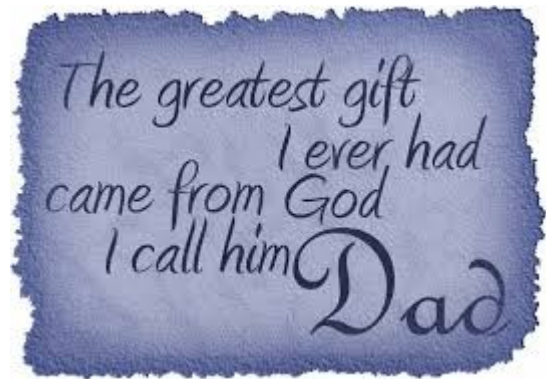


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4th September 2014

Term 3

No.8

Dear Parents

Next Sunday is Father's Day. Father's Day is celebrated in 72 countries around the world with Australia, New Zealand and some Pacific Islands dedicating the first Sunday of each September to these very special men in our lives. The first Father's Day was started in 1972 by the then President of the United States, Richard Nixon, who signed it into law. The idea originally came from Sonora Dodd who after listening to the pastor of her church talk about the virtues of mothers, felt inspired to propose that fathers receive equal recognition. Sonora lost her mother when she was fifteen, and was looked after her father who she remembered as being a 'kind and loving parent who kept them together and happy'.

Father's Day is not only a time to celebrate the day with our dads as a family but for many of us it is a time when we think of them through the memories of our childhood. I know from my own experience I have very fond memories of my father. He used to sometimes love spending time away from the 'girls', retreating with my brother to the garage. There he would teach him how to do simple carpentry and fix cars. What was so interesting and special in my recollections is that whenever my sister and I joined them he would never send us away and would always speak to us as if we also were interested and capable of doing mechanics or woodwork. This solidified in our thinking that women are intelligent and skillful. This is a very powerful concept to grow up with. I also remember how respectfully he treated my mother and I believe was a wonderful role model for our brother on how to treat women.

SOME
Super Heroes
Don't have
CAPES...
They are
called DAD

In this way fathers have an enormous responsibility to demonstrate, to their boys, especially, what manhood is about. Boys look on their dads with such honour and awe; they are heroes in their lives. Strength and gentleness, intelligence and vulnerability, seriousness and laughter, wisdom and curiosity and love and forgiveness are all qualities that boys need to see in their dads.

I have the enormous privilege this year to see some of the boys I once taught, now fathers themselves. I cannot express adequately how proud I am of them and the wonderful men they have become. This Sunday let us keep in mind all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and cousins who provide our children with positive male role models. Let us particularly pray for those members of our community whose fathers are no longer with us but who live in our memory, nourished by their love.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri
Principal

Prayer for Fathers

Most gracious Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our earthly fathers,
those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility
to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children.

We thank you, also, for our priests and bishops,
whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people.

May our earthly fathers imitate the manly courage
of Abraham, Jesse and Joseph,
and all the holy fathers of the past
in providing wise counsel to the children you have given to their care.
And may our spiritual fathers be guided by the examples of Saints Peter and
Paul,

all the Apostles and their saintly successors.
Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict,
hope in times of trouble and sorrow,
and steadfast love for you, for their families,
and for all your people throughout the world.

Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers,
and all Christian men, that through your Grace they may steadily grow
in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth.
May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them.

As you, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world,
sending your only Son to be our Savior and Redeemer,
we ask you to help all men to imitate His fatherly gentleness
and mercy toward those who are weak;
His humility, perfect obedience to your Will,
and fearless witness to your Truth.
May their lives be examples to all of heroic faithfulness to you.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted fatherhood.
May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy,
wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love.
May they receive your Grace abundantly in this earthly life,
and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to
come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord,
AMEN.

“Women for Faith & Family – www.wf-f.org”



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

Isabella El-Tobbagi, Adrian Pangan,
Jaden Dionisio, Annamika Sawant,
Nikhil Sawant, Alan Glinski,
Sheoni Perera, Zachary Haddad

Please note the children will be doing Gymnastics Tri skills for the remainder of the term. The children are to wear their sports uniforms on the following days:

Wednesday KA, 1S, Year 2, Year 5, 6P.

Thursday KM, 1C, Year 3, Year 4, 6W

This will be in addition to their normal sports day.



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

3L	Nicole Aboumelhem
3T	Leyla Akdeniz
4B	Joseph Haddad
4G	Sophie Morgan
5C	Jonathon Sarkis
5T	Jaxson Rahme
6P	Ashish Francis
6W	Maria El Hachem



st patrick's award

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

3L	Annamika Sawant
3T	Ethan Lao
4B	Nicole Romanos
4G	Ruben Orozco
5C	Nathan Rizk
5T	Lily Rodzen
6P	Gabriella Nimmo
6W	Chanel Maroun

Religious Literacy Display

Come along to the hall tomorrow to see the interesting ways our Year 4 students have responded to the unit of work Reconciliation: God's healing and Forgiveness

Father's Day 2014

Happy Father's Day

Father's Day Raffle

- Raffle tickets will be sold tomorrow morning from 8.30am outside the canteen.
- The raffle will be drawn Friday 5th September 2014.
- Raffle tickets are 50c or 3 for \$1.00.

