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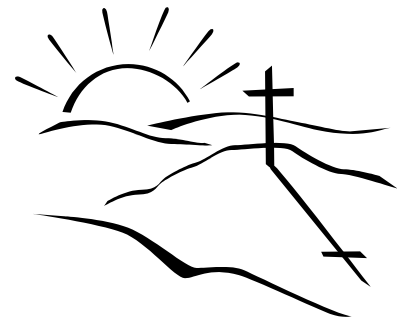
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TERM THREE

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LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

The most important thing about each of us
is our capacity for goodness.
We can be a source of light.
We have hands that can care,
eyes that can see,
ears that can hear,
tongues that can speak,
feet that can walk and above all
hearts that can love.



Unfortunately, through thoughtlessness,
selfishness, and cowardice,
our light can be dimmed,
so that we become shadows of the people we could be.

LORD

*Help us to believe in our own goodness,
and to let the light of that goodness shine.
On seeing this light others find their way,
and you will be glorified.*



TERM THREE - WEEK NINE
Honour Awards: Inclusiveness

KA	Sebastian Mayonado
KM	Jacob O'Donnell
1C	Darcy Fraser
1S	Liam Abdallah
2M	Sara-Maree Wakim
2Y	Nicole Aboumelhem
3L	Kathryn Abood
3T	Daniel Sarkis
4B	Paul Romanos
4G	Matthew Abdo
5C	Danielle Wehbe
5T	Shannon Sison
6P	Evana Abade
6W	Brandon Tannous

Value Week 10: Perseverance
 Perseverance means to keep trying
 no matter how difficult a task may be.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday 25th August:



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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Angel Arida | Erin Bautista |
| Lauren Buxton | Julian Cerillo |
| Emmaline Didic | Kyra D'Penha |
| Sophie El Bayeh | Emily-Rose Grech |
| Clark Guatlo | Jessica Liang |
| Alecks Lopez | Alana Michael |
| Sophie Morgan | Ruben Orozco |
| Brailey Quimi | Abigail Sarangaya |
| Adrian Stevanja | Kristiana Stevanja |
| Kayla Teklic | Rachel Touche |
| Stacie Touche | Mikayla Urizar |
| Connor Younes | |

May God be in your hearts, your thoughts
 and your prayers

**ADVANCE NOTICE STAFF
 DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Monday 7th October is a Public Holiday

Tuesday 8th October 2013
 Focus: Focus 160 Literacy & National Curriculum

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

**Students return on Wednesday
 9th October**

FOCUS 160

Focus 160 is a Diocesan K - 2 Literacy and Numeracy Strategy. It involves 100 minutes of uninterrupted literacy instruction and 60 minutes of uninterrupted numeracy instruction (60 minutes of numeracy already in place) each day.

It is not a change in teaching and learning but a change in timetabling to bring together purposeful talk, daily reading to students, shared reading, guided reading, independent reading, modelled and shared writing, guided writing, and independent writing in a Literacy Block.

The change in timetabling will mean that Kindergarten, Years One and Two will have recess from 11.00 - 11.30 and lunch from 1.20 - 2.00. Years Three, Four, Five and Six will have recess from 10.30 - 11.00 and lunch from 12.50 - 1.30.



SUMMER UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that at the commencement of Term Four, children are to return to school wearing their Summer Uniform.

We are proud of the way most St Patrick's students wear their uniform. Children are expected to wear FULL school uniform at all times including hats. Sports shoes are only to be worn with sports uniforms and not at other times. Girls are to have long hair tied back. Boys are to have sensible haircuts, with hair off the collar. Children are reminded that the use of hair gel is unacceptable, also please do not dye your child's hair.

COMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS

Boori Monty Pryor Years 4, 5, & 6

Next Wednesday 18th September

TriSkills concludes next week.

Footsteps - Dance Week One to Ten Term Four

From Week One to Week Ten next term every Thursday.

2013 SCHOOL FEES

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

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

SCHOOL BANKING

17th September

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

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.

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.

PEDICULOSIS - HEAD LICE

The problem of head lice has become evident in the school once again.

To avoid incidences of head lice we ask that you regularly check your child's hair. Various treatments are available from the Chemist. Covering the hair with a thick layer of conditioner and leaving for approximately 5 to 10 minutes then combing out the lice can also be affective. Wash hair after combing.

You will also need to wash all bed linen and air bedding in the sunshine to avoid re-infection.

If your child has contracted Head Lice please inform the teacher and commence treatment immediately. Please do not send your child to school with **live head lice** as this will increase the chances of other children contracting them. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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.

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)	

ENEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Read our newsletter online at:

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

If you require a hard copy please let us know.

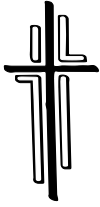
Thank you to all the families who are reading the **Newsletter** online. You may also subscribe to our online newsletter by signing up. See home page right hand side of screen for more information.

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.

| shall pass through this world but once.

