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TERM FOUR

No 4

November – a time to remember

***“The Souls of the Just are in the hands of God,
No torment shall ever touch them”***

Words always seem inadequate when expressing emotions about the passing of loved ones.

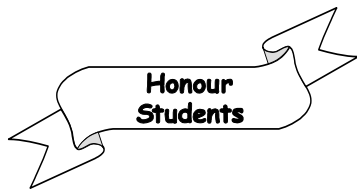
When confronted with the harsh reality of death, our prayers become an expression of our faith, of hope and of support and comfort. In the face of death, we feel small, weak and defenceless and are brought to ask ourselves...is life ended with death? In such moments, we are reminded that because Jesus is risen, everything takes on a new perspective...life is merely changed, not ended.

Let us renew our hope and be inspired by the qualities those we love demonstrated in their lives.

***May they rest in peace
And may perpetual light
Shine upon them***



Tomorrow, Friday 1st November: All Saints Day
Saturday 2nd November: All Souls Day



TERM FOUR - WEEK FOUR
Honour Awards: Improvement

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|----|------------------------|
| KA | Crystella Geagea |
| KM | Gabriella Mendoza |
| 1C | Julian Camenzuli |
| 1S | Jim Rizk |
| 2M | Jonah Freifer |
| 2Y | Riona Pais |
| 3L | Sophie El Bayeh |
| 3T | Daniel Sarkis |
| 4B | Alan Mansour Seperghan |
| 4G | Louis Takchi |
| 5C | Igor Ulic |
| 5T | Lily Tambrchi |
| 6P | Aaron Revollar |
| 6W | Christian Makdissi |

Value Week 5: Term 4 Determination

Newsletter Distribution We are now delivering the weekly newsletter directly to your email address. Currently we are still printing over 150 copies and would really like to reduce this number. If you are now receiving the newsletter online and would like to be removed from the distribution list, a short note to the office would be greatly appreciated.

YEAR 6 GALA DAY - NEW DATE

Year 6 will be holding their 2013 GALA DAY on Tuesday 12th November. Please see the letter sent home today.

Back to School 2014

Parents, if you intend travelling overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school late in 2014 due to extended holidays or any other reason, could you please notify the office, in writing, that this will be happening and noting the date your child will be returning for the 2014 school year.

If your child (K to Yr 5) will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2014, please advise the office in writing as soon as possible.

The N.E.D Awards

Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best

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|----|-------------------|
| KA | Lucas Beacroft |
| KM | Lucy Parkes |
| 1C | Elliana Coles |
| 1S | Jennifer Mekkessi |
| 2M | Isabella Maaraoui |
| 2Y | Pauline Said |
| 3L | An Le |
| 3T | An Le |
| 4B | Adriana Saab |
| 4G | Nicholas Parkes |
| 5C | Isabella Moses |
| 5T | Olana Lal |
| 6P | Veronica Marquez |
| 6W | Alanah Haddad |

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Thank you to all of our families for their generous support of the Bushfire Appeal. Our school raised \$871.40 towards the Catholic Care Bushfire Appeal.

We ask our school community to keep those who have been affected in our prayers.

OLMC DRAMA

Years 5 and 6 were invited to OLMC Drama productions of 'Hating Alison Ashley' and 'Stories in the Dark' today. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our **thanks to OLMC** for the invitation.

2014 Student Bus Passes

Students in Year Two, who currently hold a bus pass, will need to apply for another pass for 2014 when they progress to Year Three. An application form can be collected from the office and **MUST** be returned to the school office no later than **Monday, 11th November**. If the form is not returned, the student will not receive a bus pass for the start of 2014. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING

The Dollarmites have found treasure and want to share it with you in Term 4. As part of our School Banking program, we've created a fun competition, giving school students the chance to win a share of thousands of dollars worth of prizes. To enter, all you need to do is make two or more School Banking deposits from up to 30 November.

NEW ENGLISH CURRICULUM

From 2014 all school will teach the new English Syllabus. In 2015 all schools will teach the new Mathematics, and Science and Technology syllabuses and in 2016 all schools will teach the new History syllabus.

The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum and many features are retained.

