FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

When we read the scriptures to understand and follow the life of Jesus, we frequently hear about Jesus forgiving those he encounters. Sometimes an individual came to Jesus to seek a cure from an illness or condition. Jesus’ reaction is generally not to just cure them but to tell them that their sins are forgiven. There is an account where a man asks Jesus how many times he should forgive his neighbour. The man suggests 7 times, as was a practice from the days of Moses. Jesus answers “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy seven times!” Jesus wasn’t referring to the actual number 77 but that forgiveness should know no bounds. What a hard concept, let alone practice this – that we should forgive those who have wronged us. When Jesus hung dying on the cross at Calvary, he prayed to his Father, “Father, forgive them.” Who are those who have wronged us? Who are those whom we can’t make amends with? This is our challenge as Christians, that is, to show forgiveness to those who do us wrong. The late St Pope John Paul II was nearly assassinated in the 1980s. As soon as he had recovered enough, he visited the man in prison to tell him that he forgave him. I wonder if we could do such a thing? Especially when we see our family hurt by others, we sometimes fall into vigilante parent mode. We want revenge or simply can’t forgive. By forgiving others is just one side of forgiveness. The other side is seeking forgiveness. We are all sinners who have wronged other people. How do we go about asking for forgiveness when we are truly sorry? I’m reminded about the prayer that we learned as children, the Lord’s prayer. In this prayer we say, “And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” In this prayer we are actually asking God to forgive us, not to his standards but to our own! If we forgive, God will forgive. If we withhold forgiveness, God may withhold.

Forgiveness takes practice and it starts in our families.

Have a great week,

Attila
Principal

PUPIL FREE DAY

Our term 3 pupil-free day will be held on Monday 17th August 2015. This day will be a spirituality reflection day for staff and will be held off-site. Parents are asked to kindly make alternate arrangements for their children on that day.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SOCIAL SKILLS

This week’s social skill is: SHOWING COMPASSION

When we show compassion we are letting our hearts be touched by the experience of others. Jesus was the best role model of showing compassion.

We show compassion when we:

- Put aside our own needs and enter into the experience of the other person so that we are able to see things from their point of view
- Are sensitive to circumstances in peoples’ lives and notice who may be in need of our compassion
- Accept people for who they are regardless of any differences
- Respond in a tolerant and non-judgmental manner
- Are willing to take action to improve the circumstances of people who are suffering

At school, we believe that compassion encourages children to be thoughtful and considerate when someone is sad or troubled and actively try to make a difference.
Next week’s social skill is: **SERVING ONE ANOTHER**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK WHO DISPLAYED A SENSE OF JUSTICE**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photo packs were distributed to students today. These include individual, class, family and special groups.

**2015 SPRING FAIR TALENT SHOW**

A note regarding auditions for the Spring Fair Talent Show were sent home today with students in Years 2-6. If your child will be available to perform on Saturday 5th September and is interested in putting together an audition item for consideration, please refer to the details in the letter.

Kind Regards

Linda Ducksbury
Assistant Principal

**SPRING FAIR NEWS**

Our next Spring Fair meeting will be on **Monday 20th July at 7:00pm** in the school staff room. Thank you to everyone who has supported the recent meetings. We are however after a generous person to volunteer as the 2015 Fair secretary. Please contact our SCG President, Warren Whyte via the school office if you’d like more information or would like to put yourself forward. This year each class will be allocated a fair stall to work on. A roster is being established and we would expect that ALL families would be able to volunteer for at least 1 HOUR to assist on their particular stall. The grades and stalls will be as described below. An electronic volunteer roster will be live shortly.

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**Help Needed:**

Any parent with a truck who will be able to pick up (and maybe return after the fair) Fair Stalls from Windsor in the week leading up to the Spring Fair, contact school office.

**Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets will be going home tomorrow and if a family doesn’t receive a book but would like one, they can collect a book from the office.

**WOOLIES EARN & LEARN**

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for St Anthony’s.

**It’s simple to participate.** From now till Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

Keep up with all the latest news and information

http://www.stanthonysgirraween.catholic.edu.au  facebook.com/StAnthonysG twitter @StAnthonys_G

Join the conversation #stanthonysg
There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths.

**BRENNAN FAMILY UPDATE**

Please continue to keep the Brennan family in your prayers. Jake has now had his surgery to repair his broken vertebrae and is recovering well. He has begun to walk again and is in good spirits. He has been fitted with a supportive brace and is getting used to his new found freedom. Dad, Stephen has also finished his rounds of surgery and is hoping to be moved out of ICU soon. Annette and Stephen are very thankful for your ongoing prayers and thoughts. The SCG leadership team and Natalie Walka, President of the Eagles Football club met last Monday to look at ways of further supporting the family for the future. Some letters will be sent home to year 1 soon to ask for ongoing support. Thank you to everyone who has already visited and are supporting mum, Annette as she looks after Stephen and Jake.

**SCG MEETING / NEWS**

Our next SCG meeting will take place next Monday 3rd August at 7pm in the school staff room. ALL parents are always warmly invited to attend.

