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TERM FOUR

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## Feast of Christ the King

With the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, we complete this liturgical year. Many of us relate to "kings" as characters in fairy tales or people some centuries ago with great power. The few kings and queens left in the world today have very little power, unlike Christ the King.

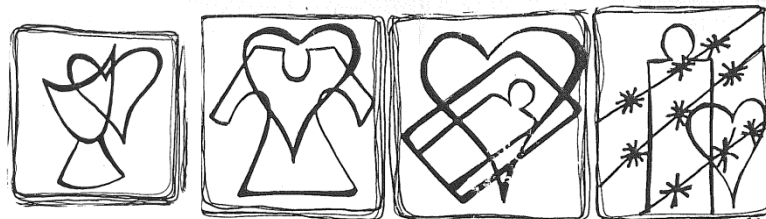
The solemnity of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and serves to remind us that loyalty to Christ comes before earthly loyalties.

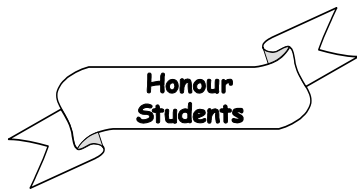
Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
of justice, love and peace.

By the way we live, especially by our attitude to truth and justice, we declare each day where our loyalties lie, whether we are on the side of Christ or whether, like Pilate, we take the way of evasion and cowardice, thus betraying him. Although this may seem a very strong statement, it is not possible as a Christian to remain neutral.

What a joy it is to belong to Christ and his kingdom,  
to allow ourselves to be guided by his spirit and,  
in our own small way, to work for the spread of God's kingdom,  
a kingdom of justice, truth and love.

We are reminded at the end of this liturgical year that our commitment to the Gospel message increases Christ's reign in our world.





## TERM FOUR - WEEK SEVEN

### Honour Awards: Good Manners

KA	Aiden Kalathil
KM	Christian Sarkis
1C	Jethro Cauan
1S	Syrus Dig
2M	Pierre Onano
2Y	Marcus-Adam El Chaar
3L	Zach Gebrael
3T	Angel Arida
4B	Erin Bautista
4G	Isabella El-Tobbagi
5C	Ethan Hoang
5T	Miray Sakr
6P	Nicole Wang
6W	Christian Makhoul

Value Week 8: Term 4 Helpfulness

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

We look forward to meeting all the 2014 Kindergarten children and their parents at the Kindergarten Orientation tomorrow, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the School Hall.

## FAMILY DISCO

The Family Disco will be held tomorrow evening Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. in the School Hall.

The DJ and Dance Organiser will be from "Footsteps", our Thursday Dance Instructor. Payment can be made at the door \$10.00 per family. Parents are reminded that they are required to stay with their children.

## YEAR 6 GALA DAY

Once again we were defeated by the weather this week however the Cake Competition went ahead. More details further in this Newsletter. The Gala Day will go ahead next Tuesday if it is not raining, otherwise it will be the following Tuesday.

## INFANTS PICNIC

We have changed the date for the Infants Picnic to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December to avoid a clash with the Primary Swimming Carnival.

## The N.E.D Awards

Never give up  
Encourage others  
Do your best

KA	Nestacia Karam
KM	John Paul Wehbe
1C	Erica Jurisic
1S	Mia Kerr
2M	Joya Barakat
2Y	Amelia Beacroft
3L	Audrey Baysari & Adrian Stevanja
3T	Serene Mawad
4B	James Moses
4G	Veronica Takchi
5C	Tayla Vancuylenberg
5T	Chanel El Chaar
6P	Luke Kelly
6W	Matthew Kelly

## SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

to the Kelly family (Luke 6P & Matthew 6W) on the recent death of their Uncle.



## 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**

## 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 making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

## YEAR 6 GALA DAY

### CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION

On Tuesday, 39 creative students entered a stunning variety of decorated cakes in the St Patrick's Cake Decorating Competition. A very big thank you to all the competitors. Your cakes were extraordinary and we all enjoyed eating them at recess. Although this competition was not meant to be a big fund raiser, we now have \$20 to start our appeal to help people in the Philippines. Our judges had a very difficult task choosing winners but finally decided on the following children.

