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TERM ONE

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Dear Parents

Last Sunday, 22nd February, the congregation at St Michael's Baulkham Hills, my parish, watched a DVD of Bishop Anthony Fisher, Bishop of Parramatta launching 'Faith in Our Future' – Pastoral Plan for the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta (2014 -2018). This pastoral plan is a culmination of two years of consultation with representatives from all parishes; individuals and groups, in a public forum and online.

This was a wonderful opportunity to gather in dialogue, on the future of our diocese. I am sure some of you were involved in these very important conversations. In the presentation, Bishop Anthony eloquently articulated the background of the consultation and the vision, including ideas on how we can "live the Gospel in the Diocese of Parramatta in fresh, creative and faith filled ways." Bishop Anthony outlined two basic goals for the diocese for the next five years.

1 "to grow in our faith"

2 "to share our faith"

He continued by elaborating further, detailing that, "to grow and to share our faith we will focus on five areas of greatest need and potential: supporting our families, connecting better with the young, building upon our ethnic diversity, supporting our vocations (laity and clergy) and new evangelisation. "Each of these areas" he continued "offers opportunities to foster new and mature disciples for our 21st Century mission."

If you have not already taken a copy of the 'Faith in our Future' pamphlet from the St Patrick's Cathedral may I encourage you to pick up one after mass. This publication is also available at every church in the Parramatta Diocese.

The complete version and ideas for parish renewal, agency actions, diocesan initiatives and information on related resources is also available at www.faithinourfuture.org.au

My I conclude by sharing the Prayer for Faith in our Future, which you might like to use with your family regularly.

God Bless you and your families

*Bernadette Fabri
Principal*

**PRAYER FOR
FAITH IN OUR FUTURE**

Gracious God, source of all life,
you call us together in faith and love
as the Diocese of Parramatta.

As one body in Christ,
may we respond to your Word,
attend to the signs of the times,
and live as your disciples in word and
deed.

Renew our hearts in your Holy Spirit
to grow and share our faith with the
world;
give us courage and grace
to live faith in our future.

We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen

student of the week



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

KA - Emily Johnson	KM - James Fraser
1C - Ella Abdallah	1S - Benjamin Aguilera
2M - Mia Kerr	2Y - Isabeli Rosal
3L - Jonah Freifer	3T - Raymond Wehbe
4B - Emmaline Didic	4G - Jacky Zhao
5C - Matthew Maroon	5T - Chanel Chidiac
6P - Christian Tanna	6W - Jack Pellew

AFTER SCHOOL PICKUP

Dear Parents, can I ask you again to be mindful of following the road and safety rules during drop off and pick up times. I have noticed a number of very dangerous behaviours including parents and children crossing in between the traffic on busy Villiers Street instead of using the zebra crossing only metres away and calling children to their cars before being instructed by the teachers on duty. I understand that it can be a very difficult situation for you at times, especially as you may need to circle the block to avoid unnecessary congestion, however I know everyone would agree that the safety of our children is paramount at all times. Can I please call upon your patience and co-operation.

Miss Fabri



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

Ava Salloum, Nathan Rizk, Caitlin Polintan, Scarlett Weaver, Anthony Khouri,

Amelia Beacroft, Gabriella Nimmo, Jonathan Sarkis, Jackson Wehbe, Lacey Bond, Angel Nasr, Malcolm Nasr

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

As I know that it is important for parents to be informed of dates as early as possible I will endeavour to make this year's calendar available as soon as we can. In the mean time the dates for the scheduled Staff Development Days are as follows:

Term One	Friday, 11 th April (Last day of Term One)
Term Two	Friday, 6 th June (Queen's Birthday Holiday Weekend)
Term Three	Friday 19 th September (Last day of Term Three)
Term Four	Thursday 18 th and Friday 19 th of December (last 2 days of the school year)

Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for events will need to be changed. If this is ever the case we will try to give you plenty of notice.

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.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Are you interested in finding out what is happening in the School/Parramatta Diocese, sharing ideas, fund raising or just chatting over some refreshments?

Come and join the

ST PATRICK'S PARENT GROUP

Meeting: Tuesday 25th March

Venue: School Hall

Time: 7.30pm

Hope to see you there!!!

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

SHROVE TUESDAY PIKELETS

A letter went home yesterday for pikelet orders. Children will be able to order one or two (no more) at a cost of 50 cents each. Orders must be received with the correct money by tomorrow. Children may be able to purchase extra pikelets on the day for 50c if available.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Theme: 'More than a Great Education'

Monday 10th March

9.30am - 10.30am

Liturgy followed by Open Classrooms

10.30 - 11.30am

Morning tea with children in the playground
(Weather permitting)

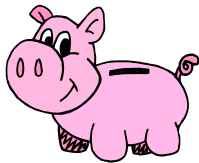
(During this time parents and visitors may visit the art exhibition in the school hall.)

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.

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!



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.

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://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

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.

