



SUB TUUM
PRAESIDIUM

st patrick's primary school
Parramatta Patter

10.10.2013

TERM FOUR

No 1

Reflection

*The measure of a person
is not determined by the show of outward strength
or the volume of the voice,
or the thunder of the action.*

*It is to be seen, rather in terms of the strength of commitment,
the genuineness of friendship,
the sincerity of purpose,
the quiet courage of convictions,
the capacity to suffer.*

*Lord, you have entered
and do ever enter into our life,
increase in us the grace to laugh generously with others
and at ourselves.*

*Give to us your good gifts of gaiety,
kindness and good humour.*

*We ask this in the name of the Lord of Joy,
Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term Four, as you can see from our Term Calendar, this will be an exceptionally busy term.

We look forward to all the new learning experiences that have been planned for the next ten weeks. We will hold a Family Disco at the end of Week 7. This will give the children an opportunity to socialise and practise their new dance routines.

We are hoping to welcome many parents to our Parent Forums. The first will be on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.00 p.m. to explain Focus 160 Literacy and Numeracy, NAPLAN analysis, what the EMU numeracy program involves.

Our new timetable has been put in place this week, with further details included in this newsletter.

I trust the holiday break was restful and enjoyable for all families and I trust that the last term of the year will be pleasant and enrich knowledge and wisdom.

Mrs Gloria Bryant - Principal

The **HONOUR RIBBON** value for next week will be demonstrating **Understanding**

NAPLAN RESULTS

A letter with NAPLAN results will be sent home to parents of children in Years 3 and 5 next Monday.

TIMETABLE CHANGES TERM 4

Kindergarten, Years One and Two
Recess from 11.00 - 11.30
Lunch from 1.20 - 2.00

Years Three, Four, Five and Six
Recess from 10.30 - 11.00
Lunch from 12.50 - 1.30

KINDERGARTEN, YEARS ONE AND TWO FRUIT & VEGIES BREAK

All children in the Infants classes will have a short 5 minute break at 10.00 a.m. for water, fruit or vegies, such as carrot sticks. Please see the letter sent home today for further information.

TERM FOUR - DANCE

Today we began **Dance** sessions for all classes. The Dance classes will continue each Thursday until the end of term.

We believe it will be of great benefit to the children.

Students are to wear normal uniform including shoes on Thursdays for **Dance**. **NOT** Sports Uniform. Sports Uniform is to be worn only for **PE** lessons.

TERM FOUR LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Monday: KA, KM, 1C, 3L, 6P

Tuesday: 1S, 2M, 3T, 6W

Wednesday: 2Y, 4B, 4G, 5C, 5T

TERM FOUR PE TIMETABLE

Wednesday: KA, KM, 1C, 1S, 2M, 2Y, 6P, 6W

Friday: 3L, 3T, 4B, 4G, 5C, 5T

Children are to wear sports uniform for PE lessons.

VALIDATION FORMS

The Catholic Education Office has sent Validation Forms directly to all families. Please make any changes in red. All forms to be returned by next Monday with or without changes.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 18th October

Year Two Excursion to the Powerhouse

Friday 1st November

Year Six **GALA DAY**

Friday 22nd November

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meeting
Family Disco 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Sacramental Program

Please note the Sacramental Process is a journey which provides an opportunity for children who have had their 7th birthday and who are in their third year of schooling (Year Two) to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion. Children who are still in their second year of school are generally not ready for this important step.

FAMILY DISCO – CHANGE OF DATE

The date of the Family Disco has been changed to Friday 22nd November.

UNIFORM

All students should be wearing summer uniform and especially hats.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Teachers have asked that parents wait in the playground before and after school. Please do not go to the classroom areas.
- Parents are reminded to call the office during the school day to make an appointment with the teacher.
- Please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible if you have any concerns about her or his welfare, learning or behaviour.
- Parents are reminded to approach teachers if there is a concern.
DO NOT approach another child at any time for any reason.

- Children arriving at school after 8.50am **must come to the office to be signed in by a parent NOT** older brothers or sisters.
- All absences must have a note explaining the absence signed by a parent on the child's return to school.
- **LABEL** all school clothing. Please check on a regular basis that your child has his/her own clothing.

- **MORNING & AFTERNOON SUPERVISION** is only provided from 8.20am. If children arrive before this time they are to **SIT quietly** in the Amphitheatre until 8.20am.
- Classes finish at 3.00pm each day when children are dismissed. Supervision is only provided until 3.30pm. Children should be collected before this time. If there is an emergency and you are unable to collect your child by 3.30pm please contact the office.

