FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Anthony’s,

Gospel Reading of Sunday – 22nd September, 2013


Jesus said to his disciples: “I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

Reflection

At the heart of today’s passage is the importance of integrity. Integrity is the courage to be who we are, and it honours God, our neighbours, and our selves. People with integrity honour God by trusting in the gifts that God has provided that characterise who they are. In the same way, the person of integrity honours self by accepting these gifts and using them for the life of the world. Finally, the person of integrity honours others. Integrity makes one trustworthy and true, and in this, the person imitates God.

Let us pray together:-

God of our trust,
we look to your son as a model of integrity.
He remained true to himself as your Son, and
in this he revealed to us your trustworthiness
and truth.
Grant us the courage to imitate your Son in
carrying out the mission to which you call
each of us.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever.
Amen.

COMPLETION & OPENING OF AREA C

St Anthony’s has been advised by the site supervisor of ‘Aussie Grass’ that the laying of the synthetic grass on Area C will be completed by this Monday 23rd September. As you can appreciate we are all very excited with this news as we have waited many years to undertake this expensive project. Mrs Brown advised in her last newsletter that this major environmental improvement was realised through the wonderful fundraising efforts of the School Community Group, and in particular from the proceeds from the Spring Fair. The Area C playground area will be ready for the students to use when they return to school after the holidays. To mark this special occasion we have decided to have an official opening of the area. The opening ceremony will take place at the Tuesday assembly (8th October) at 9am. Following the opening, morning tea will be served. Parents and friends are invited to join us in this celebration. For catering purposes please indicate on the tear-off slip if you will be attending St Anthony’s Grand Opening.

OUR GOOD LITTLE WRITERS

Following the Spring Fair some of the Kindergarten children wrote a recount of their experience. I have reprinted, with permission, a couple of samples of the children’s work so that the school community can see the quality of work that our Kindergarten children are achieving. You will notice their work demonstrates information that is interesting and important to them; the sentences are fluent and ideas are organised in a logical and effective manner. All traits of a good writer. Well done children. I enjoyed reading all your recounts and I hope you liked your special gold stickers.

Recounts

On Saturday I went to the Spring Fair. First I got my wristband. Then I went on the boat. Next I went on the big slide. The big slide was awesome. Then I went on the big slide again. Finally I had some food. Then I went home. (Written by Elisha Higgins)
St Anthony’s School Newsletter

On Saturday I went to the School Fair. First I ran into the school. Next I got my wristband. Then my dad and myself went on the dodgems. After that we had a break. Finally we went on the big slide. It was the best day.  (Written by Jade Seghedi)

School closes tomorrow for the holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 8th October. It was a very busy term, a lot happened – Ignition Day, Peer Support, Seasons for Growth, Voice of Youth, Focus 160 professional learning, Literacy / Numeracy week, Netball Gala Day, Ipad Workshops for teachers, Staff formation, Mercy Summit … to name a few. A big ‘Thank you’ to all our parents and friends who supported St Anthony’s in our endeavours and to all the staff for their continued hard work in engaging students in valuable learning and teaching experience and for their commitment to the children in their care. I hope our students have a very restful and enjoyable holiday break and come back next term refreshed for the final term of the year.

CONDOLENCES
We have had some sad news this week with the passing of Mr Carlito Edillo, Carl (5G) and Clark (4W)’s father last Saturday. He has been ill and was having treatment in the Philippines. Carl and Clark will not be returning to school until next term. We ask that you keep this family in your prayers.

Kind Regards

Patricia Charlton
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MERCY DAY
As outlined in our Week 8 newsletter, tomorrow we will be celebrating Mercy Day. We welcome everyone to join us for our Celebration of the Word, and see the great work Year 6 have done in preparing for, and leading our Mercy Market. The Mercy Market is one way of putting Social Justice into action. All funds raised will support Mamre House’s social inclusion programs. We’re looking forward to an enjoyable day.

MERCY DAY CELEBRATIONS – FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER
11:40am Celebration of the Word
12:20pm Mercy Market, Kindergarten – Year 2
12:50pm Mercy Market, Years 3 – 6
2:15pm Annual Staff v Students Netball Match for the “Mercy Cup”

REVIEw OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
During 2013, the Evangelisation and Religious Education Team of the Catholic Education Office is facilitating a review of Religious Education in the Diocese at the request of Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. Academic staff from the University of Notre Dame Australia has been appointed to lead this review, which has already involved a number of stakeholders. Parents are also invited to complete a survey on Religious Education in our schools in order to hear from as many stakeholders as possible about the importance and effectiveness of the religious life and curriculum.

