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TERM ONE

No 4

The Lenten Season ... a time for renewal

Lent is a time when we are encouraged to reflect on those things we take for granted in our daily lives and to give a little to promote social justice for those less fortunate than ourselves.

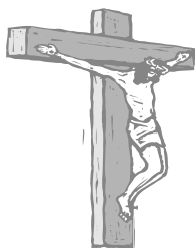


It is at this time that most parishes give our "Project Compassion" boxes or envelopes. Many people in parts of the world have been forced to leave their own countries and communities to seek safety elsewhere. These refugees often do not know where their friends and family members are. Project Compassion supports refugees and displaced people around the world.

During Lent encourage your family every time they make a contribution to say "thanks" for the security of living in a home that is safe and full of love, while remembering those who have lost their homes and families.

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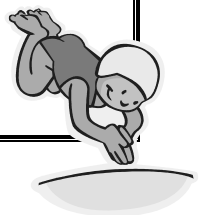
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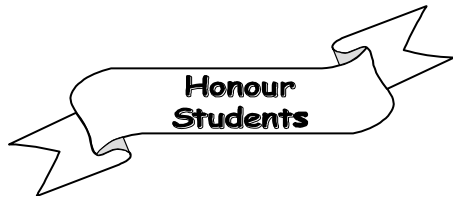


A copy of the Lenten Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of New South Wales will be sent home to all families this week. Please take the time to read and reflect on their message.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Good luck to our students who have been representing our school today.





TERM ONE WEEK Four

Honour Awards: Caring

KA	Daniel Pinto
KM	Elias Nakhle
1C	Isla Giron
1S	Jayda Tarabay
2M	Joya Barakat
2Y	Cyarra Fernandez
3L	Marvin Molina
3T	Chanel Achie
4B	Nathan Didier Serre
4G	Isabella El-Tobbagi
5C	James Maroun
5T	Olana Lal
6P	Jomary Alarcon
6W	Margaret Maroon

Value for Week 4 Term 1: Responsibility

PARENT MEETINGS

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend a Grade meeting or individual meeting with the teachers. We hope the information teachers shared with you will be helpful. Remember to contact the school if you have any concerns at any time.

School Banking reminders

Ensure that all details on the deposit slip and stub are completed correctly. The BSB and account number are needed to complete a deposit. Keep your tokens in a safe place at home. They can be exchanged for a prize when you have 10 tokens.

CRICKET CLINIC

The Cricket Clinic with a NSW Cricket coach, began this week for all students. The students have had great fun.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Tomorrow, Friday 22nd February will be the last day to order winter uniforms for your children. Please note that any late orders will not be available for the beginning of Term Two.

URGENT

Because of the uncertain weather and prediction of rain overnight and tomorrow, the planned Year Four Excursion to Arabanoo has been postponed to Friday 8th March.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note: classes start promptly at 8.50am. For the safety of all children in the school, the gates on Villiers Street are closed by 9.00 am. If you arrive after this time please proceed to the Ross Street entrance. All late children **MUST** be signed in by a parent at the office **BEFORE** they go to class.

NSW COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

In NSW school attendance is **compulsory** for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years.

We strongly encourage parents to plan holidays within the school holidays throughout the year. If you wish to take your children out of school during term time, you must send a letter stating your intentions and then complete an **Application for Exemption from Attendance** form. Please consider carefully the implications for your child's education. Teachers notice that children who have long overseas holidays miss developing understanding of new concepts and fall behind.

Children may only be taken out of school before the end of the school day because they are sick, or other extenuating circumstances. They cannot be released early only for convenience without an **Application for Exemption from Attendance** form being completed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER CHILD PROTECTION

All parents who wish to assist on school excursions, at Sports Carnivals, or in Classrooms are required every 2 years to complete the Child Protection Module. This can be done online at:

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>

In addition to completing the online module, you must also complete the "Volunteer/Student declaration" and submit it signed in person to the school office and provide 'photo identification e.g. driver's licence.

This form can be found online at:

<https://check.kids.nsw.gov.au>

Both of these must be received before you can attend any excursions etc.

CAR PICK UP REMINDER

Please make a large sign with the child's name and class so the teachers can easily identify and call the student to the car.

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Thursday 7th March all staff will be attending the Diocesan Education Mass at Blacktown after school. All children must be collected by 3.30 p.m. as the school will be closed from that time.

