FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents and members of our school community are invited to place special prayers into our community Prayer Book. These prayers are shared with our entire school community as we come together to pray.

Tomorrow, as a school community, we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop whose official feast day falls each year on 8 August. All families are welcome to join us for Mass at the Church at 12 noon.

Almost five years ago, in October 2010, I had the great pleasure of standing in St Peter’s Basilica in Rome for the canonisation of Mary MacKillop. I was there along with thousands of other people from all over the world, including over 8000 Australian pilgrims. It was a wonderful moment to be an Australian Catholic and although there were a few saints being canonised that day, I still remember how proudly the Australians cheered when Pope Benedict XVI announced that our Mary MacKillop was now Australia’s first saint, St Mary of the Cross.

One learning I had from that time is that the Church does not make saints, it recognises saints. Mary MacKillop was certainly a woman worthy of recognition for her life, her faith and her work. She was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life with a particular commitment to children and families, the poor and disadvantaged and a commitment to providing education for all. She knew that God loved her and she responded to this love with confidence and courage as she battled many barriers along her journey. The spirit and values of Mary MacKillop continue to inspire us today to make a difference in our world. The Mercy values we are focusing on this term such as dignity, service, compassion, justice and respect are also values that St Mary of the Cross embodied in her life. One of Mary’s well known quotes from 1867 is what we live by in our school motto, “We must teach more by example than by word.”

I look forward each year to celebrating the feast day of St Mary of the Cross, as through her humanity and her sainthood, she will always be a wonderful example for Australians on how to live a life with a deep love of God and a commitment to our fellow people.

Linda Ducksbury
Acting 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. Girraween Activity Centre will be open on that day. Please contact them on 9896 1466 to make a booking.
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SOCIAL SKILLS
This week’s social skill is: SERVING ONE ANOTHER

SERVICE is a core value that encourages children to ask not what can be done for them but, what can they do for the world.

Catherine McAuley, and the Sisters of Mercy, have a strong sense of service in all that they do. The admirable works of these sisters are done without asking for anything in return. They see a need, and bring about a change that would make someone’s life a little better.

We work with a spirit of service when we:

- Can identify the needs of other people
- Are responsive to the needs we identify
- Serve willingly, do it from our heart
- Do not expect a reward for service given
- Go over and above what we would do ordinarily or might be expected of us
- Are aware that we belong to a community and are open to needs of all members

What would the world look like if people often performed good deeds for someone in need of assistance without asking for anything in return?

Next week’s social skill is: STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK WHO SHOW COMPASSION

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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Next week’s social skill is: SHOWING COMPASSION

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Orders for the Year 6 student leader photo of Captains, Vice Captains, Councillors and Sports Captains need to be handed into office by next Wednesday 12 August.

2015 SPRING FAIR TALENT SHOW
If your child will be available to perform on Saturday 5th September and is interested in putting together an audition item for consideration, auditions will be held at lunch times next week.

Monday 10 Aug – Year 6
Tue 11 Aug – Year 5
Wed 12 Aug – Years 3 and 4
Thurs 13 Aug – Year 2

If you require music, please bring this on an iPod, CD or USB.

CONGRATULATIONS
We always like to celebrate student’s personal achievements and there are a few St Anthony’s students who have excelled in their area of interest.

Harry Knight Y6 and Bronte Miskell Y4 will be competing for NSW at the National Karate Championships in Adelaide this Friday. Harry will also travel to India for the World titles later this year.

Grace Pooley Y5 has been selected for the MacKillop State Girls cricket Team competing at State Carnival in Dubbo next term.

Joshua Abdilla Y4 named champion at the Catholic Primary School 9 Hole Golf Tournament in Bathurst last week.

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Jasmine Sarkis Y6 has scored the lead role of Annie in a theatre production of this musical.

Lizzie Sarkis Y2 has landed the part of an extra in an upcoming movie.

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A huge effort of skill and sportsmanship was displayed by our team of 42 students who competed at the zone athletics carnival on Tuesday at Blacktown Athletics Centre. Every student tried their personal best in their track and field events. We have 11 students who will be continuing on to the next level of competition at the Diocesan level. Well done Zone team!

Kind Regards
Linda Ducksbury
Acting Principal

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. To participate in the crazy hair day, each grade has been asked to bring in certain items. Please refer to the note sent home today for more information.

SPRING FAIR NEWS
Our next Spring Fair meeting will be on Monday 10th August at 7pm 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 has been allocated a fair stall to work on. A roster has been 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 is now available by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the code Z9MBH.

