FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

The last few weeks we have been listening to Gospel readings from chapter 13 of St Matthew telling us about God’s Kingdom. Jesus used 7 descriptive parables to describe what the kingdom of God is like. It is very difficult for us to really comprehend what the kingdom will be like and that’s why Jesus chose to use parables which the people of the day could relate to. These parables give us some insight however true understanding of the kingdom won’t really come to us until we die. But, as Christians, we can’t just wait till then. Our lives are about bringing the kingdom of God to fruition here and now – in our daily lives, in the lives that we lead at work, home, study, everywhere! We aren’t just ‘marking time’ here on earth. Jesus calls us to be active in everything we do. Jesus calls us as his disciples. This doesn’t just mean going to Mass every Sunday and then forgetting about Jesus for the other 6 days of the week. It’s about dedicating or surrendering our lives to him – to allow Jesus to work through us to bring about the kingdom here and now!

The kingdom of heaven is like a net cast into the sea which catches all kinds of fish. When it is full, the fisherman hauls it ashore. Then he sits down and sorts out the good fish from the bad. The good he keeps, the worthless he throws away. In a sense, all of us are fishers. Every day we cast our net into the sea of life. At the end of the day we have a catch, sometimes small and sometimes large. May we take time to sift through that catch. And may you Lord give us wisdom to know what to keep and what to throw away.

Have a great week,

Attila Lendvai
Principal

GRANDPARENTS DAY

What a beautiful day we had last Tuesday for our Grandparents Day celebrations! More than 150 parents and grandparents came to join us for this wonderful celebration of those very special people who love us so much. The day began with Mass concelebrated by Fr Paul and Fr Larry. This mass was also special in that it was Fr Larry’s final Mass with the children at St Anthony’s. Big thanks to Kindergarten and Yr 5 staff and children who prepared this celebration! Following Mass all the grandparents had a picnic lunch and sausage sizzle with their grandchildren. (Many thanks to the industrious SCG for looking after the sausage sizzle!) The grandparents were then treated to a musical selection from our school choir and then a very energetic Indian-style dance by Kindergarten taught and led by Mrs Steph King. (Big thanks to Steph!) The grandparents and parents then joined the children in their classrooms sharing in their learning and looking at the wonderful work that the children had done. Thanks to everyone who joined us especially those grandparents who travelled longer distances to get here – some even from interstate!

CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA

On Monday 28th July, Joshua Abdulla 3W represented St Anthony’s at the Catholic Primary Schools Golf Tournament in Mittagong. There were only four other students from the Parramatta Diocese with the other competitors coming from other NSW dioceses. Joshua played 9 holes with a score of 58 placing him a very credible 8th out of 20 people! “I got a bogey on two of the holes (this means one over par). This was my first golf competition and it was awesome!” commented Joshua who has only been playing golf for a short time. Congratulations Joshua on your wonderful skill and determination.

SPRING FAIR NEWS

The Spring Fair, our major fundraiser of the year is getting closer and closer. This year we will again have 7 wonderful rides for the kids. These rides will include a jumping castle, BIG slide, swinging chairs, The Rocket Ship, Dodgem cars as well as rides for smaller kids. Pre-paid ALL-DAY ride wrist bands will be going on sale next week for $25. This is a great saving as bands will be on sale on the day for $30! Get in early to avoid the rush on Fair day!
BOOK STALL - the ever popular Book Stall needs donations of suitable books, novels and magazines.

FEAST OF ST MARY MacKILLOP OF THE CROSS
St Mary MacKillop of the Cross is Australia’s first saint and as such patroness of Australia. To honour her life and work especially in Catholic Schools, a liturgy will be held on Friday 8th August, 9:15am in the undercover area.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
St Anthony’s will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption on Friday 15th August with Mass in the church at 12pm. All parents are warmly invited to join us for this HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. This will also be Fr Paul’s final Mass with our school community. We will also be dedicating our Mary statue when we return to school. Fr Paul will join us then and stay for a very special farewell. This would be a great time to personally say thanks and farewell to Fr Paul. Hope that you will be able to join us.

FAMILY MASS
Our next Family Mass will be for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children and their families on Sunday 10th August, 10am in the church. Hope that YOU will be able to join us!

NEW PARISH PASTOR
Our new parish priest has been announced recently. Rev Dr Arthur Bridge AM will be taking up his appointment in the parish from the beginning of September. We look forward to meeting Fr Arthur and working with him.

SCHOOL FEES
Wouldn’t it be easier for you if we could organize ALL school costs such as excursions, swimming, Life Education etc into just a one-stop fee? More details to come next week!

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

KINDER AND YEAR 1 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
All parents and families are welcome to join us for the Kindergarten and Year 1 Athletics Carnival. The carnival will have a Commonwealth Games theme so join us for some fun and fitness. Children have been designated a ‘country’ to represent and are asked to come dressed in appropriate clothes in the colours of that nation.

Date: Friday 1st August, 2014
Time: 11:30am - 1:15pm Sports Activities
      1:15-1:45 Picnic Lunch with Families
Venue: Playground

THE NED SHOW COMPETITION
NEVER GIVE UP ~ ENCOURAGE OTHERS ~ DO YOUR BEST
Enter the NED competition - Write/draw how you will apply the NED message in your life at home or at school and colour/decorate the page.
Enter by Fri 1st August, drop your entry into the box in the HUB
Winner receives a Cosmic Spin Yoyo to be announced at Friday assembly

Life Education
Empowering children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.

The Life Education program and Healthy Harold are visiting St Anthony’s from Monday 11th – Friday 15th August. As part of our PDHPE program for term 3, each class will visit the Life Education van throughout the week. Learning modules are grade specific and cover a range of really important health and safety topics that impact children at different times of their lives, such as healthy eating, physical activity, bullying, cyber-safety, alcohol, smoking, positive communication and relationships.

If you are interested in finding out what Life Education is all about then come along to the St Anthony’s PARENT SESSION
Monday 11th August at 9.00-9.20am

For more information and resources, visit the parent and child sections of the Life Education website
http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents

COLLECTING CANS
We are collecting cans for a fun activity planned for National Literacy and Numeracy Week. We ask that you save your empty 375mL soft drink cans after you use them. Please rinse them out and bring them into school by Wednesday 20th August. We cannot make use of cans that are bent or crushed. Thank you.

Kind Regards
Linda Ducksbury
Assistant Principal

NIT ALERT!
Several cases of head lice have been spotted over the last week or so in different grades. Please check your children’s hair and treat and remove all wild life.
Seriously, this is an ongoing problem at school and we ask your co-operation in trying to stop the spread. Thank you for your support.

Keep up with all the latest news and information
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SKOOLBAG UPDATE
We’re now up to 360 app downloads!! Please encourage your school friends to download if they haven’t already done so. It’s one of the most instant ways to stay in touch!

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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY
Our next Staff Professional Learning Day (Pupil-Free day) will be held on Monday 8th September 2014. This day will be our annual staff spirituality / formation retreat where we will examine our own faith and spirituality in the light of sacred scripture. Please note that there will not be any staff at school on the day and that parents will need to provide alternate care for their children.

COMMUNITY NEWS
RENAMEING OF TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE
Terra Sancta College will now be renamed St John Paul II Catholic College, Nirimba from the commencement of Term 1 in 2015 (not Term 3 in 2014 as previously announced). This will allow for the current Year 12 students to graduate under the Terra Sancta College name and the community more time to prepare for the change.

FAITH AT THE FIDDLER: 28th AUGUST
A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney’s most famous pub. This month’s speaker is Fr Brendan Purcell. Topic: ‘From Big Bang to Big Mystery – Human Origins in light of Creation and Evolution’. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta.

Date: Thursday 28 August 2014, 5pm-7pm.
Venue: The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill.
Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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JOKES OF THE WEEK

**Monday 4th August is Yr 3’s Week!**

J. How do you make a sausage roll?
A. You push it down the hill.

Angelina Makuac

J. What do sea monsters eat for lunch?
A. Potato ships.

Vansh Thakker

J. What happens with a wooden car, wooden wheels and a wooden engine?
A. It wooden go.

Sam Ward

J. Knock Knock
Who’s there?
Bean.
Who?
Bean who?
A. Bean to any movies lately!

James Ehn

J. Why did the shark take so long to eat a victim’s arm?
A. Because the victim’s watch made time consuming.

Liberty Temmo
**CALENDAR**

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**UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 5th August, 2014 from 8:30am – 9:15am. Orders can be placed through the office at any time.

**UNIFORM STOCKTAKE SALE**

Take advantage of the stocktake sale and purchase items at reduced prices:

- Tracksuit pants $30
- Tracksuit jackets $40
- V-neck sloppy joes $35

This sale will continue until Friday 15th August, 2014.

**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.

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP (SCG)**

Our next SCG meeting will be on Monday 4th August at 7:30pm All parents are warmly invited to be a part of the SCG.

**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.

**KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLMENTS**

We are in the final stages of the sibling interviews for Kindergarten next year. If you have a child that is due to start school next year and haven’t put in your enrolment form, please ensure that the completed enrolment form is lodged with the office by Wednesday 6th August otherwise you may potentially miss a place here for your child.

**SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNTS**

School fees have now been issued and are due by 19th August, 2014. Please contact the school without delay if you need to discuss payment of this account.

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**PARISH NEWS**

**MEN’S BREAKFAST**

A reminder about the Men’s Breakfast this Saturday 2nd August at 7am. All men from the school are more than welcome to attend. Our guest speaker this month will be Adrian Walker. Adrian will be talking about what sort of society do we really want. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**4th – 8th AUGUST**

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