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st patrick's primary school  
**Parramatta Patter**

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TERM THREE

No 8

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An Irish Blessing



**FOLLOW ME**

May the blessing of light be upon you, light on the outside, light on the inside.  
With God's sunlight shining on you.

May your heart glow with warmth like a turf fire that welcomes  
friends and strangers alike.

May the light of the Lord, shine from your eyes  
like a candle in the window welcoming the weary traveller.

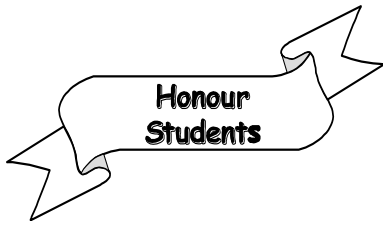
May the blessing of God's soft rain be on you,  
falling gently on your head, refreshing your soul  
with the sweetness of little flowers newly blooming.

May the strength of the winds of heaven bless you, carrying the rain  
to wash your spirit clean sparkling after in the sunlight.

May the blessing of God's earth be on you.  
And as you walk the roads, may you always have a kind word  
for those you meet.

May you understand the strength and power of God  
in a thunderstorm in winter and the quiet beauty of creation  
in the calm of a summer sunset.

And may you come to realise that, insignificant as you may seem  
in this great universe,  
you are an important part of God's plan.  
May he watch over you and keep you safe from harm.



## TERM THREE - WEEK EIGHT

Honour Awards: Sharing

KA	Allana Assabgy
KM	Katerina Yannakis
1C	Jessica Wehbe
1S	Deo Cerillo
2M	Andre Eltakchi
2Y	Ray Wehbe
3L	Adrian Stevanja
3T	Arthur Constantone
4B	Nathan Rizk
4G	Clarissa Guino
5C	Igor Ulic
5T	Jack El Bayeh
6P	Alana Teklic
6W	Jacinta Maroon

### Value Week 9: Inclusiveness

This means including all children in all activities and never turning others away who want to play or be involved.

### CONGRATULATIONS to

our Year Five and Six students who were a credit to their families and the school on their recent excursions. They received complements on their positive behaviour and good manners. Well done.

### SUMMER UNIFORM ORDERS

We are now taking orders for summer uniforms for **Kindergarten 2014**. Orders will be taken until tomorrow Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September between the times of **8.30am - 3.00pm**. Please assist the office staff by only coming between these hours. Payment is due at the time of ordering.

**Lost Property** - We have had several items handed into the office. If you have lost any of the following items please come and see the office staff.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 3 earrings                      | 1 pair of glasses   |
| 2 necklaces                     | 2 crosses           |
| 3 bracelets                     | 1 Rosary Beads      |
| 3 girls rings                   | 1 Dork Diaries Book |
| 3 watches (1 x girls, 2 x boys) |                     |

## FATHERS DAY RAFFLE



Christopher was totally excited on winning the first prize.

Thank you to all who supported our Fathers Day Raffle. We raised over \$629.40.

The raffle was drawn by Sophie Ryan (CEO Director of System Performance, who was visiting the school), and the winners are :

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jomary and Christopher Alarcon (6P & 2Y)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Camran Nasrulla (KA)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Samuel Shalala (3L)

Jomary and Christopher brought over \$60 worth of raffle tickets and are HUGE supporters of Western Sydney Wanderers. Well done boys !!!

### *FATHERS DAY MASS*

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Fathers Day Mass last Friday and joined us in giving thanks for all our great dads.

Special thanks to Father Andrew who celebrated and to Mrs Rodricks and the choir.

We hope all our dads had a great day on Sunday.

### FATHERS DAY STALL

Many thanks to the parents who gave up their time to help with the Fathers Day stall on Friday. We appreciated your support. We raised \$427.43.

### UNIFORMS

We have received several requests from parents for children to wear summer uniforms. If you wish, your children can wear their Summer uniform due to the unusually warm weather. All children are expected to return to school next term in Summer Uniform.

## SCHOOL BANKING

17<sup>th</sup> September

Please note there will be **NO** school banking on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Any deposit books handed in will be returned with the money unprocessed.

