

16th February 2017

Term 1 Week 4

Dear Parents

Thank you once again to all the parents who attended the Parent/Information evenings for Years One, Three, Five and Six held so far this week. Kindy and Year 2 will be held tonight and Year 4 parent meeting is on Monday evening. A special thank you is extended to the teachers, for preparing and sharing a basic summary of the curriculum to be taught this year.

A common theme presented by our teachers is that of developing independence, a growth mindset and resilience in our children. Studies on children's attitude to learning are gaining great momentum and educationalists such as John Hattie speak about the impact of the learner's estimate of their own learning as an important factor in success.

Another form of prior achievement is students' estimates of their own performance – typically formed from their past experiences in learning. Students have reasonably accurate understandings of their levels of achievement... Their expectations of success (which are sometimes set lower than students could attain) may become a barrier for some students as they may only perform to whatever expectations they already have of their ability.

I often challenge the senior students by asking them the question, **"Where are you in your learning vehicle?"** For some they are definitely in the **'driver's seat'**. These students will help to set the direction for the learning by taking responsibility for their achievements and challenges. They ask questions to clarify understandings so as to ensure their own success. They learn beyond what is set by the teacher, often in their own time and they embrace feedback because their primary goal is the learning. Performance is important to them but only for a short time until the next learning challenge comes along. Mistakes and inaccuracies are just indicators of the 'where to next' in the learning, not a 'who I am'. The growth mindset these children display will often determine the way they manage high school as they are used to taking ownership of their work habits and they have learnt to be self-reflective, that is, they are beginning to understand how they learn and how they can optimise this. Parents can often assist by never looking to outside factors to blame re their child's lack of success.

There are some students who are in what I call the **'passengers seat'** of the learning vehicle. These students may vary their position from back seat to front seat depending on their mindset and confidence. Younger children understandably are often in the passengers seats because they still need the guidance and skills required for good learning skills and habits. Interestingly however teachers do see even younger students learning to be 'drivers' because they show such interest in making learning gains, not only to please teachers or parents but for themselves.

We can assist students to move into the most effective learning position by allowing them to take risks in their learning, which often means that they will make mistakes along the way. Not focusing on the 'failure' but rather on the achievements will encourage them to own their learning and not be frightened to get things wrong. Constructive, detailed feedback on how they can improve is essential however, just like that given to a learner driver. Adults, even teachers are often tempted to jump into the driver's seat for students by taking on the necessary effort and responsibilities required, but all this does is disempower them as learners.

Finally, 'what about those students who find themselves in the **'boot'** of the learning vehicle? I hear you ask. Yes as learners we can all sometimes go there. These students do not align themselves with the learning at all. The learning is someone else's task; teachers, mum or dad's perhaps. Our challenge for these students is to make learning relevant for them by ensuring that we find what interests them and use that as a springboard. This sometimes takes some creative thinking, however it is definitely achievable. Not crossing the boundaries of the learning is also important by asking ourselves, 'who is the learner here and what is their role, rights and responsibilities?' As we commence the learning for this new year it may be worth having a conversation with your children about where they would like to position themselves in the learning vehicle and how they can be supported in improving their own learning outcomes.

God Bless you and your families

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Honour Award

The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter

KA	Sonia Sitoa
KM	Karabo Khama
1C	Troy Daniel
1S	Liam Stojkovski
2M	Meagan Erive
2Y	Danielle Tannous

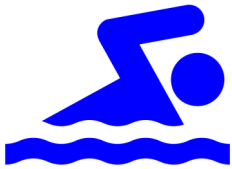
st patrick's award

The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

KA	Luke Wehbe
KM	Sara Lorenzo
1C	Lara Samar
1S	Tiffany McCloskey
2M	Nathan Romanos
2Y	Louis Wehbe



On Tuesday 14th February we had 19 children who represented St Patrick's Primary School at the Cumberland Zone swimming carnival. We had some outstanding results on the day. Mikayla Saleh was named Junior Age champion and broke 3 records. Well done to the following children!



First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Michael	Ayoub	Kyah	Rahme
Harrison	Chidiac	Joseph	Romanos
Andre	Eltakchi	Stephanie	Saab
Arabella	Gittany	Mikayla	Saleh
Jack	Gittany	Daniel	Takchi
Mia	Kerr	John	Wehbe
Valerie	Liu	Raymond	Wehbe
Luke	Maroun	Annabelle	Younes
Alana	Medak	Isabella	Younes
Daniel	Motilal		

Thank you to Mrs Marietta Maroun, Mrs Therese Younes and Mrs Diane Ayoub for assisting on the day.

Congratulations to the following children who will move onto the Diocesan Swimming Carnival next Friday 24th February. Good Luck I'm sure you will do St Patrick's proud.

Mikayla Saleh -

100m Opens Freestyle
Jnr 50m Backstroke (set a new record)
Jnr 50m Breaststroke (set a new record)
Jnr 200m IM (set a new record)

Jnr Girls Relay Team

Mikayla Saleh
Arabella Gittany
Kyah Rahme
Isabella Younes

Valerie Liu -

12yrs 50 m freestyle
Snr 50m Breaststroke

Snr Boys Relay Team

Andre Eltakchi
Luke Maroun
Daniel Takchi
Raymond Wehbe

Dear Parents,

The Catholic Education Office Parramatta has completed the mailing on Term One 2017 fees to all families. Due to the size of the mail run they have informed us that if you receive your statement after the 17/2/2017, the return date has been extended to 24/2/17 for the 2017 offer of Direct Debit payments. If you have not received your statement by **Monday 20th February** please contact Mrs Sharon Nutter on 9630 1421 as soon as possible.

Thanking you in advance

Mrs Sharon Nutter

CHILD SAFETY DURING PICKUP



Dear Parents

Can I ask you to be vigilant about following safety rules around the pick up zone. We all realize that the areas around the school are very hectic in the afternoons and ask for your patience. On some days the traffic rolls smoothly and on other days it is a little slow. Please be mindful that our staff are often doing this duty in sometimes 40+ degrees temperature so as to enable children to be successfully picked up and so that parents do not have to get out of their cars. I am sure like me you are extremely grateful to them for this service. I am also very grateful to Mr Stephen Walsh for placing a teacher on crossing duty to assist the flow

Just a few reminders please

- Please display your child's name clearly so that the teachers can read it from afar in thick permanent marker
- Never make a U turn along Ross Street. This is extremely dangerous.
- Please cross at the crossing
- Please do not leave your car to assist with bags. A car left running unattended can accidentally roll on your child or another person and holds up the drive through process
- If your child cannot manage their bag and seatbelt independently do not use drive through.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:

Jazmyne Drosos, Christian Sta Rosa, Dante Dagostino, Diana Granados Gavito, Josh Blanquera Pangan

School Photos –16th March 2017

School Photographs will be taken on Thursday **16th March 2017**. Please ensure that your child is neatly dressed in **full Summer School Uniform**.

We encourage you to pay online for both individual photos and sibling photos. This can be done in the convenience of your home. An email receipt will be mailed to you as confirmation and you can pay for all children or sibling photos in 1 easy payment. **The online code for our school St Patricks Primary, Parramatta is MKW J3F KMB. This needs to be completed at least 48hrs prior to photo day.**



Every child has received a separate school photograph envelope, which if paying by cash or cheque must be returned to school with the correct payment (no change is able to be given) by **Monday 13th March 2017**. Please ensure that you read the instructions on the envelope carefully and complete the envelope in full.



Reminder to Parents— Lunch Utensils

Just a reminder that if your child requires a spoon or fork

to eat their recess or lunch we would appreciate you putting a plastic fork or spoon in their lunch box. No knives please.

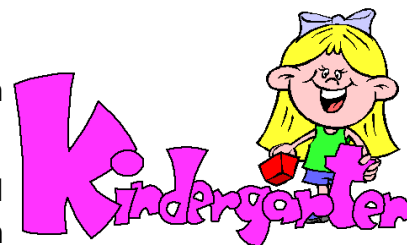
Spare Clothes Reminder

A kindly reminder to all parents of Infant students, please pack a spare change of underwear, socks and boys pants inside your child's bag. Whilst we do have spare clothes it is not always possible to find sizes for every child. Little accidents do happen and if we can keep the child at school it is in the best interest of the child.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017 KINDERGARTEN ARE NOW OPEN

Enrolment packs for Kindergarten 2017 are available from the school between the hours of 9am -3pm Monday to Friday.

When you return the enrolment you will need to bring your child's original Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Passports (parent's and child's if born overseas), Immunization Certificates and proof of address (council rates, drivers licence). We will photo copy these and return them to you at this time.



Enrolment forms are required to be returned by 31st March 2017.

ENROLMENT CRITERIA

Who can enrol in a Catholic school?

Children whose fifth birthday occurs on or before 31 July are eligible for enrolment for Kindergarten that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

For more information on the Diocesan guidelines for enrolment please see www.parra.catholic.edu.au

What if my child already attends a Catholic primary school in the Diocese?

A child who has completed primary education in a Catholic parish-based primary school will usually be offered continuity of enrolment in a Catholic secondary school. If no places exist at the chosen school, Catholic Education's Director System Performance will assist families to enrol in another Catholic secondary school in the Diocese.

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In preparation for the World Meeting of Families Meeting with Pope Francis in Dublin in August 2018, the Life, Marriage & Family Office is organising a St Patrick's Day Family Festival at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct on Saturday March 18. Live entertainment will provided (Irish band and Irish Dancers) along with food with an Irish theme and rides for the kids and the young at heart. There will also be a historical display showcasing the contribution that the Irish have made to the foundation of our parishes and schools.

The Life, Marriage and Family Office is interesting in hearing from people who would be interested in volunteering to help running the event in terms of running stalls, crowd management and other duties. If you are interested in volunteering please email lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

ST. PATRICK'S
Family Festival

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PRECINCT,
1 MARIST PLACE, PARRAMATTA
VISIT WWW.PARRALMF.ORG.AU/ST-PATRICKS-DAY**

SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH
2.00 - 5.00PM

HOSTED BY DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA Life Marriage & Family Office DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Make us an Offer!!!

Do you have any use for the below table? Kids art table, table for kids parties?

We have 4 of the tables measuring Diameter = 180cm or 1800mm Height = 66cm or 660mm (suitable for chair height 40cm or 400mm).

Please contact the office on 9630 1421 and make us an offer !!!

CHAIRS ARE NOT INCLUDED



FREE SEMINAR FOR PARENTS

THE CYBER SAFETY LADY
RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS

- Social Media safety/privacy - Maintaining a spotless social media profile
- Keeping your child safe online - Protecting your child from adult content
- Strangers online - Cyber bullying - Online stalking - Balancing your child's screen time - Managing kids digital devices - parental controls

GUEST SPEAKER:
Leonie Smith
'The Cyber Safety Lady'

FREE REGISTRATION (ESSENTIAL):
[CLICK HERE](#)

WHEN: Monday, 27 February 2017
(6.30pm for 7:00pm start)

WHERE: Gilroy College, Marie St,
Castle Hill (parking available)

The PRC Annual General Meeting will be held prior to our seminar.

Light supper and refreshments will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

www.prc.catholic.edu.au

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Parents Representative Council
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PUBLIC FORUM

Monday 27 February 2017 at 7pm
Burnside Primary School,
1 Masons Drive North Parramatta

All persons interested are invited to attend this public forum to discuss why the City of Parramatta is having its public pool closed without a replacement.

Q & A FORUM WILL INCLUDE SPEAKERS
OLMC Vice Principal & St Patricks Primary Principal
Stephen Figgis – Original Pool Architectural Firm

INVITED PANELISTS
MP Dr Geoff Lee – Member for Parramatta
David Shoebridge - Greens MP
Lynda Voltz - Shadow Minister Sports
Health Experts & Religious Leaders

Join the community in asking the questions you Want answered and make your voice heard.

FOR MORE INFORMATION – www.nprag.org

50 Years Celebration Of The Catholic Charismatic Renewal

17th, 18th & 19th February 2017

**“I will make *breath* enter you,
and you will come to *life*”**

Ezekiel 37:5

Opening Mass Celebrated by
Bishop Vincent Long
Friday 17th February at 7.30pm
Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Presenters -
Archbishop Christopher Prowse DD Catholic Archbishop
of Canberra, Goulburn & Administrator Diocese of Waga Waga
Father Ken Barker - Founder and spiritual director of MCL
Lalith Perera - Founder and the spiritual director of CRL
For more details please turn over



50 Years Celebration Of The Catholic Charismatic Renewal 2017

17th February Friday Holy Mass at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

18th and 19th February Holy Spirit Mission
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills
7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills NSW 2147
Saturday 9.00 to 4.00pm

Sunday 11.00am with closing Mass at 4.00pm

**Join us for a weekend of
Renewal, Restoration & Revival**

Children's Ministry available on weekend
Reconciliation available on weekends from 1:00 - 2:00pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament available
Free entry - donations accepted
Free coffee & tea provided
Lunch available for purchase

Contact:
Gerard Marcello 0404 093 118, John Jordan 0488 276 371
Website: www.ccrparramatta.org

OPEN DAY

ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE, DUNDAS

*Awakening Strong Minds
and Gentle Hearts*



Monday, 6th March | 4.00pm to 6.00pm

PH: 9638 5644 | Address: 151 Kirby Street, Dundas, NSW, 2117 | Website: www.stpatsdundas.catholic.edu.au



PARRAMATTA MARIST HIGH SCHOOL

2 DARCY ROAD, WESTMEAD NSW 2145
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 WWW.PARRAMARIST.NSW.EDU.AU

YEAR 7 2018 INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2017

5:30PM - SCHOOL TOUR & BBQ

6:30PM - 7:30PM - PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS & INFORMATION SESSION

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL VIA WWW.PARRAMARIST.NSW.EDU.AU
 PARKING AVAILABLE VIA GATE 3, DARCY ROAD (OPPOSITE WESTMEAD PRIVATE HOSPITAL)

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Enrolment Packages will be available during the evening.
 Enrolments Open: 13th March - Close: 31st March

ENROLMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE WILL BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST

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Over the past 10 years, Our HSC Results have placed us in the top 100 schools in NSW.

In 2016, we achieved the following HSC Results: 51st in the state overall, 4th in Mathematics Extension 1 and Extension 2, 28th in Mathematics General 2, 61st in English (Advanced), Extension 1 and Extension 2 and 6 All-round achievers.

Parramatta Marist High School has been both Nationally and Internationally recognised as High Quality Innovators in 21st Century Education

Oakhill College
OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2017 4.00-7.00PM

Oakhill
 COLLEGE



Enrol now for Year 7, 2018 and Year 7, 2019



- Tours
- Principal's Address
- Active Learning
- Meet Staff and Students



Oakhill College is an independent Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition
 Years 7-10 Boys
 Years 11-12 Co-educational
 ALL ENQUIRIES WELCOME

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 Email: registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au | www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au



ENROLLING now for 2018

Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



Educating young women for the future

OPEN NIGHT Tuesday 14th March 2017 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK.
 APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31ST MARCH 2017

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Open Day

Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter at the OLMC Parramatta Open Day on

Sunday March 12, 2017 10am - 2pm

Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm

Expanding beyond what we know we can be

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au



MERCY | COMPASSION | JUSTICE | DIGNITY | EXCELLENCE | HOSPITALITY | STEWARDSHIP | SERVICE



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Open Day

2017 School Calendar

Term 1

Week 4

Thursday 16th February	Parent Information Night
	Kinder 7pm
	Year 2 pm
Friday 17th February	Infants Assembly - Year 2 — 2.15pm

Week 5

Monday 20th February	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
	Parent Information Night
	Year 4 7pm
Tuesday 21st February	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Friday 24th February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
	Primary Assembly - Year 5 — 2.15pm

Week 6

Monday 27th February	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Tuesday 28th February	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
	Shrove Tuesday
	Year 6 Incursion—Natural Disasters
Wednesday 1st March	Ash Wednesday Mass Yr 1 to Yr 6
	9.30am St Patricks Cathedral
Friday 3rd March	St Patrick's Choir Performance
	with John MacNally—Riverside Theatre 2pm
	Infants Assembly — 2.15pm

Week 7

Monday 6th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Tuesday 7th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

Younger Widowed Support Group run by CCSS Solo Parent Services' is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not.

First gathering for the year: Tuesday 21st February. **Please note change of Venue:** CCSS Centre, 38 Prince St, (cnr First Ave) Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

“Stepping Beyond” Support Group, is held on the last Tuesday of each month for those struggling through a separation or divorce. **Next Gathering:** 28th February **Venue:** CCSS centre, 38 Prince St, Blacktown. **New Time:** 7pm – 9pm. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



sub tuum praesidium

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

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri	6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Hol	8.00am

Pastoral Team

Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap
Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)
Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)
Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)