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13th August 2015 Term 3 No.5

Dear Parents

This Saturday the Church will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we remember the person of Mary and the relationship we have developed with her through the many accounts of our Holy Mother through scripture. For many of us our thoughts and devotion to Our Lady began very early in life, commencing with the Nativity Story. Mary is known around the world, even in non Christian countries, as a humble, selfless and brave woman of her time. Mary's greatness and the explanation of her Assumption into heaven is beautifully explained by Irish priest Father Tommy Lane when he says,

Mary's greatness lies in the fact that she was humble before God and surrendered herself to God. Her words to the angel at the annunciation are words that we need to meditate on a great deal, 'Let it be done to me according to your word.' (Luke 1:38) Surrendering of herself to God did not mean a perpetual spiritual honeymoon but a giving of herself more and more to God as time went on. We can see evidence for this in the Gospels: at the presentation of Jesus in the temple, Simeon told her that her soul would be pierced with sorrow; when Jesus was twelve years old the family had a misunderstanding over why Jesus got lost for three days. Mary once again learned more about surrendering to God as Jesus told her that he had to be about his Father's business.

Because she surrendered herself so much to God, God filled her with his presence just as God fills us when we surrender ourselves to God. Mary's sinlessness and being 'full of grace' led naturally to her assumption, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her life. (See Rom 6:23) The Church has believed in Mary's Assumption for centuries, although it was only proclaimed a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.



Last year I had the blessing of going on pilgrimage with a group of principals and system leaders. As part of this pilgrimage we visited Mary's house in Ephesus (Pictured left). As you can see from the photo this very small dwelling attracts thousands of visitors, yet the atmosphere was calm, prayerful and humbling. There was definitely something special about this place and we all took the opportunity to pray the rosary, join Christians from around the world in placing written special intentions on the wishing wall (below) and enjoyed the slight breeze and sunshine contemplating how amazing it was that we had come to a place where Our Lady spent her last days.

The Rosary was a prayer that we prayed every day on Pilgrimage. Father Lane refers to the Rosary in this way: *"It is a most beautiful prayer, a prayer that can bring us closer to God and keep us closer to God. When we pray the Rosary we are not just saying prayers. Saying the prayers is to calm us down so that we can tune in to God and our blessed Mother. While we say the prayers our minds are meditating on the fifteen great events in the life of Jesus."* May I encourage you all to regularly prayer the Rosary with your family and to attend mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Times for masses at St Patrick's Cathedral are published in this newsletter. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.



God bless you and your family.
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15th, 2015**

Let Us Pray

Holy God, through Mary you show your people that you do wonderful things through ordinary human beings. With trusting hearts we call you in our need.

As Jesus' mother, Mary showed us the extent of human love, motherly nurturing and selfless service. May all people learn to embrace one another in love, compassion and service. Wondrous God, hear us.

All: Hear our prayer, O God.

As Jesus' disciple, Mary followed her son. May those in positions of leadership learn from her humble yet strong example of discipleship.

Wondrous God, hear us.

All: Hear our prayer, O God.

As your servant, Mary listened. May we be open to your plans for us with a listening heart and respond with a generous spirit.

Wondrous God, hear us.

All: Hear our prayer, O God.

Mary was aware of Jesus' needs. Let us see and address the cries of help from those in our community who are weak and lost.

Wondrous God, hear

us.

All: Hear our prayer, O God.

Mary now rejoices in heaven. We remember and pray for all who are now rejoicing in eternal life with you.

Wondrous God, hear us.

All: Hear our prayer, O God.

God who hears our prayers, you understand every yearning of the human heart. Listen to the prayers we pray in the name of Jesus, son of Mary.

All:

Amen.



