FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great night we had to raise much needed funds for St Vincent de Paul's Annual Winter Appeal. This year our Mini-Vinnie's Team, ably co-ordinated by Mrs Awkar and Mrs Battikha, as well as our parish youth group, Prayer Force One, co-ordinated by Mrs Julie Brownlow and Mrs Venessa Ward, organised a series of activities including a jelly bean guessing competition and ice-cream sales, however the highlight was definitely the Sleep Out last Friday evening. Over 30 children braved the cold to come back to school to pray, find out more about the homeless, try their hand at building cardboard shelters as well as partake in a simple meal of soup and bread rolls. 22 children then slept 'rough' on the floor in kindergarten. Many thanks to all the staff who contributed to the great success of the events – Mr Nguyen for his sing-a-long session, Mr Barden, Ms Ducksbury, Mrs Locke, Mr Howse, Mrs Francis, Mr Lendvai and Mrs Flood. But especially Mrs Awker, Mrs Locke and Mr Lendvai who slept (or tried to sleep) the night on the hard floors! The efforts of our students has raised over $2000 which will go to our local St Vincent de Paul to look after the homeless of our area. Well done to all!

STUDENT ABSENCES

Since the commencement of this term, staggeringly more than 200 students have been late to school. Parents are reminded that children should be on time to school each day as lateness can and does have an effect on children’s learning and progress. It is also a legal requirement that children be on time at school. In the rare events that parents are running late with their children, a suitable explanation MUST be forthcoming. This explanation can either be via a written note or by signing the Late Arrival slip at the school office. Children arriving without a note or without their parents signing their Late slip are marked down as an UNEXPLAINED partial absence.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES (PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS)

Parents are reminded that our 1st Semester reports will be going home on Wednesday 17th June, 2015 and that Student Led Conferences will take place on 23rd June and 24th June from 3:30pm – 4:30pm, 5pm – 6pm and 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

SCG MEETING

A reminder that our next SCG meeting will be on Monday 15th June beginning at 7:00pm in the school staff room. All parents are warmly invited.

SPRING FAIR MEETING

Our next Spring Fair Meeting is scheduled for Monday 22nd June at 7:00pm in the school staff room. All parents warmly invited. Please remember that the Spring Fair is our MAJOR fundraiser of the year so we need ALL hands on deck!

PRC NEW

It was all about learning at our Term 2 PRC meeting last week. This is the continuation from Term 3 (last year’s) discussion. Project Leader, System Learning, Student Services Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, Shane Morris and Mary Creenaune gave speeches on learning. You may remember that the last year’s discussion focused on, “How do I know if my child has a learning difficulty? What do I do? What Support is available in our catholic schools?” This term they have discussed on “What is a Personalised Plan? What do I need to know? What does it mean for my child?” Personalised plans are for students who have learning difficulties. This includes students with disabilities, students who missed opportunities and students who are newly arrived.
Mary discussed their work with the schools. This includes Specialist Intervention Team support on Hearing, Vision, English as an Additional Language or Dialect, Learning Partnership and Student Learning Objectives. Provide diverse learning needs such as post school options. While the wellbeing team supports on leading teachers (behaviour) and counsellors. The assessment team provides coordinators and speech pathologist and psychologist.

The personalised plans are available for:
- Any students who are funded as per criteria set by census.
- Any students who have been referred from Reading Recovery. Students are on Reading Recovery (EMU) not required to have personalized plans.
- Any students on a long term behaviour plan. Currently well over 7000 on going plans and they are still growing.
- Medical personal plans are only required where the school is making ongoing adjustments.
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect should not be automatically included but need a learning plan.

The types of adjustments are made will vary according to the needs of the individual student. The following adjustments are required to ensure access and participation:

- Curriculum, Communication, Mobility, Personal Care, Safety and Social Skills.

The plans are designed with long term goals in mind. Principals and teachers have the duty to comply and parents to sign off. Shane highlighted the facts such as moral imperative, quality leaning in the context of Catholic faith and education. Also love of learning and growth towards independence; Learning how to learn; and the belief that every student can and will learn with the right support. He also pointed out the obligation to guide teachers in meeting their duty under the Disability Standards for Education 2005. This standard applies to all educational settings and context.

A student with disability should have access to the same opportunities and choices. The student, entitle to rigorous, relevant and engaging learning opportunities and set in age-equivalent learning contexts.

The student will access age-equivalent context, according to their individual leaning needs, strengths goals and interests. It doesn't mean that every student has the same experience.

Further info please visit www.cecnsw.catholic.edu.au

Siva Sutha Veluppillai
PRC Rep

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SOCIAL SKILLS
This week's social skill was:
PLAYING SAFELY AND SENSIBLY

SOME SUPERHEROES WERE ON THE LOOKOUT THIS WEEK FOR CITIZENS PLAYING SAFELY AND SENSIBLY!!

CONGRATULATIONS BOYS AND GIRLS, WE SAW LOTS OF YOU MAKING GOOD CHOICES ON THE PLAYGROUND.
THANK YOU AND KEEP IT UP!!!

