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st patrick's primary school
Parramatta Patter

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TERM ONE

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Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year for 2014. A special welcome to all our new children and families. May I firstly begin by thanking you all for your warm hospitality. The staff and I have already started to get to know one another and I am sure that together we will work hard in partnership with you and your children to make this year of learning both fulfilling and exciting. I have many fond memories of the school and the St Patrick's community from when I was here as a beginning teacher and eventually as Religious Education Coordinator many years ago. I would like to welcome back all our staff especially new staff members in temporary positions Ms Sara Toman (Yr2 Young), Ms Nicole Dunseath (Yr2 Mackellar) and Mr David Younis (Physical Education Wed/Thurs) I am sure you join with me in wishing them all the best for this year. I am pleased to inform you that over the holidays Ms Viviana Bombardiere got married to her fiancé Adam. Her new married name is Williams. Another exciting event to relay is the engagement of Ms Sue Rhee to her fiancé Ravi. Once again I know you will join me in congratulating both these staff members. Congratulations are also extended to Mrs Felicity Wallace and her husband Chris on the birth of their new baby boy Michael on the 14th January and to Mrs Benkovich on the birth of baby granddaughter Evie. From all accounts both mothers and babies are doing fine. May I also ask you to keep Father John in your prayers. Father suffered a slight stroke last week but is doing quite well considering. He is now on the road to recovery and is following doctor's orders by getting as much rest as possible. I will keep you informed. Let me take the opportunity to publically thank Mrs Gloria Bryant (former Principal), for her relentless dedication to St Patrick's School and wish her many years of good health and much happiness in her retirement. Over the next few days I will be visiting classrooms to get to know the children. I have heard that they are wonderful learners, display beautiful manners and have excellent behaviour. I look forward to catching up with all the families, those that I already know, and those that are new to me in the weeks to come. God Bless you and your families

*Bernadette Fabri
Principal*

CONGRATULATIONS

2014 School Captains

James Maroun

Yvette Roque

Vice Captains

Hunter Munro

Josie Wehbe

Student Council

Oliver Wehbe, Emile Saab,

Miray Sakr, Olana Lal

House Captains

Boronia

Matthew Kassis & Antonia Khalil

Melaleuca

Jeremy Khoury & Narella Wakim

Waratah

Joseph Rahme & Rachel Touche

Wattle

Christian Tanna & Trinity Eltakchi

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

to the Dagostino & Coles family
Francis (5C), Xavier (3L),
Dante (1C) and Elliana (2M) on the
recent death of their Grandfather.



HONOUR AWARDS

Acknowledging children's achievement, efforts and positive work habits is critical to the development and encouragement of desirable behaviours and attitudes to learning. Over this first term the staff will be reviewing the award system currently present in the school. Keeping this in mind the St Patrick's Honour Award will be awarded to the **student of the week** who demonstrates outstanding application across any Key Learning Area. Award recipients will be given specific feedback regarding this achievement. At this stage Honour Award recipients will still be published in the school newsletter. We look forward to keeping you updated on any new awards introduced.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

Last year, a new time was trialled for Friday Assemblies (Friday pm) This time seemed to be favoured by the teaching staff as it enabled the protection of prime teaching time in the morning and allowed for the continuation of literacy and numeracy blocks. From all accounts this afternoon timeslot seemed to suit many parents as well who were then able to take the children home at the end of the school day at 3.00pm. In light of this response School Assemblies will now be held at 2.20pm in the school hall. You are all very welcome. The first school assembly will be on Friday 14th February.

