From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of St Anthony’s,

Gospel Reading of Sunday – 16th June, 2013

Luke 7:36-47

A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? When I entered your house you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”

Reflection

Jesus explains that the woman is showing and experiencing deep gratitude for her conciliation with the Lord. All are in need of forgiveness, and those who have been forgiven for more are role models, because of the profound joy that they have come to know in light of God’s forgiveness.

Let us pray together:-

God of mercy, preserve us from the depths of despair and grant us the courage to always return to you. 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, for ever and ever. Amen

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua commemorates the life of the patron saint of lost items, a priest, wonder-worker, and doctor of the Church. He was born into a wealthy family near Lisbon, Portugal. Saint Anthony of Padua, entered the Canons Regular of St Augustine at age 15, over his parents’ objection. He excelled in his studies of Scripture and the Church Fathers, and, after two years, he convinced his superiors to transfer him to the Monastery of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, Portugal, so that he could continue his education without distraction from his family.

Today, we celebrated St Anthony’s Feast Day with the parishioners of St Anthony’s Church, Toongabbie. We are very proud of our school and strive to model the virtues that St Anthony has modeled for us in his life.

WALKATHON

The walkathon money is due in to the school by Friday 14th June. I will extend the due date till Monday 17th June so parents can collect the monies owing by sponsors. We need to be able to collect the money and sign off on the green cards to find out who will win the iPod, movie tickets and class luncheon.

There are approximately 230 children who have not returned their green card and money.

ST ANTHONY’S PARISH TIME CAPSULE

Today I gave pieces of writing to the Parish Secretary to be included in the Time Capsule contents.

Years 1 & 6 wrote about what was important to them in 2013 and every child signed their signature on a poster. What a great artefact for future generations.

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 have organised another opportunity for parents to attend a workshop on Cyberbullying and information that will help you to protect your child. This will take place on Monday 17th June, 2013 at 6pm in the HUB. Please RSVP through:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Event No. “368BP”.

The workshop is for parents of all students within the school community and we especially invite students in Years 5 & 6 to accompany their parents. Babysitting will be provided for younger siblings.

I 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.

EXTRAORDINARY SPRING FAIR MEETING

Thank you to the three new families who attended the meeting last night. The GREAT news is that the Spring Fair will be going ahead this year thanks to the small group of dedicated volunteers.

If you feel that you can help out in any way, please feel free to contact Mrs Louise Frendo at stanthonysspringfair@gmail.com.

Kind Regards

Cheryl Brown
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Luke’s Gospel this week prompts us to seek an important life goal. This goal is to develop a consciousness of God’s infinite capacity for forgiveness. As we learn in the story of the woman who washed Jesus’ feet with her tears, the more we are aware of being forgiven by God, the more likely we are to acknowledge God’s love for us. Luke’s gospel emphasises that Jesus reaches out and reconciles, and wants us to do the same.

There is no way that we can repay God for the magnanimous mercy shown to us. However, gratitude is often expressed through service to others. The repentant woman in the gospel narrative was possessed by a desire to serve. Do we realise that the reconciliation with God, which we enjoy, makes us ambassadors of reconciliation for others? Do we do what we can, give what we have to further the ministry of reconciliation? (Taken from The St Vincent de Paul Society’s Spiritual Reflection Guide)

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

Today we celebrated the Feast of St Anthony of Padua by attending Mass at the parish. St Anthony of Padua is one of the Catholic Church’s most popular saints. Saint Anthony of Padua, patron saint of lost and stolen articles, was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher. He’s typically portrayed holding the child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—or all three—in his arms.

St. Anthony of Padua’s life is what every Christian’s life is meant to be: a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground with total trusting love and dependence on God. A perfect example for all of us to follow!!!

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

The process for the Sacrament of First Eucharist has now begun for our Year 4 Students. This commenced on 5th or 8th of June with an Enquiry Session for parents. If you have missed this session, and you would like your child to receive the sacrament, please contact the church office ASAP. Sign Up is this weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers.

REMINDER

St Vincent de Paul Society
Urgent need of Cans of Soup by tomorrow 14th June

Upcoming Dates

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
What’s Happening at St Anthony’s

Reports
The half-yearly report will be sent home this Friday, 14th June. Please ensure that you receive your child’s report. You are asked to contact the class teacher if you don’t receive your child’s report.

