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30th July 2015 Term 3 No.3

Dear Parents

Last Thursday the children and their families gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the Eucharist. At mass, Father John Paul acknowledged all the grandparents who had come to be with the children for the morning and lead us in a special blessing. It was such a wonderful gathering of generations young and old. There were even some great grandparents. Mrs Rodricks prepared the choir with her usual high standard and I particularly acknowledge the joyous song at the end, which spoke of the children's great love for these very special people in our lives.

As our community is represented by countries all around the world it was interesting to hear all the versions of the words grandmother and grandfather in this song. Some of these included Nonna, Daadi, Teta, Sitti, Gigi. I was particularly impressed with the way the children greeted their grandparents at the door of their classrooms and they showed such respect that 'Ricky Respect' would have been very proud. Many of the grandparents were accompanied by the children's parents and together we really enjoyed the lovely morning tea that was prepared by members of the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee; Mrs Claire Moujalli and Mrs Zana Rahme. A very special thank you is extended to these two parents and to anyone who assisted them in making this occasion so welcoming. At the following assembly a special movie was presented showing children talking about why they love their grandparents. This movie will be shown again for the Infant's children to see at the next assembly.

I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and great grandparents who were able to join us for Grandparent's Day. I would like to thank you for the patience you showed the little ones by listening to their stories and joining them in their enthusiasm to show you their work. I thank you for your words of wisdom that come from years of loving experience. Thank you for giving up your time to show interest in coming to the school, not only for your grand children, but for your adult children also. I know that they too were very proud that you were there. For those who were unable to make it I would like to assure you that you also were in our prayers. Please find them over the page.

A special thank you is extended to our Religious Education Coordinator Mrs Jude Kerr and the Grandparent's Day Committee for preparing this beautiful celebration and for the preparation of gift bookmarks that each adult received.

Looking forward to seeing you all again at our next community function.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Nurturing God, as we honour Grandparents, listen to the prayer of our hearts, all our needs spoken and unspoken.

Reader: For Francis our pope, all bishops and our priests, that the light of God's grace will shine throughout their lives. Nurturing God, hear us.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For grandparents: may they continue to pass on to future generations their faith and their mature human and spiritual experience
Nurturing God, hear us.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For grandparents raising children: that their selfless love and commitment be recognised and supported by those around them.
Nurturing God, hear us.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For children who have no grandparents: that they may find encouragement in the friendship and support of faith-filled seniors.
Nurturing God, hear us.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For all those who have died, especially grandparents: That their families will be consoled in their loss of one so precious to them.
Nurturing God, hear us.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Nurturing God, you are reflected in the loving tenderness of Jesus' grandparents, Anne and Joachim.
Hear the prayers we make with trust and hope in the name of Jesus your Son.

All: Amen.



Grandparents Day Thank You

Last Thursday we gathered as a school community to celebrate the precious gift of Grandparents. This event was such a success due to the support and hard work put in by many parts of our school community. Thank you to everyone who did something to add to the richness of the day.

- To the Year 3 parents who donated the morning tea
- Mrs Moujalli and Mrs Rahme who organised the food and set up the hall
- Our school leaders who offered hospitality
- To the teachers and students who welcomed visitors into their classrooms
- To the Liturgy committee who planned and prepared the Mass: Ms Kelly and Mrs Fardell; Mrs Benkovic and the children of Year 2 who formed the gospel procession; Miss Perry and the children who contributed to the Grandparents imovie; the readers; Mr & Mrs D'Allasandro, Chiara and Alissa who took up the offertory; Mrs Rodricks, the choir and other glorious voices of our children who always produce such heavenly melodies; Ms Elissa who designed the card presented to Grandparents
- And a special thank you to Father John Paul for the unique gifts he brings to our celebrations.

The success of special occasions like this is strong indicator of the cohesiveness, dedication and vision of our community. A heartfelt thanks to you all.

God bless
Jude Kerr REC





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




st patrick's award

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

KA	Joey Cascio
KM	Baxter Gittany
1C	Jiajie Weng
1S	Madison Younes
2M	Sebastian Mayonado
2Y	Benjamin Aguilera

KA	Rafaella Bautista
KM	Nevaeh Bouari
1C	Olivia Wehbe
1S	Frank Agostino
2M	Brandon Roque
2Y	Sheridan Achie



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:
Nicholas Parkes, George Gebrael, Jim Rizk, Anthony Nakhoul

New Security in School

Due to the new security door that was installed in the holidays, the front door to the office will now be opened during office hours.

Visitors will be required to just pull open the door and come through to now secured office area. All visitors to the school are required to sign in and follow usual procedures.

