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**TERM ONE**

**No 3**

*Dear Parents,*

*On Tuesday Night we had the first **Parent/Teacher Information Night** for 2014. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Grade Four meeting and to Mrs Pope and Ms Hagi for all their preparation and for giving up their after hours family time.*

*It was a very informative evening where the teachers presented to parents a summary of the curriculum, key procedural information which will assist in the smooth transition for children from Year 3 to Year 4 and detailed key events such as excursions and sport days.*

*I also had the opportunity to introduce myself and outline some plans for possible parent involvement. It was again very pleasing to meet parents personally and to find out a little about them. I was particularly impressed with the 'experienced' parents who showed their interest in their children's education by attending, even though I suspect they have heard some of it before.*

*The messages here are clear; that education is important, that parents and teachers are in partnership in the education of your children and that you are interested in learning. The saying 'actions speak louder than words' is at play. What we put effort in, we value.*

*In an endeavour to align practice from Kindergarten to Year 6 all grades will be holding parent information evenings. There will not be grade organized interviews at this time of year however, as always, if any parent would like to discuss any issue or concern regarding their child(ren), or you wish to pass on important information, you are very welcome to organise a meeting with your child's classroom teacher.*

***Parent involvement** is a critical aspect of building and enriching a school community and a parent meeting will soon be organized to enable me to meet more parents and hear 'your voice'. The date and time will be published through the school newsletter*

*To get things started however, I will be inviting parents at the information nights to offer their assistance at a number of events throughout the year. These will be opportunities at which we can enjoy each other's company with a spirit of hospitality and support to each other in our community.*

*I have assigned each grade a small morning tea to prepare, generally after a whole school mass, commencing with **Year 4 parents**. A **morning tea** will be held after the Opening School Mass on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February in the School Hall for all visitors. I am very pleased to report that a small number of parents have offered to assist in the serving of refreshments or donate a plate of food but we still need a few parents to help organize and coordinate.*

*I am more than happy to speak to anyone interested and give you more information. If you are able to be of assistance please contact the school office on 9630 1421. It would be greatly appreciated.*

*For the time and date of scheduled grade Parent Information Nights for next week please see the Coming Events section of this newsletter*

*God Bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri  
Principal*

# student of the week



Student of the week is rewarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across any Key Learning Area.

KA - Jiajie Weng	KM - Mia Assagby
1C - Lucy Parkes	1S - Allana Assagby
2M - Sienna Volante	2Y - Darcy Fraser
3L - Pauline Said	3T - Daniel Motilal
4B - Joseph Haddad	4G - Angel Arida
5C - Francis Dagostino	5T - Brooklyn Griffiths
6P - Angel Nasr	6W - Maria El Hachem

## OPENING SCHOOL MASS

This year we will be trialing the presentation of badges to our Student Leadership Team for 2014 at the conclusion of the Opening School Mass. We are hoping that this change will make this an extra special experience for the children with the intent of making this an annual tradition. All Year 6 students will be acknowledged at this time.

**Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, February  
**Time:** 9.30am  
**Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral (if repairs have been completed) or OLMC Hall (Yet to be confirmed)  
**Morning Tea:** School Hall (organised by Yr 4 Parents)

## News from the Library

I have pleasure in announcing the Student Library Monitors for 2014. They are:  
**6P** - Ethan Hoang, Lara Wehbe, Mabel Zekan, Jack El Bayeh  
**6W** - Amelia McGlinn, Alyanah-Jasna Firmeza,

I am sure that these students will be a great asset to our Library.

Badges will be presented to children at the whole school assembly on the Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.50am

## MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT (MAI)

Over the last few weeks teachers have been conducting 'one to one' Mathematics Assessments to gather information on the children's progress in Mathematics. The areas assessed include; place value, counting, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. These results will be used to determine the children's 'Growth Points' and teachers will be comparing this data to 2013. The information gathered will be used to determine the teaching/learning direction for students.

