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st patrick's primary school
Parramatta Patter

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TERM ONE

No 10

Dear Parents

I know that as parents you take the responsibility of caring for your children's physical well being very seriously. You ensure that they have nutritious food to eat, get enough sleep and exercise, and get regular checks with their doctor. Emotionally, you show them love and how to be good communicators. You role model what it is like to be a good citizen and community member and demonstrate how to solve problems in a calm and effective way. Intellectually, you support their learning by being involved and interested in what they are doing at school, assist them with their homework and provide them with rich experiences and discussions on the weekends or during holiday time.

One vital aspect of parenting in our fast and information rich world however, is often neglected and that is their spiritual needs. One of the main reasons for sending your child to a Catholic school is to ensure that the child will grow spiritually as well as physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally. The school cannot do this without your support and example. We do teach the children about the importance of prayer but if they never experience prayer in the home it becomes a 'school' thing rather than a real life experience for them. I have heard it said that "faith which is only experienced at school will eventually be taken off with one's school uniform at the end of a child's schooling". I think there is real truth in this saying.

Some of my lasting memories are going to mass every Sunday morning with our mother dressed in our finest outfits and meeting up with family outside the church afterwards. This was followed by a small treat at the local Milk Bar. It was what we did every weekend and what I have continued to do from then on.

Last Tuesday Mrs Benkovich, Mrs Kerr and I had the pleasure of joining some of our children as they received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. What was particularly impressive was how many children were supported by their whole family and how prayerful and respectful the experience was because of the example displayed by the adults in the Cathedral.

Very soon we will be ceasing school for a time for the Easter Holidays. I know for many children it is a time for Easter Eggs and the Easter Show however amongst all the celebrations let us remember the importance of attending the Holy Week Celebrations. St Patrick's Cathedral have a number of opportunities at which you can join, in community, to remember the Easter story. Let us show what we truly value by ensuring our spiritual needs are met and strengthened by spending sometime in prayer.

Take a moment to ask yourself these questions

What is important to you?

Who is important to you?

What could you do better?

How could you be better?

Make a resolution for good this Lent.

May God Bless you and your Families

Bernadette Fabri

student of the Week



Student of the week is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across any Key Learning Area.

KA - Maria Wahbe	KM - Renee Kougelis
1C - Dante Dagostino	1S - Evelyn Gereige
2M - Ivanka Markovic	2Y - Luke Takchi
3L - Ray Wehbe	3T - Matthew Kahwaji
4B - Nicole Romanos	4G - Oscar Gray
5C - Clarissa Guino	5T - James Moses
6P - Sandy Nguyen	6W - Jack Pellew



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:
Naomi Faddoul,
Samuel Shalala, Ella Abdallah,
Lanya Chedid, Brian Chen

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All envelopes should have now have been returned to the school office.
Please ensure your children are dressed in full summer uniforms for their photos tomorrow. If they have sport please bring joggers in a plastic bag.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION, DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA (CEDP) PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta Privacy Statement sets out how the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) collects, uses and discloses personal information through our schools, Catholic Early Learning Centres (CELCS), Catholic Out of School Hours Care services (COSHCs) and offices.

If you wish to view this statement please go to <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/policy-central>

Hard copies are available at the School Office if you are unable to access this website.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Do you have a child in Year 6 who has not received the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Sister Susan, the St Patrick's Parish Sacramental worker, is offering to prepare students so they are ready to receive these sacraments in August. They will then proceed to secondary school having received all the Sacraments of Initiation.

It does not matter if you are members of another parish.

Preparation will begin in the first week of next term. It will be on Tuesday afternoons from about 3.45 for an hour. The only condition is that an adult member (even a sibling) be present with the child so that there is the possibility of follow up discussion at home.

If you have any questions please contact Sr Susan at the Parish Office from Tues - Thurs or email her

susan@stpatscathedral.com.au

AFTERNOON PICK UP

Once again thank you to all the parents who are assisting the staff with the afternoon pick up by displaying their family name clearly on the dashboard, following the road and safety rules such as only crossing at the marked crossing, not blocking the round -about and showing patience and consideration towards other drivers. In an effort to assist the children to hear the teacher on car duty who is calling out their names, we have put witches hats a few metres from where the children are seated. For those parents who come into the playground to pick up their children, can we ask you to remain behind these markers so that children can hear better. The rule for the children is no talking for the first 10minutes until the bulk of the children have been picked up. Thank you as always for your cooperation and support.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL - 3.00pm

Just a reminder to parents and family members that school finishes at 3.00pm and that no child is to leave the school grounds until the final chime is sounded. Parents who have a reasonable request for early pick up must fill in a sign off sheet at the office as per usual procedure.

