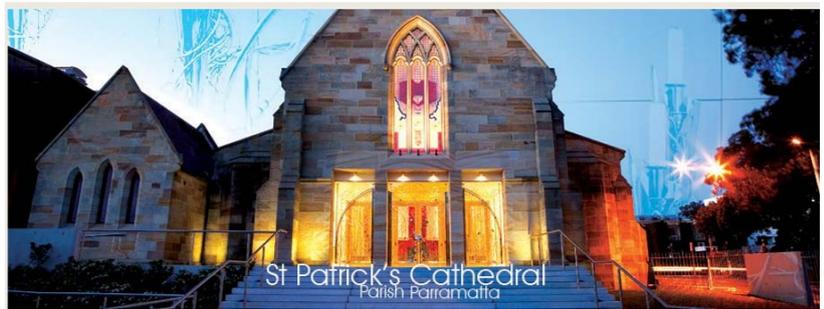


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27th August 2015 Term 3 No.7



Dear Parents

Last Sunday I delivered the Principal's Address at the Annual General Meeting at St Patrick's Cathedral. It was an opportunity to say a little about our wonderful school to the St Patrick's Cathedral parishioners; many of whom had children who were once students at St Patrick's School. Some of these children were my ex students and it was good to hear that they have now moved on to become successful workers and parents themselves. Present at the meeting was the Dean of the Cathedral, Rev. Fr. Bob Bossini, Father John-Paul, members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, parish staff and Bishop Kevin Manning, who is currently residing at the presbytery. I was delighted to notice the genuine interest the people there had in our school; many who asked me questions afterwards about the children and why the school is so popular regarding enrolments. My answer to this revolved around the excellent reputation the school has developed over many years and the exceptional community spirit and sense of generosity and hospitality displayed.

For those of you who attend St Patrick's Cathedral on the weekdays or weekends you would know that the parish is currently undertaking the 'Our Parish Stewardship Program'. This program aims at promoting the pastoral work of the Cathedral as well as to encourage parishioners to actively participate in this pastoral work. Part of my address centred around the important relationship the school has with the parish. Besides the invaluable support from our pastors who attend the school weekly to hear reconciliation and visit classrooms, the parish provides catechesis to our parents and students for the reception of the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. The children are also able to attend weekly mass on a roster basis and Fr Bob and Fr John Paul are more than happy to come to the school for special liturgies and other school events at any time. One of the aspects I love about being Principal is the opportunity to interview new families for enrolment at the school. Just like many of you, these families strongly align with St Patrick's Cathedral as their place of worship and for this reason they naturally qualify for the position of enrolment at the school. We are after all St Patrick's Cathedral Primary School.

What I found particularly curious last Sunday, however, was how underrepresented our school was at this meeting; only one family. In fact many of the parishioners present were retired members of our community. I certainly understand that the weekends are very busy for families with young children or that this particular Sunday may not have suited. I also understand that many families regularly attend Saturday or Sunday mass at the Cathedral and that our children generally attend church on a regular basis. I suppose what I am alluding to is encapsulated in the following questions;

- Do our families see themselves as part of the St Patrick's Parish?
- Does the link to the parish weaken once the child starts school or does it strengthen and why or why not?
- Can we as a community do more for our parish?
- Is it enough to just support the school?
- How are we showing our children what it means to be an adult Catholic so that they in turn will know what to do when they also become parents?
- Is there something we can contribute to the parish community especially in this time of renewal?

In my newsletters I often refer to my own family experiences and once again I would like to share some insights that came from my memories as a little girl attending St Anthony's Girraween. Not only did our family attend mass every week but my mother used to often point to the altar cloth edged with my grandmother's handy work; a beautiful crocheted edge. My mother used to say, "Your nanna made that edge for the church." I also recall with great pride the knowledge that my aunty and uncle were responsible for hosting the First Communion breakfast at the Parish Hall every year as a gift to the parish. This was one small way they could contribute, they used to say, and they never expected anything in return. It is just what you did! My mother chose to give a little of her time also especially once we had grown up, as a catechist for many years and although she gave up her dream of becoming a teacher to have her own family she was able to share her gift in this special capacity. In this way my brother and sisters learned that giving a little to others, in even a small way like handy work or time, is very important.

The fact is that our Parish of St Patrick's Parramatta needs our young school families. They need financial assistance through regular planned giving and they need support in terms of service to fill the variety of ministries available. The older members of our community need our support also. If everyone gave just a little, in some small way, we can continue together to sustain and support our parish community for generations to come. The joy of giving is one certainly worth the effort. If you are able to contribute to the St Patrick's Parish in any way please pick up a pledge card from the Cathedral this weekend, speak to one of the priests or contact the parish office on 9630 1115

God bless you and your family
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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	Alisha Katafono
KM	James Sitoa
1C	Talia Lahoud
1S	Ava Salloum
2M	Thomas Kougellis
2Y	Zachary Haddad

KA	Tara Di Chio
KM	Ysabel Daelo
1C	Ethan-Jordan Firmeza
1S	Oliver Kougellis
2M	Zara Moussa
27	Crista-Nicole Gahdmar



