

st patrick's primary school

parramatta patter

16th October 2014

Term 4

No.2



Dear parents,

During the year two of our remarkable teachers, Mrs Sam Pope and Mrs Christina Nubla, have been working on a project with students on the Student Representative Council. This project involved developing a student incentive program based on the values of Catherine McAuley. Our goal this term is to ensure that the children have a great understanding of Catherine McAuley. The children will be learning about Catherine McAuley's life, the values she embraced and why she is important.

As we introduce the school community to this project it is important that we understand the values underpinning the project and reflect on the life of Catherine McAuley. Our focus is Catherine McAuley because St Patrick's Primary School is based on the Mercy traditions. As founders of our school, the Sisters of Mercy instructed our students from 1874 until 1985 when the school was handed over to its first lay Principal.

This week, as part of their religion lessons, all students will be viewing videos on the life of Catherine McAuley and discussing the values she demonstrated throughout her life. We invite you to take this opportunity to talk to your children about what they have learnt. They may surprise you! During assemblies, the SRC students will be delivering short presentations on Catherine McAuley, to re-introduce her to the wider school community.

At the remaining assemblies this term we will be introducing three mascots to the students and parents as part of the incentive program. These mascots are Ricky Respect, Coolio Compassion and Rocky Resilience. These mascots were designed by the teaching staff and the final concept designs were produced by Melissa Nutter. We thank her for the wonderful work she has done and can't wait to unveil these curious and interesting characters.

We thank all the staff for their contributions to this project, particularly Mrs Pope and Mrs Nubla, for all their hard work in making this come to fruition. We know the children will love the characters and hope that their messages will help to make St Patrick's Primary School an even more welcoming and compassionate place. This incentive program will become part of our Student Management Policy in 2015.

Next week we welcome back Miss Fabri. I know that you will make her return to 'normal' school life as smooth as possible following her pilgrimage. We look forward to hearing all about the special places she has visited during her travels.

Thank you for your support over the first two weeks.

God bless you all
Elly Benkovich
Acting Principal



'We hope to get on taking small steps, not great strides.'

'Put your whole confidence in God, He will never let you want.'

Catherine McAuley



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



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

Simon Khalil, Ruben Orozco, Alani Grohs, Xavier Dagostino, George Draybi, Claudia Yaghi, Annie Gittany, Norman Elzahoul, Mark Abraham, Jake Buxton

KA	Finn Giron
KM	Malcolm Nasr
1C	Ella Abdallah
1S	Anthony Maaraoui
2M	Erica Jurisic
2Y	Oisin Ryan

KA	Catherine Said
KM	Biaggio Volante
1C	Nyagua Koima
1S	Michelle Joseph
2M	Clyde Gautlo
2Y	Mikayla Saleh

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

to the Makhoul family (Justin 1C) on the passing of their grandfather .

to the Kougelis family (Thomas 1C, Renee & Oliver KM) on the passing of their grandmother .



After School 'Drive Through' Alert

Can I impress upon you once again the importance of ensuring the safety of our children and other drivers by adhering to the road rules in place around the school. I understand the frustration of parents having to drive around a number of times before they can join the line of cars. We often drive around car parks in a similar fashion looking for that one spot to park. VERY FRUSTRATING!

We have requested the regular presence of parking officers in the afternoon and also have the support of OLMC staff to ensure the high school students follow the same rules as our students. The safety in our school zones is paramount and failure to disregard the 'No Stopping' signs incurs a fine of \$300 and 2 demerit points. It also causes more congestion than is necessary by gridlocking the round-a-bouts.

This service was introduced many years ago as a convenience to parents but since its inception there have been a lot more developments in the area. We are monitoring the situation closely and keep in regular contact with both the police and parking rangers.

Some points needing attention that would assistance in providing a better service are that you:

- Make sure your car is parked fully within the marked white line near the round-a-bout (**Not in the NO STOPPING area**)
- Ensure you display your family name sign where it can be easily seen (have one in both cars if necessary)
- Cross the road at the crossing not in between the cars outside the school

For your convenience children can be picked up using the drive through pick up from 3.00 to 3.30pm.

Remember PATIENCE is a virtue!

Thanking you again for your support and co-operation.

