



SUB TUAM
PRAESIDIUM

st patrick's primary school
Parramatta Patter

01.05.14

TERM TWO

No 1

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term Two! I hope you and your family have enjoyed the blessings of a small break in the work and school routine and that you have had the opportunity to attend some of the beautiful liturgies during Holy Week.

*On the last day of Term One the staff had an opportunity to learn a little about the 'Mindset' theory of learning and its impact on learners. Dr Carol Dweck is the Lewis and Virginia Eaton Professor of Psychology at Stanford University and is the author of the book **Mindset: The New Psychology of Success**. In this book Dr Dweck talks about how learners generally fall into one of two categories within a given time; a fixed mindset or a growth mindset. A fixed mindset learner believes that Intelligence is fixed and cannot improve. This leads to a desire to look smart and any cost. Fixed mindset learners are often characterized by a tendency to avoid challenges for fear of failing, give up easily, believe that effort is fruitless, usually ignores useful feedback and feels threatened by the success of others. They will often plateau early and achieve less than their full potential.*

A Growth mindset learner believes that intelligence can be developed. These types of learners demonstrate a desire to learn and are characterized by embracing challenges, persist in the face of setbacks, see effort as the path to mastery, learn from criticism and find lessons and inspiration in the success of others. As a result Growth mindset learners reach even higher levels of achievement.

Other aspects of this topic covered on the Staff Development Day included the fact that a learner can sway from fixed to growth mindset depending on what they are learning, how we can influence the mindset of our students and the impact of giving praise for performance in contrast to praise for effort. One of the strategies outlined by Dr Dweck in influencing mindset is to teach children about how they learn and about the impact of this mindset on their learning. As a result their teachers and I will be giving a short presentation to all children in Grades 3 to 6 this term. I will also be offering the adult version of this presentation as part of our second St Patrick's Parent Meeting also this term. Please see specific dates listed in this newsletter.

On behalf of the staff at St Patrick's I would like to wish each and every one of you the very best for this term and look forward to celebrating our many successes together.

God Bless you and your families

Bernadette Fabri

Student of the Week



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

3L	Xavier Dagostino
3T	Sara-Maree Wakim
4B	Adrian Stevanja
4G	Joseph Kalouche
5C	Tahlia Rizk
5T	Erin Bautista
6P	Tayla Vancuylenberg
6W	Ellah Lahood

St Patrick's Award



The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in action

3L	Nicole Aboumelhem
3T	Gabriella Cruz
4B	Nicole Romanos
4G	Emily-Rose Grech
5C	Francesca Davino
5T	Brooklyn Griffiths
6P	Lara Wehbe
6W	Claudia Elias

COMING SOON

Do you love your smart phone/tablet?
Wish you could do more with it?
THE ST PATRICKS APP WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS ON HOW WE DELIVER NEWS AND EVENTS

WINTER UNIFORM STOCK

The majority of winter uniforms have arrived and are being distributed. If you have not received your order please come to the office to collect.

There have been a few delays with the Girl's Pinafore/ties and woollen jumpers for boys and girls. As soon as they come in they will be given out.

LATE ORDERS

DUE TO AN INFLUX OF LATE ORDERS THIS WEEK WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO A 2ND ORDER THE DEFINITE CUT OFF FOR THIS ORDER WILL BE FRIDAY 2ND MAY. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A DELAY OF DELIVERY OF 6 - 10 WEEKS.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:
Maria El Hachem, Kyah Rahme, Nicole Romanos, Zachary Bond, Michaella Chidiac

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER

Parents, please note that the changeover date for winter uniform is officially **Monday 12th May, 2014 (Term 2 week 3)**

ST PATRICK'S PARENT

MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR

Term 2: Thursday 12th June 1.30pm

School Library
Educational Input
(Dr Carol Dweck's 'Mindset' theory)

Term 3: Wednesday 20th August 1.30pm

School Library
Educational Input (TBC)

Term 4: Monday 27th October 7.00pm

School Hall
Educational Input (TBC)

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Some beautiful prizes have been donated for the Mother's Day Raffle this year. These prizes include a coffee Machine, handbags, Tupperware, food hampers, gift vouchers and watch. A huge thank you is extended to Mrs Belinda Barakat for the sourcing of these donations. Tickets are available for purchase every morning before school and after school in front of the canteen building. They will also be available for purchase on the day of the Mother's Day stall on Wednesday 7th May. **Tickets are 50c for 1 or 3 for \$1** If you are able to assist with the selling of tickets from 8.30am to 9.00am or in the afternoon around 2.50pm please contact the school office. Your assistance will be very much appreciated. The Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn at Friday assembly on the 9th May.

