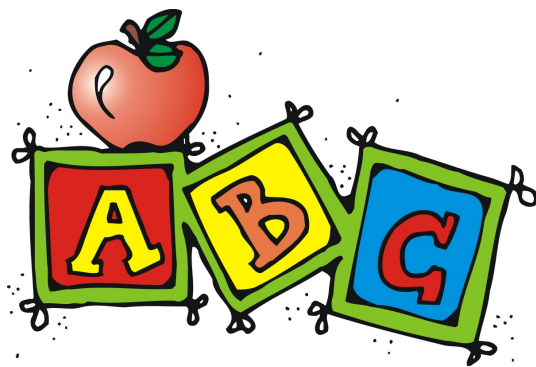


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19 June 2014

Term 2

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Dear Parents

Over the last few weeks I have had the pleasure of conducting enrolment interviews for Kindergarten for 2015. It was wonderful meeting so many new families wishing to become members of our community here at St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta. When I asked them why they had chosen St Pat's for their children the overwhelming response I received was the importance placed on finding a school that can support and enrich the Catholic values important to the family. It was critical that the school; "taught about prayer, attended mass and had a robust Religious Education Program", they said. Other commonly articulated reasons included; the outstanding reputation the school holds amongst the local and extended communities, the high standard of education, the excellent behaviour expected from and displayed by the students, the way the children wear their uniform with pride, the valued history and connection they may have with the school and the friendly, hospitable and close community the school is renowned for. It was gratifying to hear all these positives associated with the school and for this I thank the staff, children, you the parents and the work and dedication of Mrs Bryant, previous Principal. What I particularly enjoyed was meeting the little ones who pleased their parents by being on their very best behaviour. They delighted me with their creative colouring in, drawings or construction of towers, houses and even robots out of large lego. It was also great getting a chance to meet with our established families who have Kindergarten children starting and hearing feedback on how they think the school is going in terms of our direction. I look forward to continuing interviews over the weeks to come.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Many of you would have heard about the sad passing of Father David Hume, Parish Priest of St John XXIII Parish. Let us all please keep Father Hume's family and the parish and school communities of Stanhope Gardens and Glenwood in our thoughts and prayers.

THANK YOU

What a wonderful day was had by all, at the Athletics Carnival last Friday, 13th June. The weather matched the enjoyable spirit observed and felt, as I watched children playing sports, running and shouting cheers. A huge thank you is extended to the teachers for all their organization especially to Acting Coordinator Mrs Anne Fardell who did a superb job with her committee and to all the parent helpers. Thank you to Mrs Jenny Jones for her First Aid services. The 'BBQ Chefs Extraordinaire' outdid themselves in providing a delicious lunch for the adults and children. All food and drinks sold were generously donated and the total proceeds amounted to \$1700. No words can adequately express my gratitude for this generosity. A recount with photos can be found within this newsletter.

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish all the boys and girls, making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, all the very best of love and prayers from our community. Congratulations to the first group of children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday at Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri





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



st patrick's award

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

KA	Shanelle Braganza
KM	Ethan Bechara
1C	Maya Glinski
1S	Zachary Haddad
2M	Arabella Gittany
2Y	Elna Koikkara

KA	Isabella Kozlowska
KM	Elisa Daher
1C	Sebastian Mayonado
1S	Camran Nasrulla
2M	Caitlin Maroun
2Y	Josef Chedid

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn) 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday	6.45am 12.30pm
Public Holidays	8.00am

Pastoral Team

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP
Rev Fr Andrew Bass
Rev Fr Robert William
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

ST PATRICK'S PARENT GROUP MEETING

Last Thursday the second St Patrick's Parent Group meeting was held in the library. At this meeting I was able to deliver the principal's report which is attached to this newsletter for those parents who were unable to attend. I also presented the parents the Dr Carol Dweck's Mindset theory of Learning. A number of parents have asked me if this session will be repeated. If you would like to attend an encore presentation on 'Growth and Fixed Mindsets' and their impact on learning, sometime next term please email the school with your request for a repeat. You can use the Skoolbag App to do this. Whilst I will not be able to accommodate all parents regarding the time that suits everyone, can you please indicate what session would suit you best ;

9.00am, 4.30pm, 7.30pm. These times are suggestions for a Monday or a Tuesday.

