1st February, 2013

WELCOME TO ST ANTHONY’S GIRRAWEEN

All the staff of St Anthony’s welcome you to the new school year. St Anthony’s ‘Ignition Day’ started the learning for all members of the community. The first days of school are so important in setting the goals and routines for the school year.

For 2013 our mantra is … I am a Learner… I can do great things.

Learning is the work…. every member of our school community is a learner and can achieve great things. When we work together in a collective capacity, which involves parents, teachers, staff and students, to engage in the learning and teaching of our students, everyone fulfils their responsibilities in making a difference in the lives of our students.

The aim of the ‘Ignition Day’ events was to ignite a passion for learning and getting the students excited about what they are learning. These days have provided a stimulus for students to engage in learning and share these experiences in the classroom.

I would like to express my appreciation of the St Anthony’s Leadership team members, Mrs Charlton, Mr Barden, Mrs Digwood, Mrs Ward, Miss Younes and Mrs Heneberry, for their collective efforts in organising the community workers and getting into the spirit of the day. On behalf of the students and myself thank you so much.

For me it was so exciting seeing the Ambulance, State Emergency Services, Police, Fire Brigade, Council, S & A Constructions, Insites Surveying and Love Bug Volkswagon. Representatives from the visiting groups received a St Anthony’s Certificate of Appreciation.

At St Anthony’s we are so blessed to have the best teachers. They have worked so efficiently this week in completing the majority of the MAI interview assessment. The data from the assessment will be used to plan and teach Mathematics in every class. I also wish to thank all the parents for supporting the assessment days by booking on line and waiting patiently while the assessment was administered.

The kinder students were entertained by KINDIFARM Mobile Animal Farm (www.kindifarm.com). Katrina facilitated the event and was wonderful with the students. On behalf of the students and parents I wish to express my appreciation of Kindifarm for supporting our ‘Ignition Day’ for 2013.

For photos and information about our successful ‘Ignition Day’ check out
www.parra.catholic.edu.au    www.stanthonysgirraween.catholic.edu.au
www.parramattasun.com.au    or follow us on facebook (www.facebook.com/StAnthonysG)    and
twitter (StAnthonysG)
There are **a few important dates AND information** that you will need to know about for now. A formal newsletter will go home on Thursday Week 2. This year your youngest child in the school will receive all correspondence, therefore be sure to check their bags.

**WELCOMING BARBEQUE FOR KINDER FAMILIES AND NEW FAMILIES TO ST ANTHONY’S**

All kindergarten families and new families to St Anthony’s are invited to attend the Welcoming Barbeque on Friday 8th February, 2013 commencing at 5.30 pm. Official invitations will be sent home on Monday 4th February, 2013.

**COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS**

The Commencement of School Year Mass will be held next Friday 8th February in the Church at 9.30am. The School Leaders will also be inducted into the student leadership team. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass.

**KISS AND DROP NAME TAGS**

Kiss and Drop name tags have been made for all families. They will be coming home with the youngest member of your family today. These are to be attached to your sun visor on the passenger side, so when you drive up to Kiss and Drop the teacher on duty will see your name and call your child. More information regarding the Kiss and Drop procedures will be advised in the Week 2 Newsletter.