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



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

Thomas Kougellis, Chiara Banzato, Joshua Santos, Wytske Lubbers, Crista-Nicole Gahdamr, Andre Elzahoul, Christian Moujalli

KA	Dylan Amaral
KM	Takeshi Liu
1C	Sienna Golossian
1S	Michael Ayoub
2M	Neha Bonigala
2Y	Crystella Geagea

KA	Sophie Gahdmar
KM	Remon Wehbe
1C	Malcolm Nasr
1S	Alexandra Elphinstone
2M	Anthony Khouri
2Y	Christian Sarkis

Lost Property

The office has been handed a watch, if you have lost one recently please come and see the office staff. The lost property pile of jackets/ jumpers is also getting quite big and all items do not have names on them. Please check the 2 baskets in the office for missing items.

**The Pope Francis
'To Do' List**

Keep oceans and waterways clean and safe from pollutants; use biodegradable detergents at home and business. (30,174)

Staff Development Day

The date of the next Staff Development Day has been set for Tuesday 6th October. Children do not attend school on this day.

Father's Day Celebrations

This year, St Patrick's will be celebrating **Father's Day** on **Friday 4th September 2015**. As in previous years, we will be celebrating our wonderful fathers and grandfathers at **Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9:15am**. Prior to the Mass the Year 4 parent members from the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee will be organising and preparing a **delicious breakfast and fun activities** to commence at **7:30am** for our dads and grandads to enjoy. We believe it will be a great way to allow our fathers and grandfathers to catch up, bond and feel loved and appreciated by our school community. Please return your RSVP slip sent out earlier this week..

Father's Day Raffle

As usual we have a committee of parent volunteers who have been working extremely hard to collect donations for prizes for our Father's Day Raffle. They have already gathered an impressive amount of gifts that dad or grandad would love to win.

For your chance to win a great prize to make Father's Day extra special for your wonderful dad or grandad, you will need to purchase raffle tickets over the coming weeks.

Our wonderful parent volunteers will be selling raffle tickets every morning before school from 8:20-8:50am and every day after school from 3:00-3:20pm. Tickets may also be sold during lunch time on certain days. The sale of tickets will begin Monday Week 6 (17th August) in the school playground. Tickets will also be sold at the Father's Day Stall.

Tickets will be sold for 50c each or you can purchase 3 tickets for \$1.

You've got to be in it to win it!!!! Make sure you have your money with you over the next 2 weeks. GOOD LUCK!!

Yours Thankfully

Mrs Anne Fardell

On behalf of the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee



St Patrick's Movie Night

Drink Donations

On behalf of the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the **water bottles, soft drink cans and juice poppers** we have already received to assist with our annual **Movie Night on Friday 11th September**. We still require further donations to ensure we have a sufficient amount for the evening. If you are able to make a contribution, we would be extremely grateful.

Please do not feel pressured to donate as we understand each family's financial circumstances are different. Any amount donated, large or small, is appreciated.

Once again thank you for your support and generosity. These events would never be as successful without your contributions and assistance.

Yours thankfully

Mrs Anne Fardell

on behalf of the St Patrick's
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Truck Art Competition



Don't Dump It. Reuse It!

Each year Parramatta City Council, in conjunction with their waste and recycling contractor, host a truck art competition for K-12 students who attend a school in the Parramatta area.

This year the focus is all the different ways we can reuse and be resourceful. Students are invited to express this year's competition theme "Don't Dump It. Reuse It!" with a photo. Photos can capture simple reuse behaviours such as using water bottles or an item that's been repaired or created from old and discarded material.

Last year one of our Year 2 St Patrick's children reached the finalist group and was invited to share a morning tea where the winner was announced. The winner has their artwork displayed on the side of one Parramatta City Council waste truck.

The judges will be looking for: creativity, originality composition, technical and artistic consideration.

If your child is interested in participating in this competition please come and see Mrs Carroll On Monday 17th August @ 1.00pm

Mobile Phones in School

Whilst we understand that some children are required to bring a mobile phone to school for safety reasons ie walking to or from school, no phones are needed during school hours. All mobile phones are to be dropped into the office prior to the morning bell and collected in the afternoon.

In an emergency, where the children need to be contacted, please call the office on 9630 1421 where a message will be passed on.