The Pope Francis 'To Do' List

Believe in a happy future, a better tomorrow. Slow down, recover values and the meaning of life. Putting the brakes on 'unrestrained delusions of grandeur' is not a call to go back to the Stone Age. (113-114, 225)



Condolences to the Takchi Family (Daniel 4B & Luke 3T) on the passing of their Grandmother.

Condolences to the Doumit Family (Grace 5T & Andrew 1S) on the passing of their Grandfather.

Please keep both families in your prayers.

Sick Children



We know that it can sometimes be difficult to determine whether your child is too sick to attend school. In the interests of the wellbeing of our whole school community we ask you to take a moment to review the "Too Sick To Go To School?" chart created by NSW Health which is accessible from the following webpage -

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>
This chart reminds parents of the advisable periods of time children should be away from school during and after an illness. We appreciate your co-operation with keeping our school healthy and happy.

Father's Day Raffle

Father's Day is not that far away, 6th September.

Our Parent Event Committee is hard at work sourcing prizes for our raffle. If you would like to donate anything towards the Father's Day raffle please feel free to drop it into the office.

2015 St Patrick's Athletics Zone Team:

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at the 2015 Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday the 4th August. We wish you the very best of luck. We are positive you will all do your best and make St Patrick's and yourself proud.

Luke Maroun (800m, 200m, 100m, Relay, Long Jump)	Clara Glinski (800m, 200m)
Oscar Gray (800m, 200m, 100m, Relay)	Ashley Younis (800m, 200m, 100m, Relay)
Jordan Moubarak (800m, 200m, 100m, Relay)	Nicole Romanos (800m)
Adrian Stevanja (800m)	Annie Gittany (800m, 200m, 100m, Relay)
Nicholas Parkes (800m, 200m)	Crystal Makdissi (200m, 100m, Relay)
Clarke Guatlo (800m)	Kyra Dpenha (200m, 100m, Relay)
Mark Sassine (200m, 100m, Relay)	Kayla Teklic (200m, 100m)
Jaxson Rahme (200m, 100m, Relay)	Arabella Gittany (100m)
John Paul Wehbe (100m)	Nyagua Koima (100m)
Luke Takchi (100m)	Caitlin Maroun (100m, Relay)
Jesse Sabat (100m)	Stephanie Saab (100m)
Prince Gyan (100m, Relay)	Joya Barakat (100m, Relay)
John Weng (100m)	Caitlin Polintan (Relay)
Daniel Takchi (Relay)	Grace Fahnbulleh (800m, Relay)
Norman Elzahoul (Relay)	Ashleigh Grubba (200m, 100m, Long Jump, Discus)
Mylan Do (800m)	Marcus El-Chaar (Discus, Shot Put, Long jump)

Woolworths Earn & Learn



Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

The school can then redeem the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers for valuable education resources.



BOOK WEEK 2015

The theme for Book Week this year is 'Books Light up our World.' The Children's Book Council of Australia celebrates its 70th Year (1945-2015)

During Week 7 (24/8 – 28/8) we will be celebrating Book Week.

There will be a **Book Character Parade** and many other planned Literacy based activities relating to the theme and the Short-Listed Books.

We ask that the students dress up as a fictional character from a favourite book. Preparing the costume need not be an expensive task as many costumes, with a little creativity, could be made from re-cycled materials and clothing in wardrobes.

More details of this week will follow.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge concludes on August 7th. Congratulations to those students who have already finished the challenge and uploaded their books onto the PRC website.

If your child has not uploaded their reading data (20 books) onto the site by this date then unfortunately they will not be eligible for a certificate.

If you are experiencing any problems uploading data please contact Mrs Attard or Mrs O'Dwyer.

Parent Helpers

A very big thank you to our wonderful parents who have been helping out with covering home readers this week. You have been so efficient and generous with your time.

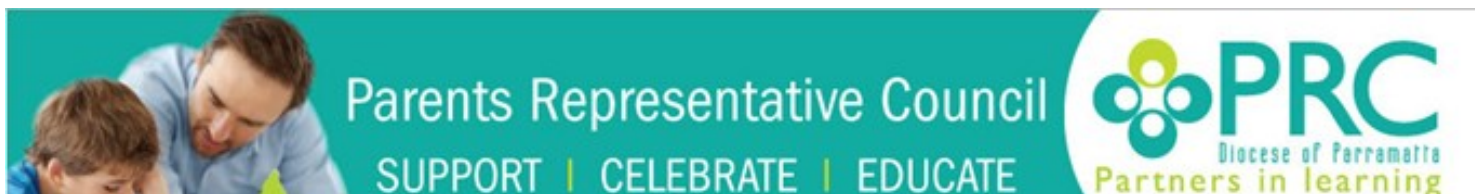
Thank you to Mrs A Romanos, Mrs Salazar, Mrs Abdallah, Mrs J Sabat, Mrs D Sabat, Mrs M Wehbe, Mrs Z Rahme, Mrs Jurisic, Mrs Moujalli, Mrs Amaral and Mrs M Doueihy for their great work.