The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

In English

- Students develop their language skills through activities involving speaking and listening, reading and writing, and viewing and representing.
- They learn about language and literature through working with a wide range of print, spoken, visual, media, multimedia and digital texts.
- They interpret and express their views on what they hear, see and read.
- They create written and digital texts, and deliver formal and informal presentations.
- For the first time, there will be a requirement that students experience a range of texts including Australian works, multiculturalism, Aboriginality and Australian identity, and Asian perspectives.
- There is an increased emphasis on grammar and the teaching of quality literature.

Sometimes people need a little something to make them smile.

People will forget what you said ... they will forget what you did; but they will never forget how you made them feel.

KA having fun with 3D SHAPES



COMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS

- **Year Six GALA DAY**
Change of date: Tuesday 12th November.
- **Year One Excursion**
Monday 18th November
Money for this excursion **MUST** be received by tomorrow **morning Friday 1st November**
- **Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meeting**
Friday 22nd November
- **Family Disco**
Friday 22nd November 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

ENEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Read our newsletter online at:

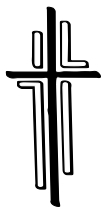
<http://www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au>

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 FOUR - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Four

Thursday 31st October
Friday 1st November

Saturday 2nd

Footsteps - Dance K to 6
All Saints Day - Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6 to Mass
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 3
All Souls Day - Pray for the deceased

Week Five

Thursday 7th November
Friday 8th

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

Week Six

Tuesday 12th
Thursday 14th
Friday 15th

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

Week Seven

Monday 18th
Thursday 21st
Friday 22nd

Year One Excursion to Darling Harbour
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meeting
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

Lord, keep us ever mindful
of the needs of others
and of your assurance,
that in rejecting them,
we are rejecting you,
in serving them
we are serving you.

**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, 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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Catholic Education Office

Discover OLMC Parramatta

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to discover the College's rich tradition and cutting edge education and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Executive at our final Open Morning Tour for this year on Monday, November 11, 2013.

The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

PRC General Meeting - Monday 11 November 2013

PRC General Meeting for Term 4 is on Monday 11 November 2013 at Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC) Cnr Flushcombe Road and Marian Street, Blacktown. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start and concludes at 9.30pm.

Guest Speaker will be Dr John DeCourcy, Director Strategic Accountabilities Services, Catholic Education Parramatta. Dr DeCourcy will be presenting Gifted and Talented Education in Catholic Schools.

All welcome.

For more information click here for flyer and click here for agenda.

Bishops Office

Diocese of Parramatta Bushfire Appeal

The Diocese has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the NSW bushfires. St Thomas Aquinas Parish at Springwood is one of the areas that has been hardest hit.

This appeal is for cash donations only. Donations can be made through CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta. A video appeal by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is on CatholicCare's website where you can make an online donation: www.ccss.org.au

If making a donation by cheque, please make your cheque payable to **CatholicCare Social Services – Bushfire Appeal** and post to: Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 2023, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750.

Receive updates on the Bushfire Appeal via Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

- **Catholic Super Free Retirement Seminars: 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

Thanksgiving and 24th Anniversary of Our Lord of Pardon: 1-10 November

Everyone is invited to this special celebration intended for all the souls in purgatory. **1-8 Nov:** novena in host families' homes nightly; **9 Nov:** novena at 4pm in Polish War Memorial Chapel, Marayong. **10 Nov:** 1.30pm Praise & Worship, Devotion, Procession; 3.30pm: Mass in Polish War Memorial Chapel, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong. Reception to follow in the Polish Hall. For more information or if you want to host the statues for nine days in your home tel Ludy Pappa (02) 9626 0262 or ludypapa@live.com.au

- **St Patrick's Cathedral Open Day: 3 November**

Everyone is welcome to drop in and find out more about the Catholic tradition of Christianity and the award-winning St Patrick's Cathedral. Hosted by the Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue.

Open Day program

- * Solemn Sung Mass at 11am with Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop of Parramatta, presiding.
- * Following Mass, Q and A in the Cathedral Hall on topics specific to Catholic Christianity.
- * Tours of the Cathedral and organ recitals.
- * Free sausage sizzle followed by Devonshire teas prepared by CWL Parramatta.
- * Cloister expo with Church ministries, including Catholic Education Parramatta, CatholicCare Social Services, St Vincent de Paul Society and Institute for Mission.
- * Concludes at 3pm with Solemn Sung Afternoon Prayer.