WHITE JOGGERS

In keeping with our school uniform policy and code can I ask all parents to please ensure that their children wear predominantly white school joggers with their sports uniform and that this is in place by Term 2. Children will often try to pressure parents to buy them fluoro coloured joggers or laces for use at school, with the appeal that many other children are wearing them. Can I assure you that the uniform code will continue to be enforced by staff so as to maintain the high standard of uniform St Patricks is well known for.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

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.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR ASSEMBLY

Please note a change of date for Yr 5 and Yr 4 assemblies.

Year 4's assembly will now be on 16th May
Year 5's assembly will now be on 30th May

Also a reminder to parents that assemblies will commence at 2.15pm.

PARKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

Once again I would like to thank Fr John McSweeney, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral for allowing school volunteers to use the overflow. For those who intend to use the overflow in Term 2 can I remind you of some of the guidelines''

- *Please collect a notice from the school office and display on the dashboard when parking.*
- *Please remember to park on the tennis courts by reversing in.*
- *Parking notices need to be returned to the school office after use*
- *Parking notices are only to be used by school volunteers for use during volunteering activities.*

Win a share of the sunken Treasure from the Lost City Of savings

Here's how to win. If you have a Youthsaver account and are aged between 5-13 years, simply make three or more School Banking deposits between 21 April and 4 July 2014 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

See the website for a list of prizes



ST PATRICK'S PARENT MEETING

On Tuesday 8th April the first St Patrick's Parent Fundraising Committee meeting was held in the School Hall. It was a very successful start to what looks to be an exciting year for the School. At this gathering of very enthusiastic mothers decisions were made on behalf of the parent community regarding fundraising events for 2014. Groups were then formed of parents who are able to organise the events decided. A tentative schedule of events include:

- Term 2: Sausage Sizzle at the Primary Athletics Carnival
 Walk-a-thon
- Term 3 Movie Night
- Term 4 Disco Fundraiser.

Dates are to be finalised.

It was also suggested that a survey to gather parent opinion on the events chosen for future fund raising and social events be sent out. This will be forthcoming in the near future.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended this meeting and will meet with each event group in time to sort out details.

Bernadette Fabri

SACRAMENTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Preparation for reception of First Holy Communion will commence with a parent only meeting on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm in the parish hall. The First Communion Day will be on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Mass 2pm, 22nd June, 2014. Only children who have previously prepared for the Sacrament of Penance are eligible to be a part of the preparation at this time.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for children who have reached the age of 10 years will commence on Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm in the parish hall. (parents only). The following meetings are on 23rd July, 26th July and 2nd August. Sacrament of Confirmation 10th Aug. at the 11am Mass - Bishop Anthony is the Celebrant.

Please contact pastoral@stpatscathedral.com.au if you wish to prepare your child for First Holy Communion (remember they must have already prepared for the Sacrament of Penance) or Confirmation (must have received Holy Communion) or leave a message on 02 8839 8412.
Sr Susan

2013-2014
Family Energy Rebate



\$125*
TOWARDS
ENERGY
BILLS

**APPLY
ONLINE
NOW!**

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>
* eligibility criteria apply

 Trade & Investment
Resources & Energy



**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**
Apply before 5pm
Friday 13 June 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE - Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL - fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
WEB - www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

A message from the Cathedral

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, my fellow parishioners

As you are aware, I have not enjoyed the best of health in recent months. I had hoped to be improving by now, but this is not the case. As a result, Bishop Anthony has suggested (and I have accepted) that I take extended special leave in order to have the time needed to return to full health. Thus, from Saturday 26th April I will not be at the Cathedral, but will be in the parish house in Emu Plains as Priest-in-Residence.

Fr. Andrew Bass has been appointed Administrator of the Parish during my absence. I am sure you will all support Fr. Andrew in this demanding role, which is his first official appointment as Administrator of a parish. All administrative and pastoral matters that I would normally deal with are to be directed to Fr. Andrew. Nevertheless, despite being absent, I remain Parish Priest and Dean of the Cathedral.

