Dear Parents and Friends of St Anthony's

Gospel Reading for Sunday, 30th October
Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honour at banquets, seats of honour in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation ‘Rabbi.’ “As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

REFLECTION

Have you been led astray by a false mentor, friend, or role model? Examine carefully those whose lives you admire. Are they doing the hard work of life themselves? Are they only too happy to be rewarded or praised? Distance yourself from anyone who leads you away from the one, true God of love and humility.

Let us pray together…

Jesus Christ, true Lord, false prophets and Pharisees have always tried to recruit your followers. Lead us to the one light, the one path, the one truth, found in you. You live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

St Anthony’s School community has been very busy in providing many opportunities for celebration since the beginning of the term. It gives me great pleasure to write about these events:

- At St Anthony’s students and teachers are reading the coming Sunday Gospel readings each week and focus on a Gospel Action for the following week. Visit our Twitter - http://twitter.com/StAnthonysG for week 3 Gospel Action. There are a few Kindergarten students who were modelling the Action – Be Kind to Others.

Gospel Action for Week 4 is BE HONEST

- The Year 4 Showcase Evening was so successful in engaging the students and parents in celebrating the learning. I was so amazed at the amount of talent there is in Year 4. Reece Murray and Matthew Horan, compères extraordinaire, had the audience riveted to their seats when introducing the wonderful and talented students. The running comedy skit with Stephanie Longo and Selin Hurriyet kept the audience entertained in between performances. We also listened to one of St Anthony’s budding authors, Natasha Lette. Whilst listening to the solo musicians - Sarah Abboud, Lachlan Foley and Pritiv Deepak Raj, I realised the great potential St Anthony’s School has in developing musical talents. Well done to the students and teachers, Mr Robert Barden and Miss Elizabeth Younes, for the wonderful idea and preparations for the event.

- I wish to take this opportunity to remind parents and students of the dangers of putting information on the Web. I encourage all members of the community to be careful when adding information, pictures, movie clips online. St Anthony’s has a policy for obtaining permission with regards to taking photos of students for Internet and Publicity purposes. However, this permission is school use only and students whose parents do not authorise for their child’s photograph to be taken is noted and their privacy respected. Whilst I was at the year 4 Showcase I noticed the number of parents taking videos and photographs and it made me think about our students’ privacy. If the photos and videos are purely for personal viewing I believe you are being careful. However, if parents and/or students post photographs or videos on Facebook, twitter, utube (to name a few) where other students are included with their child I would consider
this to be inappropriate without the other parents’ permission. I suggest parents and students think of the possible consequences when uploading to the world wide web.

- The St Anthony’s School and Parish Movie night was an outstanding success in building community across the School and Parish. The atmosphere was fantastic. Families arrived early to find a place to spread their rug and set up for the evening. The children were very excited to watch a movie under the stars. Fr Paul Marshall and myself were very pleased to open the evening and we hope there will be more movie nights in the future. The evening was organised by the Pastoral Care team of the St Anthony’s School Community Group. I greatly appreciate their support and wonderful teamwork in the organisation of community events. The Catholic Education Office, Parramatta provided the big screen and sound system and Mr Robert Barden and Mr Patrick Mackey gave of their time to set up and pack up the equipment at the end of the evening. It was great to see Mrs Flood with her grandchildren enjoying the evening as well.

- I wish to thank Miss Christine Watson for organising the Basketball teams this term. A number of students have been training during lunchtime each week in preparation for this week’s Basketball Championships. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week students attended the Championships. Miss Watson supported the students on Tuesday and Mr Mackey and Mrs Baiada supported the students on Wednesday. A special thank you to the staff for attending and supporting the basketball events.

- It is the time of the year when the staffing arrangements are being organised for 2012. In the past I have given parents an opportunity to write to me in relation to whether there are any concerns regarding your child’s learning for the following year. As you are aware the classroom is an agile learning space and the two teachers are working together as a team in teaching your children. The children are allocated to a particular teacher mainly for administrative reasons e.g. roll call, interviews, responsibility etc. I continue to offer this opportunity for 2012 if you have any concerns please write to me via the office and/or email on cbrown15@parra.catholic.edu.au.

- Last Friday I attended the Parish Mass with the Kindergarten and Year 5 students. The students were very reverent and I wish to praise the Year 5 students on how well they attended to the Kindergarten students. The Year 5 students are excellent role models, I look forward to them being the St Anthony’s leaders in 2012.

- Kindergarten teachers and students are welcoming the Kindergarten parents to attend an Open Class Visit tomorrow, 28th October, between 2:30 – 3:15pm. Please come and visit the wonderful and dynamic new learning space.

- The St Anthony’s Swimming program begins next week. Hopefully the weather will improve and the students will look forward to the event. Please ensure your child comes to school with all the requirements needed for swimming.

- One of the Commonwealth Bank characters, GRED, visited our school with the School Banking facilitator, Peta McGavin at the Monday morning Assembly. All parents will be receiving the application form for the banking program that will be starting shortly. I wish to thank Mrs Pooley for offering her time and talents to support the program. There are a few other parents who have offered their time as well. If you are interested to give time on Tuesday mornings between 8:30 – 9am please complete the tear off slip below.

- I am very excited to advise that the Kindergarten Orientation Evening is going to be held on the 9th November, at 7.00 pm. I look forward to introducing our 2012 parents to St Anthony’s School.

- A number of students in Year 6 will be attending orientation days at particular Secondary Schools over the next few weeks – St Paul’s Greystanes on 1st November and Catherine McAuley Westmead on 11th November and an additional day for some students 18th November, 2011.

Enjoy the week and may you live in Word and Deed.

