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st patrick's primary school
Parramatta Patter

29.11.2012

TERM FOUR

No 8

Advent

*1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday 2nd December 2012*

*This coming Sunday, 2nd December, marks the beginning of Advent,
a time of expectation, a time of waiting for the coming of the Lord.*



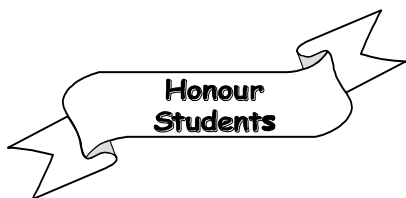
A Quiet Reflection

It is very easy for us to be
so busy with the things of time
that we forget the things of eternity.

To be so preoccupied with things
which are seen
that we forget the things
which are unseen.
To hear so insistently
the claims of the world
that we cannot hear the soft
invitation of the voice of Christ.

The tragedy of life is that it is so
often the second bests
which shut out the bests.
That it is things
which are good in themselves
which shut out the things that
are supreme.

We can be so busy
making a living that we fail to
make a life.
We can be so busy
with the organisation of life that
we forget life itself.



TERM FOUR WEEK EIGHT

Honour Awards: Being Cooperative

KA	Christian Stojkovski
KM	Stephanie Saab
1C	Ethan Lao
1S	Isabella Maaraoui
2M	Claudia Yaghi
2Y	Chanel Achie
3L	Annie Gittany
3T	Francis Dagostino
4B	Emile Saab
4G	Mathew Kassis
5C	Paul Altamore
5T	Jacinta Maroon
6P	Elaine Nakhle
6W	Jasmin Narisetty

Value for Week 9 : Being Helpful

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL



CONGRATULATIONS

Champion Senior Boy: Paul Altamore

Equal Runners Up:

George Khoury and Andrew Younis

Champion Senior Girl: Alexandra Younes

Runner Up: Frances Inciong

Champion Junior Boy: Connor Younis

Runner Up: Emile Saab

Champion Junior Girl: Ashleigh Grubba

Runner Up: Annie Gittany

Congratulations to Boronia on 438 points

Wattle on 288

Melaleuca on 266

Waratah on 264

FAMILY DISCO

Tomorrow, Friday 30th November from
6.00 to 8.00 p.m.

Great value at \$10.00 per family ticket.

Tickets available tomorrow morning from the school office or pay at the door.

Snacks for sale from the Canteen:

Mini Sausage Rolls, Plain Smiths Crisps, Zooper Doopers, Orange and Pepsi Soft Drink, Coffee, Tea and bottled water.

Glow Sticks including bracelets.

KINDERGARTEN 2013

ORIENTATION

Many thanks to the 2012 parents for your generous assistance and wonderful morning tea last Friday for the Kindergarten 2013 Orientation.

Kindergarten welcomed 2013 students for activities, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon this week and look forward to their return next Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.



SCHOOL BANKING

For the next 2 weeks the Commonwealth Bank will enter any Youthsaver account holders into the draw to win one of 12 mini ipads. To enter you just need to make a deposit through the school banking program up to 14th December 2012.

So start saving NOW !!!

For terms and conditions please go to

www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

ASSEMBLY tomorrow will be led by the School Choir. Mrs Rodricks and the choir have been working hard preparing for the Assembly and we are looking forward to their performance.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING MASS**

**ON
WEDNESDAY
12TH DECEMBER 2012**

**AT
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

Come along and join us in giving thanks
for another wonderful year

URGENT

CHANGING SCHOOLS?

If you intend moving your child to another primary school next year, please write a letter to the Principal stating the last date of attendance and the school your child will be attending in next year.

DANCE

There was no Dance class today owing to the unavailability of the instructor. There will be a make-up day on Tuesday 11th December.

YOUTH GROUP

Parents of children attending the Youth Group run by Father Andrew each Wednesday afternoon: please note children are to be collected by **4.30 p.m.** Any children remaining after that time will be returned to the school for you to collect. Father Andrew has other commitments and is not able to remain if you are late.

Please note Youth Group will finish on Wednesday 5th December.

BIRTHDAY ICE BLOCKS

If you want to bring ice blocks to celebrate your child's birthday, please bring them at recess (10.30 for K, 1, 2) (11.00 for 3 - 6). We cannot accept them before this time.

NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING CUTS

School fees...Catholic schools operate at about 80% of the resource levels of public schools and depend on the 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 the 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 the Principal.**

SCHOOL FEES - 2012

Thank you to the parents who have paid all 2012 school fees.

