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TERM ONE

No 4

Dear Parents

Firstly **thank you** once again to all the parents who attended the Parent/Information evenings for Years One, Two, Three, Five and Six held this week. A special thank you is extended to the teachers, for preparing and sharing a basic summary of the curriculum to be taught this year. This evening Kindergarten teachers will present the last of the information nights for 2014

A common theme presented by our teachers is that of developing independence and resilience in our children. I recently visited some of the senior grades and was particularly interested and impressed with the insights they were able to articulate about themselves as learners. I often challenge the senior students by asking them the question, **"Where are you in your learning vehicle?"** For some they are definitely in the **'driver's seat'**. These students will help to set the direction for the learning by taking responsibility for their achievements and challenges. They ask questions to clarify understandings so as to ensure their own success. They learn beyond what is set by the teacher, often in their own time and they embrace feedback because their primary goal is the learning. Performance is important to them but only for a short time until the next learning challenge comes along.

Mistakes and inaccuracies are just indicators of the 'where to next' in the learning, not a 'who I am'. The growth mindset these children display will often determine the way they manage high school as they are used to taking ownership of their work habits and have learnt to be self reflective, that is, they are beginning to understand how they learn and how they can optimise this.

There are some students who are in what I call the **'passengers seat'** of the learning vehicle. These students may vary their position from back seat to front seat depending on their mindset and confidence. Younger children understandably are often in the passengers seats because they still need the guidance and skills required for good learning skills and habits. Interestingly however teachers do see even younger students learning to be 'drivers' because they show such interest in making learning gains, not only to please teachers or parents but for themselves.

We can assist students to move into the most effective learning position by allowing them to take risks in their learning, which often means that they will make mistakes along the way. Not focusing on the 'failure' but rather on the achievements will encourage them to own their learning and not be frightened to get things wrong. Constructive, detailed feedback on how they can improve is essential however, just like that given to a learner driver. Adults, even teachers are often tempted to jump into the driver's seat for students by taking on the necessary effort and responsibilities required, but all this does is disempower them as learners.

Finally, 'what about those students who find themselves in the **'boot'** of the learning vehicle?, I hear you ask. Yes as learners we can all sometimes go there. These students do not align themselves with the learning at all. The learning is someone else's task; teachers, mum or dad's perhaps. Our challenge for these students is to make learning relevant for them by ensuring that we find what interests them and use that as a springboard. This sometimes takes some creative thinking, however it is definitely achievable. Not crossing the boundaries of the learning is also important by asking ourselves, 'who is the learner here and what is their role, rights and responsibilities?' As we commence the learning for this New Year it may be worth having a conversation with your children about where they would like to position themselves in the learning vehicle and how they can be supported in improving their own learning outcomes.

God Bless you and your families

Bernadette Fabri

student of the week



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

KA - Jaden Dionisio	KM - Jake Buxton
1C - Gabrielle Murphy	1S - Jazmyne Grech
2M - Jesse Sabat	2Y - Isla Giron
3L - Marcus Grohs	3T - Simone Sabat
4B - Christina Batti	4G - Stacie Touche
5C - Ashley Younis	5T - Jackson Wehbe
6P - George Khoury	6W - Marielle Sonido

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Thank you to all the parents who attended yesterday's opening school mass. The children were most reverent and their singing just beautiful. It was good to see so many children involved in the various ministries whether as members of the choir, as altar servers, readers or participating in the offertory procession. They all helped to make our celebration of mass together most meaningful. Thank you to all the teachers for their planning and organisation especially our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Judith Kerr. At the conclusion of mass Miss Fabri was presented to the school community as the Principal and new members of staff and new children welcomed. The student leaders were then presented with their badges and were treated to a scrumptious morning tea prepared by representative parents from Year 4. Thank you to Nelly Azizi, Sonia Jabbour, Gloria Khalil, Donna Le and all the many parents who donated plates of food.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Just to you know that there will be a Staff Development Day on the last day of this term, **Friday, 11th April**. On this day the staff will be continuing to develop their knowledge and skills in the area of; Learning theories including work by Dr Carol Dweck regarding 'Growth and Fixed Mindsets' and Information and Communication Technology and its application in improving learning outcomes for children. Children do not attend on this day. Dates for the other Staff Development Days for the year will be advertised this term in the newsletter.

Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday the 18th of February 21 of our students attended the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pools to represent St Patrick's. They all tried their best and represented our school with great pride. All of the students had an enjoyable day and displayed respect and excellent sportsmanship towards one another. Mr Younis and I were extremely proud of our St Patrick's team and their tremendous effort and the way they supported each other all day. I would like to congratulate all of the Zone Swimming Team on a fantastic day and thank them for their hard work and dedication to swimming to the best of their ability.

I am honoured and excited to announce the following achievements from the Zone Carnival:

***Emile Saab 11Yrs Boys AGE CHAMPION**

***George Khoury 12Yrs Boys RUNNER UP**

The following students have been selected to represent St Patrick's at the **Parramatta Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday the 28th February**:

***Emile Saab**- 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly

***George Khoury**- 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke,

***Ashleigh Grubba**- 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly

***Junior Boys 4x50m Relay**- Eden Gittany, Connor Younes, John Boutros, Mark Sassine

***Senior Girls 4x50m Relay**-Annie Gittany, Ashleigh Grubba, Antonia Khalil, Rachel Touche

I would like to give a big thank you to Mr Robert Younes and Mrs Leanne Grubba who volunteered all day with the running of the Zone Swimming Carnival. Their skills and valuable time were greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Mr Younis and the parents who helped to supervise the students. It helped the day run smoothly and assisted in ensuring the safety of our students. We are honoured to have such helpful parents as part of our school community.

Thank you once again to all of the students who participated at the Zone Swimming Carnival and good luck to our St Patrick's Diocesan Team for next Friday the 28th February. We wish you all the best and our prayers will be with you on the day. We know you will do St Patrick's proud.

Mrs Fardell

Acting Sport Coordinator



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:

Luis Medak, Josh Pangan, Danielle Wehbe, John Boutros, Christian Stojkovski,

Rachel Mekari, Jasmine Nasr.

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENT - STAY TUNED AND KEEP THE DATE FREE!

The Catholic Schools Week Committee have been busily planning and organising a number of activities to be held to celebrate Catholic Schools Week which will be celebrated from 9 - 15 March and involves school communities of all Catholic primary and secondary schools in NSW and the ACT. Catholic Schools Week activities at St Patrick's will take place on **Monday 10th, March** and will take the form of a morning liturgy, open classrooms and art exhibition. More ideas are currently being discussed with staff. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Year 4 - Friend or Foe

Year 4's Science topic this term is "Friend or Foe" We are investigating the life cycle of bees. One of our St Patrick's families keep bees as a hobby, so we invited Mr & Mrs Rahme (Nicholas & Isobel) along to talk about how they make honey.

It was very interesting because they taught us things we did not know for eg. Bees communicate by dancing and honey has a particular colour and taste each season. We hope that we can have more visits in the future -

Mikayla Urizar & Sophie Morgan

Please have a look at our photos at the end of the newsletter.

IT'S ACADEMIC

On Thursday the 27th February, 17 students from Year 6 will be competing in the Television Show, "It's Academic". This very popular children's quiz show provides children with an opportunity to share their general knowledge and compete against other primary schools. The students will be divided into groups of 3 and successful teams will progress on to semi finals and finals. We wish all our teams the very best of luck.

Winter Uniform Orders

The winter uniform can be ordered thru the school office between **8.30am - 3.00pm**. Please try to come between these hours to allow office staff to perform their other duties. The last day for orders will be **28th February**. This is to enable the winter uniform to arrive in time for Term 2.

EDUCATION MASS

On Thursday 6th March a significant number of staff will be attending the Annual Diocesan Education Mass. At this mass, held at St Patrick's Church Blacktown, there will be the diocesan commissioning of new principals including Miss Fabri and the acknowledgement of early career teachers Sara Toman, Nicole Dunseath and David Younis. As the mass is held after school and teachers need to travel could we ask that children are picked up promptly at dismissal time. We really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

2014 SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education office. The due date for payment is Friday 7th 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 21st February.

2nd HAND UNIFORM SALE

The second hand uniform sale was a HUGE success and hopefully we have been able to save our parents some money.

A BIG thank you to the following parents who helped out on the day Rita Davino, Dianne Sabat, Michelle McGlenn, Dubravka Teklic, Bernadette Moussa, Paulette Michael

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE

The newsletter is now online, should you need a hardcopy please inform the office staff.

To subscribe to the newsletter follow the instructions provided below:

Log onto 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.