Please continue to pray for me, that I may enjoy good health and wholeness of being soon, and thus return to full ministry in the Diocese.

May God bless you all. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

Fr. John

REMINDER FROM YR 6 FAREWELL DINNER CO-ORDINATORS

An invitation is extended to all Yr 6 parents interested in assisting with the organization of the Yr 6 Farewell dinner.

Date: Friday 2nd May Time: 2pm

Venue: Terrace Café, 401 Church Street

Please contact: Amanda Sakr, Lorraine El Tackchi or Josie Wakim

Parramatta Marist Year 7, 2015 enrolments close on Wednesday, 7 May 2014.
Applications received after the closing date will be placed on a waiting list.

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, St Oliver's Harris Park is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is **free of charge**.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on:

Wednesday, 21 May from 6.30pm at St Oliver's Primary, 33 Wigram Street, Harris Park. Please note limited parking is available in the school grounds.

To register your attendance, please contact Anna Small at St. Oliver's Harris Park on 9682 1244 or via email StOlivers@parra.catholic.edu.au

Bath Caviar \$2.00



Grandmother Plaque \$5.00



Shower Cap & Glove Set \$5.00



Mum Plaque \$4.50



Grandmother Mug & Coaster \$5.00



Magnetic Menu Planner \$4.00



Bear Trinket Box \$5.00



Kitchen Utensil Set \$5.00



Mum Pink Candle Set \$3.50



Metal Blackboard \$6.00



Bear Glitter Globe \$5.00



Calculator Compendium \$6.00



Macaron Bath

Fizzer

\$2.00



Best MumPhoto Frame \$5.00



Shopping List & Pen Set \$4.00



Sticky Note Set \$3.00



Plush Animal Computer Buddy \$5.50



Cat / Dog Ring Holder \$7.00



Candle Lantern \$6.00



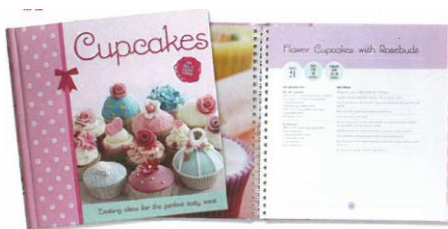
Porcelain Dome Tealight \$7.00



Cupcake Timer \$6.00



Cupcake Recipe Book \$7.00



Windchime \$5.50



Beaded Bracelet \$4.50



Stainless Steel Travel Mug \$4.00



Scented Candles \$3.00



Apron & Mittens \$6.50



Bling Mirror \$3.50



Cosmetic Brush Set \$4.00



LED Love Torch \$3.00



Mother's Day 2014

Mother's Day raffle tickets will be on sale before and after school from the 28th April in front on the canteen. The tickets are 50cents each or 3 for \$1.00. Some prizes include a silver watch, handbag, hair care hamper and much more



sub tuum praesidium

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 TWO - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Friday 2nd May

Assembly Yr 6 School Hall 2.15pm

Week Two

Monday 5th May

Life Education - Year 4

Tuesday 6th May

Life Education - Year 1

Diocesan Cross Country

Setting up gifts for Mother's day stall

Wednesday 7th May

Life Education - Kindergarten

Mother's Day Stall

Nursing Home visit - Year 4

Friday 9th May

Mother's Day Mass 9.30am

Assembly Yr 2 School Hall 2.15pm

Week Three

Monday 12th May

Life Education - Year 5

Tuesday 13th May

NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

Wednesday 14th May

NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

Thursday 15th May

NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5

Friday 16th May

Assembly Yr 4 School Hall 2.15pm

Week Four

Tuesday 20th May

ICAS Computer skills - 7.50am

Friday 23rd May

Assembly Yr 1 School Hall 2.15pm

Week Five

Friday 30th May

Assembly Yr 5 School Hall 2.15pm

Week Six

Wednesday 4th June

ICAS Science skills - 7.50am

Friday 6th June

Pupil Free day - **NO school for students**

Week Seven

Monday 9th June

Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday NO SCHOOL

Friday 13th June

Primary Athletics carnival

Infants Fun day

No assembly

Week Eight

Monday 16th June

Reports home to parents

Friday 20th June

Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.15pm

Week Nine

Friday 27th June

Last day of Term 2

Assembly Yr 3 School Hall 2.15pm

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

Public Holidays

8.00am

8.00am

Saturday

8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm