From Year 6

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Friday the 24th May 2013 is our school athletics carnival for 2013. Everyone is excited and prepared for the carnival. The events that are held are: 100m sprint, long jump, shot put, 800m sprint, 200m sprint and activities for years K-1. It’s an all day carnival. You have to be 8-12 years to qualify for Zone Carnivals. Your child is to bring recess, lunch and lots of drinks. Students can wear their team colour shirt, wear sun cream and have fun. This day is great for your child’s fitness.

By Nathan Gordon and Hamish Ward

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL & LITURGY
On Friday 10th April we celebrated mothers and their special day, Mothers’ Day.

We had a stall and a beautiful liturgy. At the liturgy one child in each class read a poem that they wrote about their mum.

Each class had a word to reflect on. Ananya Wijesurendra from Kindergarten wrote about caring, Saumil Purohit from Year 1 wrote about love, Erin McFarlane and Grace Raina from Year 2 wrote about forgiving, Clare Saliba and Samuel Touma from Year 3 wrote about comforting, Tatiana Haddad and Freya Lipping from Year 4 wrote about understanding, Emily Brown and Jayden Leeder from Year 5 wrote about generosity and Stephanie Longo and Reece Murray from Year 6 wrote about nurturing.

During the liturgy we blessed all the mothers and grandmothers who were present then Amber Palmer, Alanah Guerrero, Maddi Nolan, Megan Wright and Amaya Dedigama handed out carnations to the mothers and then we sang a song and the liturgy finished.

After the mums left the students went to the mothers’ day stall and raffle.

The day was enjoyable and a great day for all the mums.

By Maddi Nolan and Taylah Jones

YEARS 6 EXCURSION
Year 6 arrived at Toongabbie train station at 7:45am, we boarded the train and soon were at Town Hall station. Then we took another quick train and went to Martin Place, Sydney. Year 6 walked past the Channel 7 news studio and we tried to get our faces on T.V.

We then went to the NSW State Parliament House in Macquarie Street. We had a tour and did some role plays in a green room known as the Legislative Council and a red room, the Legislative Assembly.

We then went to recess at Hyde Park where we saw a man who was really good with bubbles. He put people’s arms in a bubble and their heads too and also gave people bubble Mohawks and egg heads [bubbles sitting on little bubbles sitting on peoples’ heads or hands].

Then we went to St Mary’s Cathedral to light a candle and pray in memory of Miss Watson. St Mary’s Cathedral was a very beautiful and calm church. No wonder Miss Watson loved it so much!

Then we had lunch in the Botanical Gardens and then made our way to the Sydney Opera House and took pictures. We could also see the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Later, on our way to the train station we saw a man who did dangerous stunts. We then boarded another two trains back home.

We had an excellent day in the city. It was fun and very educational. We would love to go and explore another part of the city next term!

By Jack Tighe and Damon Mock
ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS
On 21st May students from Years 3 to 6 participated in the “International Competitions and Assessments for Schools” for “Computer Skills.”

Each grade was tested on their knowledge of computer skills. The questions varied from “How to Send Emails, how to tell the layout of your text to printing pictures, locating files many other topics.”

This test required students to use their knowledge and their ability and pay attention to detail. This is the first test from ICAS this year, with many more to come through the term – these include: Science, Maths, English, Spelling and Writing.

By Bailey and Alanah

NAPLAN
Year 3 and Year 5 started Naplan on 14th May, They did Writing and Language Conventions. On the 15th they did Reading and on the 16th they did Numeracy. \

We interviewed a few students in Years 3 and 5 and this is what they had to say:

“I was nervous at the start but when I started the second test which was writing I got the hang of it.” – Lauren Cooper, Year 5.

“My heart was pounding when I first started but when I got onto writing I felt calm. Some parts of the tests were complicated but I tried my hardest.” – Thomas Aquilina, Year 5.

“It was fun and a little bit complicated. Before I started I felt a bit nervous.” – Dior Cooper, Year 3.

“I felt good, I found it easy, only the few of the questions were complicated for me. Numeracy was the hardest for me but I found Language Conventions really easy.” Kai Russell, Year 3.

“I thought the students went well and handled the tests well. There were a couple of nervous people but when the tests got under way the nerves disappeared and it was all down to business.” – Patrick Mackey, Year 5 Teacher.

We wish good luck to all of the students who did Naplan and we hope that all of them get Great Results.

