



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

5th May 2016

Term 2 Issue 2



Dear Parents

This week the school has been preparing for the celebration of Mother's Day this Sunday. As usual we have had many generous volunteers organising gifts for the stall, pricing and setting up, collecting donations for the raffle and selling raffle tickets before and after school. When I commended these mothers for the gift of their time their response was, "That's ok Miss Fabri, it is for our children – all the children."

It seems that to be a mother equates to learning all about sacrifice and often putting oneself last. Not only do mums 'suffer' the joys and tribulations of giving birth, but spend most of their lives caring for other human beings, day in day out - a true lesson in resilience. I think for many mothers the state of 'tiredness' is part of the job description. If they are not thinking of the evening meal they are working through lunch to make it to the school's assembly to see their 'little' one read or perform or looking after sick members of the family. Seeing them putting on a brave face when their children hurt themselves or when their teens face challenges is a regular occurrence and I have heard many a mother say, "I would rather face the pain myself than watch my child go through it – but I know they must learn to manage."

I often think how hard it was for Mary the mother of Jesus to cope with what Christ had to face in his life. Mary is the greatest of all mothers and she shows us through her life that motherhood is a sacred and noble vocation. Just like in the prayer, the Hail Mary, Our Lady is full of Grace which means that God lived within her. We can witness this grace in many mothers when they demonstrate to their children the qualities of compassion, courage, humility, kindness, forgiveness and mercy, wisdom and unconditional love. And these qualities are not demonstrated to their children only but just like Mary who supported her cousin Elizabeth, mothers have the ability to see the needs of other mothers, their own mothers and other women with extraordinary clarity and generosity.

I have often noticed that mothers are often the torch bearers of the faith. I know from my own experience, that although my father was an extremely kind and faith filled man, it was our mother that would gather us in the evening to say the rosary, help us say our evening prayers, teach us about Jesus through her ability to draw and take us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday afternoons. Perhaps this is your experience also.

*This Sunday let us take some time to think and pray for our mothers and mothers all around the world. We especially remember mothers who are no longer with us. **God Bless them!** I would also like us to remember all the men in families who find themselves being mother and father to their children. May God Bless them for the nurturing they are providing their families.*

God Bless you and your family

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The Cycle of Motherhood.

4 Years Of Age - My Mummy can do anything;

8 Years Of Age - My Mum knows a lot! A whole lot

12 Years Of Age -My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.

14 Years Of Age -Naturally, mum doesn't know that, either

16 Years Of Age -Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned

18 Years Of Age -That old woman? She's way out of date

25 Years Of Age -Well, mum might know a little bit about it

35 Years Of Age -Before we decide, let's get Mum's opinion

55 Years Of Age -Don't worry mum, I'll come with you.



---Years Of Age -Wonder what Mum would have thought about it. Wish, I could talk it over with her.



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

Carl Ong Chua, Christiana Kalouche, Erica Jurisic

School Photos –16th May 2016

School Photographs will be taken on Monday 16th May 2016. Please ensure that your child is neatly dressed in **full Winter School Uniform**.

We encourage you to pay online for both individual photos and sibling photos. This can be done in the convenience of your home. An email receipt will be mailed to you as confirmation and you can pay for all children or sibling photos in 1 easy payment. **The online code for our school St Patricks Primary, Parramatta is MKW J3F KMB. This needs to be completed at least 48hrs prior to photo day.**



Every child has received a separate school photograph envelope, which if paying by cash or cheque must be returned to school with the correct payment (no change is able to be given) by **Wednesday 11th May 2016**. Please ensure that you read the instructions on the envelope carefully and complete the envelope in full.

Winter Uniform Changeover

Winter Uniform is to be worn from next Monday 9th May.

Please ensure your child is dressed in their winter uniform from Week 3. All uniform can be purchased from Oz Fashions 115-127 Parramatta Rd, Clyde.

Girls' Winter Uniform

Tartan Pinafore
White Long Sleeve Blouse (Peter Pan collar)
Tartan School Tie
Green above ankle Socks or Tights
Black Shoes
Green School Jumper
Green Jacket with Emblem

Boy's Winter Uniform

Grey Long Trousers
Grey Long Sleeve Shirt
Green Tie
Grey above ankle Socks
Black Shoes
Grey School Jumper
Green Jacket with Emblem
Green School Hat

Lost Property

With the weather being inconsistent at the moment children tend to discard jumpers, jackets and hats. Please label ALL clothing with your child's name and class. This will enable us to return lost property to your child. Can we also ask that you check your children's hats and jumpers that belong to them and return to school if they are not your child's. As you can appreciate uniforms are costly and we have had parents contacting us regarding this problem.