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

All Years -	Shrove Tuesday
All Years	Creative Students
	Art entries for Catholic Schools week
Yr 3 - 6	ICAS
	Competitions/Assessments
Yr 5 -	Excursion to Mt Toman
Yr 6	Excursion to Canberra

ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, The Church marks the beginning of the season of Lent with a day of fast and abstinence. At St Patrick's, children in Years 3-6 will attend Mass at 9.30 am and those in K-2 will participate in a liturgy at school. Everyone will receive ashes.

The ashes are placed on our foreheads, in the form of a cross, to remind us that someday we will die and go home to heaven. The ashes are a sign, not of death, but of the promise of eternal life! The ashes are also a sign of our sorrow for our sins. We wear the ashes publicly to acknowledge that when we sin, we turn away from God with choices that we make.

During the forty days of Lent we prepare for Easter Sunday by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As a family you may choose to give up a food eg icecream, and donate to Project Compassion, the money you would normally spend on that food. You might make time for family prayer or visit a lonely relative or friend. Although the gospel tells us we should be discrete as we fulfil our Lenten obligations *perfume your hair and wash your face, so that no one may see* (Matt6:18) as the first educators of our children, parents need to explain to how we are fulfilling the obligations of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May we all journey joyfully with Christ through the Lenten season



Photos

From time to time, photos are taken of students at school, which may be used in

a range of publications such as School Prospectus, Catholic Education Office publications, newsletter stories, and social media sites ie the School Website. If for any reason you do not want your child's photo to be included in any of the above please advise Ms Fabri in writing.

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.

2015 KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION for ENROLMENT PACKS

Application for Enrolment Packs for 2015 are available to be collected from the school office.

Please complete and sign the forms and return them with your child's original birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport or citizenship papers if applicable. They will be photocopied and returned to you.

Applications must be received by Friday 31st May.

Smartloving Workshop

Enhancing Marriage Relations

Sunday 23rd March, 2-5pm

Holy Family School Hall

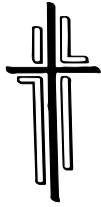
32 Willowdene Ave, Luddenham

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



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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 Five

Friday 28th February

Last day for Winter Uniform Orders

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Assembly Yr 4 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Six

Tuesday 4th March

Wednesday 5th March

Shrove Tuesday Pikelets

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

Friday 14th March

Catholic Schools Week

9.30am - 10.30am Liturgy followed by open classrooms

Assembly Yr 2 School Hall 2.20pm

Year 3 excursion to Featherdale Farm

Year 5 excursion to Mt Tomah

Week Eight

Friday 21st March

Assembly Yr 1 School Hall 2.20pm

Yr 4 Excursion to Arabanoo

Week Nine

Thursday 27th March

Friday 28th March

Year 2 excursion to Warragamba Dam

Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.20pm

Week Ten

Friday 4th April

NO Assembly

School Photos

Week Eleven

Monday 7th April

Thursday 10th April

Friday 11th April

Yr 6 excursion to Canberra

Last Day for Students

Pupil Free Day

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and soul, and mind...and your neighbour as yourself."
(Mt 22:37-9)

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 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, 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.

Tuesday, 4 March 2014 ♦ 5.45pm School Tours & BBQ ♦ 6.30-7.15pm Principal Address and Information Session
Bookings Essential: www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au ♦ Enrolment packages will be available during the evening.
Year 7, 2015 Enrolments Open: 5 March 2014 ♦ **Close: 7 May 2014**
Enrolments received after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list



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Phone: 9635 7055 ♦ www.parramarist.nsw.edu.au

Parking is available via Gate 3, Darcy Road (opposite Westmead Private Hospital)

We offer top quality education with very affordable fees.
For the past 7 years, PMH's HSC Results have seen us placed in the top 100 schools in NSW
In 2013, we achieved the following HSC Results:
77th in the state overall, 28th in Mathematics
26 students with an ATAR above 90, First in the state in Mathematics 2 Unit
Parramatta Marist has been both Nationally and Internationally recognised
as innovators in 21st Century education.





1-2-3 MAGIC[®] & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

*Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12
years old*

A three-session program for parents and carers
at **St Monica's Primary School**
10 Daking Street, North Parramatta
on **Wednesday 12th, 19th and 26th March 2014 at 7pm.**

Learn:

- ✓ To engage your children's cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- ✓ To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
- ✓ To help children's brains to develop filters for behaving well
- ✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
- ✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

Registration Fee?

\$8 to purchase the workbook.

Register for this course by completing the form below.

What people are saying...

*What a relief to come across a program that preserves
the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of
both the parent and the child and is actually easy to
remember when memory is the first thing to go!*

*I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a
magnificent preventative measure that any parent can
use to avoid raising a child who later down the line,
needs excessive discipline or grows out of control*

Who is running it?

The presenter for this course is Joyce Snedden, Manager
of Student Wellbeing System Learning, Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

I / We would like to attend the 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course.

Number of adults attending: _____

Name/s _____

Contact Number: _____

I will require child minding for: _____ Age/s _____