## YOUTH GROUP

Unfortunately due to diocesan commitments Father Andrew has had to cancel Youth Group on the following date: 12<sup>th</sup> September

Please ensure you arrange alternative pickup for your children on these days.

**A reminder that Youth Group finishes at 4.30pm and all children must be collected by this time.**

## ADVANCE NOTICE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013

First day of Term Four.

Focus: Focus 160 Literacy & National Curriculum

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October is a Public Holiday**

## 2013 SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have already paid Term Three fees. The due date for payment was Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2013. These fees are now overdue.

If you are experiencing difficulty in making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

continues next Thursday and Friday for Kindergarten, Year Two and Learning Support teachers.

## COMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS

**Boori Monty Pryor** Years 4, 5, & 6

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4 Religious Literacy Online Diocesan Test

## MORNING GATE CLOSURE

A reminder that the gate in Villiers Street will be locked after the morning bell rings at 8.50am All children should already be at school by this time. If arriving after this time please use the Ross Street entrance. Once both gates are locked children are required to be signed in by a parent.

## STUDENT LUNCHES

We are asking parents to send a healthy lunch for their children each day. We have observed children only eating the 'treats' and throwing their sandwiches and fruit in the bin. Please keep the 'treats' for home.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

**Reminder:** If your child is absent from school, parents are required to send a **written notification** to the classroom teacher within seven days of the absence.

If you know in advance that your child will be absent from school, parents are required to notify the school in writing **in advance**.

If you intend taking your child out of school and applying for **EXEMPTION** you must send a **letter in advance** setting out the reasons for your application.

Early release from school (part-absence) or very late arrival, unless for sickness, or medical appointments, or a family crisis, will be included in the above.

**It is strongly recommended that holidays be taken in the regular school breaks.** Children who miss school (other than for sickness) are disadvantaged as they miss critical concepts and learning.

## ENEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Read our newsletter online at:

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

If you require a hard copy please let us know.

Thank you to all the families who are reading the **Newsletter** online. You may also subscribe to our online newsletter by signing up. See home page right hand side of screen for more information.

**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 THREE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### TERM THREE

#### Week Eight

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

TriSkills  
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

#### Week Nine

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

TriSkills  
TriSkills  
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 3

#### Week Ten

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
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TriSkills  
Boori Monty Prior (Years 4, 5, &6)  
TriSkills  
**Last day of Term**  
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### TERM FOUR

#### Week One

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

First day for students Term Four  
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 6

#### Week Two

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Year 2 Excursion to Powerhouse  
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

#### Week Three

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Forum 7.00 p.m.  
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 4

#### Week Four

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

All Saints Day  
Year 6 GALA DAY  
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 3

#### Week Five

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 2

#### Week Six

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 1

#### Week Seven

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Mtg  
No Assembly

### 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, Rev Robert William

#### MASSES

**Saturday Vigil** 6.00 p.m.  
**Sunday** 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.  
Children's Liturgy 9.30 a.m.

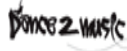
#### WEEKDAY MASS

**Monday to Friday** 6.45am, 12.30 p.m.  
**Saturday** 8.00am  
**Public Holidays** 8.00am

#### RECONCILIATION

**Monday to Friday** 11.45am to 12.30pm  
**Saturday** 8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm

## ADVERTISEMENTS



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### Spring Food Fair

St Patricks Cathedral

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013

10.00am – 3.00pm

Experience different cultures at our International  
Food Fair. Some taste tempters include Indian,  
Chinese, Lebanese, Filipino and Italian food, Good Ol'  
Aussie BBQ, Cakes, Devonshire Tea, Coffee and Gelato  
to name a few. Try your luck on the Chocolate Wheel  
or browse for treasures at the Car Boot Sale.

Entertainment for the young and not so young  
throughout the day include:-jumping castles, face  
painting, show bags and an opportunity to listen to  
the talented Cathedral Organists at 3pm for an Organ  
Recital.

#### Car Boot Sale

If you are interested in booking a 'car space' to sell  
your wares, please call Mili/Pat on 8839 8400 or email  
[secretary@stpatricks cathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatricks cathedral.com.au) Car spaces are  
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### **Catholic Education Office**

#### **Parent Representative Council - Parent Workshops**

The Parent Representative Council (PRC) are holding Parent only workshops for 'Restorative Practices: Building and maintain healthy relationships in and around your home' for Primary and Secondary Students. Bookings are essential. Click here for Primary flyer and click here for Secondary flyer for distribution to parents and display around the school. Copies of this poster were distributed to schools on the 19 July.