If there are enough parents interested I am more than happy to present it again. More information regarding 'Mindset Theory' will be printed in the next newsletter.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Save the date!

On Friday 25th July St Patrick's is celebrating the gift of grandparents with a Liturgy beginning at 9am, followed by class visits and morning tea.

We hope you and your parents are able to join us.

Judith Kerr—REC teacher

Infants Fun Day

Infant's Fun Day is tomorrow Friday 20th June 2014 at Old King's Oval, Parramatta Park. It is a fun day for the children and they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities. All of the students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in the activities, even those who have already attended the Primary Athletics Carnival. The Fun Day will commence at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 11:30am. The children will be walking to and from the park.

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

We are currently conducting interviews for Kindergarten 2015, if you have forgotten to put in your application for a sibling please do so ASAP.

Change of Sports Day

Due to the walk-a-thon next week Yr 3, Yr 5 and 6W will change their sport day to Monday 23rd June.

Please dress the children in their sports clothes.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEXT PARENT GROUP MEETING

Date: Tuesday 19th, August

Time: 1.30pm

Topic: Anxiety and Resilience in Children

Venue: School Hall

More information will be available next Term



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

Jacob Tamaro, James Loader, Eliza El Bayeh, Steven Khoudeir, Brooklyn Griffiths, Lucienne Tolentino, Matthew Khrieich



The walk-a-thon is only 6 sleeps away !!!

Don't forget to collect your sponsors so we can make this a worthy cause. Ask Mum, Dad, Nan, Pop, Aunties and Uncles, no-one is safe...

Please remember to bring your sponsor card back on the day to get stamped. If you have collected all your money you can bring it to your teacher prior to the walk-a-thon otherwise please try and have it in by the end of term.

Have you thought about what you are going to wear? Try and be as crazy and creative as possible. You can colour your hair, wear odd socks but don't forget you need to wear your joggers.

Children don't forget to wear sunscreen but please NO zinc.



Sacraments

Please remember in your prayers the following children who are receiving the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Sunday.

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Nth Parramatta. Mass is at 2.00pm

Diamond Murphy	Riona Pais	Mylan Do
Anna Janczewski	Priscilla Nimmo	Jarrood Kassis
Marvin Molina	An Le	Gabriella Cruz
Michael Farah	Alissa Banzato	Christopher Alarcon
Joanna Davino	Mark Sonido	Joseph Pellew
Sophia Allida	Pierre Onano	Nikhil Sawant
Annamika Sawant		

Our Lady of Lebanon, Harris Park. Mass is at 2.30pm.

Andrew Barakat	Jordan Moubrak
Joshua Romanos	Simone Sabat
Pauline Said	Elise Sassen
Alexander Sicurella	Simone Tanna
Raymond Wehbe	Joseph Chiha
Xavier Dagostino	Natalie Draybi
Jonah Freifer	Aiden Kreich
Isabella Maaraoui	Luke Maroun



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are continuing. If you have not organised this please see your child's teacher ASAP.

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS



to the Wehbe and Wahbe families (Danielle 6P, Jessica 2M and Maria KA) on the recent passing of their great grandmother.

RENAMING OF TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE

Parents,

I thought you might be interested in information regarding the renaming of Terra Sancta College as from Term 3. Please find a letter by Mr Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Schools in the Parramatta Diocese.

*To commemorate the Canonisation of Pope John Paul II and his connection to our Diocese, Bishop Anthony has announced that Terra Sancta College will be renamed **St John Paul II Catholic College, Nirimba and Schofields** from the commencement of Term 3 this year.*

*The existing John Paul II campus at St Andrew's College, Marayong will be renamed St Andrew's College **Senior** Campus in order to avoid any confusion between the schools.*

This will be a time of transition for the College community as they make the necessary practical changes, as well as continue to strengthen their connection with JP II and build on the spirit of Terra Sancta.

Greg Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

Our CAPTIVATE Journey

Our day at CAPTIVATE was a day to make new friends. We were able to share our voices and learn new songs, that were from different countries. We felt the excitement of being a pop star in the spotlight in front of a large crowd. We had the opportunity to watch other people's talent shine. At the end of the day we knew that everyone was tired and hungry but satisfied at the jaw dropping performance we had put on.