**2014 SCHOOL FEES** Term 1 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education office. The due date for payment is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. Arrangements made in 2013 are now finished and any family having difficulty completing term payments on time and wish to make payments by instalments using cash, Centrelink or Bpay etc please contact the School Office for an appointment with Mrs Nutter to set up a new arrangement. Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2014 School Fees details are included with your school fee statement. Please ensure you return the included forms by the due date 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND UNIFORM SALE

Don't forget to pop in and check out the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 9.00am - 10.30am and 2.00pm to 3.00pm in the school canteen. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Only cash will be accepted.



Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthdays this week: Olivia Sicurella, Kiara Haddad.

And the following children will celebrate their birthday in the coming week - Daniella Younes, Angelique Moujalli, Narella Wakim, Christian Sta Rosa, Moinica Giurgius, Dante Dagostino, Diana Granados Gavito.

## Birthday Treats

Just a reminder for the safety of the children at St Patrick's we ask that NO food treats including ice blocks, cupcakes, lollies etc are brought to the school. We will however be acknowledging students birthday's by placing their name in the newsletter and at Friday's assembly.

### NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE

For the next 2 weeks the eldest child will receive a copy of the newsletter, after this date (20/2/14) the newsletter will be available online.

To subscribe to the newsletter follow the instructions provided below:

Log onto [www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au)

On the right hand side click on the heading subscribe to our newsletter online. Please complete the pop up screen and submit.

Our newsletter will be emailed to you approx. 3pm every Thursday. Occasionally it may be Friday morning if trouble arises.

### AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

To ensure the safety of all children and to assist school staff to be able to effectively monitor children's movements, can I ask all parents to inform your child's classroom teacher in writing of any changes to their usual pick up routine, including other parents, friends and family members. This will serve to avoid undue distress to children and staff. If any parent is concerned about the well being of a friend's child who may not have been picked up please inform the school office so that a follow up phone call can be made. Thanking you for your cooperation.

### LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

All Years -	Winter Uniform Order
Yr 3 - 6	Premiers Reading Challenge
Kindy	Library Borrowing
Yr 2 -	Excursion to Warragamba Dam
Yr 4	Excursion to Arabanoon

## BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1-2014

Due Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014

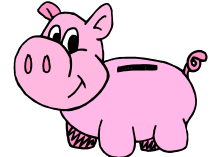
**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

The preferred method of payment is to make the payment online directly to scholastic. If paying by cheque please make the **CHEQUE** out to **Scholastic Australia**.

Remember to fill out Order Forms correctly and place in a **sealed** envelope clearly marked with **NAME - CLASS - BOOKCLUB CORRECT MONEY** (no change given)

### School Banking News

School banking has commenced for the year and will take place every Tuesday. For new banking students I need either your



Dollarmite deposit book or place the money in an envelope with your name, class, bsb/acct no and the amount. I will then issue you with a student number and issue you with a Dollarmite deposit book, should you need one. There are eight exciting new rewards this year!

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

The first School Assembly will take place this Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.20pm in the school Hall.

Parents please note at Week 4 (21<sup>st</sup> Feb) assembly the swimming age champion and runner ups will receive their trophies.

All parents are welcome

### OLMC Parramatta Open Day - Sunday March 2

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to its 2014 Open Day on Sunday March 2, 2014.

Discover the College's rich tradition and cutting edge education, enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' and join in the celebrations as we mark 125 years of Mercy Excellence at OLMC in 2014

Sunday, March 2 10am - 2.00pm. Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00 noon.

