FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

FR LARRY FAREWELL PHOTOS
Last Friday we farewelled our assistant priest, Fr Larry. We will miss him greatly but he has left a lasting impression on all of us. God bless you Fr Larry.

FEES BUNDLING
What if you could pay your Life Education cost, your child’s excursion, the athletics carnival bus, the swimming carnival bus, incursion costs and much more all in one combined fee set at the beginning of the year and then spread across your term school fees and then not have to worry about shelling out every other week? Would this make your financial life easier? More details next week!

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all the Kinder and Year 1 children for a fantastic afternoon of fun last Friday. Many thanks to the staff, especially Mrs Law and Mr Howse for the preparations. A very special thanks to all the primary children for their magnificent cheering on of the ‘littlies’ as they ran their races – smiles all round!

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MacKILLOP
Tomorrow, Friday 8th August, we are celebrating the life of Australia’s first saint, St Mary MacKillop. St Mary is also the patroness of our Diocese of Parramatta and one of the great virtues and models of Catholic Education in Australia. Her selfless, tireless efforts helped to establish one of the largest teaching orders of nuns whose work spread across many states, cities and towns. The Order of St Joseph was her legacy. This order established many schools even in our own diocese and although their direct work in our schools has diminished, their work in other walks of life such as welfare and health is still strong. We thank God for the grace she bestowed on our school system, our diocese and Australia. Our prayer liturgy will be led by Year 2 at 9:15am on the undercover area.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY & FAREWELL TO FR PAUL
Friday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. This feast commemorates the occasion of God assuming Mary into heaven, body and soul. Because of the unique, saintly life and that Mary had carried the infant Jesus, God chose that she should not have to suffer death but be taken into heaven to be eternally with him and Jesus. This great feast is a holy day of obligation (a day when the Church says we must go to mass) and as such all the children will attend mass at 12:00pm in the church. We hope that all parents may join us for this very important feast. Following the feast Fr Paul will be joining the staff for a luncheon at school after which he will bless a statue of Mary for the school. At 2:30pm we will hold a special farewell prayer to say goodbye to our beloved parish pastor. God bless you Fr Paul.
SKOOLBAG UPDATE
We’ve now reached 376 downloads!! If you haven’t subscribed to the best communication app to stay in touch with all school matters, do it now – it’s free on your smart phone.

THE CATHOLIC GUY IS RETURNING
If you caught the Catholic Guy when he presented his unique mission to the parish, you’ll want to catch him again for his one-off return visit Tuesday 19th August 7:30pm in the Church. If you didn’t catch him the first time, make this the one event you don’t miss again! Further details from the parish office. Check out his message to our parish on Youtube – Search “Toongabbie One Night Event” or http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_2YJubkpW4&sns=em

GIRL RISING FILM PRESENTATION
Holroyd City Council, Immigrant Women’s Health Service and the Cumberland Women’s Health Service are proud to present an inspiring and uplifting movie documentary (Girl Rising) about 9 girls in 9 countries. The event is free and is to be held on Wednesday, August 20 between 11 am – 1:30 pm at The Holroyd Centre Merrylands.

Girl Rising journeys around the globe to witness the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. There are nine unforgettable girls living in the developing world who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams.

Some of the big names to lend their voice in the film include: Anne Hathaway, Cate Blanchett, Selena Gomez, Liam Neeson, Priyanka Chopra, Chloë Grace Moretz, Freida Pinto, Salma Hayek, Meryl Streep, Alicia Keys and Kerry Washington.

The countries featured include Sierra Leone, Haiti, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Peru, Egypt, Nepal, India and Cambodia.

‘Educating girls can break cycles of poverty in just one generation, yet millions of girls aren’t in school. Girl Rising uses storytelling to inspire action that gets girls into classrooms worldwide.’

This film is a great opportunity to highlight some of the difficulties young girls go through in various countries abroad.

The event will be hosted by 2014 Australia Day Ambassador & Director, Immigrant Women’s Health Service Dr. Eman Sharobeem who will form a panel discussion at the end of the film presentation.

Light refreshments will be provided

This is a free community event.

To RSVP please contact: Billy Cotis on 9840 9997
Ashley Theobald | Senior Admin Support Officer | Holroyd City Council |

ANXIETY AND CHILDREN
There will be a Term 3 PRC Presentation on ‘Anxiety and Children’ on Monday 1 Sep 2014 at St Patrick’s Primary School, 51 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

Dr Andrew Martin came to our attention as one of the most engaging and favourite speakers at the 2013 Catholic Schools Parents Conference held in Parramatta.

Come and hear Dr Martin discuss the Anxiety felt by our children and how we as parents can help support them.

DON’T MISS THIS ONE!

For further information contact the PRC President at the details below.
Contact: Selina Calleia, PRC President
Email: prcparrapresident@gmail.com

Have a great week,

Attila Lendvai
Principal

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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!

SCIENCE SHOW!
Ruben Meerman, “The Surfing Scientist” came to St Anthony’s School last Thursday. He showed students in years 4 and 5 really cool, awesome things. Some of the scientific phenomenon’s he demonstrated was turning normal water into ice and you can eat with liquid hydrogen. Ruben made a balloon pop inside a balloon with a laser. He also made a balloon shrink then blew it back up without touching it. Another experiment Ruben did created humongous clouds out of perfume, water and liquid hydrogen. We learnt so many things in the show and we thank Mrs Martin for organising it!!

By Chloe Whyte and Jessica Parkes 4G

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The Life Education program and Healthy Harold are visiting St Anthony’s from Monday 11th – Friday 15th August. 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

BOUNCE BACK!! – Wellbeing and Resilience Program
This week the Bounce Back theme all classes have been learning about is BEING FAIR. Being fair means following the rules and not cheating but it also means returning favours and kindness and helping others to be treated justly, fairly and appropriately in different circumstances.

For the rest of term 3 our Student of the Week awards will be linked to the Bounce Back theme of the week. This week we are on the lookout for students who demonstrate the skill of BEING FAIR in their interactions with others.

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.

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.

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.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KG  Crystal Miretta  KW  Markus Sumang
1G  Anya Wijesurendra  1W  Inoke Tupou
2G  Nicholas Furjanic  2W  Lucas Watkins
3G  Hayden Brown  3W  Cooper Barlow
4G  Dior Cooper  4W  Tayiah Hastings
5G  Calvin Kandiah  5W  Corey Zammit
6G  Chloe Gavanas  6W  Manasseh Samuriwo

JOKES OF THE WEEK

Monday 11th August is Yr 2’s Week!
J. Why did the lady rock on her rocking chair and roll on the floor?
A. Because she wanted to rock ‘n roll.
Kayla Marafioti

J. What do you call a Mexican with a rubber toe?
A. Rubberto.
Clare Pooley

J. What do you call a barbie doll with a sausage on her?
A. A BBQ.
Hayden Brown

J. Knock Knock
Who’s there?
Adam.
Adam who?
A. Adam up and give me the bill.
Blake Phillips

J. What did the flashlight say to the car?
A. Stop, go, stop go.
Lucas Pascu

CALENDAR

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UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 11th August, 2014 from 2:30pm – 3:15pm. 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.

NETBALL GALA DAY

The Netball Gala Day will be on Tuesday 19th August at Penrith. We are looking for people who might be able to assist with umpiring on the day. If you are able to help, or know of someone who would be able to help, could you please contact the school office on 9631 5283.