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

Maya Glinski, Justin Makhoul, Shanelle Wambeek, Zara Diuco, Aidan Vancuylenberg, Sophia Paguia, Alana Michael, Joshua Rizk, Emily Johnson, Ashleigh Grubba

The Pope Francis 'To Do' List

Plant a tree. Take mass transit. Car pool. Turn off the lights when you leave the room. Chilly? Wear a sweater. Little things add up. (211)

CHILD SAFETY IN THE AFTERNOONS

Dear Parents

It has come to my attention that some of our children have been asked to leave in the afternoon unsupervised by an adult, to meet their parents somewhere outside the school. For safety reasons the teacher on gate duty has been asked to stop any child from leaving without an adult. To avoid undue distress and confusion can I please ask you to follow the guidelines below;

- Write a letter of permission for your child to leave the school without an adult, if that is what you wish them to do and hand it in at the office for our data base.
- Please be mindful that children leaving the school to walk home etc will be **unsupervised** by school staff unless they are going to the bus stop..
- May I also suggest that children of primary school age, especially those younger than Year 6 are often not attentive to traffic conditions and danger signs. Asking them to leave the school by themselves may place them at risk.
- There is a designated pick up area for 'drive through', which is supervised by teachers. Asking children to wait in an area that is not within the designated pick up zone may be placing them in danger and may be causing added complications to an already congested traffic situation.

I certainly understand that the pick up conditions around the school are not ideal however the traffic clears quite quickly within 20minutes after dismissal. I ask you to seriously consider what arrangements you have made with your children in the afternoons in light of the information above. Thanking you as always for your cooperation in keeping our children safe at all times.

Miss Fabri

Prayer written by Year 3

Dear Mother Mary,
You showed love to others when you visited and cared for your cousin Elizabeth.

Please help me to be loving, caring, faithful and kind just like you. Amen
Jesse Sabat

St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Fair
Saturday 12 September, 10am - 4pm

UNLIMITED RIDE BAND

\$25

Prepaid only. Contact Parish Office or available after most Masses.

Offer available until 7 September only.

Lost Property

The lost property pile of jackets/ jumpers is getting quite big and all items do not have names on them. Please check the 2 baskets in the office for missing items.

ANAPHYLAXIS & ALLERGIES



Several children at our school suffer from food allergies – **some very severe**. Action plans are currently in place to administer medication to these children if it is required. To assist the staff and to help safeguard the health of these children I ask that you impress upon your own children the dangers of sharing their lunches with other students. In line with this policy we ask that you do not send gift items such as lollies, Easter eggs, Christmas candy canes etc for your child to give to other students. At times, teachers may give food treats to the children but they always check the suitability of these treats with the parents of allergy sufferers.

St Patrick's has a "no nut or nut products" policy, due to the number of children who are allergic to nut products. We ask for your co-operation in not sending nut products (especially Nutella, peanut butter and foods containing sesame seeds). We will continue to educate the children in the classroom about only eating their own lunches and I will keep you informed of any other protocols we may need to put in place. Thank you for your co operation.

If your child suffers from allergies or requires an epiPen please inform the Administration Office before your child starts school so that the correct action plan is implemented.

Bookclub Issue 6 2015—Closing Date 2/09/2015

New procedures for ordering books—please follow below instructions



Do not send cash to school

- Log into www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our new iPhone or iPad app from the App store.
- Select State: NSW Select School Name: St Patricks School : Parramatta
- Once you click on our school you will get the following message:
- St Patricks School : PARRAMATTA is now offering our Linked Online Ordering & Payments (LOOP) for Parents. You will be redirected to that web site where you can easily enter your order and pay via our secure Westpac payment gateway – no need to return anything to the school."
- You will then be redirected to the Scholastic Home Page Select Order
- Select state: NSW Select School Name: St Patricks School : Parramatta
- From the right side click on St Patricks School (Parramatta) The select "START ORDER"
- Select which issue we are ordering from ie "ISSUE 2, 2015" Select Children + and add your children's names/class
- Input which books you wish to order and follow the prompts for payment.
- No need to send anything back to the school as the order automatically comes into the office.

St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Fair 2015

Saturday September 12, Prince Alfred Park Parramatta

Building and Supporting Our Parish Community

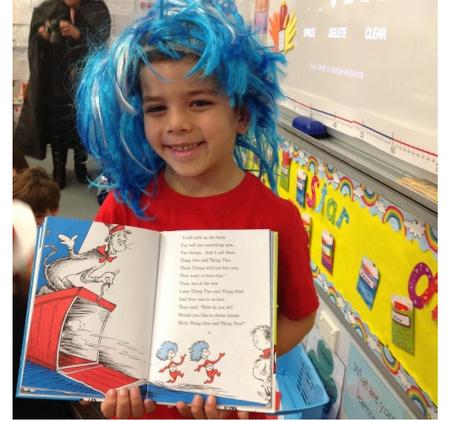
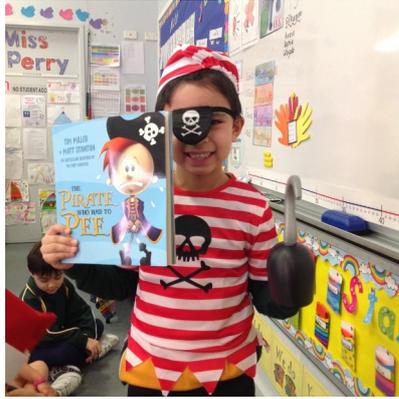
Are you looking to declutter your home?