Reservations can be made by visiting [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

### Smartloving Workshop

#### Enhancing Marriage Relations

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2-5pm

Holy Family School Hall

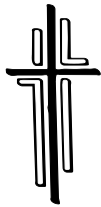
32 Willowdene Ave, Luddenham

Donation at the door (afternoon Tea provided)

Bookings essential

Call Jess 02 9319 6280 [info@smartloving.org](mailto:info@smartloving.org)

Spouses can attend on their own or as a couple



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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 2014

### TERM ONE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Week Three

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Assembly Yr 6 School Hall 2.20pm

#### Week Four

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Yr 1 Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Yr 3 Parent / Teacher Information Night 8pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Yr 2 Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Opening School Mass 9.30am at OLMC Hall

Yr 5 Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Yr 6 Parent / Teacher Information Night 8pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Kindy Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Assembly Yr 5 School Hall 2.20pm

#### Week Five

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Assembly Yr 4 School Hall 2.20pm

#### Week Six

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Shrove Tuesday** Pikelets

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Ash Wednesday**

Mass 9.30am Yrs 3 -6

Liturgy Kinder, Yr 1 and Yr 2 Time TBA

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Assembly Yr 3 School Hall 2.20pm

#### Week Seven

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Assembly Yr 2 School Hall 2.20pm

#### Week Eight

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Assembly Yr 1 School Hall 2.20pm

Yr 4 Excursion to Arabanoo

#### Week Nine

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.20pm

#### Week Ten

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

NO Assembly

School Photos

#### Week Eleven

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

NO Assembly

**Last Day of Term**

*'May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
give you grace and peace'*

*Letter of St Paul to the Romans 1*

### 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.

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30 p.m.

#### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.45am to 12.30pm

#### Sunday

8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.  
Children's Liturgy 9.30 a.m.

#### Saturday

8.00am

#### Saturday

8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm

#### Public Holidays

8.00am



## Catherine McAuley Westmead

### Enrolments for Year 7 2015

Catherine McAuley Westmead holds a number of School Open Mornings throughout the year.

There will be two Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2015 enrolments on:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
**9.15 – 11am**

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

There will also be a Year 7 2015 Enrolment Information Evening on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30 – 7.30pm. This evening will provide further information on the school and the enrolment process. Completed enrolment forms may be lodged at this meeting. Prior to the presentations there will be a further opportunity to tour the school with school tours running at 5.30pm and 5.45pm.

Please RSVP for the Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening by phoning the School Reception.

## DIOCESEAN NEWS

### Fr Wim Hoekstra Pilgrimages Information Afternoon: 9 February

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Parish Priest of St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is organising two pilgrimages in 2014: 7-23 July taking in France and Italy (Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes, Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence) and 19 September – 4 October (September school holidays) for Israel and Jordan. Information afternoon on Sunday 9 February at St Finbar's Parish Hall, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook: 2.15-3.30pm for the France & Italy pilgrimage; 3.45-5pm for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Limited places available. For flyers and booking forms, click on **News and Events** at [www.stfinbars.org.au](http://www.stfinbars.org.au) or contact Fr Wim tel (02) 4739 8928, [wim@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:wim@stfinbars.org.au)

### Volunteers needed for Chisholm Cottage, Westmead

Chisholm Cottage provides 'a home away from home' for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women's League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers who assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please contact Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator & Educator, tel (02) 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, [mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au](mailto:mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au)

### The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel

The inspiring insights in this publication put forward by 12 prominent Australian Catholics follow the release of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. Published by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, *The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel* is available free online and in book form.

Contributors to the *The Francis Effect* include: Fr Noel Connolly SSC, Head of Mission Studies at the Columban Mission Institute; Fr Tim Norton SDV, Australian Provincial of the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries; Julie Edwards, CEO of Jesuit Social Services; and Joe Moloney, Research Officer with the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office.

