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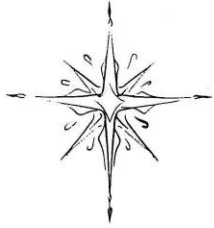
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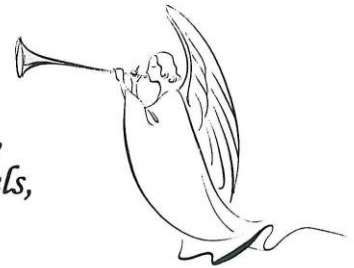
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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father,

*Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.*



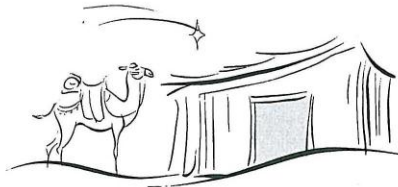
*Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the world.*

*Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be your children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

By Robert Louis Stevenson



*The Third Sunday of Advent
16th December 2012*



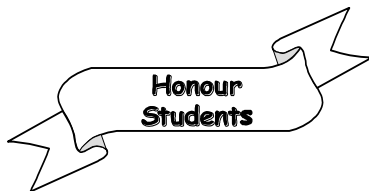
Dear Parents

This will be our last newsletter for 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the year and to congratulate the children on their great effort and achievement this year. The children bring many gifts to St Patrick's which enrich us all.

We give thanks for Father Wim who was with us for so long, and we welcome Father John. We are grateful for the support and involvement Father Andrew has brought to us.

I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and holiday. We look forward to the new year and new challenges.

Mrs Gloria Bryant and Fabulous Staff



TERM FOUR WEEK TEN
Honour Awards: Excellence

KA	Joshua Lorenzo
KM	Arabella Gittany
1C	Marcus Grohs
1S	Simone Sabat
2M	An Le
2Y	Alana Michael
3L	Clark Guatlo
3T	Franzine Soliman
4B	Yvette Roque
4G	Josie Wehbe
5C	Owen Pangcog
5T	Alex Younes
6P	Elaine Nakhle
6W	Gabriella Vancuylenberg

MANY THANKS to all families for your cooperation yesterday. Traffic control and security was high due to the funeral at the Cathedral and access to the school in the afternoon to collect children would have been extremely difficult.

END OF YEAR STUDENT REPORTS

Children in Years K-5 will be bringing home their end of year reports today. Student reports provide information about each child's progress as an individual based on continuous assessment, the teacher's knowledge of each child and the child's attitude to learning.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
GIVING TREE**



We are supporting St Vincent de Paul in their Christmas Appeal by gathering donations from each class for our Giving Tree. You could help by donating non-perishable food items suitable for Christmas Hampers by Wednesday 19th December.

St Vincent De Paul has requested only non-perishable food items or cash donations.

Please Note: Do not send items containing nuts or food that is out-of-date.

Many thanks to the families who have already sent in donations.

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

**ON
MONDAY
17th DECEMBER**



**AT
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

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

Please note the change of Date

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

You are invited to:

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LITURGY

When: Tuesday 18th December
Time: 9.00 a.m.
Venue: Amphitheatre

INFANTS FUN & PICNIC DAY

When: Monday 17th December
Time: Lunch at 12.30
Venue: Parramatta Park

2013 STAFFING

Assistant Principal: Mrs Benkovich

Kindergarten:

Miss Hampton, Mrs Iulliano, Mrs Veljkovic

Year One:

Miss Bombardiere, Mrs Masfield

Year Two:

Mrs Mills, Mrs Youssef, Mrs Wallace

Year Three:

Miss Rhee, Mrs Carroll

Year Four:

Mrs Pope, Miss Hagi

Year Five:

Mrs Fardell, Mrs Graham, Mrs Tondini

Year Six:

Mrs Kerr, Mr Baird, Mrs Bourne

Support Staff:

Mrs Barclay, Mrs Flatley, Mrs Waterhouse,

Mrs Samaha, Miss Farah

Music: Rodricks

Librarian: Mrs O'Dwyer

Library Assistant: Mrs Attard

Office: Mrs Nutter, Mrs Jones

Teachers' Aide: Mrs Yuen

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.

Thank you to the parents who have already notified us.

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA INVITATION



To all parents who have helped
in any way during the year

on Monday 17th December
at 11.00a.m.

in the School Hall

(after the Thanksgiving Mass)

FROM THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY RESOURCES

ALL library books will need to be returned this week. This includes any overdue books. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the students who successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. **Congratulations** to the following students who will receive *GOLD* awards for completing the challenge each year for the past four years:

Lisa Khouri (5C)

Grace Borger

Miranda Cunanan

Kirsten Hilliker

Jacqueline Holdaway

Elaine Nakhle

Samantha Quiaoit (all 6P)

Nicole Juric

Charbel Kisrwni

Rita Wehbe

Rebecca Younis (all 6W)

Well done!

We are looking forward next year to all students in Years 3 to 6 completing the challenge.

The more children read, the greater opportunities for developing vocabulary, understanding, information about the world around them, and a solid foundation for learning in all areas of the curriculum including technology.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION

Tuesday 18th December at 7.00 p.m.
in the school Hall.

Graduates will need to be at the hall
by 6.40 p.m. wearing full uniform.

YEAR SIX FUN DAY

To celebrate the conclusion of their primary education, Year Six will have a 'fun day' at the Ryde Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 19th December. The cost of this excursion is \$15.00.

