FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last Friday we had a beautiful school farewell to our Parish Priest, Fr Paul Marshall. It was a wonderful opportunity for staff, students and parents to let Fr Paul know about the many ways that he has positively impacted the people in our community. We wish him every blessing in his new Parish and School communities. Everyone is also welcome to the Parish farewell luncheon to be held after the 10am Mass on Sunday 31st August.

At Masses last weekend and again this weekend, we celebrate with 40 of our Year 4-5 students as they receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. One of my favourite moments was when the candidates were invited to gather around the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist to witness this sacred part of the Mass up close, it was like an image of the Last Supper. During the Homily, Fr Paul sat on the steps of the sanctuary and spoke to the children about how, as from this day, the gift of Eucharist initiates them into the universal Church. They become a part of the Catholic community around the world and that this enables them no matter what the language spoken, to attend Mass at a Catholic Church in Asia, in Africa, in Europe, on every continent and receive Eucharist….a universal sign of our shared faith and love of Christ. What a powerful message!

A very big congratulations to all of our First Eucharist candidates. Our prayers are with you on this very special occasion. May you continue throughout your lives to be nourished and strengthened by the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Daniel Walka          John Higgins
Timothy Afraku        William Cooper
Alexandra Zammit       Chloe Whyte
Jade Lawler           Keenan Pillai
Maia Hartikainen      Ryan Jonak
Sarah Harris          Tayiah Hastings
Connor Salmon

Linda Ducksbury
Acting Principal

MUFTI DAY
We will be holding a ONSIE / Crazy Hair Mufti Day on Wednesday 27th August for the TOY STALL at the Spring Fair. We are after pre-loved TOYS and GAMES which are in GOOD, CLEAN condition. Soft toys, puzzles, games, lego, blocks, dolls etc would be donated. Children can dress in their favourite ONSIE and / or crazy hair.

NETBALL AND CRICKET GALA DAYS
Next Tuesday 26th August, we have 89 students (10 teams) representing the school at a Netball gala day at Penrith. We know they will have a wonderful day competing against many schools and 2000 other students from across the diocese.

Next Wednesday 27th August, we have 40 students from Years 5 and 6 competing in the Milo T20 Blast School Cup at Seven Hills. We wish all our sporting teams the best of luck.

We can apply the NED message to sportsmanship and fair play – Never Give Up! Do Your Best! Encourage Others! Best of luck St Anthony’s teams!!

BOUNCE BACK!! – Wellbeing and Resilience Program
Over the last two weeks the Bounce Back theme all classes have been learning about is BEING FRIENDLY. Here are some things you can do to encourage your child to develop positive and healthy friendships.

- Encourage your child to talk with you about their friendships.
- If your child shows signs of feeling rejected or left out, talk with them about it. Share a time when you felt the same way.
- Encourage your child to show appreciation when a friend does something thoughtful or helpful.
- Model with your children how to show interest and make conversation with family and friends in social situations.
- Be aware of friendships that may involve negative activities or put-downs of other children. Discuss these with your child and let them know how you feel about it.

This week our Student of the Week awards were presented to students who showed that they could BE FAIR. Congratulations!
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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LIFE EDUCATION – CONTINUING THE MESSAGE

During their Life Education visits, many classes focused on the importance of NUTRITION in living a healthy, balanced lifestyle. A large part of children’s daily diet is contained in the lunchbox! See the Healthy Lunchboxes Fact Sheet being sent home today for ideas on how you can ‘FRESHen up’ your child’s lunch.

What’s happening at St Anthony’s for NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK?

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Come along to our Book Fair Garden in the multi-purpose room and catch the reading bug!!! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St Anthony’s. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair tomorrow for a ‘Wish List’ visit and will bring home a book fair catalogue. The Book Fair will be open to students and parents from Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th August at 8:30-9:15am and 3:15-3:45pm.

We have a few reading surprises in store for you as well throughout the week!

