

st patrick's primary school parramatta patter

12th February 2015 Term 1 No.2



Dear Parents,

Over the holiday break I took some time to read a little about the history of our wonderful school, including an archeological study on the use of the land prior to the establishment of St Patrick's. It is hard to imagine anything beyond the towering administration block and adjoining classrooms, playground and trees but the report sheds some light on a very different time and the people that once inhabited 'our land' at the corners of Ross, Villiers and Trott Street. I am sure that most of you know that Parramatta is an extremely important city in the history of Australia.

One of the first settlements was established in the area bound by George, Macquarie, Bridge and Church Street in central Parramatta. At this early time, plans of the area show the land to the north of Parramatta River, including that which is now occupied by our school was yet to be occupied. The land on which the school stands may have been first used as an indigenous camp and a camp for early settlers. An early map from 1844 shows that most of the land occupied by the school, was once owned by a Mr Blanchard who built the first steam mill on the site, with the rest of the land owned by a Mr J Duck. In fact the now named Trott Street used to be called Duck Lane. The report continues to explain that the mill did close and was used as a distillery at one time and by 1895 the land was fully divided into residential blocks. When reading this information it is not hard to imagine that **St Patrick's is the oldest parish school in Australia**. Although on a different site, in Hunter St, the school was established by Father Therry in 1820 and then in 1837 was relocated next to St Patrick's Church, now the Cathedral. In 1874 the girls and smaller boys were separated and taught in a school opposite the church.

From 1874-1888 the Sisters of Mercy, Head House Monte Saint Angelo, North Sydney, were teaching at St Patrick's School, in a building which was standing in front of the present O.L.M.C. in Victoria Road, then known as Pennant Street. These sisters were replaced by the Sisters of Mercy from Callan, Ireland, by the invitation of Cardinal Moran.

In 1926 that building was demolished and a new building was erected at the corner of Villiers Street and Ross Street, the current administration block and library.

In 1966 the senior girls moved to Westmead, to form **Catherine McAuley High School**. The primary school remains to this present day, Yes Us!

The Sisters of Mercy handed the responsibility for the School to the first lay Principal Ms Joan Coyle in 1985. It will be a great honour to have Ms Coyle returning to St Patrick's this Friday to present the badges to our SRC Representatives for Semester 1, 2015. Ms Coyle has had a long history with the school not only as principal from 1985 to 1997, but also as a teacher at one time. The SRC Badges will be presented tomorrow at Friday Assembly which will commence at the earlier time of 2.00pm You are all warmly welcome!

May God Bless you and your family.

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



Upcoming Events

Fri 13th Feb:	Infants Assembly and Presentation of SRC badges	2.00pm School Hall
Mon 16th Feb:	Year 1 Parent/Teacher Information Night	7pm Year 1 classrooms
	Year 2 Parent Teacher Information Night	8pm Year 2 classrooms
Tues 17th Feb:	Shrove Tuesday—Pikelets available at recess	Recess School Canteen
	Cumberland Zone Carnival	8.50am Parra Pools
	Year 3 Parent Teacher Information Night	7pm Year 3 classrooms
	Year 4 Parent Teacher Information Night	8pm Year 4 classrooms
Wed 18th Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass Years 1—6	9.15am St Pat's Cathedral
	Year 5 Parent Teacher Information Night	7pm Year 5 classrooms
	Year 6 Parent Teacher Information Night	8pm Year 6 classrooms
Thurs 19th Feb	Kinder Parent Teacher Information Night	7pm Kinder classrooms

ST PATRICK'S PARENT EVENTS COMMITTEE

After such a successful year of community socialising and fundraising in 2014 we have decided to trial the establishment of a St Patrick's Parent Events Committee. The role of the committee will be to meet to organise upcoming community events for the school.

At the Parent Teacher Information Nights we will be asking for one volunteer from each class to be the class representative for the year to be part of this committee. We will also be asking for the names of volunteers who may be interested to support the committee at the events and/or grade morning teas.