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

K - Yr 6	Mother's Day stall Life Education
Selected Yr 3 - 6	Diocesan Cross Country

Medical Alert

Please be aware that there is a tummy bug around the school. Ensure you discuss with your child the importance of washing your hands and general cleanliness. Should your child be ill please keep them at home until all symptoms have ceased.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Term One	Friday, 11 th April (Last day of Term One)
Term Two	Friday, 6 th June (Queen's Birthday Holiday Weekend)
Term Three	Friday 19 th September (Last day of Term Three)
Term Four	Thursday 18 th and Friday 19 th of December (last 2 days of the school year)

Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for events will need to be changed. If this is ever the case we will try to give you plenty of notice.

2015 KINDERGARTEN

APPLICATION for ENROLMENT PACKS

Application for Enrolment Packs for 2015 are available to be collected from the school office.

Please complete and sign the forms and return them with your child's original birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport or citizenship papers if applicable. They will be photocopied and returned to you. Applications must be received by Friday 31st May.

ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 2

The staff is currently endeavouring to continue to refine school procedures so as to optimize learning time in conjunction with the development a happy and thriving school community. As from Week One Term Two we will be trialling a change to our Friday school assemblies. These new ideas on trial will include:

- Alternate assemblies ie Primary/Infants on Fridays with a new commencement time of at 2.15pm. eg Wk 1 Yr 6, Week 2 Yr 2 etc
- The inclusion of any Key Learning Area in grade items so as to showcase the Creative Arts, English, Human Society and its Environment, Science, Maths for example.
- The rostering of Religious Education Prayer items so as not to lose the Catholicity of our community gatherings.
- The continuation of Honour Awards for Academic excellence and a new St Patrick's Award for 'Faith in Action'
- Birthdays to be celebrated every fortnight but will still be printed in newsletter weekly.
- Opportunities for certain grades to attend other assemblies by invitation eg Buddies at the Kindergarten assembly.
- The presentation of children who have accomplished out of school awards every fortnight.
- Parents to be seated at the back for better viewing, with Year 6 seated at the side at Primary Assemblies.
- Year 6 leaders to still be rostered for both Infants and Primary Assemblies

We are hoping that these changes to our school gatherings will give us an opportunity to display other aspects of the children's learning, as well as making for a more comfortable assembly for all. If the assembly finishes earlier than 3.00pm children will return to their classrooms for dismissal and come out to their lines with their teachers as per other days.

NB Parents are most welcome to come to all weekly assemblies

EASTER CLINIC 2014

Next Level Sports Clinic provides an active school holiday experience for primary school aged students (5-13 years), run by PE teacher Mr David Younis.

With the help of other qualified PE teachers, they make it a fun week with lots of activities, games and exercises for the kids.

After a successful introduction in January, Mr Younis will be running 2 more clinics in the Easter holidays.

Act now, as spots are limited! Are you ready for the Next Level experience?

Contact nextlevelsports@live.com.au for dates, locations and other enquiries.

"like us on Facebook! Next Level Sports Clinic"

THANK YOU to the following parents who helped sort all our wonderful Mother's Day gifts on Tuesday

Erika Vilches, Dianne Sabat, Julie Sabat, Claire Moujalli, Rita Agostino, Carleen Mansour, Dianne Ayoub, Maryanne Gereige, MarieAnne Maaraoui, Victoria Younan

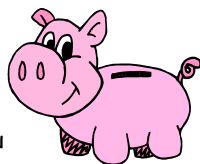
THANK YOU to Mr Gittany who completed some minor repairs to the boys toilet.

CONGRATUALIONS to the children in Years 3 & 4 who received the graces from the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Tuesday evening.

Alissa Banzato, Riona Pais, Annamika Sawant, Christopher Alarcon, Michael Farah, Jarrod Kassis, Nikhil Sawant, Mark Sonido, Joseph Pellew, Mylan DO, Pierre Onano, Joanna Davino, Anna Janczewski, Gabriella Cruz, Priscilla Nimmo, An Le, Marvin Molina

School Banking News

If you have collected 10 tokens please fill out your prize request and include in your banking. If you would like to see the prizes come and see Mrs Jones in the office Please ensure every week you are completing all details on the deposit slip and stub



NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE

The newsletter is now online, should you need a hardcopy please inform the office staff.