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**St Anthony’s School Community Group**

**Meeting – Agenda**

**Monday, 3rd August 2015**

7pm in the Staffroom

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Prayer
3. Apologies
4. Minutes from previous meeting
5. Business arising from previous minutes
6. Correspondence
7. Reports
   - President
   - Principal
   - Vice President
   - Treasurer
   - Social Committee
8. General Business
   - Disco Wrap Up
   - Entertainment Book Update
   - Father’s Day
   - Zone Athletics Carnival 2016

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**PERSONALISED CARLINE CAR ID’s**

With the increasing number of parents using the afternoon pick up we need to try and make it as easy as possible for the teachers to see the family names for each car. We have come across these fantastic Car ID’s.

The advantage of these are that:
- Gives the teachers a uniform position to locate the family name
- Glare resistant and names are visible from 30m
- Parents are not holding up a sign while approaching the pick-up zone
- It stays attached to the sun-visor so it’s never missing or lost
- They retain your privacy – simply snap them closed after use

The cost price is $12.95 which is what we would sell them for, this is not a fundraising event. We are thinking about the safe of all the St Anthony’s children and the ease for teacher to keep the pick-up line moving.

The Car ID’s come already printed with your family name so once you receive it, it’s just a matter of putting on your passenger sun-visor.

If you haven’t already sent your form in, then it’s not too late. Just forward it to the school office as soon as possible.

**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT**

Joshua Abdilla won the Catholic Primary School 9 Hole Golf Tournament in Bathurst last Monday! He hit some amazing shots and really enjoyed the game. His parents were pleasantly surprised when he was announced as the champion. Next year Joshua will enter the 18 hole competition where he may have a chance at team selection to represent the MacKillop region. Joshua currently practises and plays at Cumberland Country Golf Club.
COFFEE & CHAT MORNING
Monday 10th August is our next Coffee & Chat Morning straight after the 9:00am assembly. Please join Ms Ducksbury and Mr Lendvai for a cuppa and a chat.

MASS FOR ST MARY MacKILLOP
All families are invited to come and celebrate the feast of Australia’s first saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a special mass on Friday 7th August at 12pm in the church. We’d love to see as many parents as possible celebrate with us.

CRAZY HAIR MUFTI DAY
Mark Friday 14th August on your calendars as our next Mufti Day for the Spring Fair. Children can come with their wackiest hairstyles and dress in mufti (Play clothes) for the day.

JOKE DAY
Next Monday is Year 4’s Joke Day.
J. What’s a sharks favourite game?
A. Swallow the leader
Sam Touma
J. Why can’t cars play soccer?
A. They only have one boot.
Ryan Jonak
J. What did the mayonnaise say to the fridge?
A. Close the door I’m dressing.
Divya Somasundaram
J. What do you call an owl who’s a magician?
A. Hoodini.
Kye Russell

CALENDAR
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SCHOOL FEES
Term 3 fees have now been issued and are due for payment by Monday, 17th August, 2015. 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.

SCHOOL HOURS
School hours are 8:30 – 3:15pm Parents are asked to drop their children to school NO earlier than 8:30am as there is no teacher supervision provided before this time.

CANTEEN ROSTER
3rd – 7th AUGUST
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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.

PARISH NEWS
Mass Times:
Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass
4th Saturday of month: 5:30pm Youth Mass
Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am
Tuesday 7.00pm
Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.30am

Communion Service:
Mon, Tues, Sat 9.30am

Anointing of the Sick: By arrangement.

Children’s Liturgy:
Sunday 10.00 am during school terms

Baptisms:
By arrangement. A one night information evening is a pre-requisite. Ring parish office to make a booking.

Reconciliation:
Saturday 4.45 pm to 5.15 pm or by arrangement.

MENS’ BREAKFAST
All Men of the Parish and our Primary school are invited to the St Anthony’s Parish Men’s breakfast on Saturday 1st August at 7am to 8.30am in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker this month is Jim Prendergast. Jim has recently returned from a holiday in the Holy Land and is keen to talk about his experiences there. Come along, listen to this informative speaker, catch up with your mates and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Please contact Peter Gardner on 0419 262 434 or Cameron Laurie on 0404 196 726 to RSVP.

Keep up with all the latest news and information
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### ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

**School Zones**

This fact sheet provides an overview of some of the penalties that apply to School Zones.

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<td><strong>BUS ZONE</strong></td>
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<td>You must not use a mobile phone whilst driving. Using your mobile phone whilst driving is distracting and dangerous, and is putting lives at risk.</td>
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<td><strong>Penalty $165+ 2 Demerit Points</strong></td>
<td>You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to let down or pick passengers, or goods. Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 meters from the vehicle.</td>
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<td>You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. Always stop or park legally and safely at the edge of the road or in a parking area. Penalty $298 + 2 Demerit Points</td>
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<td>You must not make a U-turn without giving way to pedestrians or vehicles in a school zone.</td>
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Parking and driving unsafely can put children's lives at risk.

Take care when in School Zones

For more information visit [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)

Or Contact Holroyd City Council's Road Safety Officer on Ph: 9840 9880