At St Anthony’s we can be SUPERHEROES on the playground and play safely and sensibly by:
- being aware of personal space and game space
- doing the right kinds of activities or games in the right location

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respecting each other and the teachers
following the rules or expectations of the game
keeping the hands off rule at all times

By Daniel W and Kye R – 5G

Next week’s social skill is: JOKES – FUN FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST ONE

Congratulations to this week’s Student of the Week recipients – INCLUDING OTHERS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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DANCE FEVER COSTUME ITEMS
Rehearsals for our school performance item in the 3-6 Dance Fever Challenge are in full swing. If you haven’t returned your note, please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

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

DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE NIGHT
Samba and Waltz - Girls (Nice dress, flat shoes), Boys (Nice trousers, collared shirt)
Hip Hop Performance (Song: Black and Yellow by Wiz Khalifa) – All (Black T-shirt, Sneakers), Girls (Black Leggings), Boys (Black Shorts/Pants).

The students will also be wearing zinc stripes on their faces and yellow/white rag ties that they can attach as a headband, armband, leg tie, waistband/hip tie etc.

We are looking for some parent volunteers who may be able to assist with the cutting of the fabric for the rag ties as we need about 100 strips of cloth. Please contact Ms Ducksbury via the office if you can assist.

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

BUS TRAVEL - STUDENTS
Just a reminder that all children who catch a bus to or from school are required to display either their BUS PASS or pay the BUS FARE when boarding the bus. Free bus travel is available for many students. However, there are some students who, due to their residential address and proximity to the school, are not eligible for free bus travel. These students need to have the $1.20 bus fare on them each day they intend to catch the bus. While there is no guarantee that they will be asked to pay each time, it is important to follow the bus company regulations. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind Regards
Linda Ducksbury
Assistant Principal

COFFEE & CHAT MORNING
A reminder that Tuesday 9th June will be our next Coffee & Chat morning at 9:30am in the library due to the Queen’s Birthday holiday on the Monday. Love to see you there.

SCHOOL FEES
Term 2 fees have now been issued and are now due for payment. 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.

JOKE DAY
Next Monday is Kindergarten’s Joke Day.
J. What do you call a cow that cuts grass?
A. A Lawn Mooer.
Markus Sumang

J. What is a Koala’s favourite drink?
A. Coca Koala.
Anshi Mehta

J. Where do pencils go for a vacation?
A. Pencil-Vania
Isabelle Borg

J. Do you want me to crack a joke?
A. I’ve already cracked it.
Addison Clark

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You and your child’s learning in Numeracy

Keep this date free on your calendar:
Numeracy Evening
Monday 20th July 2015 (Week 2 Term 3)
More details next week.

Parramatta Knock Out

It was fun representing St Anthony’s in the school football knock out. We liked helping the kids trying this sport for the first time. I liked playing my position of half back and Cooper liked playing dummy half. Everyone tried their best and had a great time.

Cooper Barlow &
Sebastian Seghabi Year 4

We had a great day playing at Kellyville. The boys and girls were outstanding in their uniforms and on the field. We are glad that none got hurt. Thanks to everyone who came to support us. We won one game and lost the other game. Thanks for playing everyone.

Daniel Walka & John Higgins Year 5

Last Friday we went to Kellyville to playing the Parramatta Knockout. There were schools from all over the Hills District. We met some pretty tough opposition and everyone played their best especially the boys who had never played football before. Thank you to everyone who came to support us.

Billy Nolan & Owen Mock Year 6

A big thank you to Mrs Seghabi and Mr Knight for helping with the Under 8’s, Mr Singh and Mr Smith the Under 9’s, Mr Clark the Under 10’s, Mr Andree-Evarts the Under 11’s and Mr Howse the Opens.

From Year 6

What Year 2 are learning

Max had three times as many apples than Judy. How many apples do Max and Judy have? This is the Maths task for Year 2 students. There is a range of possibilities for the young mathematicians and they are on their way to coming up with different solutions. They were also persuading an anonymous person to attend the St Anthony’s Annual Spring Fair, either in form of a letter or a poster.

Clark Edillo

What Year 4 are learning

This week Year 4 students are building an aboriginal shelter, using the same resources and tools. They are using only sticks, leaves and vines to make their structure. They are writing down their problems that they are encountering while they are trying to build this shelter. Later on they will helping each other to solve their problems. Well done Year 4!

Yash Mishra

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**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.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST**
All Men of the Parish and our Primary school are invited to the St Anthony’s Parish Men’s breakfast on Saturday 6th June at 7am to 8.30am in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker this month is Dr Michael Tan who is speaking about the important topic of Men’s Health. Come along, listen to this interesting speaker, catch up with your mates and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Please contact Peter Gardner on 0419 262 464 or Cameron Laurie on 0404 196 726 to RSVP.

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Reminder to Year 4 that your Lunch Macaroni Cheese Meal Deal orders are due back tomorrow, Friday 5th June, 2015.

**OLMC PARRAMATTA – OPEN MORNING TOUR**
Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on June 15, 2015.

Discover how our rich tradition and cutting edge approach makes a Mercy Education at OLMC Parramatta treasured for life. Tour the College 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](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

**Feast Day - St Anthony of Padua**

We are celebrating the feast day of St Anthony of Padua, the patron saint of our parish and school. We would love for you to join us on this special occasion.

**Monday 15th June, 2015**

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Free ice block for students

**CANTEEN NEWS – BIRTHDAY TREAT BUCKETS NOW AVAILABLE**

Winter Birthday Bucket Treats are available from the canteen. Please fill in the order form and send it back to the canteen.