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ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARRAMATTA PATER

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TERM THREE

No 5

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15th August

The Feast of Mary's "Falling Asleep" was made universal in the 6th century and became known as The Assumption to call attention to the fact that Mary had been taken up fully to heaven.

In the Old Testament, the prophet, Elijah, was "taken up" into heaven (2kings;2) and the idea seems to be that being close to God, he was specially protected. The idea of protection is also found in Exodus (19:4) where Israel itself is "taken up" on eagles' wings to a place of protection in the wilderness. We are reminded of this when we sing the hymn "On Eagles Wings" in the church.

In chapter 12 of the Apocalypse, "The Lady" is taken on eagles' wings to the desert for protection when evil attacks her son (Jesus) and persecution rages against her "other children".



Mary is a protected witness of Christ's life. She is also a figure of the church. As her devotees, we too enjoy God's special protection and one day, we too will share in Mary's special destiny.



TERM THREE - WEEK FIVE
Honour Awards: Independence

KA	Sheridan Achie
KM	Jeremy Saliba
1C	Jesse Sabat
1S	Syrus Dig
2M	Joanna Davino
2Y	Marcus Grohs
3L	Marvin Molina
3T	Caitlin Polintan
4B	Brooklyn Griffiths
4G	Amelia Tannous
5C	Rachel Touche
5T	Maria El Hachem
6P	Luke Kelly
6W	Patrick Newman

Value Week 6: Commitment

SUMMER UNIFORM ORDERS

We are now taking orders for summer uniforms for **Kindergarten 2014**. Orders will be taken from Monday 19th August until Friday 6th 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.

2013 SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to the families who have already paid Term Three fees. The due date for payment is this Friday 16th August, 2013.

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

FATHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Raffle tickets have been sent home with children for this year's **Fathers' Day Raffle**. Tickets are 20c each. 1st Prize is a framed and signed photo of the Western Sydney Wanderers. This would be a very special prize to win for a very special Dad.

Extra books of tickets are available from the front office.

Sympathy & Prayers

To the Newman family (Patrick 6W) on the death of their Grandmother.



Youth Group

Unfortunately due to diocesan commitments Father Andrew has had to cancel Youth Group on the following dates.

Thursday 29th August

Thursday 12th 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 should be collected by this time.

BOOK WEEK

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week at St Patrick's. This year's theme is 'Read Across the Universe'. To celebrate books our students will be working on special activities linked to the theme, the shortlisted books and our special visits Expect a visit from an astronaut from a far galaxy! There will also be a guessing competition: "How many planets in the galaxy?" That will cost 20c a guess.

Next Tuesday afternoon students from K - 3 will be entertained with a live performance of 'Tiddalick the Frog' from the Longyard Sideshow Company. Year 4 - 6 will have their special visit from the Indigenous author/entertainer, Boori Monty Prior, on Thursday 24 August.

As part of Book Week Mrs O'Dwyer will again be providing the opportunity for parents to donate a book to the school library. Over the next week she will be organising a display of books appropriate to the student's level. More details to come.

OPEN CLASSROOMS

On **Monday 26 August** you are invited to join us at school from 9.15 - 10.15am so that your children can showcase their classrooms and book work. This is a time for you to spend with your child/children where they will take you through a Student Led Conference. It is not a time for the teachers to give you an interview.

Please join us after Monday morning assembly. Your children get very excited when they have the opportunity to 'show off' their wonderful work.

VOICE of YOUTH FINALISTS

Over the past 4 weeks, Year 6 has been busily researching and writing speeches which were then delivered to the year group. Yesterday the eight best speeches were presented in front of Years 5 and 6. After much deliberating, the judges, Mrs O'Dwyer and Mrs Attard, announced the winners who will go on to represent St Patrick's at the cluster final of Voice of Youth. This will take place next Monday at St Margaret Mary's, Merrylands at 11.30am. Parents and friends are very welcome to come along and listen to our talented students. Our winning students and their topics are as follows:

Antonia Moussa - A Personal Experience that Changed My Life

Luke Davino - A View of the World

Lisa Khouri - Pope Francis

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Teachers continue to be concerned about the number of parents crossing their children where it is unsafe to do so. There are a number of designated Pedestrian Crossings which have been installed to protect our students. Please model correct safety with your children as they are far too precious to replace.

A reminder that the gate in Villiers Street will be locked when the morning bell rings at 8.50am. All children should already be at school by this time. If for some reason you are running late please drop your children off at the Ross Street entrance if arriving after this time. Once both gates are locked children are required to be signed in by a parent.

COMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS

16th August - Year 3 Sydney Maritime Museum
Year 4 Elizabeth Farm and Government House

19th August - Year 6 - Voice of Youth
From 19th Year 6 Religious Literacy Test
20th August - Tiddalik the Frog (Infants classes)
21st & 22nd August - TriSkills begin for 5 weeks
23rd August - Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Year 5 excursion to Bathurst

From 26th - Year 4 Religious Literacy Test
28th August - Year 5 Parent/Child Program 7.00
29th August - Monty Pryor (Primary classes)
30th August - Fathers' Day Mass 9.30
Stall 11.30

SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE AT SCHOOL?

Over the last few weeks there has been a lot of illness in the school among staff and students.

Unfortunately some students are coming to school when they are clearly unwell. We appreciate that it can be difficult for working parents to take time off to look after sick children. However, every day we have a constant stream of students sent to the sick bay who need to go home.



If your child is unwell in the morning, we ask you to please try and arrange care for them, as one sick child can infect many others. This includes staff. It is becoming increasingly difficult to replace sick staff members and also means that there may be times when classes will need to be split across the school.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a continually growing assortment of tracksuit jackets, hats, school jackets and other items left by children around the school. Unfortunately these items do not have names anywhere so we are unable to return them to the owners.

Please label all your child's school clothing and remind them to look after their possessions.

If your child brings home an item of clothing belonging to another child, please return it the next day. Several items with children's names have gone missing and have not been returned.

LETTERS sent home this week

Yr 6 Voice of Youth

ENEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

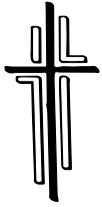
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Compulsory School Attendance - Information for Parents is available on this site.



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

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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 Five

Friday 16th August

Year Three Excursion
Year Four Excursion

Week Six

Tuesday 20th August
Wednesday 21st August
Thursday 22nd August
Friday 23rd August

"Tiddalik the Frog" K, 1, 2, 3
TriSkills Gymnastics program begins
TriSkills
Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 4

Week Seven

Wednesday 28th August

Thursday 29th August
Friday 30th August

TriSkills
Year 5 Personal Development Night
TriSkills - Monty Pryor Author Yr 4-6
Fathers' Day Mass and Stall
Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Week Eight

Wednesday 4th September
Thursday 5th September
Friday 6th September

TriSkills
TriSkills
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

Week Nine

Wednesday 11th September
Thursday 12th September
Friday 13th September

TriSkills
TriSkills
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 3

Week Ten

Wednesday 18th September
Thursday 19th September
Friday 20th September

TriSkills
TriSkills
Last day of Term

Trust in God
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 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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Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am Thursday 29th August 2013

Enrolments for Year 7 2015

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

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 the Open Morning Tour on Monday, August 26, 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.



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Do you have a baby or child under 6?



- Come along to the **Tuesday Club** for Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Children
- This friendly group meets in the St Patrick's Cathedral Church Hall

This is a great opportunity for you and your child/ren to enjoy a morning out in the company of other parents, grandparents and carers.

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**Tuesdays 9:30am-
11:30am during School
Terms**

Sacred Heart

LADIES NIGHT

Friday 13th September 2013

6pm-10pm



We invite you to come along to an "adults only" evening of pampering and fun!!!!



There will be stalls ranging from Jewellery, Clothes, Cupcakes, Linen, Make Up, Tupperware Massage, Nails and heaps more!!!!



There will be games, prizes and a fashion parade by Guys & Dolls Boutique.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person, which includes a glass of champagne on arrival, nibbles, tea & coffee throughout the evening & a lucky door prize.



Tickets are available from the office of Sacred Heart School, Ralph Street Westmead or at the door on the night.

For more information contact Sacred Heart School Office on 9635 1758

DIOCESAN NEWS

Inside Catholic Outlook's August issue

- * News and photos of our pilgrims at World Youth Day in Rio
- * National Vocations Awareness Week annual feature

Walk to honour The Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary: 15 August

Starts 1pm at Holy Innocents Chapel, Garden of the Immaculate, Kellyville Franciscan Friary, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. We will walk along Windsor Road to St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta (approx. 14km). There will be refreshment stops along the way. Everyone is welcome to bring Marian banners and join us at any point of the pilgrim walk. Please contact Angela at the Kellyville parish office tel (02) 9629 2595 at least one week in advance in courtesy.

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 18 August

Spying for the Holy Office: a Sydney story. Speaker: Emeritus Prof Fr Edmund Campion, latterly Catholic Institute of Sydney. 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

Wisdom at the Gate: 16-17 August

A colloquium facilitated by the Council for Australian Catholic Women and supported by the National Office for the Participation of Women. It aims to gather, connect and re-energise those who are responding to the issues of women's participation in our Church within their local context. It is open to all women of faith who are interested in dreaming together and sharing wisdom, and is particularly aimed at those working in a Church context, whether in voluntary or paid capacities. Watch the video at: www.wisdomatthegate.org.au Venue: Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. Prices start at \$109 (GST incl).

Christian Meditation: 18 August

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Renewal & Introduction Day at St Benedict's Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. 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