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 were sent home last week and are due back by Friday 21st August. If a family didn’t receive a book but would like one, they can collect a book from the office.

FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
Thank you to all the families who supported St Anthony’s by purchasing the 2015/16 Entertainment Book. With our sales and donations we have raised $938.

NEW BABY ON THE BLOCK
Congratulations to the Gundigarra family – Aarav in KW, on the birth of baby Arnav.

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

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them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. 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.

**SKOOLBAG APP UPDATE**

We are pleased to announce that Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

This makes the app even more accessible than before with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up "Skoolbag" in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find our school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen.

Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.

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**FROM YEAR 6**

**ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

On Tuesday 4th August, 42 students from our school went to the Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown. Everyone did a great job in their events, and we had some outstanding performances.

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<td>Zac Palmer</td>
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<td>Jordan Salama</td>
<td>came 4th in 800m. Well done!</td>
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The boys and girls had a great day overall and won plenty of ribbons and awards. *Owen.Mock & Jemma.Abdilla*

**KINDERGARTEN**

Imagine you are a shepherd and one of your sheep was lost, what would you do? Children in Kindergarten have also been learning about a parable The Mustard Seed. The mustard seed started small like God’s Kingdom and ended up becoming very big. They learnt how to summarise their favourite part of the story in their books. This term Year Two, students have focused around the parable of The Lost Sheep.

*Clark Edillo*

**STAGE TWO**

Students in Stage Two are all geared up in their learning, this term.

Children in Year Three are learning about measurements in Maths, and are having a great time learning something new.

Students in Year Four are learning all about soil and rocks in science.

*Abbey O’ Brien*

**TALENT SHOW**

In a week the talent show auctions will open and children in Stage Three are eager to get in for the Spring Fair talent show. A band named OctaGOnal have a strong will to make it as they quoted “We are determined to accept a good challenge and perform”. The band consists of Year Six students and includes Abhinav, William, Bianca, Daniella, Harry and Aaron as the leader. They will audition with the other Year Six students on Monday week.

Another group that has already gained fame is THE BLUE ROCKERS. Sienna, Chloe and Mia from Year Five will be singing and dancing as they show off their extraordinary talent! Their way of getting in will be all about teamwork and they will audition on Tuesday week. The talent quest is open to Years Two to Year Six. We are looking forward to seeing all their acts!

*Daniel Biswas*

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**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT**

Last Friday I went to The Mackillop Trials for cricket. It was a fun day and I met lots of girls from year 5 and 6 from schools as far away as Albury and Cootamundra and Boorowa as well as girls from the Parramatta Diocese and Sydney. We played a game in which I got to bowl, bat and wicket keep. At the end of the day I was selected to join the team. I will now play in the Mackillop Team in November in Dubbo at the NSW PSSA Cricket – Girls State Carnival. I am very excited and pleased to have been selected.

*Grace Pooley - 5W*
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.

JOKE DAY
Next Monday is Year 3’s Joke Day.
J. How could a rabbit fly?
   A. By hair plane.                                   Bailey Clark
J. What’s easy to get into but hard to get out of?
   A. Trouble.                                       Mia Brownlow
J. What is a baby’s motto?
   A. If at first you don’t succeed cry and cry again. Chiara Simonetta
J. Knock Knock?
   Who’s there.
   Arch
   Arch who?
   Bless you                                      Dana Aani

COMMUNITY NEWS
SEMINAR: UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW
CCSS Solo Parent Services is holding the 2nd session of our Seminar on Understanding Family Law with an overview of the Family Law Act in relation to Separation/Divorce. The focus for this session is on Property Settlements and Spousal maintenance. Date: Wednesday 12th August Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown Cost: $7.00 – Registration Essential: Eileen or Rita Ph: 9933 0205 or email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

CANTEEN ROSTER
10th – 14th 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.

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In Week 7 we will be celebrating Grandparents Day, Book Week and National Literacy and Numeracy Week. We have a fun-filled day planned for Thursday 27th August and you are all warmly invited to be part of the celebrations!

9:00 – 9:45 Book Parade
Come dressed as your favourite book character. Bring with you the book your character is from so you can share it with others. (This includes school children, toddlers, parents and grandparents!)

9:45 – 10:00 Open Classrooms
Visit our classrooms to see how Numeracy and Literacy learning are linked together.

10:30 – Grandparent’s Liturgy
Join us for a special liturgy to celebrate the gift of Grandparents in our assembly area.

11:00 – 12:00 Morning tea
Parents and Grandparents you may like to stay at school after the liturgy and share morning tea with your children and grandchildren.

Looking forward to seeing you there!