CHILD PROTECTION MODULES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Parent helpers in a school are a vital resource. Any parent interested in assisting in reading groups, excursions etc need to complete the 'child protection briefing for Volunteers' found by following the website link below. Parents and other family members are unable to assist if this module is not completed and submitted. Looking forward to all of your assistance <http://ceoweb.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

All Years - Yr 6 Excursion to Canberra

** DUE TOMORROW - NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED**

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1-2014

Due Friday 21st February, 2014

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)

2nd Hand Uniforms for sale

Mrs Guatlo has several uniforms for sale size 8 Girls Winter pinafore, green jumper and girls tie. She has also has 2 size 8 boys shorts. If you are interested please contact her on 0423 691 706

KINGS SCHOOL OUTREACH

Over the past number of weeks we have been fortunate to have the services of two students from the King's School every Monday afternoon as part of their school's community outreach program. The boys assist the staff in a variety of ways. We thank them for their contributions to our school community.

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 or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Smartloving Workshop

Enhancing Marriage Relations

Sunday 23rd March, 2-5pm

Holy Family School Hall

32 Willowdene Ave, Luddenham

Donation at the door (afternoon Tea provided)

Bookings essential

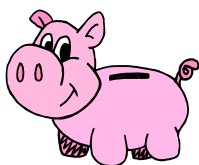
Call Jess 02 9319 6280 info@smartloving.org

Spouses can attend on their own or as a couple

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!



Opening Mass - School Leaders & Morning Tea



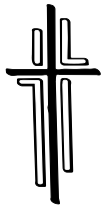


Year 4 Friend or Foe?



Zone Swimming Carnival





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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 Four

Friday 21st February

Assembly Yr 5 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Five

Thursday 27th February

Year 6 to "It's Academic"

Friday 28th February

Last day for Winter Uniform Orders

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Assembly Yr 4 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Six

Tuesday 4th March

Shrove Tuesday Pikelets

Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

Mass 9.30am Yrs 3 -6

Liturgy Kinder, Yr 1 and Yr 2 Time TBA

Assembly Yr 3 School Hall 2.20pm

Friday 7th March

Week Seven

Monday 10th March

Catholic Schools Week

Friday 14th March

Assembly Yr 2 School Hall 2.20pm

Year 3 excursion to Featherdale Farm

Week Eight

Friday 21st March

Assembly Yr 1 School Hall 2.20pm

Yr 4 Excursion to Arabanoo

Week Nine

Thursday 27th March

Year 2 excursion to Warragamba Dam

Friday 28th March

Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.20pm

Week Ten

Friday 4th April

NO Assembly

School Photos

Week Eleven

Thursday 10th April

Last Day for Students

Friday 11th April

Pupil Free Day

*'I thank my God for every time I think of you;
and every time I pray for you all,*

*I pray with joy because of the way
in which you have helped me in the
work of the Gospel..*

Paul's letter to the Philippians

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
Public Holidays 8.00am

Saturday 8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm



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 11th February and Tuesday 11th March 2015
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, 17th 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

Bishops Office

Launch of Faith in Our Future

It is an exciting time for the Diocese of Parramatta with the launch of our Pastoral Plan, Faith in Our Future, on the weekend of 22-23 February. The culmination of two years of conversation and discernment about the future of the Diocese, Faith in Our Future contains announcements about future directions and provides a vision and practical ideas to assist in the renewal of our Catholic life as schools and parishes. Copies of the summary plan are available in parishes this weekend. Watch a pastoral message from Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and download a copy of the complete plan at: www.faithinourfuture.org.au

Youth Ministry Position: Castle Hill

The Youth Minister at St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, will implement and manage youth and young adult programs. The parish runs numerous youth programs and activities and its Life Teen youth ministry is well supported by the parish community of more than 15,000. A key aim of this role is to bring young people to a deeper faith in Christ within the parish and school environment.

This is a part-time position (24 hours/week) with some weekend and evening work.

Applications close on Friday 28 February at 5pm.

*A position description is available in the **Employment** section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website: www.parra.catholic.org.au*

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta

Recruiting male and female singers in all voice parts. Develop vocal skills and learn more about the Catholic faith and liturgy. Scholarship payments available to singers aged 16-35 who demonstrate music leadership skills. To arrange an audition, contact the Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick, tel 0430 431 884. For further information, visit www.stpatscathedral.com.au