FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week’s Newsletter is produced by the students, however, I wish to express my gratitude to all the parents who supported the Spring Fair Committee and who helped on the day of the Fair. The gift of your time and effort is gratefully appreciated and models to our students and others how you enter into stewardship of our school community endeavours.

Stewardship is a means of showing gratitude for all that we have in our lives. Each of us has something that we can be grateful for. As a way of life stewardship calls all of us to action.

To respond generously to others, our school community through the gifts that we receive from God, is not something that God demands or needs it is something that WE need to do.

You may ask: How can I show enough gratitude for all that I have received? By participating in giving of your time and/or talents to support the school community, for example, the Spring Fair, you are modeling to your children and friends a sense of gratitude, responsibility and generosity. The practice of Stewardship is an intentional living of the biblical call to be stewards.

The Christian steward is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them generously in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to God.

FROM YEAR 6

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On 23rd August, 2013 we had 10 contestants who participated at the Diocesan Athletics carnival. We had a great day and competed in many events. All of the contestants tried their hardest and accomplished some good results. Theph Theph from Year 6 finished 4th in Long Jump. He qualified to go to MacKillop Athletics Carnival at Homebush next Tuesday, 17th September, 2013.

By Asheitip, Tong and Theph

MARKET DAY

Year 6 are having a Mercy Market Day on Friday 20th September. This is all to celebrate the life of Catherine McAuley. We are raising money for Mamre House by having a Market day. It is going to have many foods, activities and things to buy. These include: Pancakes, Cookies, Fake Tattoos, Scoobies, lolly bags and there will be sports activities to do as well.

By Taylah Jones 6W & Damon Mock 6G

MERCY SUMMIT

On Wednesday, 11th September our school leaders went to St Kevin’s, Eastwood to represent our school in the Mercy Summit. The Mercy Summit is where schools that were originally conducted by the Mercy Sisters all join to learn how to spread mercy throughout their school and to teach others about Catherine McAuley. Our leaders gave a small presentation about our idea on how to spread the Mercy story. We are planning to hold a market day to raise funds for a Mercy project, Mamre House at St Marys. This MARKET DAY will be held next Friday 20th September. The school leaders were very organised and enjoyed seeing other schools’ projects. It was a very unique experience that they won’t be forgetting any time soon.

By Tiana Nakat & Amber Palmer

SPRING FAIR

On Saturday 7th September 2013 we had the annual Spring Fair. There were many different rides such as storm, dodgems, zoomer, giant slides, jumping castle and dunking machine. There was delicious food such as Hot dogs, Pancakes, Ice Cream, Fairy Floss, Pies and Sausage Rolls. There was also a photo booth that reminds you of the spring fair. We also had the tombola store that was run really well by year 6 and parents. It was a big sell out and a lot of people came to buy food. It was a really good day and our school would like to thank all the parent helpers who helped on the day.

By Hamish, Harrison & Matthew
YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING
In Term 4 year 6 will be holding a fundraising event every Thursday for 8 weeks. Here’s what is happening!

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PJ’s multi-day  
Whole school Gold coin donation |
| Week 2        | Thursday 17th Oct  
Fruit Kebab Day  
Available for infants at recess and primary at lunch time for $1 |
| Week 3        | Thursday 24th Oct  
Ice-cream Day  
Available for infants at recess and primary at lunch time for $1 |
| Week 4        | Thursday 31st Oct  
Community workers multi-day  
Whole school Gold coin donation |
| Week 5        | Thursday 7th Nov  
Cake Day  
Available at recess time 50c to $2 |
| Week 6        | Thursday 14th Nov  
Ice-blocks Day  
Available at recess and lunch time $1 |
| Week 7        | Thursday 21st Nov  
Face Painting Day  
Available for infants at recess and primary at lunch time for $1 |
| Week 8        | Thursday 28th Nov  
Lolly Bags  
Available at recess and lunch time $1 |

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
DELAY OF NAPLAN RESULTS
On Thursday 5th September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13th October, however, ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

LACHLAN FOLEY
Lachlan Foley is currently competing in the Australian All Schools Swimming and Diving Championships in Adelaide this week. He swam in the 50m Butterfly and came 4th and he achieved a PB in the event. Please keep Lachlan in your prayers over the weekend as he still has two more events to compete in.
ST ANTHONY’S SCHOOL NEWS

Keep up with all the latest news and information

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PARISH NEWS

St Anthony of Padua Parish

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION:
Any child who is presently in Year 3 or higher will be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents must attend one of the following enquiry meetings. Wednesday 16 October at 7.30pm or Saturday 19 October at noon in our parish church. Attendance at one of these meetings is essential if you wish your child to receive the Sacrament. No registrations will be accepted after these meetings.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Have you a spouse, relative or friend who is not a Catholic and would be interested in finding out about our faith? Please let them know about this meeting. Come along with them.

ENQUIRY NIGHT FOR R.C.I.A.
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Tuesday 17 September at 7.30pm in the Parish centre

(back of the courtyard beside the church)
Please contact Mary Cook,
pastoral associate 9631 3316 or pastoralassociate@stanthonyschurch.org.au

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SPRING FAIR UPDATE

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, students and the whole St Anthony’s community for all the help and effort that went in to make last Saturday’s Spring Fair a fun filled day for everyone.

With the beautiful weather we had it was great to see the children having a fantastic day.

Events like the Spring Fair can only happen with a lot of planning over many months and the support of the whole community.

We will be having a wrap up meeting on Monday 14th October at 7pm where we will also be talking about next year’s Spring Fair and if anyone is interested in coordinating.

I look forward to seeing you at the wrap up meeting and thank you again to everyone for your help this year.

Louise Frendo
Spring Fair Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A relationship enrichment weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again! Weekend date: 8 – 10 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: website www.wwme.org.au

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