Overall we had a great time and wish that we could go back and perform again but sadly the Year 6's will no longer be part of this amazing journey.

Year 6 CAPTIVATE children

2014 Primary Athletics Carnival



On Friday the 13th of June, 2014 we held our School Athletics Carnival at Old King's Oval, Parramatta Park. Luckily for us the rain held off and we were able to enjoy a full day of sport at the park.

Students participated in the 800m, 200m and 100m races as well as novelty activities such as tug-of-war, crazy relays and ball games. Everyone had lots of fun and participated throughout the day. It was great to see the children having fun together and playing and running on GRASS!!!! The sun was out and we couldn't have asked for a nicer day!! The children displayed great sportsmanship and their cheering could be heard throughout the park. Not as loud as Mr Baird and Mrs Fardell on the loud speaker though!!!!

A big congratulations to **Boronia**, our Athletics Carnival winners for 2014.



A **HUGE thank you** to all of the teachers and parent helpers who carried out their duties on the day efficiently and supported one another to enable our carnival to run smoothly. Thank you especially to the parent helpers who gave up their time to volunteer on the day. It made the teachers jobs easier having their help with various tasks such as recording, handing out ribbons, marshalling and assisting with novelty events. An extra big thank you to the parents who arrived early and helped set up the Carnival with Mrs Fardell, Mr Baird and Mr Younis and those who stayed behind at the end to assist with packing up the equipment and ensuring the oval was left in a clean state.

An **enormous thankyou** to the parents who organised and ran the sausage sizzle on the day!!! What a tremendous job you did. Not only did they purchase and arrange for the bbq, food and water to be available, but they donated the food which allowed us to fundraise a significant amount of money for our school. This money will go towards purchasing much needed resources and equipment to assist the teachers in providing the best learning experience they can for your children. Thank you once again. The sausage sizzle was a great hit with the kids and teachers.

Thank you to the wonderful Sport Captains who displayed excellent sportsmanship and leadership skills throughout the day. They carried out their duties effectively and were there to assist the teachers when needed. They did a tremendous job and we couldn't have asked for better Captains.

And finally, thank you to our professional photographers Oliver Wehbe and Louis Takchi who managed to capture the events and excitement of the day with their excellent photography skills.

Yours Thankfully
Athletics Carnival Committee

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival in various Track and Field events:

Luke Maroun	Jordan Moubarak	Oscar Gray	Nathan Rizk
Emile Saab	Prince Gyan	Marcus El-Chaar	Jacob Takchi
James Maroun	Joseph Rahme	Ellah Lahood	Luke Mawad
Caitlin Maroun	Stephanie Saab	Mylan Do	Kyra Dpenha
Ashley Younis	Kayla Teklic	Clara Glinski	Adriana Saab
Crystal Makdissi	Annie Gittany	Ashleigh Grubba	Antonia Khalil
Nicole Romanos	Angeleena Loto'aniu	Rachel Touche	Trinity ElTakchi
Alanah Maroun	Chanel El-Chaar	Jaxson Rahme	



Congratulations to the following Age Group Champions and Runners

-Up:

Junior Boys Champion: Jordan Moubarak

Junior Boys Runner-Up: Nathan Rizk

Junior Girls Champion: Ashley Younis

Junior Girls Runner-Up: Kayla Teklic

11 Years Boys Champion: Emile Saab

11 Years Boys Runner-Up: Jacob Takchi

11 Years Girls Champion: Annie Gittany

11 Years Girls Runner-Up: Crystal Makdissi

Senior Boys Champion: James Maroun

Senior Boys Runner-Up: Joseph Rahme

Senior Girls Champion: Antonia Khalil

Senior Girls Runner-Up: Angeleena Loto'aniu & Rachel Touche



SRC for Semester Two, 2014

For your information the next group of SRC representatives will commence their roles at the beginning of Term 3 and their badges will be presented at the assembly on the last day of Term 2, Friday 27th June, 1.30pm.

Parramatta Mayor Mr John Chedid has accepted our invitation to present the badges to these children and we are very excited to welcome Mayor Chedid to our school for this ceremony. Our current SRC representatives will receive a thank you certificate for the service they have provided to our student community.

