Good to be Alive!

God, our Father in Christ it is good to be alive.
to share life with each other in your wonderful creation:
We are most grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

You have given us the opportunity to see the spring flowers,
to watch trees in the wind, to inhale the fragrance of the season,
and to feel the warmth of air:
We are most grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

God, it is good to rest in the evening, and rise in the morning,
to walk upon this good earth, to hear your whisper in many places,
and to sing your praise with many friends:
We are most grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

Lord, like a generous friend, you share the whole world with us,
and you fill our cup to overflowing with the wine of gladness:
We are most grateful, and we thank you, Lord.

We want to sing, dance and pray,
in gratitude for everything good in your creation!
Especially we want to embrace and express your Spirit;
the Spirit that filled our Lord Jesus to overflowing,
the Spirit of mercy, forgiveness, courage, and new life;
the Spirit of love, and laughter, and peace:
We are most grateful and we thank you, Lord.

For your presence with us, around us, beneath us,
within us, behind us, and in front of us:
we, your children, are most grateful,
and we thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
TERM THREE - WEEK THREE

Honour Awards: High Expectations

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Value Week 4 : Trustworthiness

ICAS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

Congratulations to the following three students who were awarded a distinction in the ICAS Science assessment. Well done.

Patrick Newman
Chris El Hachem
Diederik Lubbers

Well done to the 10 students who received credits:

SUMMER UNIFORM ORDERS

We are now taking orders for summer uniforms. Orders will be taken from Thursday 25th July until Thursday 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.

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.

Sympathy & Prayers

To the Sarkis family (Frederick 5C, Jonathon 4G and Christian KM) on the death of their Grandfather.

To the Younes family (Andrew 6P) on the death of their Great Grandmother.

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.

BEST WISHES to the following children who will be competing next week:

Evana Abade
Joya Barakat
Tam Do
Danielle Faddoul
Oscar Gray
Alanah Haddad
Antonia Khalil
James Maroun
Jordan Moubarak
Reuben Pais
Caitlin Polintan
Nathan Rizk
Kayla Teklic
Alexandra Younes

THE NED SHOW

Last Friday the students were highly entertained by Leah, YoYo performer extraordinaire, who used story and YoYos to reinforce the NED messages:

Respect
Positive Attitude
Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best

We have had a tremendous response to the sale of YoYos and hope the children get a lot of pleasure playing safely with them. We also hope that the YoYos will remind them to always be respectful, never give up, encourage others and do their best.

Tomorrow, Friday 2nd August, will be the last opportunity to purchase a Yoyo.

My apologies for any inconvenience caused by the time change on Friday.
HALL CROSS
The new Cross for the school hall was installed last Friday afternoon. It is a big improvement on the temporary cross.

MUFTI/GOLD COIN DAY
Tuesday 6th August
Wear white – bring a gold coin to support the St Vincent De Paul winter appeal.

'GOD WITH US' Prayer Books
Next week a copy of God is with us, a prayer book for families, will be sent home for use in the family home. Along with traditional and daily prayers, there are prayers for special occasions. Special reference is made to the devotion of The Angelus, which is prayer daily in every Catholic school in the diocese.

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 Mr Nutter.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a continually growing assortment of tracksuit jackets, hats, school jackets and other items left by children around the school. Unfortunately these items do not have names anywhere so we are unable to return them to the owners.

Please label all your child’s school clothing and remind them to look after their possessions.

If your child brings home an item of clothing belonging to another child, please return it the next day. Several items with children’s names have gone missing and have not been returned.

LETTERS sent home this week
K-6 Appointment of New Principal for 2014
K-6 White mufti/Gold coin day for St Vincent De Paul

Book Week Activities
K-3 Tiddalik the Frog Performance
4-6 Boori (Monty) Pryor Author visit

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 – Tiddalik 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 Pryor (Primary classes)
30th August - Fathers Day Mass 9.30
   Stall 11.30

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.

Thoughts
The greatest handicap: Fear
The best day: Today
Easiest thing to do: Find a fault
Most useless asset: Pride
The greatest mistake: Giving up
Greatest stumbling block: Egotism
The greatest comfort: Work well done
Most disagreeable person: The complainer
Worst bankruptcy: Loss of enthusiasm
Greatest need: Common sense
Meanest feeling: Regret at another’s success
Best gift: Forgiveness
The greatest moment: Death
Greatest knowledge: God
The greatest thing in the world: Love
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.

WEekDy MASS
Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30 p.m.
Saturday 8.00am
Public Holidays 8.00am

RECONCILIATION
Monday to Friday 11.45am to 12.30pm
Saturday 8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm

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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

COMING EVENTS 2013
TERM THREE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM THREE

Week Three
Friday 2nd August
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Kindergarten

Week Four
Wednesday 7th August
Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 9th August
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year One
Kinder Excursion

Week Five
Tuesday 13th August
ICAS Maths Competition
Thursday 15th August
Feast of the Assumption of BVM Mass
Friday 16th August
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year Six
Year Three Excursion
Year Four Excursion

Week Six
Tuesday 20th August
“Tiddalik the Frog” K, 1, 2, 3
Wednesday 21st August
TriSkills Gymnastics program begins
Thursday 22nd August
TriSkills
Friday 23rd August
Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
Assembly 9.00 a.m. Year 4

Week Seven
Wednesday 28th August
TriSkills
Thursday 29th August
TriSkills - Monty Pryor Author Yr 4-6
Friday 30th August
Fathers’ Day Mass and Stall
Year 6 Canberra Excursion

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

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
Last day of Term

Trust in God
Mrs Gloria Bryant
and Staff

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Sisters of Mercy Parramatta
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INVITATION TO HIGH TEA

You are invited to join the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta
to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of their foundation.