The prizes are as follows:

1st	Star Shots Photography
2nd	Genesis 6 mth gym Membership
3rd	Trees Adventure
4th	Events Cinema Voucher
5th	Rebel Gift card
6th	Helicopter Remote control
7th	Ferrari Remote control
8th	Auto Pack
9th	Makita Drill
10th	Sotto Café voucher & coffee beans
11th	Tricho Vedic Hair care
12th	Crinitis Voucher
13th	Royal Oak Hotel Voucher
14th	Manpower Men's Clothing Voucher
15th	Eternity Aftershave
16th	Manpower Men's Clothing Voucher

17th	Diesel Car Seat covers
18th	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine
19th	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine
20th	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine
21st	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine
22nd	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine
23rd	Intimately Beckham Aftershave
24th	Hogs Breathe Café voucher
25th	Royal Oak Hotel Voucher
26th	Hogs Breathe Café voucher
27th	Deluxe Car wash voucher
28th	Wish gift card
29th	TYH Hair voucher
30th	Men's Hamper
31st	Ping Pong set



Father's Day Mass and Morning Tea

Tomorrow we warmly invite all fathers, grandfathers and father figures to our Fathers' Day Mass, beginning at 9.30 in the Cathedral and followed by morning tea in the school hall. Everyone is most welcome to join with the school community in thanking God for the love and guidance given to us by our fathers.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thank you for the generous support of the Father's Day raffle this year and the commitment of a number of enthusiastic parents who spent a considerable amount of time organising, pricing and selling gifts and raffle tickets yesterday. Thank you also to Mrs Jones and Mrs Nutter for ordering the gifts early enough to have a better selection and to Mrs Annette Romanos and Mrs Julie Sabat for organising the donations and for selling tickets before school every day this week. The gift of your time is very much appreciated! For your information the raffle will be drawn in the playground after the Father's Day morning tea approximately 11.30am I would also like to thank the Year 2 parents who will be organising the morning tea for the dads and grandads. Please note: mums and grandmas are more than welcome to join us for a cup of tea and snack also. As advertised any Year 2 parent who would like to donate a plate of food, please drop it off at the office in the morning.

Lost Property

Parents can we please ask that you check the name on your children's jackets as we have several jackets missing that are labelled and kids sometimes pick up the wrong jacket.

We have an over abundance of lost property in the office ranging from scarves, sports jackets, bomber jackets and track pants. If you are missing items please come into the office and go thru the pile of lost items.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy results for 2014 have been delivered. All students in Years 3 and 5 will receive these results tomorrow afternoon in a specially marked envelope. The staff will be spending the next few months analysing the information to create action plans so as to continue to improve learning outcomes for the students at our school. It is pleasing to note that the school average was above the national average in all areas.

CYBERSAFETY

It has come to our attention that a number of children have been accessing highly inappropriate sites on the internet at home. All parents have been informed. This brings to light the importance of discussing cyber safety with all our children especially as the internet is becoming more accessible – anywhere, anytime, on any device. For more information on how you can assist your child in the area of cyber safety can I recommend you visit the government website below. The information on this site is for parents of all ages including teenagers. It also includes information on social media sites and recommendations for the safe use of technology for families. <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx>

Year 5 Marian Nursing Home Visit:

On Wednesday 3rd September Year 5, Mrs Fardell, Mrs Tondini and two of our wonderful parent helpers Mrs Tannous and Mrs Dooley went to the Marian Nursing Home in Parramatta to visit the residents and put our faith into action.

The students performed several songs and dances in groups to entertain the residents. Some of the residents even sang and clapped along. We even had one Italian lady who we called Nonna, which means grandma in Italian, conduct the children's performances by counting them in "one, two, three, go". The staff and residents at the Marian Nursing Home were very appreciative of our time and dedication.

After the children performed they interacted with the residents by talking to them and giving them little gifts such as cards, socks, scarves, beanies, hats and hankies. The children displayed care and compassion in the gentle way they interacted with the residents. They chatted, listened and gave lots of hugs. It was beautiful to see the smile on the faces of the residents as well as the children. It was a touching experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed and they were even asking to return for another visit.

This experience allowed the Year 5 students to put their faith into action and see how something as simple as giving up some of their time to talk and listen can make a difference to someone's day.

"It was a great experience for us and it made us happy to see the people at the nursing home so excited."- Amelia Tannous

"It opened our eyes because it made us feel blessed that our grandparents are still healthy and that we are lucky to be healthy."- Marybeth Abraham

"It was a memorable experience where we opened our hearts to them and they enjoyed us being there." Harrie Christopher

"We felt happy that we can put a smile on their face because some of them are lonely."- Francesca Davino

"The residents were very sweet and enjoyed talking to us."- Jaxson Rahme

"It was amazing to have interaction with people who are a lot older than us because it is something we are not used to. It made me respect the elderly a lot more."- James Moses



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

SACRAMENTS

The next process for **Sacraments for Children already Baptised** will commence in October. There will be an **INFORMATION** evening on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Cathedral hall. Parents who are interested in presenting their child should attend this meeting. To be eligible for preparation the children should be 7 years of age by the 30th June, 2014.

Please collect a form from the Narthex of the Cathedral. This form should be presented at the information Session on Wednesday 8th October.
(Please do not pass it in to the school or parish office prior to that date.)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Change of Date

Term Three Has been postponed until Monday 24th November
Term Four Thursday 18th and Friday 19th of December
(last 2 days of the school year)



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

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Eight

Friday 5th Sept Father's Day Mass and Morning Tea
Primary Assembly Year 3

Week Nine

Friday 12th Sept No Assembly

Week Ten

Friday 19th Sept Movie Night
Last day of Term

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Tuesday 7th October Return to School

Week Two

Friday 17th Oct Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion

“I know what a good man is because I saw it in my father.”

Raymond Gaita