself, forever. (Taken from The St Vincent de Paul Society’s Spiritual Reflection Guide)

SOCIAL JUSTICE
On behalf of The St Vincent de Paul Society and myself, I would like to say a very big thank you to all the families who contributed to last week’s ‘Scarf and Beanie’ Mufti Day. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of families in our St Anthony’s community. Mr Haynes Kropman, a representative from The St Vincent de Paul Society attended our Monday morning assembly and took home with him three large garbage bags full of scarves, beanies and gloves, and a cheque for the amount of $382.15. He was very appreciative and said that we will definitely put a smile on the faces of many people in our local community who cannot afford to stay warm this winter.

I also want to say a big thank you for supporting Project Compassion this year. A cheque for the amount of $2373.15 was sent to Caritas Australia. These two events truly show that everyone at St Anthony’s is committed to social justice. Everyone in our community has shown compassion to those who are less fortunate than we are. Again, a very big THANK YOU!

HOLY COMMUNION
If your child is in Year 4 or higher, they are able to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist in August. The parish invites parents to attend one of the two enquiry sessions below:

Wednesday 5th June at 7.30pm in the church
OR
Saturday 8th June at Midday in the church.

You attendance at one of these meetings is essential, in order for you to receive all the necessary information for your child to be involved in the program.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT CONFERENCE
Last weekend, Mrs Digwood and myself attended the 10th Biennial Catholic Schools Parent Conference. The theme for the conference was “Connect… with Learning, in Partnership, in Faith.” The 2013 Catholic Schools Parent Conference was an opportunity to acknowledge, support and celebrate parent involvement in education.

It provided a wonderful opportunity to talk with other parents and educators, share stories, gain new skills and understand what’s happening in our Catholic schools and education today.

Research has shown that in order to raise achievement parents need to be both involved in schools and engaged in their children’s learning (Harris and Goodall:2007)

The aim of the weekend was to:
- Help families understand good teaching
- Assist teachers to learn more about the child and their out of school learning and development
- Help teachers know and understand parents’ aspirations, hopes and/or concerns for their child
- Develop shared understandings, aspirations goals and plans
- Build a CONNECTION and a RELATIONSHIP.

Presenting this information were guest speakers who were both informative and entertaining. Andrew Fuller spoke about ‘Shaping Your Child’s Genius’. Fr Richard Leonard spoke about ‘Getting Real-Being on Mission with Christ.’ Andrew Martin spoke about ‘How to motivate Your Child’ and Brett Murray spoke about fathers being ‘Modern Day Knights’. Finally, Robert Algie spoke about Bullying and Cyber bullying in Schools.

Below are some valuable websites:
www.partners4learning.edu.au
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au
www.schoolsatoz.nsw.edu.au

YEAR 2
Year 2 have just completed a small unit on Pentecost. I would like to share some prayers of petition that the students wrote while reflecting on the Holy Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit. Come to us!
Help me live like Jesus did.
Come Holy Spirit, come.
Help me show compassion and be helpful.
So come to me and I will do these things.
Come Holy Spirit. Come to us!
Help me to live like Jesus did.
Help me to live like Jesus did.

(By Hannah Adams)

Come Holy Spirit. Come to us!
Please help me make good choices and be a good person.
Help me to forgive others, even if it is hard.
Let me have wisdom and compassion.
Please help me to be brave.
Amen

(By Mia Brownlow)

Come Holy Spirit. Come to us!
Come help me make right choices and be kind to my family.
Help me believe my friends and show compassion
Please help me to be brave and say sorry.
Amen

(By Isabelle Talato)

Upcoming Dates
Friday 31 May | The Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary – 9:30am Year 1, 3 & 6 to attend Parish Mass
Saturday 1 June | Memorial Mass at Parish Church for Miss Watson – 6pm

Keep up with all the latest news and information
www.stanthonysgirraween.catholic.edu.au www.facebook.com/StAnthonysG twitter.com/StAnthonysG
Kind Regards

Sonia Awkar
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

What’s Happening at St Anthony’s

School Photographs

Advancedlife Photography will be at St Anthony’s on Tuesday 11th June. The order envelopes have been sent home today and must be returned by Friday the 7th of June. Again, we have been advised by the company that orders will not be accepted at school after the photography day and that the correct money must be put into the order envelopes. Please also be advised that change will not be available. A sibling photograph is available again this year. If you would like to order a sibling photograph the order envelopes must be obtained from the office by a parent / carer or the eldest child. Sibling photographs are only for children enrolled at the school.

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Literacy News

At St Anthony’s we are constantly evaluating our teaching practices, resources and assessment tools to ensure that we are providing our students with sound educational experiences. As our goal in Literacy this year is ‘To improve student literacy skills through the regular use of data to inform and adapt learning.’ the teaching staff have been investigating and evaluating the comprehension strategies taught and the tools used to assess reading and comprehension performance.

