FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Uniform & Grooming
With the move into summer uniform we have noticed that some girls’ dresses are very short. In the interests of modesty, it would be a very good idea to check the length of your daughter’s dress. It is recommended that the bottom edge be around knee-length. A simple solution is letting down the hem as there is about 8 centimetres extra material.

Parents are also reminded that earrings must be plain set of metal studs or small sleepers. Children may also wear a watch, signet ring or religious medal (worn UNDER the shirt or blouse) No other bracelets, bands or jewellery is permitted. Boy’s hair should be of an even grade with no shaved or undercut parts. Girls should tie their hair back if it is longer than shoulder length for health reasons. All children’s hair should NOT be dyed but rather of its natural colour. Thanks for helping our children comply.

STUDENT OF THE TERM
Congratulations to the following children who received Student of the Term awards last week. They are “Champions of their Learning!”

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JOKES OF THE WEEK

Monday 20th October is Year 5’s week!

J. Where do bees go to the bathroom?
A. The BP Station.

J. What grades did the Pirate get?
A. 7 C’s.

J. Where do you cook toast in the jungle?
A. Under the gorilla.

J. Why don’t teddy bears ever eat breakfast, lunch or dinner?
A. They are stuffed.

123 MAGIC PARENTING COURSE
It was great to see some 30 families represented at last Tuesday’s 123 Magic Parenting Course! Lots of great practical ideas and learning delivered in a very easy non-threatening way. There are still 2 more sessions to go (Tuesday 21st and 28th) Please contact the school office of you’d like to attend any of these sessions. It’s not too late for some great advice!
2015 KINDERGARTEN PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING
The 2015 Kindergarten Parent orientation meeting is scheduled for NEXT Wednesday evening at 7:30pm ALL parents are asked to be represented at this meeting whether you are a new or an existing parent. Please note that this evening is for parents ONLY. The meeting will be very practical and will attempt to outline the most important elements of starting Kindergarten at St Anthony’s in 2015. This year’s meeting will be different! I look forward to seeing everyone there.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTION FEE
From the beginning of 2015 we wish to limit the many times that parents are asked to pay for school-based activities throughout the year. Some of these ongoing costs have included Life Education, excursions, incursions, Dance Fever, athletics entry, swimming carnival entry, various other bus costs, ICAS competitions etc. These costs, and others, will be added to the existing Resource fee, Administration and Technology fees to create a one-stop fee to be simply known as the General Contribution Fee. I am envisaging that the cost will be about $400 for the first child and slightly less for each other child. 2015 fees will then be made up of the General Contribution fee, School Fees and the Diocesan Building Levy. These fees will then be on your School Fee accounts each term. This allows families to ‘pay off’ all fees and charges throughout the year rather than paying for activities as they arise. Flexible payment options should then further allow parents to manage their funds more easily. The Year 6 Canberra excursion, the Year 5 Bathurst excursion and Fund raising activities will NOT be included.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM
The school swimming program begins on Monday 27th October and then continues for 10 days. Please see the accompanying note with today’s newsletter for what to bring and to sign off the permission slip. (Cost for the swimming program was included in the school fees)

STATE TRIALS
“On the last Monday of term 3 (September 15th), Adriana and I went to the State Athletics Trials. I ran the 800m and Adriana did the Long Jump. To qualify for State, you had to come in the top 3. I came 4th and missed out by only one! I did however beat my personal best by 7 seconds!! I had a lot of fun.” – Hannah Hamilton
Congratulations Hannah and Adriana on your wonderful efforts!

STAFFING UPDATE
Our New Counsellor, while Mrs Ricketts is off on maternity leave, is Ms Jeanette Mansour. As of this week, Jeanette has begun making contact with various children and families. I’m sure you’ll make her feel welcome.

PARISH MENS’ BREAKFAST
The next Men’s Breakfast will be held at St Anthony’s school on Saturday 1st November rather than at the parish hall. Why not come along to share the fellowship of a hearty breakfast and guest speaker? Mark this on your calendar NOW! More details next week.

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND
During the month of November, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund. Also known as faith@work this fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions. The faith@work appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Please be generous so these good works can continue. Envelopes will be going home to all families in November. Please note that envelopes are also being distributed at Sunday mass through the church.

TERM DATES & SCHOOL HOURS
A reminder that ALL children will finish school for 2014 on WEDNESDAY 17th December. Families who are going on holidays before this date should contact the school office to request a School Exemption Leave application. Parents are also reminded that children SHOULD NOT be dropped at school before 8:30am as there is NO TEACHER supervision before this time. Supervision is provided from 8:30am until school commences at 9:00am and then after school from 3:15pm until 3:45pm and afterwards in the case of an emergency. Thanks for your co-operation.

