Dear Parents and Friends of St Anthony’s

**Gospel Reading of Sunday,**  
14th October, 2012  
**Mark 10:17-20**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honour your father and your mother”.

**Reflection**

Jesus invites us to give up everything and follow him. God desires that we love him above all things: more than all our riches and possessions, more than our families and loved ones. Our treasure in heaven will be great if we do this. By giving up everything for the love of God, he will bless us with far greater riches both now and in eternal life.

**Let us prayer together:**

Loving Father, 
you give us this Sunday to rejoice in the memorial of 
Christ’s Passion and Resurrection. 
By the celebration of this sign of love and life, may we 
be brought into ever deeper unity with one another and with you, who live and reign together with your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 
Amen.

It is hard to believe that Term 4 is here. How quickly the year goes! Term 4 will be another busy term with Peer Support continuing for the next couple of weeks, followed by the commencement of the swimming program in Week 4 and the swimming carnival on Friday 9th November, 2012.

This term we will be holding our Kindergarten Orientation sessions on 19th / 20th November and 26th / 27th November from 9:30am to 1pm. A parent information evening will be held on Wednesday 14th November. The Year 5 personal development evening for parents has been scheduled for Monday 22nd October, commencing at 7.00pm.

The Stage 2 ‘showcase’ presentation will be held this afternoon between 4pm and 6pm. Both students and teachers are looking forward to this event. The students will have the opportunity to ‘showcase’ all the wonderful learning that has taken place in Stage 2, as well as providing them with a venue to demonstrate their many talents. Parents and carers from Stage 2 can look forward to viewing the artwork and movies produced by our talented students. Parents / carers will also be treated to some very artistic performances by dancers, actors and musicians. I hope to see our Stage 2 parents and carers at this wonderful event!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about before and after school supervision of children. Students are supervised before the commencement of the school day between the hours of 8:30am and 9am. A teacher is on duty during this time. After school, children who are waiters are supervised by teachers between 3:15pm and 3:45pm. It has come to my attention that a number of students are arriving at school well before 8:30am when there isn’t supervision by a teacher. For this reason I ask parents / carers to please ensure that your child / children do not arrive prior to 8:30am. If you require your child / children to be supervised out of the normal school hours (before 8:30am and after 3:45pm) please make arrangements with OOSH – out of school hours care. Sharon (the director) can be contacted on 9896 1466.

**Ann D Clark Lecture 2012**

At the end of last term a number of staff from St Anthony’s joined with 300 of their colleagues to attend the annual Ann D Clark lecture. The lecture, which honours our founding Executive Director of Schools, Ann D Clark, is a way for teachers to build ‘professional capacity’ by learning from leading educational experts from around the world. This year’s lecture was presented by Andy Hargreaves, a global education expert and author. The topic of his lecture was about how to build and invest in teachers and the teaching profession. Professor Hargreaves outlined the current challenges to teachers and teaching, at the same time he presented solutions – a way forward – which is to invest in building the professional capital of our teachers individually and collectively. In outlining a ‘map’ for the future Professor Hargreaves talked about investing in improving the “qualifications, knowledge and capacity of individual teachers; the collaborative practices and trust between teachers and schools in sharing their practice; and the ability to reflect on the data and the learning to adjust their practice to meet the learning needs of students.” The teachers who attended the lecture found it to be a valuable professional learning experience as it
resonated with our goals and educational philosophies. As Greg Whitby (Director of Education) expressed in his reflections on the evening “At the very heart of what we do here is our aim to continually learn how to improve our practice to deliver quality learning and teaching so we can make sure the young people in our care get a quality Catholic schooling.

In closing I would like to pass on Cheryl’s best wishes to all of St Anthony’s community for the commencement of Term 4. Presently Cheryl is on a pilgrimage with Bishop Anthony Fisher, Greg Whitby and a number of other system leaders. This pilgrimage walking in the ‘footsteps’ of St Paul is part of the faith formation program for school leaders. Cheryl’s correspondence has indicated that she has found the experience both spiritually reflective and prayerful and is giving her deeper insights into her own faith. I am sure Cheryl will pass on some of her experiences when she returns. Cheryl will be returning on Wednesday 17th October. Throughout the pilgrimage Cheryl has been praying for all staff, students and families of St Anthony’s.