NAPLAN - National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy



Dear Parents,

Next week our year three and year five students will join children of the same age all over Australia, in participating in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). In high schools students in year 7 and 9 undertake this test also.

For your information regarding the process, the test booklets and materials arrive at least ten days before the testing date so that schools can check that there are enough booklets and other testing material for every student in the relevant grades. These packages are in tamper proof wrapping and are counted and checked by two members of staff through this wrapping. The test material cannot be viewed by anyone at this time and as soon as the counting is completed the boxes are resealed, signed and not opened again until the morning of the first test, when they given to the grade three and five teachers. This procedure is followed for each subsequent test.

At St Patrick's Parramatta all students in grades three and five sit the tests, as we include students with a variety of learning difficulties such as mild intellectual disabilities, specific learning difficulties, Attention Deficit Disorder and Anxiety Disorders. This is a decision which varies from school to school and in some instances the parent may decide to request their child not to sit the test. In line with government guidelines the school does provide a special area for children who may have difficulty completing the tests in the classroom environment for a variety of reasons and this year the library will be used for this purpose. Mrs Williams, Mrs Barclay and Mrs O'Dwyer will supervise the children undertaking the testing in this area.

All completed test booklets are returned to the principal's office and stored securely until they are collected and posted to the marking centre at the completion of all tests.

The classroom teachers and learning support teachers remove any wall charts or material that could be copied during the test and seat the children so that they are unable to copy from each other. During the testing period the principal or the assistant principal is asked to make random visits to the testing areas to ensure that all correct protocols are being observed.

Teachers also make a point of carefully observing the children throughout the test, noting those who finish very quickly or those who do not finish in the required time frame, as all this can provide valuable feedback after all tests are submitted, not only to individual students but parents as well.

It is important to remember that children will be sitting a number of formal assessments throughout their school lives and that many of the skills they possess are not always assessed in these types of tests. Children who have artistic or sporting ability, problem solvers and those possessing interpersonal skills, those able to synthesize information and creative thinkers for example are not able to demonstrate their talent in Literacy and Numeracy assessments. We encourage our students to do their very best on the day of the tests while being aware that results can vary and a student who may in fact be quite a good writer, for example, may not produce their best piece of writing on that particular day. The data that all schools receive from these assessments combined with school based assessments help teachers plan programs to meet the variety of learning needs of our students.

If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Regards

Bernadette Fabri

TUCKSHOP2U – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES NOW AVAILABLE

Website available 5pm Friday 6th May – service commencing Monday 9th May, 2016

I am very pleased to announce that the school now has a student catering service. This OPTIONAL facility will assist families to provide their children with daily lunch, drinks and snacks when needed. All lunches can be ordered and paid for online and I am sure you will notice that the variety available will appeal to even the most fussiest eaters. As this is the first time we are using this service I know that the company will be very keen to get feedback on what is being provided. In the selection process some of the features provided by Tuckshop2U which were particularly appealing include:

- Online availability for ordering (cash free)
- Delivery to the school with minimal fuss & convenient staff handling
- Monday to Friday
- Nutritious meals for children prepared by paediatric nutritionist
- Nutfree
- School Incentives
- Orders can be made up to 4 weeks in advanced
- Wide variety

NB Fundraising and community building food events such as BBQ's and special treat days will still be taking place.

Can I ask that parents DO NOT order Za'atar Pizza and Hummus & carrot & Cucumber Snack.

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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.



Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea

There will be a Mother's Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral tomorrow Friday 6th May commencing at 9.15am. Following Mass there will be a Morning Tea in the school hall organised by our Year 2 families. All families welcome !!



Mother's Day Raffle

Children will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for 50 cents each or 3 for a \$1.00 in our Mother's Day Raffle. The raffle tickets will be sold before school in the playground tomorrow and will be drawn after the Mother's Day Morning Tea tomorrow.

Mother's Day Concert

A variety music concert dedicated to mothers

Date: Sunday 8th May 2016

Time: 3pm Concert followed by Afternoon Tea at 4pm at no extra cost

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

Cost: \$20 per Adult
\$5 per Child (12 years and under)
Free entry for children under 5

To order tickets please contact
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish
Phone: 02 8839 8400
Email: mili@stpatseathedral.com.au

*All proceeds go toward the support of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish

2016 Year 6 Farewell Dinner Tickets

One of the Year 6 Mum's, Paula Michael will be available at Villiers Street Café every Friday between 2-3 to purchase tickets for the Farewell Dinner alternatively you can contact Paula to make other arrangements on 0417 901 919. The details are as follows:-

Date: Friday 18th November 2016

Time: 6.00pm (for 6.30pm start)

Venue: Renaissance Function Centre, 3 New St East, Lidcombe

Cost: \$50 per adult and children under 12 - \$20

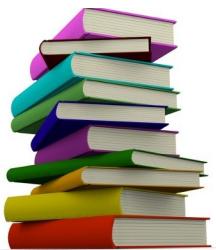
Sports Report

On Tuesday, 3rd of May St Patrick's Parramatta had 29 students enter the 2016 Diocesan Cross Country that was held at Eastern Creek Raceway.

