CONFIRMATION

On the 10th of August 2013 we, the grade 6 children completed our initiation into the Catholic Community as we received the sacrament of Confirmation. Receiving the sacrament of Confirmation involved a lot of preparation.

We participated in Retreat Day where we read a story about creation and how we saw God. We then had a sermon from Bishop Long Van Nguyen about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and learnt a little bit about becoming a Bishop and being a Vietnamese refugee. We opened and read special letters from our parents. Some of us even cried as we read. We finished off the day with a slideshow that highlighted parts of the Retreat Day and concluded with the prayer Litany of Saints.

We had a Workshop with the other candidates attending the mass where we spent time with family and did some art dedicated to the topic. It was good bonding time with our family and great fun. We learnt about how the Holy Spirit is alive in our lives and watched our family as they explained what gift of the Spirit they thought we showed.

On the day: We waited with our sponsors in line for our photographs to be taken. We had some time with our sponsor as we watched a clip about St Mary of the Cross and her faith filled journey. It was now time for the Confirmation Mass to begin.

Our celebrants were Bishop Long, Father Pius, Father Raphael and Deacon Charles. Miss Costello and the St Peter’s school choir celebrated with us using their beautiful voices. Take some time to read about what our fellow students thought of this special day when they became full members of the Catholic Church.

EXPERIENCES

ALEXIS 6B: On my confirmation I was eager to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit but I was also nervous about how things were going to go, but in the end I felt joyful about my confirmation. My confirmation would be one of the most memorable events in my life.

SARAH 6C: I felt proud that I was finally getting confirmed but embarrassed because I spoke about the wrong saint to the Bishop!

NIKITA 6D: it was an amazing experience when receiving the Holy Spirit but I felt nervous at the same time because there were lots of people watching.
EDMODO

Edmodo is a collaborative website that we have started using to communicate with our classmates. On Edmodo we can share ideas and help each other with tasks at home and school. An example is homework; if one of the grade six students is struggling with homework they have the ability to ask questions to their fellow classmates. Hopefully a student will answer and help out. Edmodo can also be used by students to share links or pictures with their classmates about the topic they are working on in class. Edmodo is also a resource for teachers to communicate with their student’s as well.

STUDY LADDER

Study Ladder is a website that grade 6’s use to practise their Mathematics and English skills. It helps to build your confidence and mental computation speed. You also get a chance to challenge people from around the world. You start off with an avatar and a pet where you can earn coins from the educational games you play to buy and customize your avatar, pet and room. We log into Study Ladder during Maths. Sometimes our homework requires us to go onto Study Ladder. Study Ladder is a great way to practise Math’s Skills that your teacher assigns and recommends for you.

INQUIRY QUESTION TERM 3 – HOW HAVE NATURAL PROCESSES AND PHENOMENA CAUSED CHANGES IN THE ENVIRONMENT?

During Term 3, the Grade 6 students have been learning about natural processes and phenomena and their effect on the environment. As you may know natural processes such as earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis have caused many lives to be lost but what you may not know is how they are caused. Tectonic plates found under the earth’s surface cause earthquakes. Tectonic plates rub against each other and make the crust of the earth shake. Tectonic plates around Japan are the most active and hence earthquakes often occur in this part of the world. Earthquakes trigger volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and landslides. Cyclones are caused when the hot and cold air meet. Floods are caused by extremely heavy rain and are usually followed by a drought. Lastly sinkholes are not just what you find in the kitchen but they can also be found in the ground!

Take the Natural Disaster Quiz – How many questions can you get right?

1. What do you think sinkholes are? (A) A big hole in the ground. (B.) A pit of sound (C.) A pool of water
2. What is the main ingredient for a sinkhole to occur (A) Sand (B.) Rock (C.) Water
3. What natural process triggers volcanoes, tsunamis and landslides? (A) Cyclone (B.) Flood (C.) Earthquake
4. Where are earthquakes most likely to occur (A) Australia (B.) Japan (C.) Italy
5. What follows a flood? (A) Drought (B.) Cyclone (C.) Frogs raining from the sky