TAKE A SELFIE WITH YOUR TEACHER FOR WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY

Atila Lendvai
Principal
**FROM YEAR 6**

**MERCY DAY**
On the 19th September St Anthony's raised funds to go towards Mamre House in Orchard Hills, which is a project run by the Sisters of Mercy. Mamre House currently operates programs for people with disability, youth, refugees and more, helping them find employment, offering education, support and finally citizenship services. The Mercy Market was a huge success with most stores making at least $60-$100 each. Some of the stores include sports, cupcakes, bracelets, lollies, toys and loom bands. There were also raffles and prizes that were won. Overall everyone had lots of fun and we raised over $1000 to go towards benefiting Mamre House in Orchard Hills.

*By Keane and Emily*

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
On 7th October all the students at St Anthony's returned to school and walked into all the teacher’s dressed up as champions because the learning intention for this term is to be a champion in your learning. There was also a tube man flopping around in the air. Following that we had an assembly and Mr Lendvai called all the teachers up on the stage and told everyone what they were. We hope that all the students have a great term as we get closer to the end of the year.

*by Leo and Josh S*

**YEAR 3 EXCURSION**
On 14th October Year 3 went to the Powerhouse Museum. They learned a lot and did a lot of activities. Year 3 ate their lunch there and had lots of fun at the Powerhouse Museum.

*By Brad and Jacob. M*

**YEAR 2 EXCURSION**
On Thursday the 16th October, Year 2 went to the Fairfield City Museum for their excursion. They went to see the history of Fairfield and the general idea of ye olde times. Their excursion relates to their HSIE subject this term, and gives them a little more insight into their new subject - Back In Time. They have seen ye olde version of Fairfield. We hope they had a memorable experience at the museum, venturing into history.

*By Jorja, Gabbie and Sian*

**ST ANTHONY’S RADIO STATION**
Do you pick your kids up from school? Well if you do, be sure to tune into 103.8 FM and listen to St Anthony’s Radio Station so that you know what's happening around the school. You can listen to some cool music as well. Happy listening!

*By the St Anthony’s Radio Station Team*

**CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS**
All classes are in great need of additional parent helpers for reading, writing, maths, craft, art etc. See your child’s teacher but ensure that you complete the on-line Child Protection Module available on the Catholic Education website and the Prohibited Persons declaration from the front office before commencing. The module can be accessed via the following web address: [http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm](http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm)

Acknowledgement of your completion will automatically be forwarded to St Anthony’s. It is law that these requirements be adhered to before commencing. See Mr Lendvai or Ms Ducksbury for any further details.

**BABY NEWS**
Congratulations to the Shah Family (Nygel in KW) on the birth of twin boys, Dhvij and Dhvit. Best wishes to the Shah family on this happy occasion.

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**CAKE NEWS – BIRTHDAY TREAT BUCKETS NOW AVAILABLE**
What better way to celebrate your child’s birthday in the warmer seasons with their classmates! We are introducing a Bucket of Birthday Treats. They are great for children with allergies and they are fuss free – just pre order from the canteen/office and they will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

The options are:
- Lemonade Icy Poles
- Ice Cream Cups
- Juicy Tubes

This is all available for $1 per child.

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Keep up with all the latest news and information

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GRADUATION BEARS
Although Year 6 Graduation is more than 10 weeks away, Year 6 students have an opportunity to purchase signature graduation bears at an approximate cost of $16. Our uniform supplier is looking for expressions of interest to see if this may be a viable item for the children. If you would like to consider a bear, please send in a note to the office. We will need a minimum number of orders for this to go ahead.

CELEBRATE WORLD TEACHER’S DAY

SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
It’s that time again for Family Portraits! They will be held on Saturday, 1st November at school. If you would like more information or to book in for a time please contact Louise Frendo 0414 347 277.

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UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
The Uniform Shop will next be open on Monday 20th October, 2014 from 2:30pm – 3:15pm. Orders can be placed through the office at any time.

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SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION
For every deposit made between 20.10.14 and 30.11.14 the student will receive an entry into the School Banking Competition to win 1 of 40 Go-Pro Cameras and 150 Slip-n-Slides.

Nothing extra needs to be done except to visit us at the banking table with your deposit on a Tuesday morning and you will automatically go into the draw.

Goodluck
Also remember for every 10 deposits you can order a reward. To see what rewards are available please see the cabinet in the office.

GIRRAWEEN EAGLES - FATHER & SON CAMP
This year at father and son camp we had a flying fox and we went to the beach. Cooper and I were doing parkour at the beach and at a waterfall and we had a great time.

By Daniel Walka

At father and son camp we went to a waterfall, we could only go there with a under 11’s or an adult. We slept in cabins not tents. At camp there was a possum; Daniels dad fed the possum apple and a banana. There was a goanna climbing a tree and we put an egg there for it to eat.

By Michael Salama