Class	Name of Students
KA	Alexandra Elphinstone and Frank Agostino
KM	Zoe Samar and James Fraser
1C	Crista –Nicole Gahdmar and Daniel Pinto
1S	Brooklyn Munro and Jonas Fleeton
2M	Gabrielle Sabat and Aaron Macadangdang
2Y	Isabella Younes and Christian Stojkovski
3L	Pauline Said and Marcus Grohs
3T	Sara-Maree Wakim and Pierre Onano
4B	Kyra Dpenha and Rhys Walker
4G	Isabella Loader and Connor Younes
5C	Francesca Davino and Nicholas Parkes
5T	Erin Bautista and Clark Guatlo

Art Competition: Free Our River from Litter

Parramatta City Council in conjunction with their waste and recycling contractors has launched an art competition for children from K-12 who attend school in the Parramatta area. The aim of the competition is to promote the recycling service offered by Parramatta City Council to its community. The theme of the competition is "Free Our River from Litter". The Council is offering lots of great prizes for winning students and the school they attend. If you are interested in participating or would like to know more about it, could you please see Mrs Carroll on Monday at recess.



Winning artwork from 2013 Truck Art Competition from Sangam Ghillon, Parramatta East Public School

The overall winning design will be featured on to the side of one of Council's garbage trucks and the school teacher of the winner will be treated with a \$200 dining voucher at Courtney's Brasserie in Parramatta. In addition, the school of the winning student will also receive \$1000 to go towards an environmental initiative in the school.

School Banking for Term 3

As of Term 3 the way you redeem your rewards for school banking will be changing. Currently you collect your 10 tokens and hand them in to the office to order your reward. Unfortunately a lot of children are missing out on their rewards as some tokens get lost or they don't add up correctly. Mrs Jones can access a report to let us know how many tokens you should have. Can I ask that you return all your tokens with Term 3 Week 1 school banking and they will be adjusted. The office will print a report every banking day and organise you to select a gift. We hope this makes it a lot easier and quicker for you to get your rewards.



