Dear Parents and Friends of St Anthony's

YEAR 6 GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to all of the families that have returned their notes and/or money for the Graduation Dinner to be held on Tuesday 13th December. Please note that money was due by 30th November. If only one parent/guardian is coming with their child then you are only required to pay $50, as it is $25 per head.

Please contact Mrs Brown if you have any questions or concerns regarding this.

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR OUTING

As per the note that went home this week, the year 6 outing is taking place at Stanhope Gardens Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 14th December. Please send back the permission note as soon as possible so that we can arrange transport for the students.

SCHOOL OPENING

The school opening was on 25th November. Monsignor Robert was there along with some other invited guests. I am a councillor so I helped direct the special guests and parents to their seats along with the other captains. Firstly Father Paul did his official welcoming then Monsignor started the liturgy off with a prayer. During the liturgy we sang our school song, the National Anthem and Building Gods Kingdom. After the homily Monsignor, Mr Greg Whitby, Mrs Brown, Mrs Charlton, Father Paul, Zac and Chelsea our school captains walked around the new buildings whilst Monsignor blessed them. During that time year 5 sang a song and so did the choir. At the end of the liturgy Mrs Brown and Mr Greg Whitby did a short speech and acknowledgment. The teachers that helped organise the liturgy especially Mr Barden were thanked. After the liturgy there was a morning tea, which the leaders ushered the guests to. I think that the liturgy went very well and was well organised.

By Erika Jones 6W

GOSPEL ACTION: BEING HOPEFUL

Christmas is coming up and everyone is preparing and waiting for Jesus’ birth. At assembly on Monday Mrs Brown read a gospel passage on how Jesus told them don’t be asleep when the master comes home. It taught us we should be alert and hopeful when waiting for Jesus. My family and I celebrate Christmas together and I can help prepare for Christmas in any way I can such as praying to God, helping to prepare the food and remembering the people less fortunate than me living in poverty during Christmas and doing something about it like St Mary Mackillop. I could also prepare in another way by wishing everyone Merry Christmas and by buying cards and gifts for them. Every week we will light a candle and there will be another week of Advent. This week we will all wait patiently for the coming of God’s son Jesus.

By Raphaela Jong

FINAL YEAR 6 PARENT MEETING

You are all invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday 6th December (week 9) at 3:15pm in the Hub. At the meeting we will finalise the plans for the end of year graduation dinner.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking
Don’t forget that banking is happening on Tuesdays at 8:30am in the HUB
So bring in your Bank Books on Tuesday morning.

BUS PASSES

Hills Bus has informed us those children currently in Year 2 going into Year 3, who hold a bus pass, will need to re-apply for a bus pass for next year. Applications need to be lodged as soon as possible to enable Hills Bus to plan their services for next year. Applications are available from the office.
Two Catholic pilgrimages/tours in 2012

The Religions of Asia. The first of a 5 part series, this pilgrimage tour of Malaysia will be departing Sydney on Monday 7th May (2012), and returning on Friday May 18. This 12 Day pilgrimage journey will be a very Catholic tour with daily Mass, prayer and spiritual input. Its primary focus will be to view and better understand the various non-Christian religions present in Malaysia, but also incorporating Catholic sites and shrines. There will be visits to shrines of Islam, Buddhism, Daoism, Hinduism, Sikhism and perhaps Shamanism-Animism. This pilgrimage will lead to a deeper knowledge and respect for the various religions of man in his quest for God, as well as a deeper appreciation of Jesus Christ as the only name by which men are saved (Acts 4:12). The tour will be led by Father Ted Tyler, parish priest of Upper Blue Mountains, as the Spiritual Chaplain, as well as Father Jan Bieniek CSMA, parish priest of Clovelly, as the Group Leader. For further information or details please contact Father Ted at frejtyler@live.com or at PO Box 526, Katoomba 2780, for further details.

Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece: Abraham, Peter, Paul and the Early Church.

This pilgrimage will leave Australia on Monday 24th September 2012 and return on 12th October, and will visit places of great spiritual significance in the Scriptures and the early Church. In Turkey we shall visit Haran and Urfa (Abraham), Antioch (Peter, Paul and Barnabas), Tarsus and parts of Cappadocia (Paul), Constantinople-Byzantium (early Ecumenical Councils). We shall then cross over to visit Thessalonika, Athens and Corinth (St Paul), Patras (St Andrew), as well as places of great secular significance such as Delphi, the tomb of Philip of Macedon, the birthplace of Aristotle, and the great Athenian centres of ancient culture and philosophy. The pilgrimage is being led by Father Ted Tyler, parish priest of Upper Blue Mountains (diocese of Parramatta), and some very experienced local guides. If you are interested, contact Father Ted at frejtyler@live.com or at P.O. Box 526, Katoomba NSW 2780, for further information and details.

Dominus Jesus Christus

(Philippians 2:11)

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UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY
ASTRONOMY NIGHT –
10.30 pm presentation followed by viewing

Topic: Lunar Eclipse

Members of the public are invited to attend the University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory on Saturday 10th December, for a special presentation and viewing of the total lunar eclipse. Lunar eclipses occur when the earth blocks the sun’s rays from striking the moon. Many eclipses are only partial and there won’t be another total lunar eclipse until April 2014. Learn more about the Sun, Moon and Earth and their orbits and get a view through the powerful UWS telescope.

TO BOOK: Phone Roslyn 4736 0135 (Mon/Wed/Thurs) or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
COST: $12 adult, $8 child/concession, $35 family

CALENDAR UPDATE

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BEAD MAKING DAY

Just a reminder that Bead Making Day is tomorrow. We will be making small bead strings for use in every classroom for Numeracy so if you are able to help, please come along any time during the day.