Holy God, source of all goodness
you show us in Mary MacKillop
a woman of faith who lived by
the power of the cross.

Teach us to embrace the work she pioneered,
new ways of living the gospel
that respect and defend the
human dignity of all in our land.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever.

Amen

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842 and died in Sydney on 8th August 1909. She took the religious name of Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. She is remembered for her eagerness to discover God’s will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God’s providence.
TERM THREE - WEEK FOUR

Honour Awards: Trustworthiness

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Value Week 5: Independence

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.
A reminder that Youth Group finishes at 4.30pm and all children should be collected by this time.

MUFTI/GOLD COIN DAY

On Tuesday we had our white mufti day. Children were very excited to be wearing something other than school uniforms. Year 6 had the opportunity to wear their mufti today. The school raised a total of $884.00 which will go towards the St St Vincent De Paul winter appeal.
Thank you all for your support!

CUMBERLAND ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students, parents and officials involved in the running of the Cumberland Zone Carnival. The day would not have been a success without your assistance and I know that all children involved had a great sporting experience. We particularly acknowledge the assistance of Mrs Anna Altamore and Mrs Julie Abade on a day where parent helpers were few, their support became all the more important.

Thanks to the students from Parramatta Marist, Westmead who assisted in various ways throughout the day... Their behaviour was commendable. Our school’s tradition of excellent behaviour was again a feature of the day. Our competitors were exceptionally well behaved. Our student support staff: Brandon Tannous, Veronica Marquez, Monica Le, Brianna Bautista, Lisa Khouri, Isabella Boutros and Jacinta Maroon were raved about by every school they had contact with. Congratulations!

We have eight students who will be representing our school at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 23rd August:

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It is also important to note that Antonia Khalil achieved the distinction of being the 11 year Girls runner up for Age Champion.

Mark Baird
Sports Co-ordinator

THE NED SHOW

Thank you to all the parents and students who purchased the NED yoyos. The children appear to be playing with them safely and following the school guidelines as to where they may be used.

We hope that the yoyos will continue to remind the children to always be respectful, never give up, encourage others and do their best.

Respect
Positive Attitude
Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best
**'GOD WITH US' Prayer Books**

This week parents will receive 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 prayed daily in every Catholic school in the diocese. Please keep your copy in a safe place and use it regularly as a family.

**SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE AT SCHOOL?**

Over the last two weeks there has been a lot of illness in the school among staff and students. Unfortunately some students are coming to school when they are clearly unwell. We appreciate that it can be difficult for working parents to take time off to look after sick children. However, every day we have a constant stream of students sent to the sick bay who need to go home.

If your child is unwell in the morning, we ask you to please try and arrange care for them, as one sick child can infect many others. This includes staff. It is becoming increasingly difficult to replace sick staff members and also means that there may be times when classes will need to be split across the school.

**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.

**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**

- 6 Voice of Youth
- 4 & 6 Religious Literacy Assessment

**COMING EVENTS/EXCURSIONS**

- 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 7.00
- 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.
MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA


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Sisters of Mercy Parramatta
(1888 – 2013)

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.
Contact: Anne Ferguson 9683 2555
or 0427223434
Email: annef@parrasom.org.au
RSVP: 14th September 2013

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Do you have a baby or child under 6?

• Come along to the
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for Parents, Grandparents, Carers and Children
This friendly group meets in the St Patrick’s
Cathedral Church Hall

This is a great opportunity for you and
your children to enjoy a morning out
in the company of other parents,
grandparents and carers.

Contact:
Elizabeth Scully (Coordinator)
E: elizbashley@i-d.com
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Inside Catholic Outlook’s August issue
* News and photos of our pilgrims at World Youth Day in Rio
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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 one 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 Okereafor 0421 928 116, Evaton Onton 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