STAFF - 2014

Principal Miss Bernadette Fabri
Assistant Principal Mrs Elly Benkovich

6 P Mrs Graham & Mrs Bourne
6 W Mr Baird & Mrs Mannino
5C Mrs Fardell
5T Mrs Tondini
4B Miss Hagi
4G Mrs Pope
3L Mrs Carroll
3T Miss Rhee
2M Miss Dunseath
2Y Miss Toman
1C Mrs Masefield
1S Miss Bombardiere
KA Mrs Salame
KM Mrs Nubla

Learning Support Mrs Barclay
Mrs Flatley
Mrs Veljkovic
Reading Recovery Mrs Kerr
Teacher-Librarian Mrs O'Dwyer
Music Mrs Rodricks
PE Mr Younis
RFF Mrs Samaha
RFF Mrs Mannino

Office
Finance & Admin Mrs Nutter
Reception & Admin Mrs Jones
Library Assistant Mrs Attard
Teachers' Aide Mrs Yuen

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1-2014

Due Friday 21st February, 2014

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KINDERGARTEN 2014

Kindergarten children will commence schooling at St Patrick's on Monday, 3rd February. There will be a little morning tea for parents to help ease the 'separation pains' and assist them to get to know each other. We look forward to welcoming these little ones into our community. Thank you to some Year One parents who stepped in at the last minute to help serve refreshments.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Several children at our school suffer from food allergies -**some very severe**. Action plans are currently in place to administer medication to these children if it is required. To assist the staff and to help safeguard the health of these children I ask that you impress upon your own children the dangers of sharing their lunches with other students. In line with this policy we ask that you do not send gift items such as lollies, Easter eggs, Christmas candy canes etc for your child to give to other students. We will continue to educate the children in the classroom about only eating their own lunches and I will keep you informed of any other protocols we may need to put in place. Thank you for your co-operation.

Bus Passes

Bus and Rail passes have been handed out to students today. The grace period for free travel is up to Friday 14th February. Should your child need a bus or rail pass please come to the office **urgently** to complete a form.

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

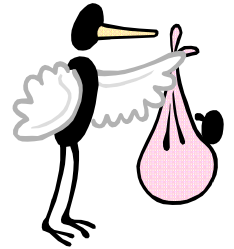
* School Banking Program - Yr 5 & 6 should you require the banking packs please come and see the office.

* Acceptable use of Information Technology

* Class Lists

CONGRATULATIONS

to Wakim family Narella (6P), Sara-Maree (3T) and Angelina (1S) on the birth of their 4th daughter Mariette who was born on 5th January.



ENEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

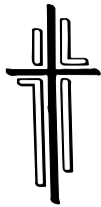
Read our newsletter online at:

<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 on line.

New developments: 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.



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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

COMING EVENTS 2014

TERM ONE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Friday 31st January

No Assembly

Week Two

Monday 3rd February

First day for Kindergarten

Welcome Morning Tea for Kindy Parents

Friday 7th February

No Assembly

Week Three

Tuesday 11th February

Yr 4 Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Friday 14th February

Opening School Mass

Assembly Yr 6 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Four

Monday 17th February

Yr 1 Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Tuesday 18th February

Yr 3 Parent / Teacher Information Night 8pm

Yr 2 Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 19th February

Yr 5 Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Thursday 20th February

Yr 6 Parent / Teacher Information Night 8pm

Friday 21st February

Kindy Parent / Teacher Information Night 7pm

Assembly Yr 5 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Five

Friday 28th February

Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Assembly Yr 4 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Six

Tuesday 4th March

Shrove Tuesday Pikelets

Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

Mass 9.30am Yrs 3 -6

Liturgy Kinder, Yr 1 and Yr 2 Time TBA

Friday 7th March

Assembly Yr 3 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Seven

Friday 14th March

Assembly Yr 2 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Eight

Friday 21st March

Assembly Yr 1 School Hall 2.20pm

Week Nine

Friday 28th March

Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.20pm

Week Ten

Friday 4th April

NO Assembly

School Photos

Week Eleven

Friday 11th April

NO Assembly

Last Day of Term

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

Priests: The Most Rev Bishop Anthony Fisher, The Very Rev Father John McSweeney, Rev Father Suresh & Rev Father Andrew Bass

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