

st patrick's primary school

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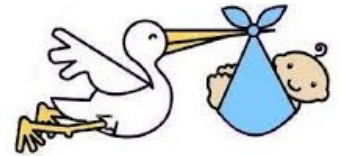
24th July 2014

Term 3

No.2

Dear Parents

What a great start we have had to the term. It is so good to see all the children back with us ready for another 10 weeks of learning with the staff ready and energetic to present their new programs of work. It is a special time in our school's journey as we say goodbye for a while to Mrs Williams who will embark on her maternity leave this Friday, in readiness for the birth of her baby. I would like to take this opportunity to say **thank you to Mrs Williams** for all her interest and dedication to the children in our school and I wish her and her husband Adam all the very best for the months ahead. For the rest of the year, 1S will be taught by Ms Jemma Dimarco who is known to the children through her work at the school on a casual basis. I would like to welcome Ms Dimarco to St Patrick's School and I know that she is really looking forward to teaching Year One.



For those they may not have heard, Father Bob Bossini has been appointed Parish Priest and Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral from September. Fr Andrew Bass will be undertaking studies at the Institute for Liturgy at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome and will be leaving Sydney on the 6th August. Father John Paul Escarlan will act as chaplain to the school until Father Bossini commences his appointment. I would like to welcome Father Bob to St Patrick's Cathedral and wish Fr Andrew all the very best for the next stage of his ministry.

DISMISSAL TRIAL

In an effort to ensure that children experience a safe and happy dismissal from school we will be trialing a new pick up system in the afternoons. This system was suggested by one of our families. The process involves children sitting in 3 separate sections of the playground. The following sections are as follows:



- Children going to **after school care** will be seated in the section under the hall, (the cave)
- Children getting picked up by **parents and other family members from the playground** will be seated in the amphitheatre. We ask that these parents and children leave from the Ross St gate opposite OLMC to help eliminate congestion.
- Children waiting for their names to be called out for car pick up will be seated under the shelter as per usual.
- Children **walking home** can leave from the Villiers street gate as per usual.
- Any child who is **unsure** how they are getting home will be seated under the shelter with the 'drive through' children.



NB All children will be fully supervised at all times. As this is a trial this procedure will be reviewed later this term. Thank you to the parents who have already given us feedback.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Due to the unavailability of our guest speaker, the next Staff Development Day scheduled for Friday 19th September has had to be rebooked for a day in Term 4 yet to be confirmed. I truly apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused any family and we will inform you of the new date as soon as possible.

God Bless You and Your Family
Bernadette



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

3L	Afia Mundanmany Babu
3T	Aidan Khreich
4B	Norman Elzahoul
4G	Arthur Constantone
5C	Crystal Makdissi
5T	Caitlin Vilches
6P	Daniella Younes
6W	Hunter Munro

3L	Michael Farah
3T	Anna Janczewski
4B	Lauren Buxton
4G	Kayla Teklic
5C	Nicholas Parkes
5T	Isabella El-Tobbagi
6P	Christian Tanna
6W	Angeleena Loto'aniu

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 John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

Grandparents' Day

Please join us tomorrow Friday 25th July when we celebrate the special gift that Grandparents are.

Our celebrations will begin at about 9.15am with a Liturgy in the hall. Following this, adults will join with Grandparents to enjoy a cuppa in the Library organised by Year 6 parents.

People are then welcome to visit their grandchildren/children in the classrooms.

The children are looking forward to sharing this special event with you.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Date: Tuesday 19th, August
Time: 1.30pm
Topic: Anxiety and Resilience in Children
Venue: School Hall

Alison Kaylinger from the Behaviour and Wellbeing team at Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will present an informative discussion for parents on strategies they can use to support their child to manage their worries.

Alison is a Social Worker who has worked with children and families for many years in both Health and Educational settings. The presentation will be skills focused and there will be time for questions.

All parents are welcome.

An Ode to Grandparents

Though I am young,
I am old enough to be
Blessed to have you
As part of my family!

Sharing stories from school.
Or listening to tales of the
past
Having you as my
grandparent
Has been such a blast!

I learn so much from you,
It's impossible to contain
How much I love and
appreciate you
In every single way!



Paxton Church Childcare

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

Chanel El-Chaar, Joseph Haddad, Mylan Do, Brooklyn Munro, Biaggio Volante, Caitlin Maroun, Olivia Takchi, Harrie Christopher Anthony





Year 4 Excursion to Elizabeth Farm and Old Government House

On Friday the 18th July, Year 4 went to Elizabeth Farm and Old Government House in Parramatta.

First 4B went to Elizabeth Farm, while 4G went to Government House. At Elizabeth Farm 4B was separated into two groups. One of the groups were cooking and the others were cleaning. In the cooking group they made scones which both groups got to eat. The cleaning group washed the clothes and set the table.

4G went to Old Government house and pretended to be reporters from the London Gazette. They met Reverend Samuel Marsden, Mary Jelly, Elizabeth Macquarie and Private Jones.

We all swapped and did the same thing. We all had a great time especially dressing up like convicts. **Written by Kyra, Lauren and Nicole 4B**



Walk-a-thon Update /
Reminder

Thank you to all the children and parents who have returned their sponsorship money. Grand total soon to be revealed. If you have not brought in your sponsorship donations please do so by 30th July. Congratulations to the 287 children who have returned their money.



School Banking for Term 3

With the banking for Term 3 well underway I have managed to get around to everyone with outstanding gifts to claim. On a weekly basis a report is generated to state who is entitled to claim a gift. Each child will be called to the office to select their gift. NO tokens will be given out.

The gifts for this term are Penguin or Shark keyring, Whale shark pencilcase, Dollarmites Moneybox and a swimming bag.

If you would like to clarify anything regarding the school banking contact Mrs Jones.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 5 -2014

Due Wednesday
1st August, 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

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SEASONS FOR GROWTH – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry is running its next Seasons for Growth Program for adults commencing on **Tuesday 5th August 2014**. This small group Program runs for five consecutive Tuesdays and is open to anyone grieving the death of their spouse or partner. See Notice Board for Flyer. **Venue:** CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Date/Time:** 5 Tuesdays from 05th August, 10.00am to 1pm.

Cost: \$80.00. Information and Registration- Ph. 9933 0205 or email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR
THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm. Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: Ph. 99330205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au



College Open Morning Tour Friday August 1, 2014

Discover OLMC Parramatta

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend the August Open Morning Tour in this special anniversary year when the College celebrates 125 years of Mercy Excellence.

Tour the College and discover contemporary learning and academic excellence in the Mercy tradition and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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 0419 693 014 tunza34@hotmail.com or Julia Gittany on 0423 777 333. Payment must be made to confirm your spot.



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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 THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Two

Friday 25th July Grandparent's Day
Primary Assembly Year 6

Week Three

Monday 28th July Yr 6 Voice of Youth
Yr 5 Personal Development Night
7pm—8pm (School Hall)
Tuesday 29th July ICAS English Competition 7.45am
Parent First Aid course 11am—3pm
Friday 1st August Infants Assembly Year 1

Week Four

Tuesday 5th August Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 8th August Primary Assembly Year 5

Week Five

Tuesday 12th August ICAS Mathematics Competition 7.45am
Friday 15th August Infants Assembly Kindergarten

Week Six

Monday 18th August Book Week commences
Tuesday 19th August Parent Group Meeting 1.30pm
Friday 22nd August Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Primary Assembly Year 4