From Year 6

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 13th February was Ash Wednesday. We as a school community went down to St Anthony’s church to celebrate Ash Wednesday with the parish.

During Mass, Father Paul told us a story about Ash Wednesday. It was about a woman when she was losing her faith in God. When she was in front of the priest, she said that she hadn’t been in the parish for a long time. Then the priest got tongs and went over to the fireplace and got a red hot coal then placed it on the brickwork in front of the fire and they both stared at it until the coal gave off no more heat. Then she had realized something, “I get it, since the coal had been taken away from the other coals its light and heat went out.” So it is the same when she left her parish, her belief went out.

After we had heard the story we had the ashes put on our foreheads. This is telling us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Jesus and the gospel.

Now the time of Lent has come and this is about the time where Jesus went without food for forty days and we do sort of the same, this is called making a sacrifice. Some things we could do are:

- Fast that means no meat on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday.
- Give up something you really love
- Pray more.

By Ronan Lipping
Christina Hanna

PANCAKE DAY

Shrove Tuesday (12/2/13) is the day before Ash Wednesday. At St. Anthony’s we have a pancake breakfast. The pancakes were so delicious and worth our $3. They had really nice creamy ice cream mixed with lovely Maple Syrup and optionally lemon or sugar. Also $1 for a cup of juice to wash it down! There were lots of smiles on parents and children’s faces. We thank all the parents who so generously prepared the breakfast on Tuesday.

By Rho and Bailey

IGNITION DAY

On the first day back at school, some Community Services came to visit St. Anthony’s. There were Police, Fire Fighters, Ambulance, SES, Construction Workers, Surveyors and the VW Beetle. They were here to motivate us and to help us learn what Community Workers do to serve us. The students walked around and asked questions and had a little tour inside the trucks and cars. It was great to see all of the community services come to St Anthony's and all students had a blast! We all hope to see them back again next year.

James and Ruth
Media Committee

YEAR 6 LEADERS

On Friday the Year 6 Leadership Team for 2013 were presented with their badges at Mass. The parents of the Leadership Team were invited to celebrate this wonderful occasion with the whole School Community. At the end of Mass Father Paul blessed the badges and then the Leadership Team received their badges, presented to them by Mrs Brown, our School Principal and Mrs Charlton, our Assistant Principal. Then the parents of our Leadership Team pinned on the badges and stood with their child and lots of brilliant photos were taken.

On Monday, the School Captains and Vice Captains of St Anthony’s 2013 presented the badges to the rest of the Year 6 Class. Each Year 6 Student wears a “Student Leader” Badge to show their responsibilities as a Year 6 Leader.

Both ceremonies were a great success thanks to the help of our Religious Education Coordinator Mr Barden and all the teachers who helped prepare the Mass and the School Ceremony.

Alanan and Reece
School Captains 2013
Welcome BBQ for New Families
On Friday night, the school leaders, Kindergarten, their parents and some new students to our school got together and had a Welcome BBQ.

Kindergarten presented a wonderful song to the parents about farm animals.

For dinner we had pork, salad and bread rolls, and for dessert we had chocolate and banana cake and ice blocks for the little kids. None of this night would have happened without the help of the School Community Group.

Thank you!!

By Harrison Sumpter, Celeste Carrozza and Natasha Lette.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catherine McAuley Westmead
Enrolments for Year 7 2014

Catherine McAuley Westmead holds a number of School Open Mornings throughout the year.

There will be two Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2014 enrolments on:

Tuesday 19 February and Thursday 14 March 2013 - 9.15 – 11am

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day. To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

There will also be a Year 7 2014 Enrolment Information Evening on Monday, 18th March from 6.30 – 7.30pm. This evening will provide further information on the school and the enrolment process. Completed enrolment forms may be lodged at this meeting. Prior to the presentations there will be a further opportunity to tour the school with school tours running at 5.30pm and 5.45pm. Please RSVP for the Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening by phoning the School Reception.

GIRRAWEEN EAGLES
Join one of the friendliest footy clubs in the West!
Registrations are NOW OPEN for the 2013 season of the Anthony's Girraween Eagles JRLFC - ages 5-11 years, boys and girls.

Our children play a SAFE, MODIFIED game of rugby league that fosters team work, sportsmanship and FUN! Great social activities for the whole family. $90 registration fee with the best value player kit around. Google “Girraween Eagles” for more info or call Natalie (m. 0400 376 270) or Andrew (m. 0417 445 429).

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

KG
Rochelle Saldanha

KW
Jacob Luong

1G
Allison John

1W
Rihana Boulous

2G
Cooper Herc

2W
Clare Pooley

3G
Jessica Parkes

3W
Sarah Harris

4G
Soraya Rajadurai

4W
Mathew Salama

5G
Jordon Brownlow

5W
Leo Tichepco

6G
Reece Murray

6W
Alanah Guerrero

Discover what a Mercy Education can do for your daughter
Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to its 2013 Open Day on Friday, March 8. Principal’s welcome and College tour at 10.30am, 1.30pm am and 4.00pm. Reservations are essential and can be made by visiting www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phoning the College Office on 8838 1263.

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