- **EXCURSIONS**
Money sent to school for an excursion, must be accompanied by a signed permission slip. Please check that you have enclosed both items in the envelope before sealing and sending to school. Clearly label the envelope with your child's name, name of excursion, class and amount enclosed.

CAR PICK UP

There is **No Parking** in Villiers Street outside the school between 2.30 and 4.00pm. This means you must remain in your car to collect your children.

We ask for your co-operation:

- in clearly displaying your child's name;
- children are to join cars **only** from the north side of our Villiers Street gate as directed by teachers, do not call your child to the Ross Street side of the gate;
- join the queue by driving down Trott Street and into Ross Street -please **do not join the queue from Villiers Street by driving around the roundabout**;
- if you are unable to join the car pick up queue without blocking the roundabout (and risking a traffic fine), please drive around the block **DO NOT** queue jump as this could cause a nasty accident involving possible injury to yourself, your children, other parents and children;
- avoid parking on the opposite side of Villiers Street and **under no circumstances** call children across the road particularly when traffic is heavy at 3.00pm, if you must park across the street, come and collect your children and cross the street at the pedestrian safety area close to Grose Street;
- do not park across or obstruct access to any driveway, this attracts a heavy fine;
- stagger the pick up time (eg 3.15pm);
- if you are collecting girls from OLMC you **cannot wait** in Villiers Street (high risk of fine for standing) - you will need to go around the block until the girls are present. No children including OLMC girls are to be collected from the Ross Street side of our Villiers Street gate, please instruct your girls to wait on the north side of our gate;
- by stopping before the Villiers Street gate, congestion is caused at the roundabout and other parents are inconvenienced, the queue moves more efficiently **only** if children are collected on the north side of the gate.

ENEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

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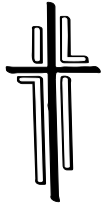
<http://www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au>

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Our Newsletter is in a new area - click on News & Events- Latest News and scroll down the page.

Compulsory School Attendance - Information for Parents is available on this site.



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Our **VISION** is to –
be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –
Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

COMING EVENTS 2013

TERM FOUR - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Friday 11th

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 6

Week Two

Thursday 17th

Friday 18th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Year 2 Excursion to Powerhouse
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

Week Three

Tuesday 22nd

Thursday 24th

Friday 25th

Parent Forum 7.00 p.m.
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 4

Week Four

Thursday 31st October

Friday 1st November

Footsteps - Dance K to 6
(All Saints Day) Year 6 **GALA DAY**
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 3

Week Five

Thursday 7th

Friday 8th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 2

Week Six

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 1

Week Seven

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Mtg
No Assembly
Footsteps - Family Disco 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.

Week Eight

Thursday 28th

Friday 29th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Kindergarten

Week Nine

Thursday 5th December

Friday 6th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 9.30 a.m.

Week Ten

Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

Friday 13th

Year 6 Graduation, Reports to Parents
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

Week Eleven

Monday 16th

Wednesday 18th

Primary Swmg Carnival & Infants Picnic
Year 6 Fun Day - Last day 2013

**Learning is a treasure
that will follow its owner
everywhere
Mrs Gloria Bryant and Staff**

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

Priests: The Most Rev Bishop Anthony Fisher, The Very Rev Father John McSweeney, & Rev Father Andrew Bass

MASSES		WEEKDAY MASS		RECONCILIATION	
Saturday Vigil	6.00 p.m.	Monday to Friday	6.45am, 12.30 p.m.	Monday to Friday	11.45am to 12.30pm
Sunday	8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	Saturday	8.00am	Saturday	8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm
	Children's Liturgy 9.30 a.m.	Public Holidays	8.00am		

Catholic Education Office

2013 Buunji National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference

A reminder that the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference is being held at the Sydney Convention Centre from 5 – 7 November 2013. The theme for the conference is 'to share in a sustainable future'. The attached flyer details the many exciting and engaging speakers who will present. Consequently, the conference will be both thought provoking and interesting.

Please visit the conference website to find out more or to register: www.buunji.com.au

Harmony Walk Sunday 27th October 2013

People from across Sydney are encouraged to show their support for a fair and compassionate Australia at the second annual Harmony Walk.

Departing from St Mary's Cathedral Square in Sydney's CBD at 2:00pm on Sunday 27th October, the Harmony Walk serves to bring together Australians from diverse national, ethnic and religious backgrounds to help build an inclusive society, and to acknowledge and celebrate the enduring principles of fairness, harmony and respect.

The 1km walk is free and is suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

For more information and to register, go to www.harmonywalk.org.au

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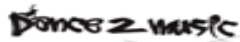
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