You are encouraged to take some time over the next day or two to complete the survey, which can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REEducationSurveyParents.

FIRST RECONCILIATION
St Anthony’s Parish invites parents of baptised children in Year 3 or above, who have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation, to consider preparing for and celebrating this sacrament next term. If you would like your child to celebrate First Reconciliation this year, you will need to attend the Enquiry Meeting on Wednesday 16th October at 7:30pm, or Saturday 19th October at 12pm in the parish hall.

If you, and/or your child is not a baptised Catholic, you are also invited to consider whether you are being called to the Catholic faith. If you think you may want your child to be baptised, or may want to become a Catholic yourself, I invite you to contact our Pastoral Associate, Mary Cook at the parish office (9631 3316). You are not under any obligation, and our parish will do their best to support you, even if you have only remotely begun to think about being a Catholic.

Upcoming Dates
16th October First Reconciliation Enquiry Meeting, 7:30 pm, Parish Hall
19th October First Reconciliation Enquiry Meeting, 12pm, Parish Hall
26th/27th October First Reconciliation Enrolment at all Sunday Masses
30th October First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7:30 pm
2nd November First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 12pm
3rd November School Family Mass, Stage 2
9th/10th November First Reconciliation Workshops Commence
19th November Fr Paul’s Silver Jubilee of Ordination
27th/28th November First Reconciliation
10th December Year 6 Graduation Mass, 6pm
11 December Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm
18 December Thanksgiving Mass, 11:00 am

Kind Regards

Robert Barden
Religious Education Coordinator

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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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LACHLAN FOLEY
As reported in last week’s Newsletter Lachlan Foley competed in the Australian All Schools Swimming and Diving Championships in Adelaide. He swam in the 50m Butterfly and came 4th and he achieved a PB in the event. He also competed in the 100m Butterfly and came first and received a gold medal for his efforts. Congratulations Lachlan!

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 14th October, from 8:30am – 9:15am. You can place orders through the office at any time.

CANTEEN NEWS
Chicken Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Nuggets and Milk will NOT be available on Friday 20th September 2013 due to there being no stock as it is the end of term.

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FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

- Our Lady of Mercy Liturgy 11:40am

SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

- Last day of Term 3

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER

- First day of Term 4

MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER

- Spring Fair Wrap Up Meeting 7pm

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER

- Basketball Gala Day

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER

- Year 5 Excursion to Camp Yarramundi

MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER

- Movie Night

MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER

- Swimming Programme starts

MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER

- SCG Meeting – 7:30pm

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

- Swimming Programme concludes

FRI, 8 NOVEMBER

- Swimming Carnival

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

- Kindergarten 2014 – Parent Information Evening

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

- Yr 5 Personal Development Day

MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

- School Community Group – AGM – 7:30PM

FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

- SCG Parent night out

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER

- Reports go home

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER

- Thank You Parent Morning Tea

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER

- Year 6 Graduation

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER

- School Christmas Carols

MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER

- Year 6 day out

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER

- End of Year Mass – 11am at Church

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER

- Last day of Term 4 for students

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER

- Staff Development Day

FRIDAY, 20 DECEMBER

- Staff Development Day

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**SPRING FAIR UPDATE**

Congratulations to the following winners of the Major Raffle:

1st Prize: Aaron Loko
2nd Prize: Helen Tran
3rd Prize: Jenny Simonetta
4th Prize: Daniel Busic
5th Prize: Katie Wilkinson

Congratulations also to the winners of the Craft Stall raffle:

1st Prize: M O’Malley
2nd Prize: Katherine Caddy
3rd Prize: M O’Malley

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**AREA “C” OPENING & BLESSING**

I __________________________________________ will be attending the Opening and Blessing of Area C.

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: ___

Number of People: ________________________

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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 16th October at 7:30pm or Saturday 19th October at 7:30pm 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.

**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

**SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry is offering another 7 week “Post Separation Recovery Program” for those who are separated or divorced. Each Session includes input, small and large group sharing and time for personal reflection on aspects such as grief, dealing with intense emotions, learning lessons from the past, redefining yourself, forgiveness, setting goals and moving forward. It has proved to be a very effective “recovery” program for those who have experienced the breakdown of their marriage relationship. Commences 7.30pm Wednesday, 23rd October at Blacktown. For registration and further details: Ph. 99330205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

**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! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as “How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?”

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

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