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

Book Week Celebrations



Check out next week's newsletter for Primary Book Week Photos



WE NEED YOUR HELP

St Patrick's Spring Fair Appeal

A huge thank you to the families who have responded so generously to our Spring Fair appeal for groceries, toiletries and preloved baskets to use to make up hampers. The list of suggested donations follows.

All donations go to your child's classroom. We are accepting goods up until Wednesday, 9th September.

Thank you again for your support of our school and Parish.

Jude Kerr.

Hamper Ideas for the Spring Fair

	<u>Beverages</u>	<u>Spreads</u>	<u>Pamper Packs—Female</u>	Baskets/containers we can use to make up the hampers
Cereal	Tea	Vegemite	Body wash	
Dry pasta	Coffee	Peanut Butter	Shampoo	
Pasta Sauce	Coffee Sticks	Nutella	Conditioner	
Rice	Milo	Honey	Deodorant	
Couscous	Juice	Jam	Cotton buds	
2 minute noodles	Cordial	<u>Canned Items</u>	Hand cream	
Cup a Soup	Soft Drink	Tuna	Moisturiser	
Biscuits	<u>Long Life</u>	Tomatoes	<u>Pamper Packs—Male</u>	
Cake Mix	Milk	Corn Kernels	Body wash	
Packet desserts	Cream	Asparagus	Shaving cream	
Mayonnaise	Custard	Beetroot	Disposable razor	
Tomato Sauce		Baked Beans/Spaghetti	After shave	
		Fruit	Deodorant	
			Shampoo	
			Cotton buds	



Father's Day Celebrations

- ◆ The Father's Day stall will be on Tuesday 1st September. Children are required to bring cash to school with them on that day where they can purchase a gift for Dad or the special man in their life.
- ◆ The gifts will range from \$2.00 up to \$7.00. Each child will receive 1 gift bag.
- ◆ The raffle tickets are being sold every morning by parents in the Amphitheatre. They are 50c each or 3 for \$1.00
- ◆ Some of the gifts the Parent Event Committee have sourced are ; 18 holes of Golf for 4 people at Oatlands Golf Club, Restaurant vouchers, Bottle of Johnnie Walker, Gym Membership, Car wash kits, Aftershave packs .
- ◆ As in previous years, we will be celebrating our wonderful fathers and grandfathers at **Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9:15am on Friday 4th September**. 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 granddads 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.**



The simplest way

...to make a healthy after-school snack.

Most kids are starving as they walk through the door – and reach for processed or packaged snacks for a quick hunger fix. Get them to head to the fruit bowl, or vegie box in the fridge, instead...it's healthier, and will leave them fuller for longer. *Try:*



- Asking your kids to pick a vegetable and fruit, and cut both into smaller pieces
- Adding a vegie dip to keep it interesting
- Making a fruit salad
- Adding a reduced-fat yoghurt and a sprinkle of muesli
- Visit our website for great muffin recipes

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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



OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to tour the College on Monday August 31, 2015 - commencing 9.15am.

Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

A Mercy Education is treasured for life.

The College is now enrolling for 2017: limited places available for 2016.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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 Parent Events Committee

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Target
30,000 points

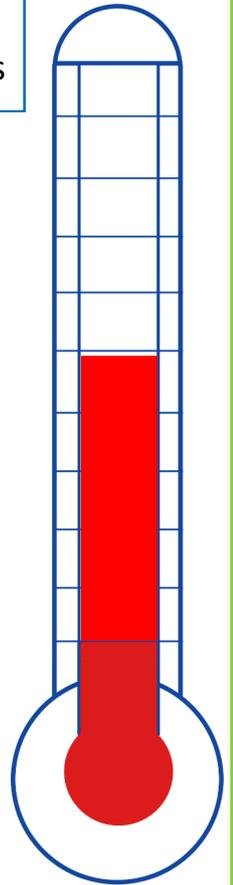
It's simple to Participate.

Only 2 more weeks to go !!!!

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.

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

ONLY 60 STICKERS PER SHEET AS MORE WILL NOT BE COUNTED



15300 as of 27/8/15





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

Straight from the Parent Handbook...

MOBILE PHONES

Any child who brings a mobile phone to school must register the phone at the school office before school and collect it before going home each day.

MONEY COLLECTION

If your child is required to bring money to school, a letter will be sent home stating the reason and the amount required. Please assist us by putting the money in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class, amount and purpose. This should be given by your child to the class teacher.

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TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 9.15am St Pat's Cathedral

Yr 3 & Yr 4 Touch Football Gala Day

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

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Tuesday 6th October

Staff Development Day—No students

Wednesday 7th October

1st Day Term 4 for students

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.