FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday’s Gospel sees Jesus and his disciples criticised by the Pharisees for not observing some of the Jewish observances around hand-washing and cleanliness. It seems so trivial that the Pharisees should make such an issue over something so petty however the gospel shows us what happens if observance becomes separated from the heart and mind and spirit. It is not the observance itself that Jesus criticises but the attitude of the “law observers” who see their position as one that enables them to judge others.

The other criticism is about making human laws sacred. Jesus accuses these people of setting aside God’s way for human ways. He uses one custom, that of hand-washing before eating, to expand on the theme. Of course it is important to observe the rules of hygiene but if there is to be an emphasis on purity, surely the most important thing is purity of heart.

The “evils” listed are products of the human spirit. They are the result of a disordered spirit and are the responsibility of the person who indulges in them. They don’t come from outside (someone else’s fault) but from the deep recesses of the heart. To take responsibility for one’s own thoughts, words and deeds is the beginning of moral adulthood.

As adults in the Christian community we need to reflect on our religious laws from time to time to check that they promote growth and freedom and do not quench the spirit. Healthy community living promotes and serves the wholeness of each individual.

Have a great week,

Attila
Principal

FATHER’S DAY

Father’s Day is rapidly approaching and we again need your community help! The Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 3rd September. Gifts will be priced $2, $4, $7, $10 and $15. Raffles tickets will also be on sale soon. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1 Our Social Co-ordinator, Natalie Lette is still looking for helpers to assist in wrapping gifts and setting up the stall on Wednesday 2nd September; manning the stall on Thursday 3rd September and also assisting at the Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast from 7am on Thursday 3rd September. All Dads are warmly invited to join us for the BBQ breakfast as well as the Father’s Day Prayer liturgy at 9:15am after the breakfast.

SPRING FAIR NEWS

The LAST Spring Fair meeting, before the Fair, will be held on Monday 31st August at 7:00pm in the school staff room.

We are still after donations of Books, DVDs, CDs and pre-loved toys. Keep bringing these in as soon as possible.

Helpers for ALL stalls are really needed now! We would expect that EVERY family can help to support the fair with an least one hour on a stall. Please volunteer your hour via the on-line process by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering the code Z9MBH.

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Our Major Raffle is coasting along but we would love EVERY family to try to sell some tickets even if they can’t sell an entire book. Additional books are available from the school office. All sold books should be returned to school as soon as possible.

Remember every dollar we raise will go back to helping YOUR children, so let’s all get behind our MAJOR fundraising initiative for the year – Many hands make light work!

Friday 4th September is the day before the Fair and it’s when we set up the stalls. We have a small number of parents who have volunteered their services any time after 3:30pm but we need more. If you can avail yourself for even an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the Skoolbag request listed under eForms or contact the school office.

VOICE OF YOUTH SUCCESS
Yesterday 3 of our year 6 students represented St Anthony’s in the Voice of Youth Public Speaking Cluster Finals at OLQP Greystanes. From the 9 speakers, our own Abhinav Saravanan was chosen as the overall winner who will now move into the Eastern Division Semi-Finals to be held on 2nd September at OLQP again. 7 children will compete to see which 3 students will then move through to the Grand Finals. Congratulations and good luck!

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
SOCIAL SKILLS
This week’s social skill is: SHOWING HOSPITALITY
Hospitality is welcoming everyone by sharing warmth, kindness and courtesy. It is valuing and respecting everyone we meet. We show the Mercy value of Hospitality by:

Greeting everyone with a smile.
Asking “may I help you”.
Making everyone feel that they are welcome.
Offering support and comfort.
Showing respect and kindness to everyone.
Being courteous and having good manners.
Acting in a way that enables people to feel valued.
Helping others as soon as you know they need it.

Always having a cheerful and cooperative attitude.
Spending time with and listening to others.
Sharing your time, gifts and talents with others and the community

Our Year 6 Hospitality team have been busy cooking with Mrs Ward for the last week. They have been preparing special treats that they served to our parents and grandparents at today’s celebrations.