**St Patrick's Parramatta
Principal's Report
12th June, 2014**

- Welcome to the second St Patrick's Parent Group Meeting and thank you for coming. Our last meeting was 25th March, 2014
- Father John is currently on sick leave. Father Andrew has been made administrator. We wish Father John all the very best for his respite and Father Andrew all the very best as he takes on this new role. We also welcome Father John Paul
- A very special thank you is extended to all the parents for the multitude of ways they have assisted in the school since the beginning of the year.
- There have been a number of excursions that have been attended by the children and their teachers since we last met. Some of these include; Year 2 (Warragamba Dam), Year 6 (Canberra), Year 4 (Arabanoo National Park) Year 5 (Mt Tomah),
- All readers purchased have been stamped and covered and are being used in Year k 1 and 2. Both children and teachers have been very pleased with the easy access to these readers in the classrooms. Thank you to the parents who assisted with the covering.
- On Friday 7th May we gathered for the Mother's Day Mass. The Mother's Day Stall was a huge success and raised \$2000. This money, augmented by school funds was used to purchase beautiful new big book stands to support the literacy blocks. Thank you to all the parents that contributed to this event.
- In late April the students participated in the Life Education Program. This program supports the Personal Development/Health strand of PDHPE. There is a possibility of getting the Life Education Van for next year. This will preserve the students learning time as they do not have to travel by bus and will also enable a parent program.
- The school cross country was held in March and this was followed by the Diocesan Cross Country on the 6th May. Approximately 38 students represented our school at this level. Congratulations to Luke Maroun from Yr 3 who has qualified for the NSW Catholic Primary School's cross country in June.
- On April 2nd the children had their photos taken. There has been a delay in the reception of photos due to a production delay. The company assured us that they should not be too long.
- Kindergarten Enrolment Period has now closed and I am beginning to interview families for Kindergarten 2015.
- The Skoolbag App has proved to be highly successful with nearly all our parents having access to it now. The office ladies are becoming more adept at using the App
- The new schedule for School Assemblies is well underway with the children and teachers expressing that they are enjoying more space in the hall. The children have also enjoyed presenting aspects of their learning from a variety of KLA's. We have also now introduced the St Patrick's Award for children who demonstrate 'Faith in Action'
- The children in Years 3 and 4 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Some children have been preparing for sacrament of First Holy Communion both at St Patrick's Cathedral and Our Lady of Lebanon. First Holy Communion for these children will take place on Sunday 15th June 11am Our Lady Of Lebanon and on Sunday 22 June at both the cathedral and Our Lady Of Lebanon.
- In May the boys and girls in Yrs 3 and 5 sat for the NAPLAN assessments. These assessments provide the school with very valuable information about the students learning progress. NAPLAN is also sat in Years 7 and 9.
- A group of parents met in Term One to discuss possible fundraising events for the year. A suggestion was made after the meeting to send a survey which has been done to see what activities the general parent body would be likely to support. Some subgroups were formed and include; The sausage sizzle at the Athletics Carnival, a walkathon which will take place on Wednesday 25th June, a Movie Night in Term 3 and a fundraising disco in Term 4. Survey Results will be published soon.
- Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the Diocesan Works Appeal either through the school or through their own parish. It is very much appreciated.
- St Patrick's Junior Youth Group has commenced and will take place every Thursday afternoon.
- A few weeks ago the children participated in National Simultaneous Story Time. All the students stopped to read the story "Too Many Elephants" by Ursula Dubosarsky. Some children were given the opportunity to meet with some of the Eels players for this same activity at the Eels Education Centre. We are looking forward to be able to welcome some of the Parramatta Eels in the near future.
- Tomorrow (13th June) is the Primary Athletics Carnival. The children are really looking forward to this event. The children will be joined by their younger brothers and sister and friends at 1.00pm for the sausage sizzle. Thank you to all the parents that have been organizing this lunch for the children.
- The following Friday will be the Infant's Fun Day. This fun day will be held at the Old Kings Oval and will commence around 9.30 to 1.30. All parents are welcome.
- Some of our staff are currently being trained in a new Student Profile Programme called FACES. This program will rolled out to all Diocesan Schools and will enable a number of tools regarding keeping student's records accurate and easily accessible. St Patrick's is the second cohort of schools to enter the system. Part of being on FACES is the new online school report. More information about the report is available in this week's newsletter.
- The next parent meeting will be a presentation by Mrs Alison Kaylinger on Anxiety and Resilience in Children. The date advertised, 20th August may need to be changed to Tuesday 19th. This will be confirmed.
- The new SRC representatives will be presented with their badges on Friday 27th June. The assembly will commence at 1.30 to allow for the extra time needed.
- Next term there will be a Grandparents Liturgy. This will be held on Friday 25th July and the teachers are currently organizing the liturgy and other activities, More information will be forth coming.

First Aid Course for Parents

A First Aid course has been organised for all interested parents in the school hall. The course will be run by Medilife and covers CPR, anaphylaxis, drownings, seizures and basic first aid.

Hopefully you will never need to use it but every parent should have the skills to perform CPR and provide basic First Aid.

The course will be held over 2 days and will be a 4hr course. As you can understand the importance of the course NO toddlers will be allowed.

The cost of the course is **\$135 pp** and will be held on the 29th July and 26th August between 11am—3pm.

To confirm your place please contact Tania Wehbe on tunza34@hotmail.com or Julia Gittany on 0423 777 333. Payment must be made to confirm your spot.



NEXT LEVEL
SPORTS CLINIC

It's that time of the school year again! Are you ready for the school holiday experience that's taking St Pat's by storm? The Next Level Sports Clinic is back this July holidays with even more fun filled action to enhance your child's experience with us. Please find our Facebook page for more information about the clinic, photos from the last holidays and our celebrity surprise visitors! If you don't have access to the Next Level Sports Clinic Facebook page, contact us by email at nextlevelsports@live.com.au Thank you.

We will see you soon!
The Next Level Sports Team!



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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

TERM TWO – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Eight

Thursday 19th June
Friday 20th June

NO Youth Group Yr 5 & 6

Infants Fun day

Infants Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.15pm

Week Nine

Wednesday 25th June
Thursday 26th June
Friday 27th June

Walk-a-thon **Wacky Wednesday**

Youth Group Yr 5 & 6

Last day of Term 2

Whole School Assembly Yr 3 School Hall
1.30pm

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Monday 14th July

Students return to school

Week Two

Friday 25th July

Grandparent's day

Week Three

Tuesday 29th July

Yr 5 PD Night—TBC

Parent First Aid course 11am—3pm

Week Four

Tuesday 5th August

Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival