What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,  
the majesty of a tree,  
the warmth of a summer sun,  
the calm of a quiet sea,  
the generous soul of nature,  
the comforting arm of night,  
the wisdom of the ages,  
the power of the eagle’s flight,  
the joy of a morning in spring,  
the faith of a mustard seed,  
the patience of eternity,  
the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities  
when there was nothing more to add.  
He knew his masterpiece was complete,  
and so ...  
He called it ... DAD!

Wishing all fathers and grandfathers  
A very happy Fathers Day
TERM THREE WEEK SEVEN

Honour Awards: Being Optimistic

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Value for Next Week: SELF CONTROL

**DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

CONGRATULATIONS

to our students who represented the Cumberland Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival last Friday.

All students put in a great effort and displayed great sportsmanship.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students who will represent the Diocese at the Mackillop Carnival:

Sumii Tocher - 13 years 100 metres
Joshua Rizk - 11 years 200 metres and 11 years long jump.

Well done!

**LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK**

Mathematics Immersion Day

Thanks to the parents who were able to take time out to join their children in learning about EMU on Monday.

We had a great day with all children involved in a variety of mathematical activities during the day.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

When: Friday 21st September
Focus: Analysis of NAPLAN results
       Improvement Plan for Term Four

**COMING EXCURSIONS**

Friday 7th September 2012
Year 5: Bathurst and the Goldfields
Year 6: Canberra and Parliament
**AFTERNOON PICK UP - WARNING**

We have received a complaint from businesses operating in Grose Street. A number of parents have been parking across driveways making it impossible for them to access their property and refusing to move as well as being abusive to the business people.

Please respect other people’s property and rights, set a better example to your children by not being abusive and not blocking driveways.

Parking across driveways is breaking the law and subject to a hefty fine. If this continues the police and parking rangers will be called by the businesses involved.

It is important that the school community behaves as a good neighbour and causes the minimum inconvenience to others.

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**VISITING ILLUSTRATOR SARAH DAVIS**

Today the students had a wonderful time listening, watching and interacting with Sarah Davis. Sarah very generously donated two illustrations that she created during the day to the Library.

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**SCHOOL FEES**

School fee accounts were sent out during the first week of this term. Thank you to the parents who have already paid these fees.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to make an arrangement to pay school fees by instalments, please contact the office.

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**PARENT HELP NEEDED ARE YOU HANDY WITH SCISSORS?**

As you would be aware ‘EMU’ (Enhancing Mathematical Understanding) has taken hold here at St Pat’s.

We need help in making more maths resources for all classes in the school. This can be a very time consuming task, but with your help the job will be much quicker and in turn our students will have more fun while learning about numbers.

If you like cutting, gluing, laminating or threading we have the job for you.

Next week we are holding a parent working bee to continue building our maths resources. If you can spare some time next Tuesday 4th September from 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. come and join Mrs Benkovich, she would love your help.

Please contact the office if you are able to help so we can make sure we have enough materials ready.

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**St Patrick’s Cathedral SPRING FAIR 2012**

15th September - 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

This is a major fundraiser for the Parish and they need our help.

Items needed for their stalls:
- Any non-perishable food item
- Prizes for the chocolate Wheel
- Treasures (not trash) for the white elephant stall.

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**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013**

WYD 2013 fundraising raffle for Parish Pilgrims

The cost of each ticket is $2.00 ($20.00 per book).
- 1st Prize: Toyota Yaris 5 door Automatic
  The prizes will be drawn in March 2013.

All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will go directly to support pilgrims from our Parish, St Patrick’s Cathedral.

Note: please return any unsold booklets to the school office. Each family has been allocated a numbered range of tickets.

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**ENewsletter Available**

Read our newsletter online at:
http://www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au
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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**COMING EVENTS 2012**
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**God our Father**

in your wisdom and love you made all things,
bless our fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth and grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

*Mrs Gloria Bryant and Staff*
UCANN Parent Forum

The Understanding Children with Additional Needs Network (UCANN) invites parents and caregivers to attend a free parent forum to discuss ways to support your child’s learning needs. The forum will be on Wednesday 12 September 7.00pm held at St Thomas Aquinas Primary, Springwood. For more information visit http://bit.ly/MywmbU

Anti-Poverty Week 14 to 20 October

Anti-Poverty Week this year will be held in the week 14 to 20 October. Schools are encouraged to hold student events to mark Anti-Poverty Week 2012. These events can be school assemblies, sausage sizzles and other small fund raisers. The organisers of Anti-Poverty Week 2012 encourage schools to register their activities on the website: http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/tell-us-about-your-activity. The aim is not to raise money but to help students understand the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia. For Catholic schools it is especially appropriate that teachers in each subject should draw to the attention of students the incidence and impact of poverty. In the attached memo is a graphic which dioceses and schools are encouraged to place on their websites to publicise Anti-Poverty Week.

Positions Vacant

1. Tribunal Interviewer: This is a full-time role with the Tribunal of the Catholic Church, Diocese of Parramatta. Tasks include interviewing people with regard to marriage annulment and case management. The position requires excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, for advising on marriage nullity cases and recording interviews, as well as a high level of computer skills. The highest level of confidentiality is essential. Interested persons should apply in writing to: Mrs Paula Kerr - Tribunal Director, PO Box 3006, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. *Applications close on Friday 14 September. “Please mark the envelope “Application for Tribunal Interviewer”.

2. Family Educators: Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in Catholic primary schools in Pagewood, Eastwood and Fairfield. To request an information pack go to http://www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au/ and click on Employment, Positions Vacant, CEO Sydney, Family Educator Role. Applications close Friday 4 September. Details:meredith.lemos@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au

First Anniversary of Divine Mercy at Greystanes: 2 September

To celebrate the 1st anniversary of Devotion to Divine Mercy, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish will host the relic of St Faustina, who encountered mystical experiences with Our Lord. The relic will be exposed and venerated during the Devotion and Mass. Program: 3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.30pm Celebration of the Holy Mass with celebrant: Fr Vincent Savarimuthu; 4.30pm Fellowship (please bring a plate to share with others).

Father’s Day Appeal for Sick & Retired Priests: 1-2 September

Caring for those who cared – please give generously through your parish or the Clergy Support Foundation, PO Box 386, Glenbrook, NSW, 2773, tel (02) 4739 8928. Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

Annual CCD Mass: 7 September


Our Lady’s Birthday Mass & Celebration: 8 September
All youth & young adults and their families are invited to take part as we celebrate the birthday of Our Lady. Principal celebrant: Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. Procession starts 11am, Mass at noon, followed by BYO lunch. Where: Mt Schoenstatt Marian Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Details: youth@parra.catholic.org.au

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**Our Lady of Penafrancia Triduum: 8 September**

The third of the Triduum celebration of Novena & Mass. Time: 11am. Where: St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown.

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**Campion College Open Day: 8 September**

To find out about what’s on offer at Australia’s only Liberal Arts College you are welcome to take a tour of the campus and meet with academic staff from 10am-noon, Mass at 9.30am. Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Plc, Old Toongabbie, tel (02) 9896 9300, info@campion.edu.au  http://www.campion.edu.au/

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**Theology on Tap: 10 September**

Theology on Tap is a casual and relaxed forum where friends from all walks of life gather for straight talk, hard facts and real answers on the Catholic faith and how it applies to daily life. Come for a listen (and maybe a drink). Invite your friends, especially those wanting to learn more (or debate) about the Catholic faith. Fire off the questions you have never had the opportunity to ask. Guest speaker: Leah Darrow (US, Catholic Answers). Topic: Fashion Model to Role Model: America’s Next Top Model turned Chastity Speaker. TOT is for young adults 18-35 years, no age range for priests/religious. Talk starts at 7pm with music from 6pm. Where: The Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St, Parramatta. Info: http://www.theologyontap.com.au/

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**St Patrick’s Cathedral Spring Fair: 15 September**

Bring your family to the annual Spring Fair for a fun day out. Stalls include plants, white elephant, craft, books; for the kids: face painting & show bags, chocolate wheel, jumping castle; food: cakes & Devonshire teas, coffee, hot chips, BBQ, gelato, cold drinks. From 10am-4pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral Cloister, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. Sponsored by Chris Timmins Funerals.

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**St Gabriel’s Charity Golf Day: 17 September**

Keen for a day of golf and/or to assist through sponsorship? In support of St Gabriel’s School for students with hearing impairment and other special needs, Coleman Greig Lawyers, in conjunction with The Hills Shire Council, is holding its 16th Annual Charity Golf Day. Where: Riverside Oaks, Cattai. Details & Bookings: Ray Millers 0412 865 830, www.stgabriels.nsw.edu.au

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**Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 September**

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations in St Patrick’s Cathedral on the third Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Time: 7pm. Where: Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.
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