To read *The Francis Effect – Living the Joy of the Gospel* free online visit [www.catholicmission.org.au/thefranciseffect](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/thefranciseffect)

To order a print copy call 1800 257 296 or visit [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

### **Holy Spirit Mission: 14-16 February**

'Have Faith in God' (Mk 11:22) presented by Br Lalith Perera, international speaker and founder of the Community of the Risen Lord. Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Parramatta is hosting a program that includes Br Lalith speaking on: Receiving powerful faith is a gift from God (Fri); Sick and problems can be overcome by truths revealed by faith (Sat); Faith and the Holy Spirit bring the Kingdom of God into the here and now (Sun). There will be Sunday Mass, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry, Children's Ministry. Times: Fri. 7.30-9.30pm; Sat. 9am-4pm; Sun. 11am-5pm. Free entry, donation appreciated, coffee & tea provided, BYO lunch, package meals for purchase. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills. Details: Gerard 0404 093 118, Anselma 0400 280 886, Charles 0425 840 362.

### **Christian Meditation: 16 February**

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery at Arcadia. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com)

### **Beliefs and Practices of Australian Catholics – what we know and why it matters: 19-22 February**

This conference is an initiative of the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It will be an outstanding learning opportunity for clergy, diocesan personnel, parish leaders, parish staff and others in the Catholic community. Presenters include: His Excellency Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia; Dr Mary Gautier, senior research associate at the Centre for Applied Research in the Apostolate in the US; Dr Bob Dixon, Director of the ACBC Pastoral Research Office. Bob has a PhD in sociology from Monash University as well as degrees in science, theology and education. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Program and registration: <http://www.pro.catholic.org.au/node/56> For more information: tel (03) 9953 3457, [office@pro.catholic.org.au](mailto:office@pro.catholic.org.au)

### **Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 February**

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **LENT 4 REAL: Join the Journey! 28 Feb-2 March**

Inviting young men and women (18-35) to a Lenten retreat at Mount Schoenstatt. This weekend aims to help young adults make the most of their Lent. Begins 7pm Friday 28 February; concludes 4pm Sunday 2 March. Venue: Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For further details or to register, contact Sr M Julie Bracar 0408 738 334, [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com)

### **Sisterhood Conference: 7-9 March**

Sisterhood is a national Catholic women's movement that seeks to support women from all walks and stages of life. Sisterhood operates under the banner of the St Benedict's Eucharist Centre in Canberra and Fr Ken Barker MGL is the spiritual director. The conference draws together women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, reflection, formation and fellowship. The program includes keynote speakers, workshops, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, adoration and prayer.

Speakers: Sr Mary Rachel OP, Katie Kobler, Anna Krohn, Patrick Langrell, Karen Doyle, Fr Steve Fletcher MGL, Francine Pirola, Trish McCarthy. Venue: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Cost: \$225 includes meals & accommodation. BYO sheets, towels, toiletries, etc. Further information and registrations: Felicity Pollard tel 0420 541 772, [info@sisterhood.org.au](mailto:info@sisterhood.org.au)

### **Faith at the Fiddler: 13 March**

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the friendly and warm atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. Speaker: Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College, Toongabbie. Topic: Theology of the Body – Answering the Deeper Questions; the Meaning of Sex and the Body. Time: 5pm-7pm. Venue: The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta [sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au)



### Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 16 March

God in the Lodge: The religious beliefs of Australia's Prime Ministers. Speaker: Roy Williams, lawyer and author of the international best-seller *God, Actually*. Starts 2.30pm, admission free, no membership required. Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks.

Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, [john.carmody@sydney.edu.au](mailto:john.carmody@sydney.edu.au)

### Batemans Bay Tour: 4-6 April

Enjoy this three-day tour to Batemans Bay with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Travel via Wollongong and Ulladulla, visit Mogo Zoo and Mogo Goldrush Village, St Bernard's Church for Sunday Mass, enjoy a three-hour scenic cruise.

Inclusions:

- \* Two nights' accommodation at the Bay Waters Holiday Resort;
- \* Dinner on Friday and Saturday night;
- \* Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning;
- \* Morning tea on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and
- \* All entry fees and cruise fees.

Cost: \$395 per person twin share (+\$80 single supplement). **Deposit: \$100 payable by 4 March.** For more information contact Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, [francesgrima@optusnet.com.au](mailto:francesgrima@optusnet.com.au)