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School Family Mass
Thank you to the students and families from Years 3 and 4 who participated in the School Family Mass held on Sunday 16th September. Thank you also to the teachers who assisted with preparing the students and leading them on the day, especially Miss Younes, Mr Mackey and Mrs Peatman. Thanks must also go to the many parishioners who contribute to the celebration of the Mass each week, and assisted in ensuring the students were able to fulfil special roles within the Mass.

First Reconciliation
The process of preparation for First Reconciliation resumes this term. A parent preparation session will be followed by small group sessions for the children, accompanied and supported by their parents. I wish to echo the thanks of the parish to those parents who have accepted the request to lead small groups during the preparation period. The contribution of parents is crucial to what is a family centred process. By leading a group, or by contributing to the group sessions by accompanying and guiding your child, you are striving to fulfil your role as your child’s first and continuing educators of the faith.

Please refer to the information supplied by the parish office for details of the preparation sessions. For further information, contact Mary Cook, Pastoral Associate at the parish office on 9631 3316.

World Teachers Day
The first whole-school liturgical celebration this term will be on World Teachers Day. In Australia, this will be celebrated on Friday 26th October (as the worldwide date, 5th October, fell during the holidays). We are taking the opportunity to celebrate the day in prayer given that we have a particularly special milestone to celebrate this year for one of our teachers. All parents and friends are invited. Please refer to the invitation elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

Kind Regards
Robert Barden
Religious Education Coordinator

You are invited to join St Anthony’s Primary School as it celebrates World Teachers Day with a Celebration of the Word and recognition ceremony for staff on Friday 26 October at 10:15 am in the school assembly area.

We will particularly acknowledge those staff who have reached milestones of service in Catholic Education and especially congratulate and thank Mrs Betty Barker who this year celebrates fifty years since the commencement of her teaching career.

Tea and coffee will be available from the Hub prior to the celebration, commencing at 9:45 am.

Karen Charlton
Assistant Principal

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**CAFE NEWS**

**CAFE ROSTER – OCTOBER 15 - 19**

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**ST ANTHONY’S COOKBOOK**

The St Anthony’s Cookbooks were sent home last term, however, we have had some returned as the binding was coming apart. If you have a Cookbook and you are not happy with the binding, could you please return it to the school office by Monday, 15th October and we will arrange for the Cookbook to be replaced. Please be aware that the book will take a few weeks to be replaced.

**CALENDAR UPDATE**

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**POST-SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM**

If you have been through the very difficult and painful experience of the breakdown of your marriage relationship you may find “The Recovery Program” a great help as you try and pick up your life again and plan for a new future. Over a seven week Program you will be supported, guided and enriched by the Recovery Program that deals with topics and issues specifically pertaining to your situation. We begin this Program on Wed. evening 17th October. at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St. Blacktown. Further details and registration with Sr. Eileen Quade 99330205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au

**STUDENT DATA VALIDATION FORMS**

Please return your Student Data Validation Forms to the school office by Friday 26th October.

**MEASLES OUTBREAK**

Sydney is currently experiencing an outbreak of measles which began in April and is centred in the South Western Sydney and Western Sydney regions. There is a potential for the measles outbreak to spread further given young people have large social networks both within and outside of school.

NSW Health advises that measles is a serious viral illness that mainly affects unvaccinated children, teenagers, young adults, and babies too young to be vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and can easily spread through the air.

The first sign of measles is a high fever which usually begins about 10 to 12 days after exposure to a person with measles (range 7 – 18 days). A runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes (conjunctivitis), and small white spots inside the cheeks can develop in the initial stage. The rash appears around 14 days after exposure, usually starting on the face and upper neck and spreading over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4 – 7 days.

If you suspect measles, see your doctor, clinic or hospital. It is important to ring before your consultation so you can be seen as soon as possible and arrangements can be made to avoid contact with other patients in the waiting room who may be susceptible to measles.

A person with measles should remain at home until four days after the rash appears to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people.

Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at:  

**COMEDY NIGH**

Infants Meal Deal orders are due back tomorrow, Friday 12th October.

**STUDENT DATA**

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