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st patrick's primary school
Parramatta Patter

6.12.2012

TERM FOUR

No 9



Advent
2nd Sunday of Advent

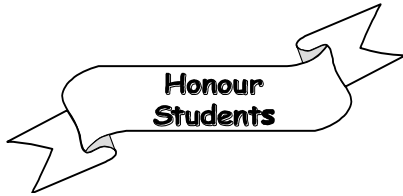
Sunday 9th December 2012



*Let us give thanks for one another
for just being together,
for differences which complement each other,
for gifts which enrich
and disagreements which challenge,
for our oneness in Christ.*

*Let us give thanks for melody and mirth,
for rhythm and beat,
For the repeated and the common,
For the ever-unfolding,
And for senses with which to respond.*

*And let us give thanks for **Someone** to thank.*



TERM FOUR WEEK NINE
Honour Awards: Being Helpful

KA	Kyah Rahme
KM	Caitlin Maroun
1C	Nicole Aboumelhem
1S	Joshua Santos
2M	Elaine Wehbe
2Y	Nicholas Barakat
3L	Marybeth Abraham
3T	Amelia Tannous
4B	Luis Medak
4G	Trinity Eltakchi
5C	Gabriella Bayeh
5T	Alyce Coorey
6P	Daniel Cerillo
6W	Rony-Joe Howley

Value for Week 10 : Excellence

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Please Note: Do not send items containing nuts or food that is out-of-date.

CANTEEN

Next Tuesday 11th December, we will be selling the following food at recess: Zooper Doopers, Smith's Chips, Mini Sausage Rolls and Orange Soft drink.

Please see the letter sent home this week for details.

**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

END OF YEAR STUDENT REPORTS

Children in Years K-5 will be bringing home their end of year reports next Wednesday 12th December.

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.

If you are concerned or would like further information about your child's progress, please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

You are invited to:

SCHOOL DANCE PERFORMANCE

When: Thursday 13th December
Time: 1.30 p.m.
Venue: School Playground.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LITURGY

When: Monday 17th December
Time: 9.00 a.m.
Venue: Amphitheatre

INFANTS FUN & PICNIC DAY

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

Please see the letters sent home this week for details.

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)**

FAMILY DISCO

We had a great night last Friday evening at the Disco in spite of the weather. We were pleased to welcome so many of the younger students and their families. They had terrific fun. My thanks to the staff who worked very hard to help make the night a success.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION

will be held on 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 school uniform.

YEAR SIX FUN DAY

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

CHEWING GUM, CANDY CANES and LOLLY ON STICKS

Please keep these sweets for home treats.
Children are not to bring them to school.
The candy canes and lollies on sticks are
quite dangerous when children are in big
groups and the chewing gum sticks all over
uniforms, shoes, carpets and furniture and
is a matter of hygiene.

YOUTH GROUP

On behalf of our Senior Students, we would
like to thank Father Andrew for giving up
his time to run Youth Group each week.

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.
There were several Year Six students who
received *GOLD* awards for completing the
challenge each year for the past four years.
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.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

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.

For terms and conditions please go to
www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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.

DANCE

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

NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING CUTS

Catholic school provide value for money... this is evidenced by the outstanding results achieved by our students and our successful delivery of the Building the Education Revolution. Operating with significantly less government support than public schools, Catholic schools provide quality learning and teaching to ensure the best learning opportunities for students. We won't let funding cuts diminish our capacity to providing quality catholic schooling for our families. Contact your state MP and Barry O'Farrell to oppose NSW school funding cuts.

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.

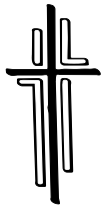
Part-Time Position

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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COMING EVENTS 2012

TERM FOUR - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Nine

Friday 7th Assembly - Year 6 - School Hall 9.00 a.m.

Week Ten

Tuesday 11th December Canteen - Food Sale
Dance make up day

Wednesday 12th December End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 9.30 a.m.
Reports to parents K - 5

Friday 13th End of Year Dance Performance 1.30 p.m.
14th Assembly Year 5 - Farewell to Year 6
Choir visit to Marian Nursing Home.

Week Eleven

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

Tuesday 18th December Year 6 Graduation at 7.00 p.m.

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

**May God's wisdom guide you
wherever you walk in this world;
May God's wisdom encourage you
in your daily work;
May God's wisdom work in you like yeast
and rise in you like hope!
May you taste and see God's goodness
and may God's wisdom be your delight
now, and for evermore.**

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

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 Okerefor: 0421 928 116, Evaton Onton: 0469 627 218 or Stella Nwosu tel 0405 478 472, 8678 2118, stellanwosu@msn.com

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