Our library is always looking for volunteers to assist with book covering and reorganizing books on the shelves. If you could help out for an hour or two on Tuesdays or Wednesdays it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs O'Dwyer in the Library.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs O'Dwyer



Term 3, 2015 General Meeting - Mon 3 Aug 2015 (Please note Change of Date): Unpacking NAPLAN and a case study for improvement

3/8/2015 07:00 PM



Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown

Unpacking NAPLAN and a case study for improvement

Sue Walsh, Director of Systems Learning at CEO and Dr Elizabeth Ricketts, Principal of St Aidan's Primary School, Rooty Hill will be delivering a presentation to help parents have a better understanding of the NAPLAN tests.

Contact: Parents, Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese
Email: prcparrasecretary@gmail.com

2015 Progress Chart

Cancer Council NSW Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Packing a healthy lunch box is one way to get your kids eating the right amount of fruit and veg. There are a few ways of making healthy lunch boxes hassle free:



- Pack the night before, so it's not a rush in the morning.
- Always pack a serve of fruit: chopped or sliced for younger kids, or a fruit salad for a change.
- Always pack a serve of veg: think sliced veggie sticks, hummus or veggie dip, left over roast vegies.
- Include salad on your child's sandwich – every bit counts!
- Include wholegrains and a serve of protein (lean meats, eggs and tofu all count)
- Add a serve of dairy and a bottle of water.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

NSW Health Western Sydney Local Health District

Eat It To Beat It



The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233
 Web: www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding
 Email: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au
 Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**

It's not too late to bring your money in. Let's see if we can beat last year's total



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

**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

Fr Peter Williams elected Diocesan Administrator
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

2015

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Three

Friday 31st July

Voice of Youth—Year 6

Infants Assembly—Yr 1 2.15pm

Week Four

Tuesday 4th August

Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

Friday 7th August

Excursion Year 4—Government House

Whole School Assembly—Yr 6 2.15pm

Week Five

Tuesday 11th August

ICAS—Mathematics—7.50am

Friday 14th August

Infants Assembly—Yr 2 2.15pm

Week Six

Friday 21st August

Diocesan Athletics

Primary Assembly—Yr 5 2.15pm

Week Seven

Friday 28th August

BOOK WEEK

Excursion Year 3—Maritime Museum

Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm

Week Eight

Monday 31st August

Art Expo commences

Tuesday 1st Sept

Father's Day Stall

Yr 5 Personal Development Night 7pm

Wednesday 2nd Sept

Year 5 Nursing Home visit

Friday 4th Sept

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Mass

Week Nine

Friday 11th Sept

Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm

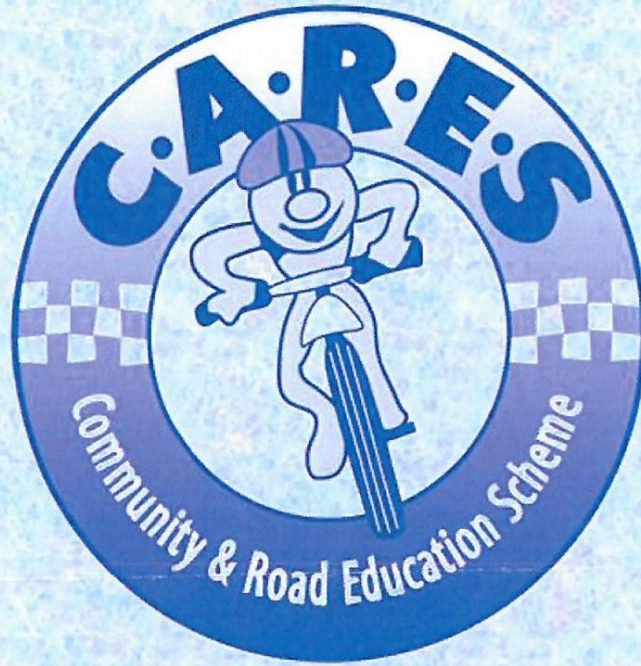
Movie Night (More details to come)

Week Ten

Friday 18th Sept

Last Day of Term 3





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Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015

10AM-2PM

Bike week is from September 12-20 so come along to ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

Face painting & Activities

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle, Lollies and drinks

Adult supervision required

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Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au



Blacktown City Council