### **Bishops Office**

#### **Catholic Outlook September issue**

\* Federal Election Issue: Bishop Anthony's Letter *The Marriage Election*, Catholic Bishops' statement *Vote for the Common Good*, Key issues facing Catholic Education

\* Coverage of Tradition Conference 2013 at University of Notre Dame

\* Bishops' Social Justice Statement: 2013-14: *Lazarus at our Gate – A critical moment in the fight against world poverty*

\* Iftar dinner at St Patrick's Cathedral

\* Spirit burns bright at post-WYD pilgrim gathering

#### **Marist Youth Care Star Foster Care Program**

Have you thought of becoming a Foster Carer for children aged 8 or older in your own home? Star Foster Care receives referrals daily for children and young people who need a family to care for them. Star Foster Care needs dedicated people who want to become Foster Carers. You can help by becoming emergency/short term, permanent long term or respite foster carers. Allowances paid, 24-hour support provided. For more information contact Tammy tel (02) 9672 9214, tammyh@maristyc.com.au

#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 6-8 September**

A marriage enrichment experience – take time out of your busy schedules to invest in your most precious asset, your marriage! Venue: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wwme.org.au

#### **Ordination to the Priesthood of John Paul Escarlan: 13 September**

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will ordain John Paul Escarlan a priest for the Diocese of Parramatta at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome – plenty of parking. For catering purposes, **please RSVP by 7 September**: tel (02) 9654 2260, johnpaul.escarlan@yahoo.com.au

#### **Fr John Paul Escarlan's First Mass: 14 September**

Fr John Paul Escarlan will celebrate his First Mass for the Gift of the Priesthood at 11am at St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, 28 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst. Everyone is welcome. For catering purposes, **please RSVP by 7 September**: tel (02) 9654 2260, johnpaul.escarlan@yahoo.com.au

#### **Faith in Marriage: 15 September**

**Registrations closing soon** for this conference for couples hosted by CatholicCare Parramatta in conjunction with Australian Catholic University. Incorporating the annual Celebrating the Journey Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral with Bishop Anthony Fisher OP at 11am. The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society. Guest speakers share their insights, observations and experiences for building and enriching marriages. Time: 8.45am-5pm. Venue: Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: \$50 per couple or \$25 for individuals (includes hot finger food lunch, morning and afternoon tea). Registrations: tel (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au

#### **Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 15 September**

Topic: 'You just did your best, that's all, and hoped for the best'. The Sisters of Mercy and Catholic education in far Western NSW. Speaker: Dr Megan Brock RSJ, Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar, consultant psychologist. Time: 2.30pm – all welcome. Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

#### **Feast Day of Our Lady of Penafrancia: 21 September**

St Nicholas of Myra Church, High St, Penrith. Program: 9.15am novena; 9.45am concelebrated Mass; noon-12.30pm fluvial procession at Nepean River; assembly at Tench Reserve, Jamieson Rd, Penrith; 12.45-4pm lunch and entertainment, Factory Rd side of Tench Reserve. Details: Doc Tito/Neria Soliman tel 0404 011 524.

#### **Day trip to Mount Annan Botanic Gardens: 1 October**

Join the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, for morning tea at Koshigaya Park, Campbelltown, in manicured gardens with cherry blossom trees. Travel to Mt Annan Botanic Gardens for a driving tour of the theme gardens including Bottlebrush Garden, Wattle Garden and Banksia Garden. Cost: \$35 includes morning tea. Lunch at Campbelltown Catholic Club (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Deposit of \$20 required when booking with Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au

#### **DISCOVER Weekend for Young Women: 11-13 October**

Young women aged 18-35 are invited to a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. At the Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sr M Julie Brcar: juliebrcar@gmail.com

#### **Prayer and Reflection Day: 13 October**

Everyone is welcome to this lovely day of quiet, peaceful prayer and reflection in beautiful surroundings of the Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill. Time: 10.30am-3pm. Donation: \$10. Bookings: CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0205.