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 unlocked during office hours.

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

Sick Children



This week in our school we have had a large number of children absent with a "tummy bug" and flu symptoms. Sometimes children may just need an extra day off to recuperate. 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.

LITERACY NEWS!

Pearson Places – Bug Club Digital

We are excited to announce that the staff and students of St Patrick's have been launched into the wonderful world of reading through an innovative online resource known as "Pearson Places -Bug Club".

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful St Patrick's families, our Mother's Day fundraiser allowed us to raise enough money to purchase a license for all K-6 classrooms and individual home access for students in Kindergarten and Year One.

Pearson Places - Bug Club, provides staff and students with a digital platform in which to access a wide variety of texts designed to assist with teaching and promoting students' reading and comprehension.

Our aim, in time, is to provide further individual access for students where specific needs apply. The feedback from staff, students and parents has been overwhelmingly supportive in recognition of how this resource can be utilised as part of a balanced Literacy program.

Happy Reading!

Sasha Nederpelt (Kinder Teacher / Leader of Learning – Literacy)



BOOK WEEK PARADE 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)

You are invited to attend our annual Book Character Parade during Book Week (Week 7).

The parade will be on Wednesday 26th August at 1.30pm in the school playground (weather permitting). If rain does occur the parade will be cancelled, keep an eye out on the skoolbag app for updates.

Costume note: Students are asked to come to school dressed as a fictional character from a book. The children will be given the opportunity for final dressing with props before the parade.

We ask that they carry a sign noting the character and book they are from.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs O'Dwyer



Solemnity for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Scheduled Holy Masses:

Friday 14 Aug (Vigil)	7.30pm	Cathedral	(Choir will be in attendance)
Sat 15 August	8.00am	Cathedral	

Please note this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Year Four Excursion: Discovering the Past and the History of Parramatta

On Friday 7th August 2015 Year Four students, accompanied by Mrs Fardell, Mrs Turkington and our wonderful parent helpers Mrs Eltakchi, Mrs Gebrael, Mrs Sabat and Mrs Sicurella, went off to explore the historical features throughout Parramatta Park.

It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day. So this was the perfect conditions for us to walk around, investigate and learn, as well as enjoy a picnic lunch and some free play on GRASS!!! In our class groups we took turns at visiting Old Government House and discovering historical landmarks from the early settlement whilst on our Park and River walk. We explored the remains of The Observatory, built for Governor Brisbane in 1822, The Bath House which later became a Band Pavilion, The Edward Ewart Memorial who historically flew a plane he built from Penrith to Parramatta Park, The Dairy Cottage which supplied much needed crops and milk for the settlement, The Boer War Memorial and many more interesting facts about the past and present uses of the Parramatta River. It was amazing to discover just how much history we have so close by that most of us didn't even know existed until we completed our discovery walk.



Inside Old Government House we had the opportunity to observe artefacts as we explored the House's various rooms and doing this gave us a better understanding of how people in our past lived. Thank goodness for electricity and sewerage systems today!!!! NO toilets or t.v. or playstations or Xbox!!!!!!!!!!!! AGHHHHHHHHHHHHH

It was fascinating walking through the different rooms and visualising how Governor Macquarie and his family lived. We also had the chance to role-play being in a classroom back in the 1800's. And we think there are too many rules now!!!!!!!!!! Boy are we lucky we weren't attending school back then. Talk about strict!!!!

For lunch we had the pleasure of sitting in the warm sunshine then playing on the grass with our friends. We even had a surprise visit from Mrs Pope who brought us ice-blocks!!! Thanks Mrs Pope. It was great to see you.

We recommend that if you haven't yet had the opportunity to discover Parramatta Park, then the next chance you have, get out there and experience the history. There is just so much to see and do. There is even a lovely Café you can visit after the walk.

Year Four would also like to thank Mrs Turkington who took time out of her weekend to go to Parramatta Park the week before our excursion to plan our Park and River walk experience. We really appreciate the effort you made to help give us the best experience possible.