Our superstars represented our school to the best of their ability and we wanted to congratulate them on their behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day.

This term we have the stage 2 and 3 soccer gala days. We would like to wish them well for our first year attending this event. Watch this space to see how the stage 3 girls go in week 4.

Thank you
PDHPE Leaders



Bookclub Issue 3 2016—Closing Date

13/05/2016

Please follow below instructions to order online

- 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 1, 2016"
- 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.

Should you have any problems ordering online please call Mrs Jones in the office on 9630 1421.



Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am Tuesday 17th May 2016

Enrolments for Year 7 2018

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

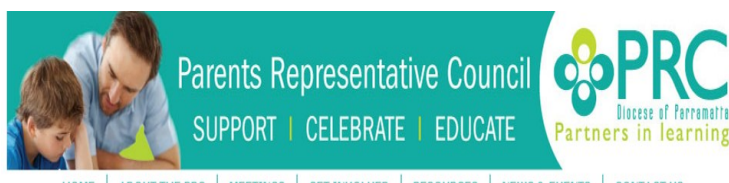
Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

Sports Days for Term 2

Sports uniforms will be worn on the following days for Term 2:-

Wednesday	Year 6, Year 5 and 1C
Thursday	Year 4, KM, 1S, 2M
Friday	Year 3, KA, 2Y



Term 2, 2016 General Meeting - Mon 30 May 2016: Topic ASPECT School & Satellite Classes

1/3/2016 07:00 PM until 30/5/2016



Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian St, Blacktown

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

2016 School Terms

Term 2	26th April to 1st July
Term 3	18th July to 23rd September
Term 4	10th October to 16th December

**** Please note Staff Development days may affect commencement & concluding dates. Please refer to our weekly newsletter in 2016.**

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Monday May 9, 2016.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place. Contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.



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.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to keep kids' thirst at bay.



A day at school is thirsty work!

So be sure to pack a drink in the lunch box.

Water, or milk, is the best drink for kids, not fruit juice.

Top tip: Freeze a drink bottle of water, or a milk popper, to help keep the lunch box cold and food fresh.

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.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to cook a delicious curry.

Lamb & Veggie Curry

Serves: 4

Top tip: Reduce the amount of meat and increase the vegetables – you'll save money and make the meal healthier. Applies to stir fries, curries, pizzas and mince dishes too.



Ingredients: 1 tsp olive oil; 2 tbsp curry paste; 1 medium brown onion, chopped; 2 cloves garlic, chopped; 300g diced lamb; 3 large carrot, cut into chunks; 250g button mushrooms; 400g tinned tomatoes, diced; 100g red lentils; 500ml reduced salt chicken stock; ½ cup fresh coriander.

Method: Heat oil in heavy-based pot and cook onion, garlic and curry paste until fragrant. Add lamb and brown over a high heat. Add tomatoes, stock, carrots, mushrooms and lentils and reduce the heat to simmer. Cook for about 1 hour with the lid on, stirring regularly until lamb is tender. Mix through coriander reserving a small amount for garnish. Serve with brown rice.

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Important Dates

Term 2

Week 2

Friday 6th May Mother's Day Mass — St Patrick's Cathedral 9.15am
followed by Morning Tea.
Raffle will be drawn after morning tea.

Week 3

Monday 9th May Winter uniform changeover day
Tuesday 10th May NAPLAN—Language/Writing
Wednesday 11th May NAPLAN—Reading
Thursday 12th May NAPLAN— Numeracy
Friday 13th May NAPLAN—Catch up day
Infants Assembly—Year 1- 2.15pm

Week 4

Monday 16th May School photos—Winter Uniform
Tuesday 17th May ICAS—Computers commences at 7.40am
Thursday 19th May Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday 20th May Captivate Rehearsal Infants
Primary Assembly—Year 5 - 2.15pm

Week 5

Tuesday 24th May Year 4 Incursion—Fizzic's Education
Friday 27th May Year 5 Excursion—Bathurst
Captivate Rehearsal Primary
Infants Assembly—Kindergarten - 2.15pm

Week 6

Tuesday 31st May ICAS—Science commences at 7.40am
Thursday 2nd June Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Friday 3rd June Primary Assembly—Year 3 - 2.15pm



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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

Mon to Fri 6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Hol 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 Deacon Willy Limjap
Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)