St Patrick's Cathedral is at 1 Marist Place, Parramatta, opposite Prince Alfred Park. Plenty of parking is available. For more information contact the Cathedral Office tel (02) 8839 8400 or visit: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Women of Faith Dinner – Celebrating Friendships: 3 November

This is the 10 anniversary. The keynote speaker will be Commissioner Inaam Tabbaa AM of the Industrial Relations Commission NSW. Entertainment will include cultural music and dancing. Organised by Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, Affinity Intercultural Foundation, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and Uniting Church Synod of NSW. Time: 5.45pm for 6pm start. Westella Renaissance, 3 New Street E, Lidcombe. Tickets: \$60. Booking and payment are essential. **RSVP: 28 October** tel (02) 8065 2505 or registrations@affinity.org.au

Credo Young Adults Group to launch: 7 November

Credo, St Patrick's Cathedral's new young adults group for 18-35s, is launching on Thursday 7 November in the Cathedral hall. Guest speaker Daniel Ang will help explore the topic of the relationship between culture and religion with 'Disciples of the Church for the World'. RSVP for catering purposes via Email or Facebook: credostpats@gmail.com Facebook: **Credo StPats**

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 9 November

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at noon with confessions from 11.30am. St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. Nearest railway station is Doonside, next one after Blacktown. RSVP: Elizabeth tel 0423 15 44 63 or epeoples9@gmail.com (please bring a snack to share).

- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 8-10 November**

A marriage enrichment experience – take time out of 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.wvme.org.au

CAPTIVATE: 10 November

String concert celebrating the achievements of students in our Catholic schools. Starts 3pm, St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. Gold coin donation.

- **Cronulla Beaches Tour: 12 November**

Travel with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, to Cronulla for morning tea at Gunnamatta Bay Park before boarding the Bundeena ferry. Enjoy the short scenic cruise from Cronulla to Bundeena, gateway to the Royal National Park, viewing the many beaches in the area. Cost: \$35 includes morning tea and ferry. Lunch at Bundeena RSL (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

12th Annual Diocesan Shopping Trip: 16 November

You can help to raise funds for Project Ten: 2003-2013, a program of major works in St Patrick's Cathedral precinct, while visiting more than 15 factory outlets on a shopping extravaganza. Departs from 2 points: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at Seven Hills and Penrith Panthers. Cost includes bistro lunch: \$50 adults, \$40 concession, \$20 children. **Bookings close 3 November.** For more information and to secure your seat on the coach contact Virginia Knight at the Diocesan Office tel (02) 8838 3412, vknight@parra.catholic.org.au

- **Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 17 November**

Topic: 'The Passing of the English Christendom and the future of the Anglican Communion'. Speaker: Rev Dr Bruce Kaye, editor of *The Journal of Anglican Studies*. 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

Christian Meditation: 17 November

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Renewal & Introduction Day at St Benedict's Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. For accommodation at 'The Cottage' guest house contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

- **Prayer and the Dark Night: 21 November**

An opportunity to reflect on the teachings of the Church's great teachers on prayer, with Fr John McCall OSA. In our growth in prayer we move through various stages. These transitional stages can be disturbing if we do not understand them. Time: 9.45am-2.30pm. BYO lunch – refreshments provided. The Augustinian Centre for Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Cost: \$20 (conc. avail.). Bookings: (02) 9896 6794, paulmal@bigpond.com.au

Faith at the Fiddler: 21 November

Special guest Bishop Anthony Fisher OP – Reframing the debate on 'same-sex marriage'. Faith at the Fiddler is a forum for young people to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality. From 5pm-7pm at The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor rds, Rouse Hill. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education, Parramatta. Details: Linda Ducksbury tel (02) 9840 5743, linda.ducksbury@parra.catholic.edu.au

- **Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat: 22-24 November**

This weekend retreat is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Where: Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. Inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

Write to: PO Box 317, St Peters, NSW, 2044. For more information about Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au