Here are few photos we would like to share with you from our big day out!!!



2015 Progress Chart



**St Patrick's Cathedral
Spring Fair 2015**
Saturday September 12, Prince
Alfred Park Parramatta
Building and Supporting Our
Parish Community

Are you looking to declutter your home?

If you are decluttering your home and have items in good condition that may be useful to someone else, why not donate these to the Cathedral Spring Fair. Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, unwanted gifts, toys, games, bric a brac, plants, etc would be welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or can be collected from your home.

The parish will be very grateful for any donations. Parish Office: 8839 8400

Congratulations to everyone for your generous donations. These funds will go towards the purchase of more electronic devices



\$12,477

13/8/15

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).

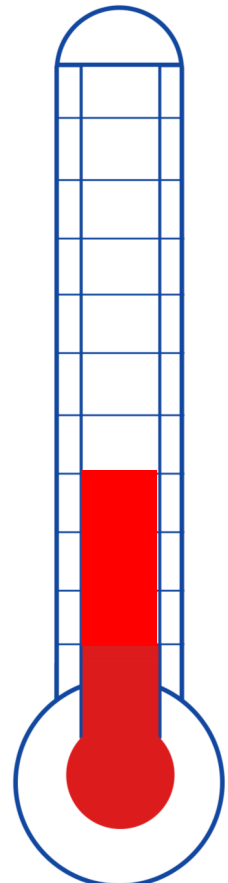
Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

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

ONLY 60 STICKERS PER SHEET AS ANYMORE WILL NOT BE COUNTED



Target
30,000 points



7740 as of 10/8/15



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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

**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

Straight from the Parent Handbook...

CONCERNS

The school values communication with parents about any concerns they may have. For classroom concerns, initial contact with the class teacher often clarifies issues which may have occurred. Problems arising from the broader school environment are best referred to the Assistant Principal or Principal for attention (see Complaints and Grievance Policy).

No problem is too small or trivial if it is causing you or your child concern.

To contact teachers, please make an appointment through the school office. Except in an emergency, teachers are only available outside class teaching time.

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TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Five

Friday 14th August Infants Assembly—Yr 2 2.15pm

Week Six

Monday 17th August Bug Club Parent Information Workshop
Kindy & Year 1 only—2.00pm

Wednesday 19th August Excursion Kindy—Calmsley Hill Farm

Friday 21st August Diocesan Athletics
Primary Assembly—Yr 5 2.15pm

Week Seven

Wednesday 26th August Book Week Character Parade 1.30pm
Friday 28th August Excursion Year 3—Maritime Museum
Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm

BOOK WEEK

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 9.15am St Pat's Cathedral

No Assembly

Week Nine

Friday 11th Sept **No Assembly**
Movie Night (More details to come)

Week Ten

Friday 18th Sept Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm
Last Day of Term 3

The simplest way

...to be SunSmart!

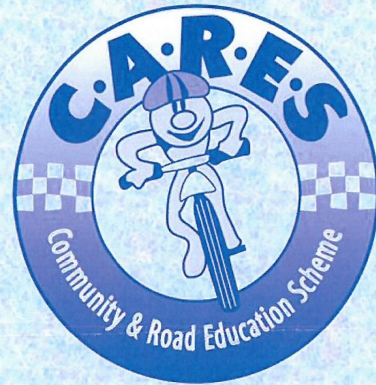
Did you know that we need some sun exposure to make vitamin D for healthy bones and muscles?

UV levels are at their lowest in winter – meaning you should brave the cold and get some sun on your arms!

In June and July, most people need 20-25 minutes of sun exposure during mid-morning or mid-afternoon, or if you're in Southern NSW 30-40 minutes in the middle of the day.

Don't risk damaging your skin. UV levels can change from day to day. When UV levels are 3 and above, use sun protection.

Check UV levels for your local area on our free SunSmart App for smart phones, download from the App store or Google Play.



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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

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au