Please contact the office as soon as possible to arrange payment of any outstanding fees before the end of the term.

SCHOOL FEES - 2013

A letter has been sent home with details of School Fees for 2013.

Please contact Mrs Nutter in the school office if you need any clarification or you would like to talk about making arrangements for payment next year.

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.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

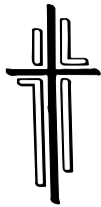
Read our newsletter online at:

<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.

New developments: 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.



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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 2012

TERM FOUR - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Eight		
Friday	30 th	Assembly Choir - School Hall 9.00 a.m. Family Disco - 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. School Hall
Week Nine		
Tuesday	4 th December	Kindergarten 2013 visit
Thursday	6 th	Kindergarten 2013 visit
Friday	7 th	Assembly - Year 6 - School Hall 9.00 a.m.
Week Ten		
Wednesday	12 th December	End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 9.30 a.m. Reports to parents K - 5
Friday	14 th	Assembly Year 5 - Farewell to Year 6 Choir visit to Marian Nursing Home.
Week Eleven		
Tuesday	18 th December	Year 6 Lunch & Graduation at 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday	19 th	Year 6 Fun Day - Last day for Students.

**May the grace of God shine upon your face;
 May the justice of God challenge you;
 May the mercy of God encourage you;
 May the courage of God support you in the dark times;
 May the power of God keep you humble
 and the humility of God inspire you;
 May the generosity of God surprise you;
 May the radiance of God dazzle you;
 May the faithfulness of God
 give you hope - today and always.**

(Norman Shanks)

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 Suresh & 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

Notices from Bishop's Office

Website to stop NSW funding cuts to education The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta has launched a new campaign website to respond to the NSW Government's decision to cut \$1.7 billion in school education funding and cap the level of funding to non-government schools over the next four years. The website provides resources including sample letters to MPs, to raise awareness of this issue. Concerned parents, staff and parishioners can also sign an online petition on 11th December to lobby the NSW Government to overturn the decision. To let your voice be heard visit: www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding

International Day for People with a Disability: 2 December

In this Year of Grace in the Australian Church, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 10am in St Patrick's Church, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown.

Christmas Concert for WYD Rio: 2 December

Featuring the Sydney Welsh Choir and the St Thomas Aquinas School Choir conducted by Viv Llewellyn. The concert will include Christmas music, and carols and the choirs will sing a piece together in Welsh. Funds raised will support our pilgrims to World Youth Day Rio in 2013. Starts 2pm at the Bishop Kevin Manning Learning Centre, St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. Tickets: \$20 each, \$10 for children under 12. Bookings: (02) 4754 2554, (02) 4739 0384 (AH).

Christmas Lunch at Treetops Resort: 4 December

Join the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, for Christmas lunch at Treetops Resort located at Avoca Beach on the Central Coast. Enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch of soup, ham, turkey & pork plus Christmas pudding & live entertainment. Cost: \$70 includes bus, morning tea & lunch. A deposit of \$20 is required. Bus departs Virgil Street at 8.45am (please be there by 8.30am) and OLQP Church at 8.50am. Bookings: Marie (02) 9896 7046 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Seven Hills: 7-9 December

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills, is holding a 'Now And Then' exhibition of school and parish memorabilia to mark the closing of a year-long celebration of both the Golden Jubilee of the church and the school. This exhibition will open after the Jubilee School Mass on Friday 7 Dec. at 9.30am and close after an International Garden Party on Sunday 9 Dec. Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will be the principal celebrant for a special Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at 9.30am on Sunday 9 Dec. This weekend will be an opportunity for parishioners and pupils, past and present, to look back at the 'Then' and also enjoy the 'Now'. Exhibition hours: 7 Dec. 10.30am-4pm, 8 Dec. 10am-4pm and 9 Dec. 10.30am-2pm.

Mass in Igbo language: 9 December

Mass to be celebrated in Igbo language (Nigerian) by Rev Fr Henry Ibe from the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. Be part of this wonderful celebration and experience the liturgy in Igbo language. Come one, come all! Mass at 11.30am. St Oliver Plunkett's Church, 35 Wigram St, Harris Park. Otito diri Jesu ... Na ndu ebighi-ebi. Amen. Details: Austin Okereafor: 0421 928 116, Evaton Onton: 0469 627 218 or Stella Nwosu tel 0405 478 472, 8678 2118, stellanwosu@msn.com

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Year Five Visit to Catherine McAuley Maths Day