To subscribe to the newsletter follow the instructions provided below:

Log onto www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au

On the right hand side click on the heading subscribe to our newsletter online. Please complete the pop up screen and submit.

Our newsletter will be emailed to you approx. 3pm every Thursday. Occasionally it may be Friday morning if trouble arises.

DONATED DISNEY BOOKS

Mr & Mrs Faddoul have generously donated a number of novels for **Primary Aged** children. The titles of the books are Disney's Hannah Montana, High School Musical and High School Musical 3. If you would like your child to receive one of these free novels please write a permission note to the class teacher or write a message in your child's diary. Please note: Parent discretion is required regarding the suitability of these books for your child.

CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to all the parents who assisted at the school cross country. It was great to see so many volunteers especially considering that the day had to be changed due to bad weather. Thank you to all the parents who assisted the teachers in escorting children safely to the park. It is very much appreciated.

CAN YOU HELP??

CATHEDRAL PARKING SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

This Saturday 5th April there is a Wanderer's game. I desperately need help from 5.30pm till about 8pm with supervision of the main car park and supervision of the overflow car park. If any parent is able to offer some time to help please contact me by email

pastoral@stpatscathedral.com.au

Please give me your telephone number so that I can call you to discuss the issue.

There are games throughout the next school term which clash with Saturday / Sunday Mass times and any help that anyone can offer (male or female with a current driver's licence) would be very greatly appreciated.

My thanks and God bless

Sister Susan Ward rsj

Year 2 Excursion to Warragamba Dam

On Thursday the 27th of March Year 2 went to Warragamba Dam. Year 2 went by bus with their teachers and some parent helpers. It took them one hour to get to the dam. The first thing Year 2 did was eat recess at the visitor centre because it was raining! After, they took turns doing different activities including; drawing and investigating water bugs, drawing the dam wall, building a water catchment and exploring the visitor centre where we learnt about the history of Warragamba Dam. Did you know that it took 12 years to build? We were also lucky enough to drive over the dam wall! It was very high and interesting. We saw the water flowing through the gates as well. It was a fun excursion and we learnt a lot about water, dams and how to save water.

By Darcy, Joshua, Jessica B and Mikaela BS.



Mother's Day Sneek Peek

Shower Cap
& Glove Set



Kitchen
Utensil Set



Plush Animal
Computer
Buddy



Magnetic Menu
Planner



Cat / Dog
Ring Holder



Cupcake
Timer

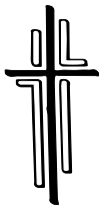


2014 Diocesan Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent St Patrick's at the 2014 Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday 6th May.

Grade	Students	Grade	Students	Grade	Students
Year 3	Luke Maroun Aidan Khreich Andre Eltakchi Joey Chiha Mylan Do Clara Glinski Pauline Said Simone Sabat Joanna Davino Chanel Nader Diamond Murphy	Year 4	Oscar Gray Daniel Sarkis Eden Gittany Joseph Haddad Adrian Stevanja Kayla Teklic Nicole Romanos Kristiana Stevanja	Year 5	Jordan Moubarak Jonathon Sarkis Mark Sassine Brooklyn Griffiths Adriana Saab Nicholas Parkes Clovis Batti Ashleigh Grubba Annie Gittany
Year 6	Jacob Takchi Emile Saab Luke Mawad Trinity Eltakchi Joseph Rahme James Maroun Christian Tanna Frederick Sarkis Antonia Khalil Rachel Touche				





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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 Ten

Friday 4th April

NO Assembly

School Photos

Week Eleven

Monday 7th April

Tuesday 8th April

Thursday 10th April

Friday 11th April

Yr 6 excursion to Canberra

Parent Group Meeting - Fundraising 2.00pm

Last Day for Students

Pupil Free Day

TERM TWO - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Monday 28th April

Tuesday 29th April

Wednesday 30th April

Thursday 1st May

Friday 2nd May

1st Day of Term 2

Life Education

Life Education

Life Education

Life Education

No assembly

Week Two

Monday 5th May

Tuesday 6th May

Wednesday 7th May

Friday 9th May

Life Education

Life Education

Diocesan Cross Country

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day Mass

Assembly Yr 6 School Hall 2.20pm

More than ever should we be humble

and patient,

charitable

and forgiving

St Mary Mackillop of the Cross

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

Saturday
Public Holidays

6.45am, 12.30 p.m.