Kind Regards

Cheryl Brown
Principal

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs Hanlon, one of our staff members, following the death of her mother, Mrs Maire Schiller. Please keep Mrs Hanlon and her family in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gospel Action of the Week

As explained by Mrs Brown in last fortnight’s newsletter, each week we will be focusing on an action based upon the message of the Sunday gospel reading. This gospel action will be discussed and worked upon in class and mentioned in the homily by Fr Paul at Mass each Sunday. It is a simple and practical way for students to respond to the scriptures we listen to in Mass.

We will also send home each Friday a prayer that can be used at home during the coming week based around the Sunday gospel and the gospel action. The first of these was sent home last Friday for this week’s action of Be Kind to Others. Part or all of the material provided could be used for prayer prior to a family meal or as an evening prayer prior to children going to bed. We encourage you
also to think of practical ways that the gospel action can be lived out, and to share ways that your children have lived out the gospel action of the week while at school that day.

**Blessing of New Buildings**
On Friday 25th November, our school will formally celebrate the completion of our construction programme with the blessing of our hub and renovated classroom buildings. Vicar General of the Diocese, Monsignor Robert McGuckin, will lead this celebration, representing Bishop Anthony Fisher. It will be a very significant and special occasion for our school community, as well as a wonderful opportunity for us to gather together in prayer and thanksgiving.

You will soon receive an invitation to join us for this celebration. So that we can cater for morning tea and make the necessary preparations, it will be important that you reply to the school by the date given. We would love to have as many people as possible join us on the day.

**Sacramental Process for Children**
Families with children in Year 3 should have received a letter from the parish by now inviting them to prepare for the celebration of First Reconciliation this term. Please remember that the first part of the preparation for this process is an enquiry meeting that will take place this Saturday at 12:00 pm and next Tuesday at 7:30 pm (you only need to attend one of these sessions).

If you have a child in Years 4, 5 or 6 who has not previously celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation, you are also invited to participate. First Reconciliation must be celebrated prior to celebrating First Communion and Confirmation. An information letter about the process can be obtained from the school.

**Upcoming Dates**

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Kind Regards

Robert Barden  
Religious Education Coordinator

**LITERACY NEWS**

This week I have included some websites for literacy games that you may like to have a look at.

Games have a number of characteristics that make them attractive from a pedagogical point of view. They immerse users into a world and are interactive, engaging and fun. They encourage active learning and motivate participation and persistence. In addition, they provide instant feedback on the user's actions. *(By Maria Fasli and Michael Michalakopoulos).*

**http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy.html**

**http://www.literacysites.com/litgames.htm**

**http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/index.shtml**

**http://www.primarygames.com/reading.htm**

Happy Reading

Louise Korny  
Literacy Coordinator

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

Great Western Highway, Werrington North (Building AO)

**Family Astronomy Night**

These are a few of our favourite things – a pictorial tour of the universe as seen through the eyes of our astronomy guides. The UWS Penrith Observatory will be running a Family Astronomy Night on Saturday 29th October from 8pm. The evening will include a presentation, question time, and stargazing through the University’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting).

Cost: $12 adult, $8 child/concession and $35 family.

**To book:** Phone 47 360 135 (Mon, Wed or Thurs), or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

The Sisters of Mercy invite all ex-students of our school to join them for the celebration of International Good Cup of Tea Day. This is being held to commemorate the 170th anniversary of the death of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy and in aid of Mercy International Association. Catherine wanted those who grieved for her to be comforted with a ‘good cup of tea’.

**Date:** Friday 11th November, 2011  
**Time:** Morning Tea: 10:30am – 11:15am &  
Afternoon Tea: 3:30pm – 4:15pm  
Venue: Catherine McAuley Rooms, Sisters of Mercy Congregation Centre, 6 Victoria Road, North Parramatta.  
**RSVP:** 27th October (important for catering purposes)  
**To:** Anne Ferguson, Mission Animation Coordinator, PO Box 120, North Parramatta 1750 – Phone 9630 9510.

**Sacred Heart Primary Westmead**

**Spring Fete**

When: Sunday 30th October, 2011  
Time: 10:30am – 4pm  
Where: 12 Ralph Street, Westmead  
Stalls include: High Tea, Café, Craft, Books, Plants, Parish, International Food and Cakes

**SCHOOL BANKING**

I, _______ would be available to help with the School Banking on Tuesdays. My phone number is: _______.

child’s name and class ___________________________

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CALENDAR UPDATE

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PASTORAL CARE GROUP

- The "Cuppa and Chat" is happening on Monday mornings at The Hub. Look forward to seeing you all.
- Don't forget to take a look at the Community Noticeboard and remember everyone is welcome to add something to it. Just see Rowena in the office.

CAUGHT DOING IT RIGHT

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CANTEEN NEWS

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KIDS ART WORK ORDERS

This is a reminder that order forms for the Calendars, Greeting Cards and Mouse Mats need to be returned by tomorrow Friday 29th October.

All children have completed "Works of Art" in class for use on the Calendars.

If you would like to see your child’s work, Mrs Frendo will be here at school tomorrow afternoon until 3:45pm with your child’s ‘Work of Art’ or you can give her a call on 0414 347 277.

PARISH NEWS

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STOPPING TO THINK

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KG Evan Kougellis KW Ethan Nguyen
1G Andrew Hakim 1W Gem Kret-Nealand
2G Aman Dimo 2W
3G Fatima Younes 3W Keeley Miskell
4G Reece Murray 4W Emma Norris
5G Jacob Parkes 5W Joe Mbarak
6G Hannah Jones 6W Matthew Walka

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