



AWARDS PRESENTATION POLICY

2020

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Vision Statement

Guided by our Catholic Identity and Mercy Tradition, St Anthony's Catholic Primary School strives to provide education of excellence. We promote positive attitudes through living in a community where respect, justice and faith are celebrated.

Developed by: Staff and School Board All references to 'Staff members' include Administration Staff, Support Teachers, Teachers and Temporary Relief Teachers

INTRODUCTION

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School celebrates the achievement of students across the school. All students are entitled to be recognised and to have their successes acknowledged by the community. As such, there are a number of ways this will occur.

RATIONALE

1. We seek at all times to acknowledge the students whose character and ethic matches the criteria for Mercy Key Awards, St Anthony's Awards and End of Year Awards. All students are expected to adhere to the Mercy Keys of Mutual Respect, Justice, Integrity, Loyalty, Compassion and Responsibility. These are considered in the presentation of all awards.
2. At the End of Year, following either a final Liturgy or Mass, students are presented with a St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Ribbon inscribed with a word that attributes a positive characteristic of that student during the year.
3. In all decision making, fair, honest and open discussion occurs to ensure that no child is ever excluded from receiving an award granted by teachers or the staff community.

GUIDELINES

1. Mercy Key Awards are issued during assembly, usually to two students from each class whose attitude and work ethic has been demonstrated. The certificates they receive are based on our Mercy Keys of Mutual Respect, Justice, Integrity, Loyalty, Compassion, Responsibility & Hospitality.
2. Teachers keep a record of these awards and ensure that all students receive a minimum of one award during the course of one school year.
3. St Anthony's Award - All students are issued with a Positive Chart which contains spaces for 30 stamps/signatures. Students displaying a positive attitude and/or work ethic will be recognised. When a student has completed a chart, they receive a St Anthony's Award which is presented at an assembly. The awards are given out in the following progression:- Bronze Certificate, Silver Certificate, Gold Certificate.
4. NB: It is an expectation that all students receive a St Anthony's Bronze award prior to the end of Term 3. It is not an expectation that all students receive a Silver or Gold award.
4. Catherine McAuley Award - Presented to a student who models the virtues of the Mercy Keys in a single act. Any teacher or students may nominate a student for the award. The nomination and a description of the reason for the nomination is to be emailed to teachers who approve based on a majority vote. The award is rarely appointed, in order to maintain an elevated distinction from other awards.

The Annual Awards and their criteria are listed as follows:

Rotary:

This is a service award and given to both a Year 7 boy and girl for service to the school and community. The recipients of the award are often students who are very involved to both school and community life. They give willingly of their time. Their level of service and commitment has been noticed on many occasions, especially when they may have chosen other activities.

Blessed Frederic Ozanam:

This award is presented to a Year 7 student who demonstrates through his/her sense of inclusivity, an awareness of faith and shows it actively in his/her life through the treatment of others in the school environment. The recipient is a caring and concerned student, whose behaviour models kindness and concern for those who may be in need.

Kellie Egan Quiet Achiever:

The award is for a Year 7 student who has made a significant personal contribution to the well-being of fellow students and the school community. The recipient is a student who has quietly and diligently gone about all tasks. This award embodies the qualities of sincerity, cooperation and service and done without thought of personal gain.

PROCESS IN REGARD TO END OF YEAR AWARDS AT COMPLETION OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

1. All Year 7 students are eligible for an award.
2. Year 7 students list their personal/school/community achievements, service and involvement over their time at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School. This list is compiled early in Term 4 and is distributed to all staff for their consideration.
3. All teaching and ancillary staff are able to vote. They have several weeks to consider this decision.
4. Votes are placed in an envelope in the APRIM'S pigeon hole.
5. Votes are taken to a meeting of Leadership who consult with appropriate teachers before a final decision is made.