#### Grade Winners

Jacob Tamaro KA	Jesse Sabat 1C
Simone Sabat 2M	Jasmine Nasr 3L
Tahlia Rizk 4B	Kristen Shidiak 5C
Luke Davino 6P	

#### Other talented entrants

Brooklyn Munro KM	Crista-Nicole Gahdmar KM
Benjamin Aguilera KA	Isaac Bechara KA
Kiara Haddad KA	Nestacia Karam KA
Jennifer Mekdessi 1S	Gabrielle Sabat 1S
Norm Shidiak 1C	Laurice Behan 1C
Aidan Vancuylenberg 1C	Joanna Davino 2M
Chanel Nader 2M	Alanah Issa 2Y
Anna Janczewski 2Y	Joshua Romanos 2Y
Oscar Gray 3T	Isabella Loader 3L
Joseph Haddad 3L	Brooklyn Griffiths 4B
Rachael Mekari 4B	Kasey Lao 4B
Bethany Issa 4G	Amelia McGlenn 5T
Olana Lal 5T	Hunter Munro 5T
Chanel El-Chaar 5T	Ella Lahood 5T
Angel Nasr 5C	Cassandra Holdaway 5C
Daniella Younes 5C	Tayla Vancuylenberg 5C

## YOUTH GROUP

Unfortunately due to diocesan commitments Father Andrew has had to cancel Youth Group on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

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

### BOOKCLUB ISSUE 8-2013

Due Friday 29<sup>th</sup> NOV 2013

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

The preferred method of payment is to make the payment online directly to scholastic. If paying by cheque please make the **CHEQUE** out to **Scholastic Australia**.

Remember to fill out Order Forms correctly and place in a **sealed** envelope clearly marked with

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**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.

### School Banking News

If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmite tokens you **MUST** redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as you won't be able to use these extra tokens next year. The Dollarmite moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year, so collect them now. Select the rewards(s) you want by completing the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit. Eight exciting new rewards are coming in 2014!



### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

K - 2 Infants Picnic Day - Change of Date  
Yr 6 Year 6 End of Year Fun Day

### ENEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

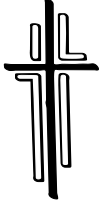
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<http://www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au>

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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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## COMING EVENTS 2013

### TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Week Seven**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meeting  
**No Assembly**  
Footsteps - **Family Disco** 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

#### **Week Eight**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten 2014 visit  
Kindergarten 2014 visit  
Footsteps - Dance K to 6  
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Kindergarten

#### **Week Nine**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Kindergarten 2014 visit  
Kindergarten 2014 visit  
Footsteps - Dance K to 6  
End of Year **Thanksgiving Mass** 9.30 a.m.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Week Ten**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **Week Eleven**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

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

You cannot see Me,  
yet I am the light you see by.  
You cannot hear Me,  
yet I speak through your voice.  
You cannot feel Me,  
yet I am the power at work  
in your hands.  
When you need Me, I am there.  
Even if you deny Me, I am there.  
Even in your fears I am there.  
Though your faith in me is unsure,  
My faith in you never wavers  
for you, I am there.

**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

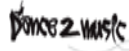
#### **RECONCILIATION**

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

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### First Social Justice Expo

Join the Archdiocese of Sydney for their very first social justice expo, Faith in Action. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people (15-30 years) to learn about social justice programs and initiatives they can get involved with, meet other passionate young people, and be inspired to serve God in the mission for Justice and Peace!

It will be held Saturday 30 November from 10am – 4pm, at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney Broadway campus. Don't miss out – register online at <http://faithinaction2013.org/>. For more information, phone 9390 5935.

## Bishop Office

### Typhoon Haiyan Aid Response

Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid in the Philippines.

Please give generously to the **Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal**.

**Call 1800 024 413, donate online at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City**

### 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.

The Augustinian Centre for Spirituality, 2 Hewitt Ave, Greystanes. Bookings: (02) 9896 6794, paulmal@bigpond.com.au

### Fertility Educators Needed

Natural Fertility Services is looking for suitable applicants in the Parramatta and greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants. Some prior experience of Natural Family Planning is desirable but not essential. Sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. The 2014 training will commence in March. For more information and application forms call The Manager NFS(02) 9390 5156.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

### John Paul II Class of 1988 25 Year Anniversary Dinner: 23 November

Venue: Blacktown Workers Club. Contact: [JP111988reunion@gmail.com](mailto:JP111988reunion@gmail.com)