FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the school and the last term of the year! I trust that you had a relaxed time with your children and managed to spend some quality time with the entire family. This term the children arrived back to the theme of REFLECT on your LEARNING. Reflecting on our learning is an activity that is happening everyday as a part of your child’s learning. At assembly I asked children when they reflect. The answers were varied but true: “We reflect in maths”; “We have reflections in religion”; “We reflect on the stories and characters during reading.” Reflection is a powerful tool for learners to be able to internalize and make sense of what they are learning. This process is actually guided and taught through the grades and we use a variety of language to assist the children in forming their reflections. Some of the key words we use for children to develop their reflections are COLLABORATION, PROBLEM SOLVER, CREATIVITY, PERSONAL and REFLECTIVE process. These are taken from our Learner Profile that will be used for the first time in our end of year report. I would urge you to talk to your children about what they reflect on and how they are going as a learner using some of the words here.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus meets a young man who asks, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Now that’s a deep question that we all need to ask ourselves! The man went on to say that he kept all the commandments, so what more should he do? Jesus replied, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. This suggested that, flowing from an undivided heart, dispossessing oneself and following Jesus are one and the same thing. To turn this around: if one is to follow Jesus one must come empty-handed. This doesn’t mean that we literally sell everything; we all have family and social obligations that make having things a necessity. Jesus is saying that we can’t let possessions (or anything else, for that matter) divide our hearts. Too often possessions possess us; we must let go so only God can possess us. It is hard to enter the kingdom of God because too often our hearts are divided—we want to let go and follow Jesus at the same time we want to hang onto our possessions and, indeed our very lives! Divided hearts just won’t do. God wants our all so God can give all in return.

For the grace to let go of our possessions - God of mercy, hear our prayer.
For the grace to have an undivided heart. - God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen

Have a great week,

Attila
Principal

EARN & LEARN

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated and helped us gain 32,040 points in the Earn and Learn competition. The teachers will now be busy finding suitable equipment to purchase with our points. We’ll publish a photo as soon as we receive our equipment.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Harry Knight (Year 6) who recently competed in the 8th Commonwealth Karate Championship in India. Harry did himself and Australia proud by coming a very reputable 5th place in the Kata 12/13 year old division. Well done Harry!
JOKES OF THE WEEK
Next week will be Year 5’s Joke day! This week, Mr Lendvai wowed us with these side-splitters:

J. How does the barber cut the moon’s hair?  
A. E-clipse it!

J. What is the world’s tallest building?  
A. The library because it has the most stories.

J. Why didn’t the sun go to university?  
A. Because it already had a million degrees!

J. What is the shortest month?  
A. May, it only has three letters.

TERM DATES
Term 4 will conclude on Wednesday 16th December. All students should have returned in their SUMMER uniform however, as normal, a 2 week grace period will exist where students can wear their Winter uniform should the weather be cool. By Monday 19th October all students must ONLY be in their SUMMER uniform.

COFFEE & CHAT MORNING
Please consider joining Ms Ducksbury and Mr Lendvai each second Monday morning after assembly for an informal cuppa and chat outside the library. The next Coffee & Chat will be on Monday 19th October. We’d love to see you there.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A reminder that ALL children from Years 2 to 6 are going to our annual Swimming Carnival on Friday 16th October at Blacktown. Parent helpers would still be gratefully appreciated. Please contact the school office or Mrs Law if you can help even for a short time.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS
Along with today’s newsletter, you’ll also receive your child’s grade curriculum overview. As always, we’d ask that you read this carefully and place somewhere prominent in your home so as to refer to throughout the term. It may help as a conversation starter when asking your child about their learning. Please speak to your child’s teacher should you have any queries about their learning.

STUDENT OF THE TERM AWARDS
All parents are warmly invited to our Student of the Term Awards to be presented this Friday at 9am. Parents of the recipients are invited to morning tea, along with their child, after the presentation.

CANCELLATION OF CAFE
Due to the Swimming Carnival, the canteen WILL NOT be open on Friday 16th October. The canteen will, however, be open on Thursday 15th October for lunches and morning tea etc. Please note this change on your calendars.

KINDY 2016 PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING
All Kindy 2016 parents are reminded and invited to the Parent Orientation meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st October at 7:30pm in the kindergarten learning space.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
SOCIAL SKILLS
This week’s social skill is: **BE A CHAMPION**

Being a champion is not about winning or being the best. Anyone can be a champion at anything when they decide to apply their values to their attitude and actions. A champion attitude is essential when reflecting on our learning and setting ourselves goals to strive towards.

Next week’s social skill is: **MAKING CHAMPION CHOICES**

ICAS MATHEMATICS RESULTS
Congratulations to all students who completed the ICAS Mathematics examination. All children received their personal results today as well as a certificate of either Participation, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction.

**High Distinction:** Brenevan Padmeswaran – Fantastic Effort!
**Distinction:** Tanush Velluppillai, Jiivan Sampathkumar, Daniel Biswas and Abhinav Saravanar – Congratulations!
**Credit:** Ethan Jacobs, Ryan Sajan, Noah Talato, Louis Tsang, Jai Wadwha, Liam Pascua, Sebastian Carlos, Devansh Gupta, Clare Pooley, Isabelle Talato, Tashfin Hossain, Alex Jacobs, Jasper King, Sudar Manivannan, Aaroh Purani, Mithran Jeganathan, Jemma Abdilla and Ruben Sugalan – Well done!

Kind Regards  
Linda Ducksbury  
Assistant Principal
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POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM
CCSS Solo Parent Services is offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program. This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. **Commencing:** 21st October for 7 Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.45pm. **Venue:** Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. **Cost:** $80.00 **Registration Essential:** Eileen or Rita on 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

SCHOOL REUNION
St Anthony’s Girraween Year 6 class of 1985 will be holding a 30 Year reunion, and we are inviting past students and teachers to attend.

The reunion will be held at Toongabbie Bowling Club on Friday 16th October at 7pm. Buy your own dinner and drinks.

RSVP and enquiries to Donna (Winter) 0409 717 386 or Jenny (Mulcahy) 0418 449 026 by 10th October.

Hope to see you there!

2016 PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN TEAM SPORT TRIALS
Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2015 and Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:
- AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY AND MUST be approved by your child’s school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially “Representative Experience”.**

Your child’s school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet. **Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.**

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 30th October as these trials will be held in November 2015. All other sport registrations will open on 2nd November for 2016 trials.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,
**Margaret Thornton**
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

BOOKCLUB
Issue 7, Bookclub brochures have been sent home with students this week. The date for returning cash or cheque orders to school is next Wednesday 14th October. All credit card orders need to be made online by close of business on that same day. Please remember if you are ordering and paying online you do not need to send anything back to school.

Thanks
**Bookclub Co-ordinator**