Entering the Silence

Silence surrounds us like an atmosphere, but we do have time for it. In the silence of our hearts and minds, the kitchen sink, the office, while shopping or stuck in traffic, we can take a few moments to tune in to the Inner Silence.

Flowers grow in silence. The stars shine in silence. Neither the sun nor the moon make a sound, while clouds pass silently above. In silence, ideas are planted in the minds of men and women. We are inspired.

Entering the silence makes us more receptive to the gifts of healing, instruction and the blessing of inner peace. We are able to meet our responsibilities with less anxiety. It is from the Silence that all things have come and in which they grow – and so should we.

Adapted from Clare Cameron, Faith for Daily Living No 281.
### TERM THREE - WEEK TWO

#### Honour Awards: Displays Confidence

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#### Value for Week 3: High Expectations

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### CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students elected as Term Three Class Representatives

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### SUMMER UNIFORM ORDERS

We are now taking orders for summer uniforms. Orders will be taken from Thursday 25th July until 8th August between the times of 8.30am - 3.00pm. Please assist the office staff by only coming between these hours. Payment is due at the time of ordering.

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### SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

to the Buxton family (Lauren 3T) on the recent death of their Great Grandmother.

### Youth Group

Unfortunately due to diocesan commitments Father Andrew has had to cancel Youth Group on the following dates.
- Thursday 29th August
- Thursday 12th September

Please ensure you arrange alternative pickup for your children on these days.

### The NED Show

This program promotes positive attitudes and teaches students how to develop three valuable characteristics: never give up, encourage others, do your best.

**When:** tomorrow Friday 26th July  
**Time:** 9.30 a.m.  
**Cost:** NIL

### CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students who achieved a Distinction in the ICAS Computer Competition:

- An Le (3T)
- Mikayla Shalala (3L)
- Clarissa Guino (4G)
- Josie Wehbe (5C)

and to the following students who achieved a Credit:

- Nicholas Barakat (3T)
- Diederik Lubbers (3T)
- Rhys Walker (3L)
- Clark Gustlo (4B)
- Adriana Saab (4B)
- Cassandra Holdaway (5C)
- George Khoury (5C)
- Patrick Newman (6W)

Well done, a great effort!

### ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Carnival will be held on Wednesday 7th August at Blacktown. This year our school is responsible for convening the carnival. To help us make the carnival a success we would be very grateful for parent help. Please respond to Mr Baird if you can help.
BOOKCLUB ISSUE 5-2013
Due Wednesday 31st July 2013
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED
If paying by cheque please make the CHEQUE out to Scholastic Australia.
Remember to fill out Order Forms correctly and place in a sealed envelope clearly marked with NAME - CLASS - BOOKCLUB
CORRECT MONEY (no change given)

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN 2014
Please see the attached memo from the National Catholic Education Commission.

2013 SCHOOL FEES
Term 3 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education office. The due date for payment is Friday 16th August, 2013.
If you are experiencing difficulty in making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

COMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS
6th August - Mufti Day - White
7th August - Zone Athletics Carnival
9th August - Kindergarten Calmsley Hill Farm
Please note change of date.
15th August - Feast of the Assumption BVM Mass 9.30 a.m.
16th August - Year 3 Sydney Maritime Museum
Year 4 Elizabeth Farm and Government House
19th August - Year 6 - Voice of Youth
From 19th - Year 6 Religious Literacy Test
20th August - Tidalik the Frog (Infants classes)
21st & 22nd August - TriSkills begin for 5 weeks
23rd August - Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Year 5 excursion to Bathurst
From 26th - Year 4 Religious Literacy Test
28th August - Year 5 Parent/Child Program
29th August - Monty Prior (Primary classes)
30th August - Fathers Day Mass 9.30 Stall 11.30

HALL CROSS
It is anticipated that the new Cross for the school hall will be installed shortly.

MEGA RAFFLE 2013
We have purchased 12 MacBook laptops for the Library, which will benefit all children. We hope to have them available for use in the next week. Thank you to the families who supported the raffle. The funds raised will contribute to the cost of the laptops.

LETTERS sent home this week
K - 6 Summer Uniform Order
K - 6 The Ned Show
Excursions:
Yr 4 Parramatta Riverside Walk

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.

A CELTIC BLESSING
May the gentleness of water soften the tensions within us
May the wisdom of earth open us to mystery
May the simplicity of air capture our hearts
May the flame of God’s love give us hope, courage and strength
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**

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**MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA**


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**COMING EVENTS 2013
TERM THREE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**TERM THREE**

**Week Two**
Friday 26th July
Assembly 9.00 a.m.  Prayer Year Two
9.30 NED Performance

**Week Three**
Wednesday 31st July
Assembly 9.00 a.m.  Year One
Friday 2nd August
Kinder Excursion

**Week Four**
Wednesday 7th August
Assembly 9.00 a.m.  Year Six
Friday 9th August
Kinder Excursion

**Week Five**
Tuesday 13th August
Assembly 9.00 a.m.  Year Three Excursion
Thursday 15th August
Year Four Excursion
Friday 16th August

**Week Six**
Wednesday 21st August
TriSkills Gymnastics program begins
Thursday 22nd August
TriSkills
Friday 23rd August
Diocesan Athletics Carnival

**Week Seven**
Wednesday 28th August
TriSkills
Thursday 29th August
TriSkills - Monty Prior Primary
Friday 30th August
Fathers’ Day Mass and Stall

**Week Eight**
Wednesday 4th September
TriSkills
Thursday 5th September
TriSkills
Friday 6th September
Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
Assembly 9.00 a.m.  Year 4

**Week Nine**
Wednesday 11th September
TriSkills
Thursday 12th September
TriSkills
Friday 13th September
Assembly 9.00 a.m.  Year 3

**Week Ten**
Wednesday 18th September
TriSkills
Thursday 19th September
TriSkills
Friday 20th September
Assembly t.b.a.
Faith in Marriage Conference

A Conference about Marriage for couples. The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society.

Sunday, 15th September, 2013 – 8.45am – 5.00pm.
Cost $25 single, $50 couple, includes light lunch.
Where: Our Lady of Mercy College Hall, Ross Street, Parramatta (free parking surrounding Streets only)
Guest Speakers: Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP; Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University; Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College and Robyn Moore.

See flyer in foyer for more details.
Book early to avoid disappointment: By email marriage@ccss.org.au or telephone 9933 0222.