WHITE SPORT JOGGERS

Earlier this year Miss Fabri reminded parents of the importance of wearing predominantly white joggers as part of the sports uniform.

After repeated requests there are still a small number of students with coloured sport shoes and/ coloured laces.

If your child requires new shoes at any time during the year they still need to be basically white. Our new uniform suppliers, OZ Fashion, do stock white sport shoes at reasonable prices.

Can I assure you that the uniform code will continue to be enforced by staff so as to maintain the high standard of uniform St Patricks is well known for.

Term 4, PRC Presentation: Smart Start School Readiness Wed 29 Oct 2014

St Michael's Primary School, 155 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown Sth

Smart Start School Readiness

Danielle Mantakoul is one of the most dynamic speakers in the early childhood industry.

Smart Start School aims at assisting parents and early childhood educators in making the transition to school easier for children. Topics such as bullying, composite classes, parent teacher communication, the child's typical school day, the importance of social/emotional development and much much more will be discussed. Danielle will provide you with tips and tricks on school readiness that you may never even have considered and give parents the heads up on not only of what will be expected of their child, but of them as new school parents.

Sock it to Poverty

In our first Religious Education unit this term we are focusing on our mission as baptised people, reaching out to others as Jesus did. We are also developing the understanding that all people should have the opportunity to live full and enriched lives, regardless of race, religion or gender. Children have watched clips from the Catholic Mission website which show how Catholic Mission is able to provide opportunities for individuals and communities who are not as well off as we are. Of course Catholic Mission is only able to reach out with our support, both monetary and prayer. On Friday 24 October. St Patrick's is supporting Catholic Mission with a **Sock it to Poverty** day. For the privilege of wearing socks of their choice, students are asked to donate a gold and help fight poverty around the world. <http://www.catholicmission.org.au/>



Congratulations to the Lahoud family Talia (KM) on the birth of their baby boy, Luke.



Our New Harmony Area:

This week, children in Year Two have been given the opportunity to play in our new "Harmony Area" at lunchtime. This harmony area has been introduced to cater for children who would prefer to play quiet, mostly sit-down activities during their lunchtimes. It provides an alternative to the running and ball games that are generally played on the playground.

The area will only allow for a certain amount of children each lunchtime who will be given lanyards to wear. This will identify them as being permitted in the amphitheatre area which has been "out of bounds" in the past for infants children. Lanyards can be exchanged during lunchtime and given to another child in the class.



We are currently trialing this area for infants children and following feedback and a review, adjustments will be made. Activities in this area include: UNO card games, large lego blocks, toy cars, dress ups, board games, bowling and a variety of card games, to name a few. So far, it has been enjoyed by the Year Two students and we hope it will continue to be a success and valued by our children.



Mission Talk

On the 14th October Year 5 were very lucky to get a visit from Anita who works with Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission is an organisation that helps the poor families all around the world. She taught us that Australia is among 'minority' countries and poor countries are the majority. Anita showed us a video about people all around the world. The video made us realise how lucky we are to have an education, food, water and shelter. At the end she gave us a money box where we can put money for the poor. Just 20c feeds 1 child a meal, not much money so we should try and put as much money as we can!

Jackson Wehbe 5T



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ST PATRICK'S PARENT GROUP MEETING

Date: 27th October, 2014 Time 7.00pm
Topic: Anxiety and Developing Resilience
Alison Kaylinger



**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
Very Rev Fr Ropbert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj



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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 FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Two

Thursday 16th October	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 17th October	Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion Infants Assembly Yr 2 - 2.15pm

Week Three

Thursday 23rd October	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 24th October	“Sock it to Poverty” Sock day Primary Assembly Yr 5 - 2.15pm

Week Four

Monday 27th October	Parent Group Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 30th October	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 31st October	Infants Assembly Yr 1 - 2.15pm

Week Five

Thursday 6th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 7th November	Yr 1 Sydney Aquarium Excursion Primary Assembly Yr 3 - 2.15pm

Week Six

Thursday 13th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 14th November	Infants Assembly Kinder - 2.15pm

Week Seven

Thursday 20th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 21st November	NO Assembly School Disco

Week Eight

Monday 24th November	Staff Development Day—No students
Wednesday 26th Nov	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 27th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 28th November	Primary Assembly Yr 4 - 2.15pm