2014 KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION for ENROLMENT PACKS

Application for Enrolment Packs for 2014 are available to be collected from the school office.

Please complete and sign the forms and return them with your child's original birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport or citizenship papers if applicable. They will be photocopied and returned to you.

Applications must be received by Friday 12th April.

VALIDATION FORMS.

Please return the validation forms sent home from the CEO to the school office as soon as possible. Please mark changes clearly on the forms.

2013 SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education office. The due date for payment is Friday 8th March, 2013. We appreciate your prompt payment of these fees.

All 2012 arrangements need to be renewed and updated for 2013. Please contact Mrs Nutter to organise a new arrangement.

FIVE KEYS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS

Confidence

- not being overly concerned about making mistakes
- trying different activities without fear
- being independent but not separate.

Getting Along

- working co-operatively with each other
- resolving conflicts without fighting
- showing tolerance of others' differences.

Organisation:

- putting things where they belong
- setting goals for yourself
- planning ahead to meet those goals.

Persistence

- trying harder even when your work is frustrating
- motivating yourself to keep going even when the rewards are small
- rising to challenges with your best efforts.

Resilience

- staying calm when you are upset
- bouncing back from difficult situations
- remaining positive in hard times.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Read our newsletter online at:

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

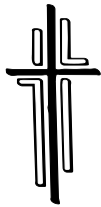
If you require a hard copy please let us know.

Thank you to all the families who are reading the **Newsletter** on line.

School Notes & Forms have been added to our site under the heading on the left hand side **PARENTS**. This will allow parents to download required **excursion notes** or Administration Notes. **Compulsory School Attendance - Information for Parents** is available on this site.

**Life is a wilderness of twists
and turns, where faith is your
only compass.**

Paul Santaguida



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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 ONE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Four

Friday 22nd

NO Assembly ***
Year Six Retreat Day
Year Three Excursions

Week Five

Wednesday 27th February

Thursday 28th

Friday 1st March

Cricket Clinic
Cricket Clinic
Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Assembly Year 4 - School Hall 2.00 p.m.****

Week Six

Wednesday 6th March

Thursday 7th

Friday 8th

Cricket Clinic
Cricket Clinic
Assembly Year 3 - School Hall 2.00 p.m.****

Week Seven

Tuesday 12th March

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

Catholic Schools Week
Parent Forum 7.00 p.m.
Cricket Clinic
Cricket Clinic
Celebrating St Patrick's Feast Day
NO Assembly

Week Eight

Wednesday 20th March

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Cricket Clinic
Cricket Clinic
Harmony Day - Mufti Gold Coin
Assembly Year 2 - School Hall 2.00 p.m.****

Week Nine

Thursday 28th March

Friday 29th

Holy Week Liturgy
Year 6 Nursing Home visit
Good Friday

Week Ten

Monday 1st April

Tuesday 2nd

Friday 5th

Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Easter Liturgy 8.50 a.m.
Primary Cross Country (NO Assembly)

Week Eleven

Friday 12th April

Last Day Term One

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 Paul Newton & Rev Father Andrew Bass

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

DIOCESAN NEWS NEWS

Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2014

Catherine McAuley Westmead holds a number of School Open Mornings throughout the year. There will be two Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2014 enrolments on:

Tuesday 19th February and Thursday 14th March 2012 9.15 – 11am

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.


There will also be a Year 7 2014 Enrolment Information Evening on Monday, 18th March from 6.30 – 7.30pm. This evening will provide further information on the school and the enrolment process. Completed enrolment forms may be lodged at this meeting. Prior to the presentations there will be a further opportunity to tour the school with school tours running at 5.30pm and 5.45pm.

Please RSVP for the Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening by phoning the School Reception.

DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to its 2013 Open Day on Friday, March 8. Principal's welcome and College tour at 10.30am, 1.30pm am and 4.00pm. Reservations are essential and can be made by visiting www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phoning the College Office on 8838 1263.

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Parramatta Marist
High School (Years 7 - 12 Catholic Systemic Boys' School)


Information Evening

Wednesday 20 February 2013

- 5:30pm sausage sizzle
- 6.00pm school tours
- 7.00pm - 7:30pm address by Principal and information session

Bookings are essential.
Please book via website at www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au
Enrolment packages will be available on the evening.
Year 7, 2014 enrolments open 21 February 2013.
Year 7, 2014 enrolments close 3 May 2013.

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