In recent weeks, Simonds Catholic College has witnessed two fine celebrations in the church adjacent to the St Mary’s Campus, at St Mary’s Star of the Sea, West Melbourne. On Wednesday, 19th February many families gathered for our Annual Family Mass, which was celebrated by Fr Joe Pich. At the conclusion of Mass, Fr Joe also blessed the badges of the student leaders, before the student leaders from Years 8-12 were presented with their leadership badges for 2014.

It is always a significant occasion at Simonds Catholic College when both campuses come together as was evidenced on Ash Wednesday. I think it was a very important symbol that we gathered as a Catholic school, to begin our Lenten journey together in the celebration of Mass, where Fr Anthony gave us a great deal to reflect on during his homily.

I was very pleased for our ACC Swimming Team, who performed quite creditably at the ACC Swimming Carnival held at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre on Friday, 21st March. Many of our students should be proud of their achievements in swimming personal bests, but also for the terrific attitude and support they showed towards each other as teammates on the evening. I think it would be very opportune to thank staff members; Mr Veal, Mr Vaughan, Mr Cox and Ms Harrison, for their very generous work with the team.

In what has already been a busy start to the year, last Friday saw the House Athletics Carnival being held at the Coburg Athletics Track. The track was a sea of colour, and a hive of activity as students turned out in their House colours to gain all important points for their respective Houses. Again, it was very encouraging to observe so many students keen and willing to be involved in the carnival.

This week has seen our newest members of the Simonds Catholic College community enjoying their Year 7 Camp at Toolangi State Forest.

Yours sincerely

Mr Peter Riordan
Principal | Simonds Catholic College
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The Mad Scientists Club

The Mad Scientists Club begins.......

A handful of crazy Science teachers and a huge number of enthusiastic students have started a new club at Simonds this year - The Mad Scientists.

We are meeting every fortnight and exploring loads of fun aspects of Science and performing great experiments. The first session involved making Non-Newtonian fluid which is a gooey substance that acts like a solid when its struck hard, and then it acts like a liquid when touched softly......amazing stuff indeed! In the second session, students contested a highly competitive and impressive cantilever-building competition for a tasty prize!

The Mad Scientists have become so popular that we’ve even had to start a waiting list for new members. Any questions please see Ms Fisher, Mr McConnon or Mrs Van Aardt.

Helping Hoops North Melbourne

If students want to play basketball outside of school, check out the Helping Hoops program which provides access to a professional coach.

Locations include North Melbourne, Richmond, Fitzroy, Sunshine and Broadmeadows. See flyer for contact details.

Ailsa Lord, School Counsellor