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st patrick's primary school
Parramatta Patter

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TERM ONE

No 5

The Lenten Season.....a time for renewal

Reflection

Despite all the difficulties, anxieties, concerns, tensions, frustrations of modern life, we have so much for which to be grateful:

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace.... you are among the top 3% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness.... you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you attended church without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death.... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you hold your head with a smile on your face and you are truly thankful..... you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

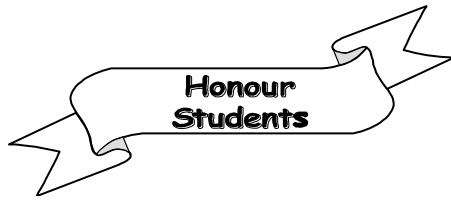
If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder.... you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all"

We who live in Australia in peace and tolerance are more truly blessed than the many many people in the world living in fear.

May our peace be their peace





TERM ONE WEEK Five
Honour Awards: Responsibility

KA	Nestacia Karam
KM	Gabrielle Murphy
1C	Stephanie Saab
1S	Jessica Bechara
2M	Joanna Davino
2Y	Christopher Alarcon
3L	Kyra Dpenda
3T	Antonia Behan
4B	Rachel Mekari
4G	Lily Rodzen
5C	Josie Wehbe
5T	Joseph Bechara
6P	Montana James
6W	Owen Pangcog

Value for Week 6 Term 1: Forgiveness

WORK BOOKS

Each Monday this term, your child will be bringing home one of their work books for parents to look at and see what their child has been doing throughout the term. Next week your child's **Religious Education** book will be sent home. Please make a comment and sign the books then return them to school the next day.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

To celebrate Catholic Schools Week we are holding an Art Exhibition. The theme is **Every Child Counts**. Students may use any medium: painting, sculpture, collage, clay, etc. The subject should include children.

Each entry must have the student's name and class attached. The Entry Fee is \$1.00 donation to Project Compassion. Entries close next Friday, 8th March.

Every artist will receive a certificate of appreciation. Art works will be on display in the school hall on Tuesday 12th March.

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS to the Urizar family (Mikayla 3L) on the recent death of her Grandfather.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Luke Maroun who won 2 gold medals and 1 bronze medal at the regional Athletics.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL CONGRATULATIONS

Last Friday, representatives from our school participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival. All our students tried their best and showed excellent school spirit. We **congratulate** the following students who have made it to the Diocesan Swimming Carnival which will be held tomorrow at Mount Druitt Swimming Pool:

Paul Altamore	Luke Davino
Annie Gittany	Ashleigh Grubba
George Khoury	Ellah Lahood
Emile Saab	Daniel Sarkis
Kayla Teklic	Alexandra Younes
Andrew Younes	

We wish them all the best!!

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.

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

The NSW Food Authority has sent advice of a product recall for Koala popcorn. Koala Popcorn Pty Ltd has recalled batches of its Koala Popcorn chicken flavour due to the presence of an undeclared allergen (milk solids). The reason for the recall was that a child had an **allergic reaction** to the product. Consumers who have a mild allergy or intolerance should not consume this product. For further information please see www.facebook.com/nswfoodauthority

PARENT FORUM

When: Tuesday 19th March

Time: 7.00pm

Where: School Library

Focus: Literary/Reading and Numeracy
Supporting your children at home

COMING EXCURSIONS

- Year 5 - Cumberland Forest tomorrow 1st March
weather Permitting - see student note.
- Year 4 - rescheduled visit to Arabanoo - Wednesday 6th March.

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.

SCHOOL FUNDING

Please see the attached Update for Parents and Staff for information.

Write or call your local state and federal members of parliament to share your concerns. Sign the petition opposing the NSW Government's school funding cuts.

Be aware of the educational policies of the various political parties in the upcoming federal election.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Year 4 - Excursion change of date
Choir - Captivate

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.

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** 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.

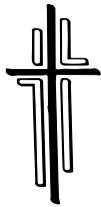
EVENT DETAILS TO COME

Catholic Schools Week Activities
11th - 15th March

St Patrick's Feast Day Celebrations
Parent Helpers Course

CRICKET FUN FOR YEAR ONE





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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 Five

Friday 1st March

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Assembly Year 4 - School Hall 2.00 p.m.****

Week Six

Wednesday 6th March

Cricket Clinic

Thursday 7th

Cricket Clinic

Friday 8th

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

Week Seven

Wednesday 13th March

Catholic Schools Week

Cricket Clinic

Thursday 14th

Cricket Clinic

Friday 15th

Celebrating St Patrick's Feast Day

NO Assembly

Week Eight

Tuesday 19th March

Parent Forum 7.00 p.m. School Library

Wednesday 20th

Cricket Clinic

Thursday 21st

Cricket Clinic

Friday 22nd

Harmony Day - Mufti Gold Coin

Assembly Year 2 - School Hall 2.00 p.m.****

Week Nine

Thursday 28th March

Holy Week Liturgy

Year 6 Nursing Home visit

Friday 29th

Good Friday

Week Ten

Monday 1st April

Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 2nd

Easter Liturgy 8.50 a.m

Friday 5th

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 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

Catholic Education Office

4 March 2013 – PRC AGM.

The Parent Representative Council (PRC) invites parents and caregivers to attend a free presentation delivered by Clinical Psychologist Christina Ott on 'Tips for the teenage tightrope'. The presentation will be held on 4 Monday 4 March at 7.00pm at Aengus Kavanagh Centre, Railway Street Mt Druitt. For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/b7hwchb>

12 March 2013 - Teach in East Timor

Seeking teachers interested in volunteering to train teachers and continue our work in East Timor. Information afternoon Tuesday 12 March 3.45 -5.30pm AKC Mt Druitt. For further information visit staffnet or contact kowens@parra.catholic.edu.au

14 March 2013 - Faith at the Fiddler

Thursday 14 March from 5pm. Encourage staff to join Fr Rob Galea share his journey to faith through story and song. For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/a8t7enw>

2012 Catholic Schools Parent Conference

Join parents, educators and guest speakers for the 10th Catholic Schools Parent Conference on 25-26 May 2013 at the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta. The theme for the 2013 conference is *iConnect with Learning, in Partnership, in Faith* and focuses on technology as a communication, learning and social networking tool. To register visit <http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/>

Bishop's Office

Turkey Pilgrimage Information Afternoon: 3 March

Fr Wim Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to 'St Paul's World' in Turkey from 21 Sept. to 6 Oct. You are invited to an information afternoon in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Sunday 3 March at 2.30pm**. Itinerary includes: Cruise on the Bosphorus and Mass at St Anthony's Church, Cappadocia including Goreme Valley and Whirling Dervishes, Limestone Terraces at Pamukkale, ancient Roman ruins at Hierapolis, Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace in Istanbul. Further details and booking forms from Fr Wim Hoekstra tel (02) 4739 8928, 0409 908 361, wim@stfinbars.org.au

Stop funding cuts to education in NSW

School fees: Catholic schools operate at about 80% of the resource levels of public schools and depend on ongoing funding from state and federal governments. To meet the shortfall between the basic costs of running a school and the amount provided by governments, Catholic schools need to charge school fees, which we try to keep as low as possible. We will endeavour to minimise the impact of NSW Government's school funding cuts on families. **No student will be refused enrolment because of a family's inability to pay fees. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please arrange a confidential meeting with your principal.** Sign the petition to stop the cuts, write to the Premier or your state MP, share your comments and find more information about the school funding issue at: www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding

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