FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

As I journey on the road of my heart, I am looking ever more carefully for signs of the activity of the Spirit in my every day. I find the Holy Spirit so aware of my search that I had only to choose what to share here. The Spirit led me to Mary’s search for understanding about how she could possibly fulfill what the Angel Gabriel said to her. I was struck with Gabriel’s promise, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you.” The image of the Spirit overshadowing Mary and accomplishing such wonders gave me a new power. I knew the Spirit would be present when I had questions about how, when, where, why. His spirit would not fail to overshadow me. What I need is to believe in his presence, his love, his power, his shadow to enfold me. Now it is the apostles who ask the question of the risen Lord. Their question is when. When will you restore the kingdom to Israel? His answer is a promise: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.” The apostles, the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, pray and wait. The promise has been made. The power of the Spirit will overshadow the place where they gather.

The time for Pentecost was fulfilled, “…from the sky a strong driving wind…tongues of fire rested on each of them…and they were filled with the Holy Spirit…”

Can I live in the faith that assures us that the Spirit will overshadow us…will abide in us…will surround us with peace…will guide us through the dark places…will fill the empty cavities in our hearts where losses have torn us almost apart…will provide wisdom to choose the heart’s truth before all else?

Alleluia, rejoice, the Holy Spirit overshadows us!

Have a great long weekend,

Attila Lendvai
Principal

FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND YEAR 6

GOOD DEEDS WEEK
Next week is good deeds week. Good deeds week is the week leading up to the feast day of our school patron saint Anthony of Padua. Next week, students will pull one name out of a hat. Then the students will have to do a good deed for the person that they have pulled out of the hat without letting that person know.

ST ANTHONY’S FEAST DAY
Next Friday is St Anthony’s annual feast day. At 3:30pm our parish youth group will be presenting different family fun games and activities including novelty races and much more. At 5pm we will have a BYO dinner or a gold coin donation to receive a sausage sizzle. At 6:30pm there will be the St Anthony’s feast day Mass. Finally, at 7:30pm there will be a small supper served by the parish.

By Emily and Keane

SOCCER GALA DAY
On Tuesday 25th May, 28 boys from years 5 and 6 participated in the soccer gala day. In the morning parents drove all the players to the soccer fields. Each team played 6 games that had 7 minute halves. St Anthony’s had great results with Year 6 winning their pool and Year 5 coming 4th in their pool. Without all the parents and teachers we would not have been able to have this awesome and thrilling day. Everyone had a great and fun time on the day.

By Brad and Leo
RUGBY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT
On 30th May, some boys and girls from years 2-6 represented our school at the Parramatta Rugby League Knockout. The teams did insanely well. The year 6 team came the closest to going to the finals. Each half was 10 minutes long and that made it a 20 minute game and each team played two - three games throughout the day. Well done boys and girls. All of our teams had a great day. Thank you to Mrs Law for organising the day and also thank you to the teachers and parents that attended the day.

By Josh and Jacob M

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION
On 2nd June, Kindergarten went on an excursion to the farm it was their very first excursion. During their time they saw the Working Dog Show, where they witnessed a sheepdog at work rounding up sheep at the farmer’s wish. Kindergarten also had a turn at milking a cow, and saw Ms Ducksbury have a go at the Whipping Show. Nayana from kindergarten said ‘The day was very good my favourite part was the tractor ride because it was really bumpy!’ Jessica said ‘It was very fun, and my favourite part was milking the cow, but at the end we were all really tired.’ Kindergarten had a spectacular time and wanted the fun to go on and on but sadly the fun had to end. What a great first excursion for the Kindergartens

By Sian, Jorja and Gabbie.

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION
Kindergarten had lots of fun at the farm on Monday. They have been busy in class writing about their first ever school excursion!

Yesterday I went to the farm with my friends. I saw lots of animals.
I had a tractor ride
The ride was very
Bumpy bump bump bump
My favourite animal was the horse.

By Nygel KW

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT
Anaphylaxis can be a life-threatening allergy for some of our children! Numerous children do have very severe anaphylactic reactions to a range of nut products. Parents are reminded to avoid sending nut based products to school with their children. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, nut bars, some muesli bars, peanuts, cashews, chocolates containing nuts such as Snickers etc. Please also take care with birthday lolly bags to ensure that these do not have sweets / chocolates that contain nuts.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
All students are to be dressed smartly in their full winter school uniform next Tuesday 10th June for school photos. Class photos start with infants classes from 9am so prompt arrival at school is important.

NUMERACY PARENT WORKSHOPS
A very big thank you to all the mums and dads who joined us for our numeracy parent workshops this week. We had two well attended sessions with plenty of hands on number activities and lots of mathematical conversations. We would love to see families testing out these activities...don't forget to send your maths at home photos to Girraween@parra.catholic.edu.au. First two photos in receive a prize set of dominoes along with some domino games!!

LEAVING STUDENTS - SCHOOL FEES POLICY
The following is an extract from the Fees Schedule with regard to leaving students as set out by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

The Diocesan Tuition Fee and School Building Levy are annual fees billed in terms 1, 2 and 3. A pro rata fee based on weeks enrolled for the year is made for students entering the School part way during a term. If a student leaves the School during a term, no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term. Other School Based Fees for items such as camps, excursions, materials or technology may be charged to a student’s account and are payable under the same conditions as Diocesan Fees. A term’s notice in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term’s fees will be payable. The same applies to withdrawal from an extra subject.

UNIFORM & GROOMING
It has been noted recently that some boys have shaved or undercut hair-styles. Lines, shapes or other shaved highlights are NOT ALLOWED. These haircuts are not consistent with our grooming policy which states that hair should be of an even grade.

A number of children are wearing coloured sports shoes.

Sports shoes should be supportive for the child’s foot and PREDOMINANTLY WHITE. Parents are asked to please co-operate with our uniform and grooming policy so as to avoid receiving an infringement note.

JOKES OF THE WEEK
Next Monday is Kinder’s Week!

1. What do you call an out of breath bird?
   A. A Puffin.
   Ashton Borg

2. What time is it when you see a crocodile?
   A. Time to run.
   Cooper Knight

3. How do you make a tissue dance?
   A. Put a little boogey in it
   Klaudine Battikha

4. Why was the number 6 afraid of number 7?
   A. Because 7 ate 9.
   Stephanie Boateng

5. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?
   A. Because her students were so bright.
   Rebecca El Khoury

COMMUNITY NEWS
TOONI TOTS PLAYGROUP (0 – 5 YEARS)
They meet every Monday morning from 9:30am – 11:30am (during school term) at St Anthony’s School. There will be NO playgroup next Monday due to the long weekend but on Monday 16th June there will be a special visit from the Mini-Vinnies team here at St Anthony’s. For further information please contact Eve on 0405 195 411 or Lynda on 0411 147 568.

Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am
Tuesday 12th June 2014

If you missed out on our Open Day or would like to come back and see the school on a normal school day please take this opportunity to come along to our School Open Morning. Tour around our school grounds, view our facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

School tours will leave from Mercy Square at 9:15am. Car parking is available after 9am on site via Gate 3 (opposite Westmead Private Hospital) in our bus bay area. Morning tea will be served following the school tour. Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend.
**CALENDAR**

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**SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP**

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**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.

**UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

The Uniform Shop will **NOT** be open on **Monday 9th June, 2014** due to the long weekend on Monday. Orders can be placed through the office at any time.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

10th – 13th JUNE

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**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.

**TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES**

School fees are now due. Thank you to all those families who have paid. Please contact the school if you are having any difficulty with this payment.