2 More Sleeps to the Spring Fair

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY
Just a final reminder that this Monday 8th September 2014 is a pupil-free day. All our staff will be off-site at a spiritual formation day. We thank you for your cooperation in making alternate arrangements for your children.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

When God chose Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus, he knew that Jesus would need someone else to be his father figure here on earth and so he ensured that Joseph would be Jesus’ earthly father. Now Joseph was a carpenter and that would have meant that he had a shed full of tools. I like to think that Joseph may have been like my own Dad who also had a lot of tools. I was forever playing in our shed building things and leaving the tools everywhere! Dad wasn’t pleased. I wonder if Jesus also did that? I’m sure that Joseph would have gently taught Jesus the patience of the carpentry trade as well as the love and respect of others. Jesus’ needed this role-modelling, love and protection to help him grow into the man we know. I pray for all fathers today that they can be as Joseph was with Jesus. Happy Fathers’ Day to all of our wonderful Dads, step-dads and grand dads! Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning at our annual Fathers’ Day Breakfast and liturgy.

Special thanks to our SCG for breakfast and Mr Barden and Year 4 for the beautiful liturgy.

Keep a smile on your dial,

Attila Lendvai
Principal

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED!
Do you have any spare time where you would be able to assist children with reading, maths, science etc? We’d love to have you even for an hour. See your class teacher as soon as possible.

CAN YOU SEW?
We are looking to create more chair-bags for our infants students, especially kindergarten, and will need the services of some accomplished seamstresses and sewers. Please contact Mrs Ward with your name and child’s details if you could assist.

THE SPRING FAIR
This is the one day of the year when we need ALL HANDS ON DECK!! A big thank you to everyone who have volunteered to assist with our annual Spring Fair. We are still in need of helpers. I hope that when you are contacted about stall helping times that you will be able to provide us with one hour for the year to ensure the success of our fair. The Fair will go ahead RAIN, HAIL or SHINE, although we really want the SHINE! Make sure that you’re there at 10:00am to meet our new parish priest Fr Arthur Bridge as he officially opens the fair along with our school choir.

TERM CONCLUDES
School will close for the term on Friday 19th September and then resume on Tuesday 7th October for ALL children. Please mark this date in your calendar NOV as many students were absent on the first day of this term as they didn’t know when we were returning.

All raffle tickets need to be returned to school by tomorrow SOLD or UNSOLD. Please ensure that your tickets come back.
PRC NEWS: LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

In our Term 3 PRC meeting, a number of staff members from the Parramatta Catholic Education Office gave a presentation on Learning Difficulties.

Learning difficulties need to be personalised to individual needs to support better. Assistive technologies such as an iPad plays a big role in learning.

The presentation outlined the capability of the Education Office. These include more trained teachers and principals to understand learning difficulties, current schools facilities, third party partnership programs and working towards additional schools for disability especially for children with Autism.

PRC members later broke into groups to discuss the presentation and our team raised a question as to how the Catholic Education Office could offer further help for the gifted and talented students of our schools.

One of the major issues was: "How do I know if my child has a learning difficulty?" Some students who are not making progress require an intensive educational intervention and curriculum adjustments. Typically these students would struggle to meet age appropriate educational milestones. Some students do not readily respond to educational intervention and under government criteria, they are classified as students with “Learning Disabilities”. These students require curriculum changes, strategies and individualised learning plans.

As a parent, what should I do? Observe the child’s behaviour and collect the information and keep records to share with your child’s teacher and principal. The Catholic Education Office can sometimes conduct certain assessments to determine what types of learning difficulty the child may have.

What Support is available in our Catholic schools? A number of services are provided. These include school level case managements, system support, itinerant teachers, assistive technologies, behavioural support, counselling and diagnostic assessments.

If you have a child with learning difficulties please talk to the school. You can also discuss these matters with the Catholic Education Office (Parramatta) on 9840 5600.

Siva Veluppillai
PRC Rep

NOW OPEN
OFFICIAL OPENING
The Fair will officially be opened by our new parish priest Fr Arthur Bridge at 10:00am. Our talented St Anthony’s Choir will help to also kick off the proceedings. This would be a great time to meet Fr Arthur as well as enjoy the recital.

Keep up with all the latest news and information
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CAKE BOXES
Cakes boxes and or trays are due back tomorrow. We would encourage all families to make a cake, slice, cookies, etc according to their grade. This ensures we get a great variety for sale.

Kindergarten Whole Cakes (Carrot, Banana, Butter / Tea, Lemon, Chocolate etc
Year 1 Slices, Chocolate, Coconut, Caramel,
Year 2 Meringues
Year 3 Brownies, Fudge, Mars Bar Slice, Cake Pops
Year 4 Cupcakes, Muffins
Year 5 Pikeslets, Scones
Year 6 Cookies, Biscuits, Shortbread, Macaroons
Year 6 Toffees, Coconut Ice, Rum Balls

CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION
The Cake Stall is also holding a CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION! Try your hand at decorating or being creative! An entry form was sent home last week with the cake boxes, or you can enter on the day.

SPONGE THROWING
Sadly there is NO dunking tank at this year's fair, however, you will have the chance to throw wet soggy sponges at a variety of teachers including Mr Lendvai!!

Now that's an attraction that You DON'T want to miss!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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CANTEEN ROSTER
9th – 12th SEPTEMBER

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UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
The Uniform Shop will NOT BE OPEN NEXT MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER due to the Staff Development Day. The Uniform Shop will next be open on Monday 15th September, 2014 from 8:30am – 9:15am. Orders can be placed through the office at any time.

PARISH NEWS
FAREWELL TO MARGARET & JOHN DREW
On Sunday 14 September, after 8am Mass, we will be holding a morning tea to farewell Margaret and John Drew who recently left our parish. Margaret and John have been parishioners for over 50 years and during this time have been very involved in the running of the parish. They have been especially involved in the hospitality groups within the Parish and also have played a major role in the link between our church and school. Come and join us in the hall for a cup of tea.

JOKES OF THE WEEK
Tuesday 9th September is Yr 5’s Week!

J. Why did Tony go out with a prune?
A. Because he couldn’t find a date.  

Hannah Seballos

J. Why did the boy sprinkle sugar on his pillow?
A. Because he wanted sweet dreams.

Adriana Busic

J. What do you call a small mum?
A. Minimum.

Satwik Chemadupati

J. Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in France?
A. All that was left was de brie.

Jordan Brownlow

CALENDAR

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From the children of St. Anthony's.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads, Step-dads, Grand-dads & Pop-pies!