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## St Patrick



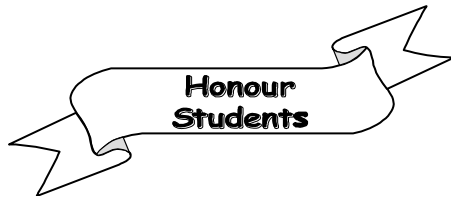
*Priest, Missionary, Migrant, Bishop  
Patron Saint of Ireland*

*Patron Saint of our school & parish*

*St Patrick's name and influence lives  
today because he was a person who  
believed and acted on his faith in God.*

**As a boy St Patrick was taken prisoner and transported from Brittany to work as a slave among the pagan people of Ireland. He eventually escaped, but, during his captivity, he grew to know the people of Ireland and felt the need to tell them about Christ. He became a priest in Brittany and returned to Ireland, where he set about converting the population to Christianity.**

**Throughout his life St Patrick relied on prayer to sustain him in his difficulties and adventures. Like St Patrick we too can rely on prayer to sustain us through our lives and share out faith with all those whose lives we touch.**



**TERM ONE WEEK Seven**  
**Honour Awards: Being Fair**

KA	Lucas Beacroft
KM	Crista-Nicole Gahdmar
1C	Joshua Lorenzo
1S	Eliza El Bayeh
2M	Annabelle Younes
2Y	Adrian Pangan
3L	Audrey Baysari
3T	Nicholas Barakat
4B	Erin Bautista
4G	Jaxson Rahme
5C	Lara Wehbe
5T	Yvonne Wang
6P	Mary Khreich
6W	Alyce Coorey

Value for Week 8 Term 1: **Belonging**

**WORK BOOKS**

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

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Thank you to Father John and the many parents who joined us for our Liturgy on Tuesday which was a wonderful reflection of St Patrick's acknowledgement of the Catholic School Week slogan, *Every Child Counts*. We were delighted so many parents were able to be with us and visit their child's classroom.

The St Patrick's school community was impressed with the talent of the children who entered the Art Exhibition and supported Project Compassion. Our hall was festooned with oil paintings and watercolours, collages, sculptures, models and mobiles - all created by our artistically gifted students!

We were also entertained by a movie about our learning, starring students from Kindergarten to Year Six in 2012 produced by Mrs Wallace.

This afternoon, Kindergarten put on a special performance for their parents to demonstrate their skills in music, movement and reading.



**INVITATION**

**ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
 11.30 a.m. Liturgy in the Park  
 12 noon Picnic Lunch  
 1.00 p.m. Activities

Parramatta Park - Government Farm Area  
 Children to wear sports uniform  
 with a green T-shirt if they have one

**Weather permitting**  
**Please check our web page tomorrow morning**

If it is too wet tomorrow, we will have the Liturgy in the school hall at 11.30 a.m. The picnic lunch and activities will be held at school  
**if there are no showers**

Please note: because of the  
*Application for Exemption from Attendance Legislation*,  
 all students must return to school for 3.00 p.m.  
 dismissal.

**DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL CONGRATULATIONS**

**Congratulations and Apologies** to Alexandra Younes who has been selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Swimming Carnival. Last week it was reported that it was Andrew Younes not Alexandra Younes

**PARENT FORUM**

**When:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Where:** School Library  
**Focus:** Literary/Reading and Numeracy  
 Supporting your children at home

**PARENT HELPERS PROGRAM**

The first session will be held next Thursday afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> March from 2.00 p.m. in the School Library. Mrs Benkovich and Mr Baird will be running the course for any parents who can offer their support in classrooms during reading and maths group time, as well as art and craft.

Unfortunately we cannot accommodate pre-school children.

## HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Years One & Two - Palm Sunday  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Year Three - The Last Supper  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Year Four - Agony in the Garden  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Year Five - the Crucifixion  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Kindergarten & Year Six - Easter

Time: All liturgies will begin at 9.00 a.m.  
Venue: School hall

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> April.

## Administration Costs

Due to the ever increasing number of request we receive for photocopying of NAPLAN results, School reports, and School Fee statements we will be charging a fee of \$5.00 for NAPLAN results and school report and \$1.00 for School Fee statements. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## HEAD LICE

Please be aware that a case of head lice has been reported in Infants. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly over the next few weeks.

## 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.

## COMING EXCURSIONS

Year 5 - Cumberland Forest 22<sup>nd</sup> March

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

When: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Focus: Familiarization of new NSW Syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum to be implemented in 2014

Please note these are pupil free days.  
Our apologies for any inconvenience.