SCHOOL DANCE PERFORMANCE

The children were just wonderful this afternoon, their performances were well rehearsed and skilful.

NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING CUTS

Did you know... Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides education to over 42,000 students delivered by approximately 4,500 staff representing over a quarter of the total school aged population in western Sydney. Our communities deserve an education policy that builds on the great learning and teaching happening in our schools, not one that undermines it. Contact your state MP and Barry O'Farrell to oppose NSW school funding cuts.

Sign the Petition to stop the NSW Funding cuts

www.parr.catholic.ed.au/schoolfunding

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.

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.

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.

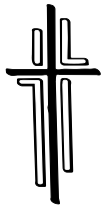
Part-Time Position

Catherine McAuley, Parramatta Marist High and Mother Teresa Primary are seeking expressions of interest in a part-time, paid position, supervising students and monitoring access to the campus from 2.15 - 4.15pm, 5 days per week, term time only. To commence 29 January 2013, with a 3 month probation period.

Preferred applicants will be subject to employment screening.

Applications should be received by Friday 14th December 2013 and addressed to:

The Principal
Mother Teresa Primary School
Darcy Road
Westmead NSW 2145
or
email: gborg@parra.catholic.edu.au



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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 Ten

Friday 14th Assembly Year 5 - Farewell to Year 6
Choir visit to Marian Nursing Home.

Week Eleven

Monday 17th December Thanks Giving Mass 9.00 a.m.
Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11.00 a.m.
Infants Fun & Picnic Day - Lunch 12.30

Tuesday 18th December Christmas Liturgy 9.00 a.m.
Year 6 Graduation at 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 19th Year 6 Fun Day
Last day for Students.

2013 CALENDAR

Week One

Wednesday 30th January **First day for students Years 1 to 6**

Week Two

Monday 4th February **First day for Kindergarten**
Friday 8th February Assembly - Student Leaders Commissioning 2.00 p.m.

Week Three

Tuesday 12th February Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes
Wednesday 13th February **Ash Wednesday Mass 9.30 a.m.**
Friday 15th February **School Opening Mass 9.30 a.m.**

Week Four

Wednesday 20th February Cricket Clinic begins (Primary)
Thursday 21st February Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival
Cricket Clinic (Infants)
Friday 22nd February Assembly - Year Five - School Hall 2.00 p.m.
Year Six Retreat Day
Year Three Excursion

**May you meet God in every person, in every place,
and in the depths of your own heart.**

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

Bones of Contention! 14 December

A Concert of Brass music performed by trombone choir with music for trumpet and organ. Includes works by Palestrina, Praetorius, Jacob Handl, Gruber, Humperdinck and Lauridsen. James Blunt (trumpet) and Bernard Kirkpatrick (organ) will perform a Torelli Sonata. Starts 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Entry by donation.

Music and Readings for Christmas: 16 December

St Finbar's Church at Glenbrook will once again open its doors to the community for this wonderful celebration of Christmas. Massed Choir, St Finbar's Children's Choir, Penrith Symphony Brass (trumpets, trombones, timpani), Harp, Soprano and Tenor soloists. Come and join in the *Hallelujah* chorus, and hear the Christmas story in words and music with special arrangements of carols for all to sing. Please be early to secure a seat – starts 7.30pm.

Schoenstatt Girls 'Challenge' Weekend: 14-16 December

Girls aged 14-16 are invited to a weekend retreat at Mt Schoenstatt. Program includes discussion, prayer, craft and outdoor fun activities. Time: from 7pm on Friday 14 December to 3pm on Sunday 16 December. Venue: 'Home of Light' @ Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: \$80 (includes food and accom). RSVP: 4 December 2012 (registration form and deposit required). Inquiries: Sr Luka sr.m.luka@bigpond.com

Carols by Candlelight & Christmas Festival: 17 December

This Christmas celebration in The Hills starts with carols at 7pm followed by fireworks Bella Vista Farm. There will be games for children and a Christmas Craft Market. Festival program includes Shakespeare in the Park, Sister2Sister School of Singing and Rock 'N Soul Choir, as well as the Salvation Army Band from Parramatta. Come along and share in a real Christian Christmas with the family. Tours of the Historic Bella Vista Farm also be on offer. Tickets available from 12 November at: www.christmasinthehills.com.au

Brandenburg Choir Noë!! Noë!! Concert: 18 December

Now in its 14th year, *Noë!! Noë!!* is one of the hottest tickets in town, featuring the sound of pure angelic voices from the Brandenburg Choir, medieval chanting, folk songs, much-loved carols and period instruments. Described by Brandenburg audiences as 'magical', 'fantastic' and 'superb', *Noë!! Noë!!* is a not to be missed concert experience. Starts 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Adult tickets \$65 through Brandenburg tel 02 9328 7581 or www.brandenburg.com.au

Children's Mass: Christmas Eve

As Christmas is the most family-focused time of the year, parishes are encouraged to invite families who have had a child baptised during the Year of Grace to return to their parish church to receive a special blessing for their children on Christmas Eve. Carol Singing at Mt Schoenstatt: 27-28 December
Come and enjoy the Christmas Season with Carol Singing at Mt Schoenstatt. Thursday 27 December and Friday 28 December. Time: 7.30-8.30pm. Address: Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, sheep and kings! For more info: Sr Luka tel 02 4773 8338 or 0439 537 843.

Schoenstatt Girls' Camp for ages 10-13: 9-12 January

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