By Tiana Nakat, Celeste Carrozzi & Hannah Smith

MISS WATSON’S MEMORIAL LITURGY
On Tuesday 30th April we remembered Miss Watson. All of Year six accompanied by their teachers and two counsellors gathered in the hub with Father Paul, Mrs Brown and Mrs Charlton. We all remembered the good and fun times we had with her. Some of us talked about her noble contribution to educating and enriching the lives of the students of St Anthony’s school. She was a very kind and compassionate teacher who cared for everything especially people, animals and the environment. We lit candles for her and talked about the kindness she showed for others.

Some of us cried and were very sad. We still cherish her life and fun times. She was an amazing teacher and person who we all loved and still do.

Next Saturday, 1st June, we will gather at St Anthony’s Church at 6pm for a Mass to celebrate her life. Everyone is invited to come to this Mass and celebrate the life of a beautiful lady!

By James Aquilina and Ronan Lipping

Year six

SCARF AND BEANIE DAY
On Thursday 23rd May, St. Anthony’s will be donating either a scarf or a beanie to St Vincent De Paul. This is our way of showing social justice.

St Vincent De Paul will then go out and give the scarfs or beanies we brought in to the homeless or those that are not as wealthy. That will then keep them warm for winter.

If you can’t bring a scarf or beanie, you can then bring in a gold coin donation. On Thursday St Anthony’s have the opportunity to wear a scarf or beanie with their school uniform.

By St Anthony’s students donating a scarf, beanie or a gold coin it will make a big difference to someone’s life.

By Rylee and Georgia

PARISH NEWS
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Parents/Guardians only are invited to attend one of two enquiry sessions to be held Wednesday 5 June 7.30pm or Saturday 8 June at midday both held in the church. Any child in Year 4 or higher is eligible providing they have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CALENDAR

| Mon | 27 May | Spring Fair Meeting |
| Tues | 28 May | Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day |
| Fri | 31 May | Last day to lodge Kindergarten 2014 Enrolment Applications |
| Sat | 1 June | Memorial Mass for Miss Watson – 6pm at the Church |
| Wed | 5 June | Uni NSW Competitions – Science |
| Thurs | 6 June | Walkathon |
| Fri | 7 June | Rugby League – Parramatta All Schools Knock Out |
| Tues | 11 June | School Photos |
| Fri | 14 June | School Reports coming home |
| Fri | 14 June | Parent Night Out |
| Mon | 17 June | Uni NSW Competitions – Writing |
| Mon | 17 June | SCG Meeting |
| Tues | 18 June | Uni NSW Competitions – Spelling |
| Tues | 18 June | Student Led Conferences |
| Wed | 19 June | Student Led Conferences |

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Fri 21 June  Dance Fever at Sydney Olympic Park
Mon 24 June  Spring Fair Meeting
Tues 25 June  Yrs 5 & 6 Peer Support Training day
Wed 26 June  Yrs 5 & 6 Peer Support Training day
Thurs 27 June  Year 6 excursion to Canberra
Fri 28 June  Year 6 excursion to Canberra
Fri 28 June  Last Day of Term 2
Mon 15 July  Staff Development Day
Tues 16 July  First Day of Term 3 for Students
Fri 2 Aug  School Disco

ST ANTHONY’S WALK-A-THON

It’s on again.
Dust off those walking shoes & get fit for the
‘St Anthony’s Walk-a-thon’
Thursday 6th June, 2013
Further details on the flyer coming home today.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY GROUP
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
The SCG are selling 2013/2014 Entertainment Books as a fundraiser this year. You can order your books online www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/214s888 or by completing and returning the form that was sent home. If you would like to have a flick through the book you can on this link http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/flickbook/sydney-west. When you order your book you can have it delivered direct to you for a $9 delivery charge or can collect from school. Once your book has come into school it will be sent home via your child unless you state otherwise. The books will be available after 8 April. For more information please contact Louise Frendo, 0414 347 277 or stanthonysscg@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
The Uniform Shop will be open Monday 27th May from 2:30pm – 3:15pm.

PHOTOS
We are looking for some photos of Miss Watson to be included in a powerpoint presentation during her memorial mass on Saturday 1st June at 6pm. Could you please either send them to the school office with your child's name and class on the back or you could email them to Girraween@parra.catholic.edu.au

KINDER ENROLMENTS – 2014
The Enrolment period for 2014 has commenced and will run until Friday 31st May. Parents wishing to enrol their child should collect an application package from the school office. For enquiries please contact Mrs Laurie on 9631 5283, email: Girraween@parra.catholic.edu.au.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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CANTEEN ROSTER
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Monday Morning Healthy Breakfast
Starting Monday 13th May, St Anthony’s will be starting a healthy breakfast initiative. You need to bring a plastic bowl, spoon and a gold coin donation. Breakfast will be served from 8:30am – 9am.
All students are welcome to come along.

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