Pentecost

This coming Sunday 19th May we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples began their mission, inspired and vitalized by the Holy Spirit. The spirit gave them enthusiasm, new courage and strength, enabling them to share their lives with others. A truly transforming, renewing and enlivening gift.

Just like the first disciples, we are called to be energetic and enthusiastic Christians with God’s Spirit working in each of us, giving us the courage to spread Jesus’ message of love, peace and harmony.
TERM TWO - WEEK THREE

Honour Awards: Hardworking

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From Year Six 2013

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Elizabeth Males
Mossy Mago
Jula Youssif
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Marie-Evelyn Gereige
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Sheila Al-Daleel
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CAPTIVATE MUSIC SHOWCASE
Tuesday 18th June 6.30 & 8.00 p.m.
Nagle College Hall
Tickets available from www.trybooking.com
$15.00 adult - $10.00 Concession.

Tuesday 21st May – ICAS
Computer Skills

FAMILY DISCO
Date: Friday 24th May
Time: 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.
Venue: School Hall
Food: Snacks & drinks will be available from the school canteen.
Please see the letter sent home for more details.

PARENT FORUM
Tuesday 28th May at 7.00 p.m. Details to come.

LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM
Commences 30th May. Details to come.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Friday 31st May. Details to come.

2013 MEGA RAFFLE in June (see below)
This will be our major fundraiser for the year.

2014 KINDERGARTEN
Application for Enrolment Packs for 2014 are available to be collected from the school office. Please note we have begun interviews for 2014 Kindergarten places.

2013 SCHOOL FEES
Term 2 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education office. The due date for payment is Monday 3rd June, 2013. We would appreciate your prompt payment of these fees.
If you are experiencing difficulty in making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

LETTERS sent home this week
All classes: Family Disco

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.

School Notes & Forms have been added to our site under the heading on the left hand side PARENTS. This will allow parents to download required excursion notes or Administration Notes.

Compulsory School Attendance - Information for Parents is available on this site.

2013 MEGA RAFFLE
Total Prize Value $3000

$2

1st Prize
Complete Car Detail at Crystal Car Wash Café Merrylands & Meal Voucher at Hogs Breath Café North Parramatta
(Total Value $430)

2nd Prize
Complete Car Detail at Crystal Car Wash Café Merrylands & Meal Voucher at Ray & Lou’s Mediterranean Restaurant Parramatta
(Total Value $400)

3rd Prize
Designer Sunglasses
Men’s Trent Nathan and Ladies Charlie Brown
(Total Value $360)

Plus many more attractive prizes valued from $243.00 and below.
A complete list of prizes may be viewed on our St Patrick’s Primary Website.
www.stpatsparr.catholic.edu.au

RAFFLE DRAWN: Wednesday 26th June 2013
at St Patrick’s Primary School

Winners will be notified by phone and published on the school website.
**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.
- 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
FOOD ALLERGY WEEK
May 13 – 19 2013
Show your support for the 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today who will develop a food allergy.
Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia
Donations to FOODALLERGYAWARE.COM.AU

Discover OLMC Parramatta
You are invited to join an Open Morning Tour at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta on Monday, May 20 to discover contemporary learning, academic excellence in Mercy tradition.

OLMC is now enrolling contact the Registrar.
Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.
Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill
This week Greens MP Cate Faehrmann will introduce the Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill into the NSW Legislative Council. All those who oppose physician-assisted suicide/euthanasia legislation are encouraged to examine the bill and take immediate steps to inform all Legislative Councillors of their view.

Read a summary of the bill’s provisions at: www.catefaehrmann.org/dignity

You can get involved and make your voice heard by writing to all members of the Legislative Council:

An opinion piece by the Hon Greg Donnelly MLC is on the Diocese of Parramatta website at:

St Patrick’s Cathedral Race Day on Saturday 1 June
You are invited to join Bishop Anthony Fisher OP at the St Patrick’s Cathedral Race Day at Rosehill Racecourse. Book a table with friends and colleagues for a fabulous day at the races.

Your ticket includes a sumptuous three-course meal, five-hour drinks package, spectacular views of the track from a private function room, track entry and car parking.

The Race Day is the first major social event for Project Ten – a program of fundraising that will continue to fund a program of major works in St Patrick’s Cathedral precinct.

To book a table of 10 or individual tickets please contact Helen Howard tel (02) 8838 3400, hhoward@parra.catholic.org.au. Click here for flyer.

Bookings close on Friday 24 May.

Australian Catholics - Young Journalist Award
Australian Catholics magazine, in conjunction with Australian Catholic University, is proud to bring you the 2013 Young Journalist Award.

Write a story on someone inspiring in your community and you could win great prizes for yourself and your school. Do you know someone with a story to share? By doing some research, conducting an interview, and writing a story you can help make a difference.

Learn more about the media and share your story with the world. Winning stories will be published in the Spring edition of Australian Catholics. For more info click here.

CCSP/PRC Parent Conference - 25–26 May
Register now and join parents, educators and guest speakers for the 10th Catholic Schools Parent Conference at the Novotel Hotel, Parramatta.

The theme for the 2013 conference is iConnect with Learning, in Partnership, in Faith and focuses on technology as a communication, learning and social networking tool.

Guest speakers will discuss interesting topics. Daily rates available and early bird benefits. Places are filling fast. Full program, speaker topics and registration at http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/
What does the NSW school funding agreement mean?

New South Wales is the first state to sign on to the Australian Government's Better Schools plan, agreeing to invest $5.6 billion in education over six years from 2016 and commit to a three percent increase in school spending over the period.

What we know so far

- Both the state and federal governments will contribute funding to the new model
- For every extra dollar the NSW state government invests in schools, the Australian government will effectively invest two dollars
- Funding to Catholic schools for 2014 and 2015 will remain frozen at 2013 levels
- Catholic schools operate on average at only 90% of the total government expenditure

As at 7 May, no other states or territories have agreed to the Australian Government's Better Schools plan and it remains to be seen what will come of the agreement. Federal Opposition Leader, Tony Abbott, has stated that the Coalition will only support the plan if all Australian states and territories are on board. The Federal Government has until 30 June to secure the agreements.

What we still don't know

For Catholic schools in New South Wales, there is still uncertainty around the exact details of the school funding model including:

- What the exact amount of the allocation will be to Catholic schools from the Federal government using the new funding formula
- The precise impact the NSW state government funding freeze will have on Catholic schools during 2014 and 2015 until the new agreement commences in 2016
- The impact on the NSW agreement and funding levels if/when other states and territories sign up with differing agreements
- Ensuring that the current 10% resource gap between government schools and Catholic schools does not widen further and that accurate levels of funding for Catholic schools will be provided in the coming years

We urge you to continue to speak with your local state and federal members about the need for ongoing and increased funding to Catholic schools. More information can be found at [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/schoolfunding)