Date: Saturday 12th October 2013
Time: 2.30pm
Cost: $20.00 per person
Venue: Catherine McAuley rooms
Mercy Congregation Centre
6 Victoria Road, Parramatta

Bookings essential, email preferred method.
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Email: annejf@parrasom.org.au
RSVP: 14th September 2013

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Inside Catholic Outlook's August issue
* News and photos of our pilgrims at World Youth Day in Rio
* National Vocations Awareness Week annual feature

Our Lady of the Angels Family Fiesta: 4 August
You're invited to join in the celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Angels with Mass at 11am. Lots of exciting rides and entertainment will start at 1pm and the Fiesta will finish with a huge fireworks display at 7pm. A great time for all with great prizes on the chocolate wheel, white elephant stall, lots of international food stalls, a bucking bronco and lots more. Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 1 Wellgate Avenue, Rouse Hill. Entry is Free.

Hunter Valley Winery Day Tour: 14 September
Bookings close on 26 August for this coach-driven tour of Hunter Valley wineries to raise funds for Project Ten: 2003-2013, a program of major works in St Patrick’s Cathedral precinct. Itinerary includes visits to some of the family-owned wineries operating in the region. Departures will be from Penrith and Seven Hills at 6.45am, returning at 7pm. It is great value at $65 for adults and $55 concession. Booking tour seat with Helen Howard tel (02) 8838 3403, hhoward@parra.catholic.org.au

Faith in Marriage: 15 September
Register by 15 August for this conference about marriage for couples hosted by CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta in conjunction with Australian Catholic University. Incorporating the annual Celebrating the Journey Mass in St Patrick’s Cathedral with Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. The gifts and graces of marriage give us great hope and strength for ourselves and our society. Guest speakers share their insights, observations and experiences for building and enriching marriages. Time: 8.45am-5pm. Venue: Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross St, Parramatta. Cost: $50 per couple or $25 for individuals (includes hot finger food lunch, morning and afternoon tea). Registrations: tel (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au

St Philomena Association Holy Mass: 10 August
Mass at noon with confessions from 11.30am. St John Vianney’s Catholic Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. Nearest railway station is Doonside, next on after Blacktown. RSVP: first week of August (please bring a snack to share) to Elizabeth tel 0423 15 44 63 or epeoples9@gmail.com

Mass in Igbo language: 11 August
Mass celebrated in Nigerian by Rev Fr Henry Ibe at 11.30am at St Oliver Plunkett’s Church, 35 Wigram St, Harris Park. Details: Austin Okerekeor 0421 928 116, Evaton On-ton 0469 627 218 or Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472, stellanwosu@msn.com

Walk to honour The Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary: 15 August
Starts 1pm at Holy Innocents Chapel, Garden of the Immaculate, Kellyville Franciscan Friary, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. We will walk along Windsor Road to St Patrick’s Cathedral in Parramatta (approx. 14km). There will be refreshment stops along the way. Everyone is welcome to bring Marian banners and join us at any point of the pilgrim walk. Please contact Angela at the Kellyville parish office tel (02) 9629 2595 at least one week in advance in courtesy.

Wisdom at the Gate: 16-17 August
A colloquium facilitated by the Council for Australian Catholic Women and supported by the National Office for the Participation of Women. It aims to gather, connect and re-energise those who are responding to the issues of women’s participation in our Church within their local context. It is open to all women of faith who are interested in dreaming together and sharing wisdom, and is particularly aimed at those working in a Church context, whether in voluntary or paid capacities. Watch the video at: www.wisdomatthegate.org.au Venue: Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. Prices start at $109 (GST incl).

Christian Meditation: 18 August
You are invited to a Christian Meditation Renewal & Introduction Day at St Benedict’s Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. For accommodation at ‘The Cottage’ guest house contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 18 August
Spying for the Holy Office: a Sydney story. Speaker: Emeritus Prof Fr Edmund Campion, latterly Catholic Institute of Sydney. Time: 2.30pm – all welcome. Crypt Hall of St Patrick’s at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au
The Loss of Your Partner or Spouse: Helping You Deal with Grief and Loss

Seasons for Growth Program

Dates: Tuesdays, Aug 13 - Sept 10th, 2013

Time: 10am - 12pm

Venue: CSS Center, 2A Willers St, Paramus

Fee: $500

RSVP: 

Managing Family Finances Seminar

Date: Wednesday, 14th August, 2013

Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Venue: Community Center

Fee: 

RSVP: 

The Seminar will cover:

- Managing your money for you
- Financialing your needs
- Paying off your old debts
- Teaching you to spend

The Four Seasons program provides a language around grief and support for those individuals and groups who have experienced loss.

An opportunity to reflect, understand and manage change loss.
PRIMARY FOCUS EVENING: Restorative Practices: Building and maintaining healthy relationships in and around your home

(THIS IS A PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP)

As a parent, have you ever asked yourself:

• I don’t know what to do when things go wrong at home?
• I feel like my relationship with my child isn’t what it used to be?
  • Why is everyone always yelling?
• Why won’t my child learn from their mistakes?

Come along and listen to some strategies to help you build a more long lasting and healthy relationship

Cluster presentation venues:

• MONDAY 26 AUGUST 2013 – Cerdon College
  Sherwood Rd, Merrylands West NSW 2160
• TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2013 – Patrician Brothers’ College
  100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148
• TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2013 - St Mark’s Catholic College
  160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768
• THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2013 - St Dominic’s College
  Gascoigne St, Kingswood NSW 2747

Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL – email your name, school, contact number and venue choice to prcparraevents@hotmail.com

This is a FREE workshop open to all our parents, teachers and staff in the Parramatta Diocese