Mrs Ward and Mrs Henebery have been facilitating this process. As a result of our investigations the teaching staff have decided to implement an additional assessment tool this year. We will be using the Progressive Achievement Tests in Reading: Comprehension and Vocabulary (PAT – R). These tests are designed to assist teachers in their assessment of students’ reading comprehension skills and vocabulary knowledge. The test materials are designed to be of interest to students. They feature a range of different test types and include texts from Australian sources. The material is culturally varied and there is a balanced representation of positive male and female characters. The PAT-R will provide teachers with an estimate of a student’s level of reading comprehension and an estimate of their level of vocabulary skills. These estimates are based on students’ performances on the sets of comprehension and vocabulary tasks from the PAT-R tests. The students will complete the PAT-R assessment tasks online. This assessment tool will not be used as a stand-alone assessment tool but rather will complement other assessment tools and practices already in place. The PAT-R will give teachers another lens by which to gather additional data on the performance of each individual student. The PAT-R is recommended by the Catholic Education Office.

New Purchases

As a part of our literacy plan Mrs Ward has been busy purchasing new reading materials to build our resources for reading within the classrooms. So far she has purchased 135 new titles. These are made into sets containing 6 books. This purchase has been a huge boost for our readers who are reading at level 20 and higher. Our next goal is to increase our home reading libraries, as well as purchase new resources that are recommended for the New Australian Curriculum that will be implemented next year. Mrs Ward and the staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the generous parents who helped cover all these books ready for use within the classroom.

Thank you, your hard work is appreciated.

Kind Regards

Patricia Charlton
Assistant Principal

NUMERACY – HELPING AT HOME

Numeracy involves using mathematics efficiently in our day-to-day lives. Every day we use number, measurement and space. Each time we shop or go to the bank we use numbers. Our understanding of space is used to pack a lunchbox or to park a car. We need to understand how to measure things when we sew, cook, build, tell the time or listen to a weather report.

Helping your child with Counting
One of the earliest skills children have to develop is counting. To “count” we need to match the number words with the correct number of “things”, then we need to remember the numbers in order.

Helping your child with Measurement
Children need to observe how measurement is used in practical situations. First, they need to talk about the things that we can measure and the things that we can use to measure them. Then they will need to learn about the units we use for measuring, such as litres, kilograms and metres.

Helping your child with Space
Mathematics is also about ideas relating to shapes, objects and their position. Children need to be able to describe shapes and objects and their position.

For ideas on how to help at home go to www.nlnw.nsw.edu.au/pdfs/intnum/english.pdf or raisingchildren.net.au/articles/numeracy_early_years_-_dest.html. education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/factsheet-

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Joanne Digwood - Numeracy Co ordinator

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
The Uniform Shop will be open next Monday 3rd June from 8:30am – 9:15am.

CAINTEEN ROSTER
3rd – 7th June

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If anyone is available to help in the Canteen on any day, it would be greatly appreciated. If you haven’t worked in the Canteen before but would like to find out what is involved, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Haigh.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
2012/13 Entertainment Book finishes tomorrow so now is a good time to purchase a new 2013/14 book from the SCG. You can order your books online www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/214s888 If you would like to have a flick through the book you can on this link http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/flickbook/sydney-west. When you order your book you can have it delivered direct to you for a $9 delivery charge or can collect from school. Once your book has come into school it will be sent home via your child unless you state otherwise. The books will be available after 8 April. For more information please contact Louise Frendo, 0414 347 277 or stanthonysscg@gmail.com

CALENDAR

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ST ANTHONY’S WALK-A-THON
It’s on again.
Dust off those walking shoes & get fit for the
‘St Anthony’s Walk-a-thon’
Thursday 6th June, 2013

1. School Photo Envelope & Letter
2. Walkathon Note
3. Parents’ Night Out Note
4. Catholic Outlook

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
KG  Yar Nak Ajak   KW  Kory Toni
1G  Jacob Caruana  1W  Elizabeth Sarkis
2G  Nana Gymiah    2W  Blake Phillips
3G  Keenan Pillai  3W  Chandani Patel
4G  Connor Salmon  4W  Billy Nolan
5G  Ray Bates      5W  Ante Furjanic
6G  Ruth Kot       6W  Eleanor Christie

KINDER ENROLMENTS – 2014
The Enrolment period for 2014 has commenced and will run until Friday 31st May. Parents wishing to enrol their child should collect an application package from the school office. For enquiries please contact Mrs Laurie on 9631 5283, email: girraween@parra.catholic.edu.au.

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