## RECONCILIATION

Please remember in your prayers the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Penance on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at St Patrick's Cathedral.



**First Communion** will be later in the year.

Watch this space for details about **Confirmation** at St Patrick's Cathedral next term.

## 2013 SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education office. The due date for payment was Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 and are now overdue. We would appreciate your prompt payment of these fees. If you are experiencing difficulty in making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

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

## LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Years 3 to 6: Cross Country

## 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.



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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 Seven**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

**Week Eight**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Week Nine**  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

**Week Ten**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

**Week Eleven**  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April



**Catholic Schools Week**  
Celebrating St Patrick's Feast Day at Parramatta  
Park - NO Assembly

Parent Forum 7.00 p.m. School Library  
Cricket Clinic  
Cricket Clinic  
Parent Helpers Program  
Harmony Day - Mufti Gold Coin  
Year Five Excursion \*\*\*\*  
Assembly Year 2 - School Hall 2.00 p.m. \*\*\*\*

Holy Week Liturgy  
Year 6 Nursing Home visit  
**Good Friday**

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

Last Day Term One

**St Patrick's Prayer for the Faithful**  
May the strength of God guide us,  
May the power of God preserve us,  
May the wisdom of God instruct us,  
May the hand of God protect us,  
May the way of God direct us,  
May the shield of God defend us,  
May the angels of God guard us  
against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us  
May Christ be before us  
May Christ be in us  
Christ be over all.

May thy grace, Lord always be ours,  
this day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen

**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

### **2013 Catholic Schools Parent Conference 25-26 May**

Join parents, educators and guest speakers for the 10th Catholic Schools Parent Conference on 25-26 May 2013 at the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta. The 2013 conference, *iConnect with learning, in partnership, and in faith* will look at the impact of 21st century technologies on learning and teaching; the future of Catholic education in a modern world and how to build closer connections between families, schools and parishes.

Conference program:

- ? Panel discussion: The future of Catholic education – opened by Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Schools
- ? Getting real: being on mission with Christ - Fr Richard Leonard SJ
- ? 21st century classroom – Paul Meldrum, Catholic Education
- ? Connecting families and schools – Danielle Cronin and Linda McNeill (CCSP)
- ? How to motivate your child – Educational physiologist, Andrew Martin
- ? Shaping your child's genius – Clinical physiologist, Andrew Fuller
- ? Warrior dads – Youth commentator, Brett Murray

Special dinner speaker: Paralympian Curtis Palmer

Full program cost \$225. To register visit <http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/>

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#### **Bishop's Office**

##### **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 a 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](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding)





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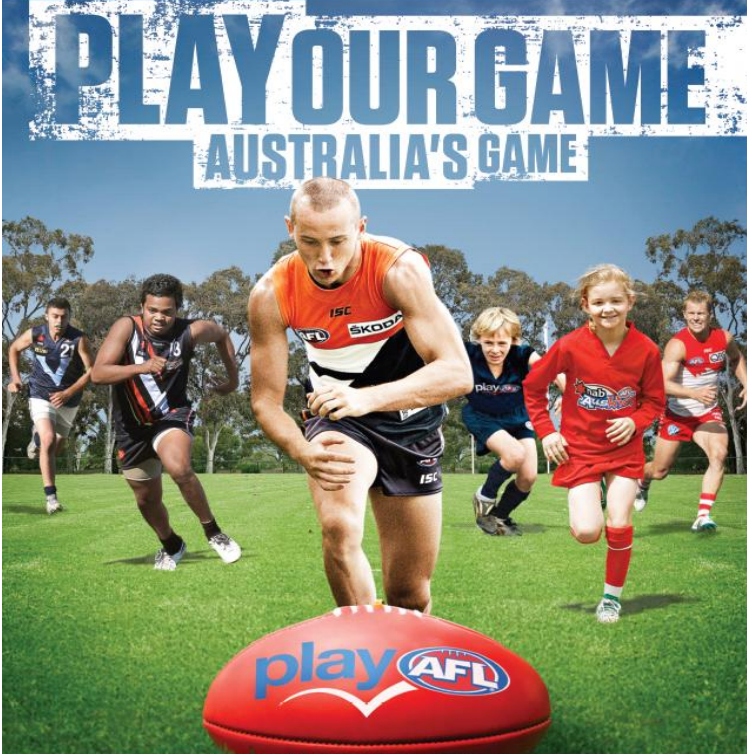
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