Dear Parents and Friends of St Anthony’s

St Anthony’s Feast Day
Yesterday the 13th of June we celebrated the feast day of St Anthony of Padua. Father Paul joined us at school to celebrate Mass. We celebrated the Mass by sharing the Eucharist and Father Paul spoke about what it means to be a Saint. The Mass that we celebrated also tied in with the blessing of the statue of St Anthony, which was placed out the front of our school by Year 6 2011. The blessing took place on 8th June when Father Paul blessed the statue with holy water. After our Mass, we celebrated our school feast day by having “movie cinemas” set up. We all got to choose a cinema to go to, to watch a movie. There were four movies; Finding Nemo in Kindergarten, Garfield in year 2, Bedtime Stories in year 4 and Alvin and the Chipmunks/ Chipwrecked in Year 6. At the cinemas the kids got a snack of Jumpies as well as a popper. Father Paul joined in the fun as well, watching Chipwrecked in Year 6. The whole day was a lot of fun and we would like to thank Father Paul, Mr Barden and all of the people who helped to make our day so special and so enjoyable.
By Jake McFadden 6W & Tracy Anne Manito 6G

Canberra Excursion
From Wednesday 30th May – Friday 1st June Year 6 went on our excursion to Canberra. Our favourite places included the Australian Institute of Sport, where we got to play a range of computer simulated sports and Questacon where some of us were brave enough to drop down the 6-metre slide! We also visited Parliament House and met with a Senator who gave us some information about what it is like to work in Parliament House. Some of us even got to see the Foreign Minister Bob Carr as he was walking from his office. We also went to the War Memorial and the Electoral Education Office where we got to carry out our own vote using the preferential voting system – that was great! We had a lot of fun during our time away and have great memories of our time in Canberra.
Everyone loved the food provided and our accommodation was very comfortable and unique. We owe a big thank you to Mrs Adams, Mr Hine, Mr Longo, Mrs Flood, Mr Barden and Mr Howse for volunteering to go with Year 6 to Canberra.
By Melanie Veidre & Arden Yeh 6W

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school took part last week in an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist the parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 – per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken by the students as part of the educational tour were:
Parliament House (where students met with Senator Matthew Thistlethwaite), Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, Museum of Australian Democracy, Government House, Electoral Education Office, Questacon, CSIRO, National Film and Sound Archives and National Gallery of Australia.

We hope that this excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENOUNTER

11:30am - 4pm at John the Baptist Parish, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights, NSW 2177. Full details: 02 98238059

Bookings: 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: www.wwme.org.au
CALENDAR UPDATE

Fri 15 June  Reports go home
Mon 18 June  ICAS Assessment – Writing
Tues 19 June  ICAS Assessment – Spelling
Tues 19 June  Student-led conferences
Wed 20 June  Student-led conferences
Wed 20 June  Maths Olympiad
Fri 22 June  Year 3 excursion to Warragamba Dam
Mon 25 June  Spring Fair Meeting 7:30pm
Mon 25 June  Cerdon students visit school for week – Volunteers in Action
Tues 26 June  School Photos
Wed 27 June  Brainstorm – 9:15am
Fri 29 June  Last day of Term 2
Fri 29 June  Mrs Leach begins Maternity Leave
Mon 2 July  Staff Professional Learning Day – in holidays
Mon 16 July  First day of Term 3
Thurs 26 July  Grandparents’ Day – more details to be advised
Mon 30 July  Life Education Week – Van on site
Tues 7 Aug  Captivate Showcase

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KG  Ryan Sajan
KW  Jason Rubijono
1G  Mia Brownlow 1W  Makuac Kuol
2G  Michael Salama 2W  Sienna Salama
3G  Rahul Hosakere 3W  Oscar Andree-Evarts
4G  Chantelle Yaa-Adwabi 4W  Raphaella Ferrer
5G  Danielle Jahshan 5W  Matthew McFadden
       Josh Philips
6G  Tracy Manito 6W  Ben Yates

BABY NEWS

Discover OLMC Parramatta in June
Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to tour the College and see Mercy values in action at our Open Morning Tour Monday June 18, 2012.
Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

TOONIE TOTS PLAYGROUP @ St Anthony’s Parish Hall, we meet on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Come along and enjoy the fun with your child under 6 and have a coffee with the other carers. It’s only $2 each week. Just bring along their morning tea. Any questions please call Kath on 0413 574 708.