Next week’s social skill is: BEING HUMBLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK WHO SHOWED COURAGE

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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MATHS MINDS
Did you see the first edition of our parent numeracy newsletter?

You can find it on the school notes page of our website – it was packed with information about what the students at St Anthony’s did for National Mathematics Day including Year 5’s ‘Because I’m Mathy’ video, our next parent numeracy workshop as well as an at home maths challenge. We will be publishing these a few times a term so look out for the next one!
JOIN US FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF PARENT LEARNING
ABOUT MATHEMATICS AT SCHOOL

PARENT NUMERACY WORKSHOP
MONDAY 7 SEP – 9.15am OR
TUESDAY 8 SEP – 7.00pm

* Creating a growth mindset for learning in your child
* Strategies for learning number operations across the grades K-6
* Mathematical Language – why is it important?

ICAS SPELLING RESULTS
Congratulations to all students who completed the ICAS Spelling examination. All children received their personal results last week as well as a certificate of either Participation, Merit, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction.

High Distinction: Aaroh Purani – Fabulous effort!
Distinction: Alex Jacobs, Daniel Biswas, Abhinav Saravanan and Helena Arronis – Congratulations!
Credit: Jasper King, Brenavan Padmeswaran, Sebastian Carlos, Ryan Sajan, Jai Wadwha, Saumil Purohit and Abuk Yaac – Well done!

Kind Regards

Linda Ducksbury
Assistant Principal

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
The preparation program for the Sacraments of Initiation are about to begin.

A Parent Enquiry Session will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 7:30pm OR Saturday 12th September at 12pm for parents of Children in Year 3 or above who will be participating in this preparation.

Reconciliation for these children will occur in November 2015 and then the children will prepare for and make their First Communion in 2016.

Attendance at one of the enquiry nights is compulsory, if you wish for your child to make their reconciliation this year. Please bring along a copy of your child’s Baptismal certificate if they were not Baptised at St Anthony’s.

Kind Regards

Rebecca Boidin
Religious Education Co-ordinator

SCHOOL FEES
Term 3 fees are now overdue for payment. 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.

COFFEE & CHAT MORNING
Next Coffee & Chat Morning will be on Monday 7th September after the 9am assembly. Come and have a cuppa and chat with Mr Lendvai and Ms Ducksbury. Many thanks to our SCG ladies for keeping this initiative going every fortnight.

JOKE DAY
Next Monday is Kindergarten’s Joke Day.

J. Why did the student throw his watch out of the school window?
A. He wanted to see time fly.

Georgia El-Khoury

J. Knock Knock
Who’s there
Nobody
Nobody who?
There’s nobody there.

Jessica Norris

J. What did the bus driver say to the frog?
A. Hop on.

Calysia Temmo

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J. What did one wall say to another wall?  
A. Meet me in the corner.  

Jacintha Prasad

J. Knock Knock.  
Who’s there?  
Tank.  
Tank who?  
You’re welcome.  

Jessie Diri

NOTRE DAME OPEN DAY SATURDAY 29th AUGUST  
Future university students will be able to get advice on course and career choices at The University of Notre Dame Australia’s Open Day on Saturday 29th August 2015.

From 9am to 3pm, the university will open the doors of its Broadway and Darlinghurst sites to prospective students and their families. For full event program details visit notredame.edu.au/openday

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Catherine McAuley Westmead  
School Open Morning  
9.15 – 11am  
Thursday 3rd September & Tuesday 3rd November 2015  

Enrolments for Year 7 2017

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and ask for car parking details when making your booking.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to tour the College on Monday August 31, 2015 - commencing 9.15am. Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter and enjoy a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Leadership Team.

A Mercy Education is treasured for life.

The College is now enrolling for 2017: limited places available for 2016. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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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