8.00am
8.00am

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.45am to 12.30pm

Saturday 8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

The Solo Parent Ministry is now taking registrations for their next Post-Separation Recovery Program (commencing on May 14th) This is an excellent 7 week Program to assist you work through many of the issues that you face as you negotiate your way through the loss, pain and challenges following the break-down of your marriage relationship. It will be held at Blacktown from 7.30pm – 9.45pm for 7 consecutive Wednesdays. Cost \$80.00.

Diocesan position

Director of Family and Life Office: full time, located in Parramatta. For **position description visit the Employment section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website:**www.parra.catholic.org.au **Applications close on 6 April.**

Palm Sunday Procession & Youth Mass: 13 April

This year Palm Sunday is also World Youth Day with the theme: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' (Mt 5:3)

Everyone is invited to gather at 5pm at Parramatta Town Hall for the start of the Palm Sunday Procession, which starts at 5.30pm with the Blessing of the Palms. The Street Procession will move through the Parramatta CBD to St Patrick's Cathedral for the Palm Sunday Mass at 6pm. Mass will be followed with a shared meal in the Cloister.

An initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. Find us on Facebook **catholicyouthparra** **RSVP 9 April** to Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS tel 04 8844

8844, youth@parra.catholic.org.au www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

Music of JS Bach and Sacred Readings for Good Friday: 18 April

Offering choral and organ music of JS Bach together with special readings featuring: The Blue Mountains Chamber Chorale, Robert Ampt – Conductor and Organist, Amy Johansen – Choir Accompanist, and Readers from St Finbar's Parish and Uniting Church, Glenbrook. Time: 7.30pm. Where: St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. There will be a retiring collection; suggested donations \$10 (\$5 conc). Inquiries: (02) 4758 6067.

Good Friday Walk & Talk with the Lord: Friday 18 April

Last year more than 1000 young people participated in the overnight Good Friday Walk. The Stations of the Cross will be made in the parishes at Blacktown, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Westmead, North Parramatta and Parramatta.

Starts 10pm at St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, and ends early Saturday morning at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Bring your rosary beads and walking shoes.

An initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. Find us on Facebook **catholicyouthparra**

RSVP 15 April to Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS tel 04 8844 8844, youth@parra.catholic.org.au

Download a check-list and permission form for under 18s at: www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 26 April

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'Spirituality on the Threshold' with Catherine Hammond. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. From 10am-1pm. Entry by donation, morning tea provided. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

Divine Mercy Sunday: 27 April

At Kellyville: Starts 1pm with street procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Relic of St Faustina, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass at 3pm. Images banners and statues welcome. Confessions, veneration of the relic after Mass. Novena of Mercy from Good Friday to 26 April. Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville. Inquiries: Steve Boland 0405 206 695.

At Penrith: Starts 2.30pm. Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Homily and Benediction, Reconciliation till 4pm. Afternoon tea 4.15-5.15pm. Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm. St Nicholas of Myra Church, 326 High St, Penrith.

NAPPA Pastoral Ministry Conference: 2 May

The NSW Association of Pastors & Pastoral Associates is holding its annual one-day conference to explore issues pertinent to pastoral ministry, mostly in the parish setting. This conference is open to all who are working in Pastoral Ministry in some capacity. It is open to ordained and lay ministers. This includes: Pastoral Associates, CCD & Sacramental Co-ordinators, Youth Ministers, Chairs of Pastoral Councils & those with a passion to see the development of pastoral ministry as a cooperative venture between ordained and lay ministers. Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24-28 John St, Lidcombe. **Registration closes 9am on Thursday 24 April.** Cost: \$55.

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/ECLM>

DISCOVER Weekend for Young Women: 2-4 May

Young women aged 18-35 years are invited to DISCOVER – a self-knowledge weekend on identity, personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission. Mount Schoenstatt Retreat Centre. Registration essential. For further information or to register contact Sister M Julie Bracar: juliebracar@gmail.com

Craft Market and Antique Valuations: 3 May

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, is holding its popular Craft Market and Antique Valuations event again this year to raise funds for the Salem Association, India. This association helps with the education of poor and orphaned children. The stalls sell a diverse range of speciality goods including quality Christmas decorations and gifts, babywear, homemade decor, kitchen goods, edible treats, embroidered items, jewellery and much more. A unique drawcard is the professional Antique Valuations where your special treasures, family heirlooms, military items and paintings will be valued. Each valuation costs \$5. Open from 8am-2pm in Camilleri Hall, OLQP Parish, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Details:events@olqp.org.au, or www.olqp.org.au

Mass to celebrate the feast of St George Preca: 4 May

5pm at Holy Family Church, Willowdene Ave, Luddenham. Light supper afterwards.