Any good therefore that | can do or any kindness that | can show to any human being, let me do it now. [Let me not defer or neglect it, for | shall not pass this way again.



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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 Nine

Friday 13th September

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 3

Week Ten

Wednesday 18th September

TriSkills

Thursday 19th September

Boori Monty Prior (Years 4, 5, &6)

Friday 20th September

TriSkills

Last day of Term

TERM FOUR

Week One

Wednesday 9th October

First day for students Term Four

Thursday 10th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 11th

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 6

Week Two

Thursday 17th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 18th

Year 2 Excursion to Powerhouse

Week Three

Tuesday 22nd

Parent Forum 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 24th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 25th

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 4

Week Four

Thursday 31st October

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 1st November

(All Saints Day) Year 6 GALA DAY

Week Five

Thursday 7th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 8th

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 2

Week Six

Thursday 14th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 15th

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 1

Week Seven

Thursday 21st

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 22nd

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Mtg

No Assembly

Week Eight

Thursday 28th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 29th

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Kindergarten

Family Disco 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.

Week Nine

Thursday 5th December

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 6th

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 9.30 a.m.

Week Ten

Wednesday 11th

Year 6 Graduation, Reports to Parents

Thursday 12th

Footsteps - Dance K to 6

Friday 13th

Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

Week Eleven

Monday 16th

Primary Swmg Carnival & Infants Picnic

Wednesday 18th

Year 6 Fun Day - Last day 2013

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 Father 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

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Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women: 21 September -Young women aged 17-30 who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa for a Grace & Silence Retreat Day. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. Cost: \$20 includes lunch. Time: 9.30am-4.30pm. Venue: 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Further information and registration contact Sr M Julie BrCAR 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

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.

Mass in Igbo language: 13 October

Mass celebrated in Nigerian at 11.30am in St Oliver Plunkett's Church, 35 Wigram St, Harris Park. Details: Austin Okerefor: 0421 928 116, Evaton Onton: 0469 627 218 or Stella Nwosu tel 0405 478 472, 8678 2118, stellanwosu@msn.com

Remembering Marriages at St Mary's Cathedral: 13 October

Those married at St Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on Sunday 13 October at 10.30am, followed by morning tea on the Crypt Veranda. Certificates will be presented for 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, or 60th anniversaries. Those with ancestors married at St Mary's are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, **RSVP by 10 October** to Helen tel (02) 9220 0414 or Event Coordinator: valentina.markovina@sydneycatholic.org

9th National eConference on St John's Gospel: 16 October

Theme: 'The love of God made visible'. Keynote educators:Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Dr Dorothy Lee. A FREE eConference presented by The Broken Bay Institute in association with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Institute for Mission in Blacktown is a host site – please contact Maryann to register your attendance on the day tel (02) 9831 4911. Time: 10.30am-2.30pm. To participate independently contact Rhonda Andersen at the BBI tel (02) 9847 0726, econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au

Emmaus Golf Day: 18 October

Calling all golfers to help raise funds for CatholicCare's Emmaus service supporting people with a disability. If you would like to play golf or enter a team of 4 in this fundraising golf day at Springwood Country Club, please contact Claire tel (02) 9933 0222, golfday@ccss.org.au

MGL Spiritual Association Retreat Day: 19 October

The MGL Spiritual Association invites you to a retreat day to be held at the MGL sisters' mission house, 11 Torbert Ave, Quakers Hill, on Saturday 19 October from 9am-5pm. It will consist of praise and worship, a talk given by Sr Kate, Mass, silent adoration, rosary, prayer ministry and Reconciliation. Please BYO lunch, afternoon tea provided. Young people especially welcome! RSVP: FaceBook MGL Spiritual Association Sydney. Contact: Jenny Scott 0405 090 825, jennyscott25372@gmail.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 20 October

Topic: 'Captains of the soul: chaplains in the Australian Army, 1913-2013'. Dr Michael Gladwin, School of Theology, Charles Sturt University, Canberra. 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

Holy Family Community Golf Day: 25 October

10am sharp hit-off at the Dunheved Golf Club on Links Rd, St Marys. Cost: \$100 per person. There are many great prizes to be won. Light refreshments to follow at the Holy Family Parish Centre, 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Details: Malia Lolesio at the Parish Office on (02) 9628 7272, enquiry@holymfamily.org.au

Catholic Super Free Retirement Seminar: 30 October & 11 November

Have you started thinking about retirement? Financial security will give you the opportunity to enjoy a longer life with family and friends and to pursue your interests free from money worries. Catholic Super is an industry fund and returns all profits to members. This FREE seminar will cover: retirement goals & budgets, increasing your retirement savings, transition to retirement strategy.

Wednesday 30 October: Parramatta RSL, Hunter Room, cnr Macquarie & O'Connell sts, Parramatta;

Monday 11 November: Springwood Sports Club, Sassafras Room 2, 83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood.

Time: 6.45pm for 7pm start. Register: tel 1300 730 327 or www.csf.com.au