ST ANTHONY’S RADIO STATION

Do you pick your kids up from school? Well if you do, be sure to tune into 103.8 FM and listen to St Anthony’s Radio Station, so that you know what’s happening around the school. You can listen to some cool music as well. happy listening!

by St Anthony’s Radio Station

MRS BRIGDEN’S RETIREMENT

On Friday 29th August St Anthony’s will have a liturgy celebrating the retirement of Mrs Brigden. She has been with us for 28 years and through all of them we’ve had great times. Thank you for all your hard work.

Leo & Jacob M

THE ASSUMPTION & FATHER PAUL’S FAREWELL

On Friday 15th August the whole school walked down to the church to participate in Father Paul’s last school Mass, for the Assumption of Mary. Father Paul celebrated a spectacular Mass, as usual, and showed us some photos from his trip to the Holy Land. It was a day we’ll remember. Later that day he blessed the statue of Mother Mary on area C, and we thanked him for his service as our parish priest with a goodbye song and 2 great presents, an iPad mini and a star that we have named after him, ‘The Paul Marshall’.

Sian, Jorja and Gabbi

VOICE OF YOUTH

On Monday 25th August Diana, Ante and Angelyn will be representing the school at the Cluster Final of the annual Voice Of Youth Competition. Diana will be delivering her speech about the plight of homeless children, while Ante
will be talking about cheating in sport and Angelyn will be discussing the effects Global Warming. We wish all the competitors the best of luck for the competition and may they all go well.

Leo & Emily

VALE
We extend our prayers and sympathies to the Aani Family (Dana 3G) on the recent death within the family. May strength from the Holy Spirit help you through these difficult times.

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? We’re working on making life easier!

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.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
All online logs need to be finalised by tomorrow. Certificates will be issued next term for the children who have completed the challenge.

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

CAKE STALL
This year the cake stall is asking parents in selected years to bring in selected cakes –

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Your help is greatly appreciated

The Cake stall is holding a cake competition the entries will be judged on spring fair day, entry fee - $5
all cakes will be auctioned with the proceeds going towards the spring fair
Get baking !!

CANTEEN ROSTER
25th – 29th AUGUST

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PARISH NEWS
FAREWELL TO FATHER PAUL
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – FR PAUL’S FAREWELL

After the 10am Mass on Sunday 31st August, we will be holding a luncheon to farewell our Parish Priest, Fr Paul, and his associates, Fr Larry and Fr Tim Crowley. This will be held in the Church Hall. You are all invited to attend and to bring a plate of finger style food to share. Cards will be available next weekend for you to sign, and if you wish to contribute to a gift, this will also be provided.

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

SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOUNGER WIDOWED PEOPLE

In response to requests and inquiries the CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be starting a new Monthly Support Group for younger widowed people. We will trial this group for 12 months, and it will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning Tuesday 9th September. **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time:** 10.30am-12.30pm **Cost:** $5.00. **Details and Registration:** PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 25th August, 2014 from 2:30pm – 3:15pm. Orders can be placed through the office at any time.

CALENDAR

| Sat & Sun | 23 Aug | First Communion Masses
| Mon | 25 Aug | Year 6 attend Voice of Youth at OLQP
| Mon | 25 Aug | Spring Fair Meeting
| Mon | 1 Sep | Spring Fair Meeting
| Thu | 4 Sep | Celebration of the Word in Thanksgiving for Fathers, 9:15 am
| Sat | 6 Sep | SPRING FAIR – 10am – 3pm
| Mon | 8 Sep | Staff Development Day - Spiritual Formation for Staff
| Fri | 19 Sep | Last day of Term 3
| Mon | 6 Oct | Public Holiday
| Tues | 7 Oct | First day of Term 4

Catherine McAuley Westmead
School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am
Tuesday 2nd September 2014

Enrolments for Year 7 2016

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2016. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour and avoid the crowds in Term 1 next year.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic 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.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9:15am and car parking will be available in the visitor’s car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

Discover OLMC Parramatta – Celebrating 125 years in 2014. Discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life by joining an Open Morning Tour on September 1. Tour the College and enjoy a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm.

Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: $5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

Thank you for your continued support of our services.

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