An Irish Prayer

May God give you …
For every storm, a rainbow,
for every tear, a smile,
for every care, a promise,
and a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends,
a faithful friend to share,
for every sigh, a sweet song,
and an answer for each prayer.
DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL
CONGRATULATIONS to the students who represented our Zone in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival last Friday 4th March. They did their very best and were great representatives for our school.

Special Congratulations to Louise Zhang and Olivia Murillo who will now compete at the next level. Well done girls.

CRICKET NSW-SKILLS PROGRAM
The Cricket Skills Program continued this week with the children having great fun.
All children are expected to participate as part of the PDHPE Key Learning Area.

BLESSING & OPENING of the SCHOOL HALL
Tomorrow we will be holding the Blessing and Opening of the School Hall. We will welcome Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, who will bless the hall, and Ms Julie Owens MP, representing the Federal Government, who will unveil the plaque. The hall and minor classroom refurbishments were funded through the Federal Government ‘Building the Education Revolution’ for which we are very grateful.

SHROVE TUESDAY
We have had a great response from the children, some with jam all over their faces.
Thank you to the two mothers, Mrs Constantone and Mrs Poredy, who came to help us organise the ‘pancakes’ for each class.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Thank you to Fr Suresh who celebrated our Ash Wednesday Mass for Years 2 to 6. Kindergarten and Year One held a Reflection at school.

Please note: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

PARENT HELPERS PROGRAM
Thank you to all the parents who participated in the Parent Helpers Program. We will be contacting you soon regarding assistance in the classrooms.

TERM ONE WEEK FIVE
Honour Awards: Forgiveness

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Next Week: Compassion

WORK BOOKS
Each Monday this term, your child will be bringing home one of their work books for parents to see their work. Next week your child’s HSIE & INTEGRATED STUDIES book will be sent home. Please make a comment and sign the books then return them to school the next day.

INVITATION
St Patrick’s Feast Day Mass
Thursday 17th March
9.30 a.m.
St Patrick’s Cathedral

Further details of our St Patrick’s Feast Day celebrations to come in a letter tomorrow.

Be positive about, see the good in, care for ourselves and others. Be friendly, honest and listen. You’ll be surprised at how good it will feel.
FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
VALIDATION FORMS
The 2011 Validation Forms have been sent home to all parents. Please complete the information on both sides of the form, sign and return immediately. Thank you to all the parents who have already returned their form completed.

TERM ONE SCHOOL FEES are due tomorrow, 11th March 2011.

SCHOOL FEES - PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS
Please be advised that payment arrangements must be renewed each year. They do not carry over from last year.
Please contact the office to organise a new arrangement.

PARENT FORUM
Our first Parent Forum for this year will be held on Wednesday 23rd March 2011 at 7.00 p.m. in the school library.
The focus will be to explain and discuss the data on the ‘My School’ website.
Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2011
Time: 7.00 p.m.
Venue: School Hall

CORRECTION
ICAS Science & Computer Competitions
Please note that the incorrect amount was printed in the letter sent home last week. It should have been $7.00 per competition not $7.70. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK
| ALL YEARS: | Parramatta City Council Survey |
| YEARS 3 - 6: | ICAS Competitions |
| YEAR 4 & YEAR 5: | Excursions |

Details to come:
Primary Cross Country

2011 DIOCESAN SWIMMING TEAM

KINDERGARTEN ENJOYING TIME WITH THEIR BUDDIES
COMING EVENTS 2011

TERM ONE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Six
Thursday 10th March Cricket Clinic (Kinder, One & Two)
Friday 11th March Hall Blessing & Opening Ceremony (no Assembly)

Week Seven
Wednesday 16th March Cricket Clinic
Parent Forum - Topic: 'My School' Website
Thursday 17th March St Patrick's Feast Day Mass 9.30 am. (no cricket)
Friday 18th March Assembly Year 3 School Hall 9.00 a.m.

Week Eight
Wednesday 23rd March Cricket Clinic
Parent Forum School Library 7.00pm
Discuss 'My School' website
Thursday 24th March Cricket Clinic
Friday 25th March Primary Cross Country

Week Nine
Wednesday 30th March Cricket Clinic (make up day from 9th March)
Thursday 31st March Cricket Clinic (make up day from 17th March)
Friday 1st April Year 5 Excursion
Year 4 Excursion
Assembly Year 2 School Hall 9.00 a.m.

