Reflection

The measure of a person
is not determined by the show of outward strength
or the volume of the voice,
or the thunder of the action.

It is to be seen, rather in terms of the strength of commitment,
the genuineness of friendship,
the sincerity of purpose,
the quiet courage of convictions,
the capacity to suffer.

Lord, you have entered
and do ever enter into our life,
increase in us the grace to laugh generously with others
and at ourselves.
Give to us your good gifts of gaiety,
kindness and good humour.

We ask this in the name of the Lord of Joy,
Christ Jesus our Lord.
Dear Parents
Welcome back to Term Four, as you can see from our Term Calendar, this will be an exceptionally busy term.

We look forward to all the new learning experiences that have been planned for the next ten weeks. We will hold a Family Disco at the end of Week 7. This will give the children an opportunity to socialise and practise their new dance routines.

We are hoping to welcome many parents to our Parent Forums. The first will be on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.00 p.m. to explain Focus 160 Literacy and Numeracy, NAPLAN analysis, what the EMU numeracy program involves.

Our new timetable has been put in place this week, with further details included in this newsletter.

I trust the holiday break was restful and enjoyable for all families and I trust that the last term of the year will be pleasant and enrich knowledge and wisdom.

Mrs Gloria Bryant - Principal

The HONOUR RIBBON value for next week will be demonstrating Understanding

NAPLAN RESULTS
A letter with NAPLAN results will be sent home to parents of children in Years 3 and 5 next Monday.

TERM FOUR LIBRARY TIMETABLE
Monday: KA, KM, 1C, 3L, 6P
Tuesday: 1S, 2M, 3T, 6W
Wednesday: 2Y, 4B, 4G, 5C, 5T

TERM FOUR PE TIMETABLE
Wednesday: KA, KM, 1C, 1S, 2M, 2Y, 6P, 6W
Friday: 3L, 3T, 4B, 4G, 5C, 5T

Children are to wear sports uniform for PE lessons.

VALIDATION FORMS
The Catholic Education Office has sent Validation Forms directly to all families. Please make any changes in red. All forms to be returned by next Monday with or without changes.

COMING EVENTS
Friday 18th October
Year Two Excursion to the Powerhouse
Friday 1st November
Year Six GALA DAY
Friday 22nd November
Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Meeting
Family Disco 6.00 - 8.00 p.m.

ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
Sacramental Program
Please note the Sacramental Process is a journey which provides an opportunity for children who have had their 7th birthday and who are in their third year of schooling (Year Two) to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion. Children who are still in their second year of school are generally not ready for this important step.
FAMILY DISCO - CHANGE OF DATE
The date of the Family Disco has been changed to Friday 22nd November.

UNIFORM
All students should be wearing summer uniform and especially hats.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS
- Teachers have asked that parents wait in the playground before and after school. Please do not go to the classroom areas.
- Parents are reminded to call the office during the school day to make an appointment with the teacher.
- Please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible if you have any concerns about her or his welfare, learning or behaviour.
- Parents are reminded to approach teachers if there is a concern.
  DO NOT approach another child at any time for any reason.
- Children arriving at school after 8.50am must come to the office to be signed in by a parent NOT older brothers or sisters.
- All absences must have a note explaining the absence signed by a parent on the child’s return to school.
- LABEL all school clothing. Please check on a regular basis that your child has his/her own clothing.
- MORNING & AFTERNOON SUPERVISION is only provided from 8.20am. If children arrive before this time they are to SIT quietly in the Amphitheatre until 8.20am.
- Classes finish at 3.00pm each day when children are dismissed. Supervision is only provided until 3.30pm. Children should be collected before this time. If there is an emergency and you are unable to collect your child by 3.30pm please contact the office.
- EXCURSIONS
  Money sent to school for an excursion, must be accompanied by a signed permission slip. Please check that you have enclosed both items in the envelope before sealing and sending to school. Clearly label the envelope with your child’s name, name of excursion, class and amount enclosed.

CAR PICK UP
There is No Parking in Villiers Street outside the school between 2.30 and 4.00pm. This means you must remain in your car to collect your children.

We ask for your co-operation:
- in clearly displaying your child’s name;
- children are to join cars only from the north side of our Villiers Street gate as directed by teachers, do not call your child to the Ross Street side of the gate;
- join the queue by driving down Trott Street and into Ross Street -please do not join the queue from Villiers Street by driving around the roundabout;
- if you are unable to join the car pick up queue without blocking the roundabout (and risking a traffic fine), please drive around the block DO NOT queue jump as this could cause a nasty accident involving possible injury to yourself, your children, other parents and children;
- avoid parking on the opposite side of Villiers Street and under no circumstances call children across the road particularly when traffic is heavy at 3.00pm, if you must park across the street, come and collect your children and cross the street at the pedestrian safety area close to Grose Street;
- do not park across or obstruct access to any driveway, this attracts a heavy fine;
- stagger the pick up time (eg 3.15pm);
- if you are collecting girls from OLMC you cannot wait in Villiers Street (high risk of fine for standing) - you will need to go around the block until the girls are present. No children including OLMC girls are to be collected from the Ross Street side of our Villiers Street gate, please instruct your girls to wait on the north side of our gate;
- by stopping before the Villiers Street gate, congestion is caused at the roundabout and other parents are inconvenienced, the queue moves more efficiently only if children are collected on the north side of the gate.

ENEWSLETTER AVAILABLE
Read our newsletter online at: http://www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au
If you require a hard copy please let us know.
Thank you to all the families who are reading the Newsletter online. You may also subscribe to our online newsletter by signing up. See home page right hand side of screen for more information.
Our Newsletter is in a new area - click on News & Events - Latest News and scroll down the page.
Compulsory School Attendance - Information for Parents is available on this site.
COMING EVENTS 2013
TERM FOUR - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One
Friday 11th
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 6

Week Two
Thursday 17th
Friday 18th
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Year 2 Excursion to Powerhouse
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

Week Three
Tuesday 22nd
Thursday 24th
Friday 25th
Parent Forum 7.00 p.m.
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 4

Week Four
Thursday 31st October
Friday 1st November
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
(All Saints Day) Year 6 GALA DAY
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 3

Week Five
Thursday 7th
Friday 8th
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 2

Week Six
Thursday 14th
Friday 15th
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 1

Week Seven
Thursday 21st
Friday 22nd
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Mtg
No Assembly
Footsteps - Family Disco 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Week Eight
Thursday 28th
Friday 29th
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Kindergarten

Week Nine
Thursday 5th December
Friday 6th
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 9.30 a.m.

Week Ten
Wednesday 11th
Thursday 12th
Friday 13th
Year 6 Graduation, Reports to Parents
Footsteps - Dance K to 6
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 5

Week Eleven
Monday 16th
Wednesday 18th
Primary Swmg Carnival & Infants Picnic
Year 6 Fun Day - Last day 2013

Learning is a treasure
that will follow its owner
everywhere
Mrs Gloria Bryant and Staff

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA


**MASSES**
- Saturday Vigil: 6.00 p.m.
- Sunday: 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
- Children’s Liturgy: 9.30 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASS**
- Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 12.30 p.m.
- Public Holidays: 8.00am

**RECONCILIATION**
- Monday to Friday: 11.45am to 12.30pm
- Public Holidays: 8.00am
Catholic Education Office

2013 Buunjii National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference
A reminder that the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Conference is being held at the Sydney Convention Centre from 5 – 7 November 2013. The theme for the conference is ‘to share in a sustainable future’.

The attached flyer details the many exciting and engaging speakers who will present. Consequently, the conference will be both thought provoking and interesting.

Please visit the conference website to find out more or to register:  www.buunjii.com.au

Harmony Walk Sunday 27th October 2013
People from across Sydney are encouraged to show their support for a fair and compassionate Australia at the second annual Harmony Walk.

Departing from St Mary’s Cathedral Square in Sydney’s CBD at 2:00pm on Sunday 27th October, the Harmony Walk serves to bring together Australians from diverse national, ethnic and religious backgrounds to help build an inclusive society, and to acknowledge and celebrate the enduring principles of fairness, harmony and respect.

The 1km walk is free and is suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

For more information and to register, go to  www.harmonywalk.org.au

Please direct enquiries to Mr Peter Grace, State Co-ordinator – Student Wellbeing on 02 9287 1583 or peter.grace@cecnsw.catholic.edu.au

ADVERTISEMENTS