Student-led Conferences
A major element of the reporting process at St Anthony’s is the Student-led conference. A Student-led conference is an informal meeting with parent/carer and student where the student has the opportunity to share and discuss his/her learning. The Student-led conference is to put the spotlight on the most important person in the process – the student. The advantage of a Student-led conference is that children can identify their own strengths and areas for further development and with guidance from both parents and teachers set goals for their future learning. The conference also allows the student and parent/carer to enter into meaningful conversations about the academic expectations for his/her child and the level of progress that the student has attained. The process of the Student-led conference is as follows:

There will be three session times for each class – 3:30pm, 5pm and 6:30pm which run for one hour. Each session will provide the opportunity for approximately 5 students in each class to display their workbooks and assessment samples to their parents in the classroom. Prior to the meeting students will practise how to lead a student / parent conference. Teachers assist their students in preparing for the conference so that students feel more confident in talking about what he or she knows and is expected to know. Well-planned preparation also encourages students to be better organised for the conference. Students in Years 3 - 6 also complete a self-assessment form where they are identified a goal to work on in Semester 2. During the conference the student is the presenter – the student shares his/her work and assessment tasks; talks about performance standards; identifies strengths and areas of challenge and should also talk about things that can interfere with their learning. The parent is the audience – the parent asks probing questions of their child to get a clearer understanding of the child’s achievement and quality of work. The class teacher will facilitate the process and speak generally to the parents. There will also be time available for interviews, if necessary between Student-led conference sessions or at another time negotiated with the teacher. Student-led Conferences are held in your child’s classroom. You are asked to please be prompt for your conference.

Student-led conferences will be held next week:
Tuesday 18th June
Wednesday 19th June

Parents/carers are required to make an online booking to secure a timeslot for your child’s conference. If you have more that one child who attends St Anthony’s you are required to make a booking for each child with their respective class teacher. Directions for booking online are as follows:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Type in code: YUEFT
And follow the instructions.
Please make your booking/s NOW

If you require additional information in regards to Student-led conferences please read the information sheet that will be coming home on Friday. The students and teachers look forward to seeing all our parents at the conferences next week.

Kind Regards
Patricia Charlton
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
The SCG are selling 2013/2014 Entertainment Books as a fundraiser this year. You can order your books online www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/214s888 or by completing and returning the form that was sent home. 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. For more information please contact Louise Freud, 0414 347 277 or st anthonyssccg@gmail.com

CALENDAR

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Mon 17 June | SCG Meeting
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Tues 18 June | Uni NSW Competitions – Spelling
Tues 18 June | Student Led Conferences
Wed 19 June | Student Led Conferences
Fri 21 June | Dance Fever at Sydney Olympic Park
Mon 24 June | Spring Fair Meeting
Tues 25 June | Yrs 5 & 6 Peer Support Training day
Wed 26 June | Yrs 5 & 6 Peer Support Training day
Thurs 27 June | Year 6 excursion to Canberra
Fri 28 June | Year 6 excursion to Canberra
Fri 28 June | Last Day of Term 2
Mon 15 July | Staff Development Day
Tues 16 July | First Day of Term 3 for Students
Fri 2 Aug | School Disco

**Canteen Roster**

**17th – 21st June**

Monday | Alison Woolgar
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Tuesday | 
Wednesday | Emma McKenna
Thursday | 
Friday | Sav Cosgrove

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.

**Uniform Shop Times**
The Uniform Shop will be open next Monday 17th June from 8:30am – 9:15am.

**Parish News**

**MINISTRY EXPO – 15-16 & 22-23 JUNE**

There is a wonderful variety and array of groups in the parish.

Have you ever thought – “Gee, I’d like to be involved in some work of mission in the parish, but I don’t know where to start?” On the above weekends all our parish groups will be hosting information tables about their respective work in the parish. There will be pamphlets, friendly local faces and all the information you need with helpful advice from those in our parish groups. With all your gifts and talents, please come and see how you may find God inviting you into the next exciting phase of your life!

Come and see us in the parish hall.  Fr Paul

**St Anthony of Padua Feast Day Mass**

Thursday 13th June, 2013

7:30pm at the Church

Followed by supper in the hall.

**Community News**

**Discover OLMC Parramatta**

Discover Contemporary learning, Academic Excellence in the Mercy Tradition at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta at the College Open Morning Tour on **Tuesday, June 18, 2013**. The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

**Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning**

9:15 – 11am - Tuesday 18th June 2013

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.

**Book Club**

Students received brochures for the June issue of Book Club last week.

Orders are due in tomorrow Friday 14th June. As ordering takes place online on that day, please do not send orders to school before or after the due date. Parents are also asked to include the correct amount of payment with their order if at all possible.

Kind Regards

Miss Katrina James,
Book Club Organiser

**Reminder**

Parents’ Dinner
Tomorrow, 14th June
7pm at Toongabbie Bowling Club.

1. Athletics Carnival Note
2. Seasons for Growth Note
3. Dance Fever Note – Years 3 - 6

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