Week Ten
Friday 8th April LAST DAY TERM ONE

Trust In God
How truly wonderful are God's ways
and how little we understand them.

Mrs Gloria Bryant and Staff

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA


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Children's Liturgy 9.30 am
Parish Golden Jubilee
At Andrew the Apostle Parish Marayong, invites all past and present parishioners to a Mass of Thanksgiving on 27th March at 10.30am followed by morning tea. St Andrews Church, 40 Breakfast Road, Marayong Ph : 02 9622 0817

2011 Lenten Resources
The Archdiocese of Brisbane has produced a set of resources for use by parishes, groups, schools, families, young people and children. Heart to Heart: Lenten reflections for individuals and groups; CD with introduction and hymns for opening and closing prayers; Gospel readings, Scripture reflections and guided meditations; posters and prayer cards. Inquiries: Life & Faith phone (07)3336 9168. view samples and order online: www.bne.catholic.net.au/lent

Catholic Outlook March issue
- World Youth Day - Ole Madrid! Only 6 weeks to register
- Bishop Anthony’s Lenten Message
- New translation of the Roman Missal: Why ‘and with your spirit’ is right
- Importance of Early learning
- Families invited to ‘Share the Dream’ conference
- NSW votes: Questions for Catholics to ask
- Relic of St John Bosco to visit OLR, St Marys

The Reflection: starts 7th March
If you are looking to enrich your Lenten experience, either as a parish or family group, or in your own home at your own pace, why not join the Australian Bishops in their enormously popular online program. ‘The Reflection’ will begin at mid-day on Monday 7th March and will comprise seven short weekly episodes posted at the same time each Monday during Lent. You can join in by simply logging on to the website each week at http://thereflection.vividas.com

Reflection Day for Women: 21st March
Sr Mary Louise Walsh ISSM and Fr Terry Bell will host a Reflection Day on the theme: Lent - A Time of Letting Go. The sessions include talks, spiritual reflections and time for personal prayer all set in the peaceful grounds of Mt Schoenstatt Retreat and Conference Centre at Mulgoa. Cost: $10 donation. BYO lunch. Where: Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Time: 9.30 am – 2.30 pm. Details: p: 47738338.

Reflection Morning: 26th March 2011
Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will give a reflection on the “Spirituality of St Dominic” at 10am-1pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Stuart & Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Entry by donation. Morning tea provided. No need to book. For details contact Carmel 02 4787 8706

Position Vacant Parish Manager (part time)
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes is recruiting for a part time Parish Manager to work 24 hours per week. If you are interested in the position please visit the Diocesan website www.parra.catholic.org.au

Office Manager (part time)
The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton is recruiting for a part time Office Manager, 30 hers/week (Mon-Fri). This is a new position. You will need to have MYOB Accounts Payable & Receivable experience and General ledger knowledge. You will prepare end-of-month accounts, BAS reporting and payroll. Details: John Sheehy tel (02) 8838 3417 or download the job description for the Diocese of Parramatta’s website: www.parra.catholic.org.au Closing date: Monday 18th March at 5.00 p.m.
CATHARINE MCAULEY WESTMEAD OPEN DAY-TUESDAY 15TH MARCH

Catherine McAuley Westmead will be holding a School Open Morning for students and their parents interested in enrolling for Year 7 2012. The morning will give you the opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our wonderful students and teachers. As this is a normal school day you will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action.

School tours will leave from School Reception at 9.15am. Car parking is available on site via gate 3 (opposite Westmead Private Hospital). Morning tea will be served following the school tour.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend.

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Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta
Year 7, 2013 Enrolment Information Evening

OLMC would like to invite Year 7, 2013 families to attend our Enrolment Information Evening.

This is an opportunity for you to collect your daughter’s enrolment pack, enjoy a tour of the College campus and meet the Principal, College Executive and staff.

We look forward to welcoming you to the OLMC community.

Monday 28 March 2011
Registration 4.45pm
Tours 5.00pm-5.45pm
Information session 5.45pm
P&F Sausage Sizzle 6.30pm