Please find below the role description for the committee for your perusal:

- Meet with other class representatives as part of the St Patrick's Events Committee when needed.
- Organise the designated morning tea for the grade eg Mother's Day
- Organise grade picnics/dinners if desirable (Optional)
- Represent the class re ideas for social/fundraising events for consideration
- Be a contact person regarding grade morning teas

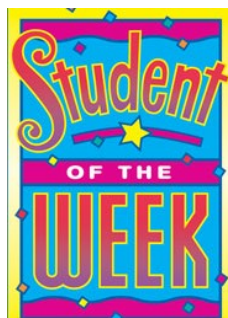
This committee will be coordinated by Mrs Fardell and Miss Fabri

Please keep in mind that **all** parents are welcome to contribute their efforts and ideas at any time.



st patrick's award

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



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

KA	Olivia Saab
KM	Christopher Mekdessi
1C	Jacob Manago
1S	Renee Kougellis
2M	Evelyn Gereige
2Y	Angelina Wakim

KA	Lauren Polintan
KM	Maria Khoury
1C	Carl Cauan
1S	Brian Chen
2M	Justin Makhoul
2Y	Alex Layoun

Thank you

A huge thank you to Mrs Laura Tarabay and Mrs Rhonda El-Tobbagi on the wonderful job they did at the end of last term in the canteen. Laura and Rhonda gave up a considerable amount of time to organise and clean the canteen in readiness for its use this year on 'treat days'. I would like to sincerely thank them for their efforts.

Thank you is also extended to Year 1 parents Mrs Pagua, Mrs Sta Rosa, Mrs Samar and Mrs Joseph for all their help in organising the morning tea for the new Kindergarten parents. From their responses this act of hospitality was very much appreciated.



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

Amelia Coles, Angelique Moujalli, Adrian Sicurella, Christian Sta Rosa

Being on the Student Representative Council is a huge responsibility. SRC students, are students who display **compassion** and are always thoughtful and caring towards others. These students demonstrate **resilience** by being determined and displaying a positive attitude at all times, even when things get difficult. These leaders continuously exhibit **respect** towards their family members, teachers and peers, forever displaying fairness and they are first to welcome others into our school, class or game. Over the last couple of weeks students have been elected to take on the responsibility of being on the Student Representative Council. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Semester One Student Representative Council for 2015 and look forward to working with these children to make our school an even better place to be!

Mrs Samantha Pope

Mrs Sue Jadriebeib

Class	Name of Students	Class	Name of Students
KA	Louis Wehbe & Sophie Gahdmar	3L	Christian Walker & Isla Giron
KM	Thomas Aguilera & Alexandria Izmestyeva	3T	Liam Abdallah & Sienna Volante
1C	Joseph Sassen & Zoe Samar	4B	Andre Eltakchi & Joanna Davino
1S	Michael Ayoub & Emily Johnson	4G	Adrian Pangan & Simone Sabat
2M	Jeremy Saliba & Gabrielle Murphy	5C	Jacky Zhao & Alana Michael
2Y	Julian Tanna & Mary-Jo El-Sabbagh	5T	Jake El-Sabbagh & Lauren Buxton

Burning of the Palms for Ashes

Next week we begin the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. On Tuesday when we are gathered at 8.50 am, Fr Bob will burn some of the palms left over from Palm Sunday. These ashes will be used the next day at Mass to mark the cross on our foreheads. On Ash Wednesday Father Bob will visit the Kindergarten children for a very simple liturgy and their teachers will mark them with the cross.

LENT

During Lent the Church asks that we focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. At school we will highlight prayer, and almsgiving through Project Compassion, reminding the children that it is most meaningful if the money we give to Project Compassion is the result of us going without something. You may choose as a family to give up a treat from time to time and to give that money to Project Compassion. Lent provides a wonderful opportunity for us to model our faith in action.

CHILD PROTECTION MODULES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Parent helpers in a school are a vital resource. Any parent interested in assisting in reading groups, excursions etc need to complete the 'child protection briefing for Volunteers' found by following the website link below. Parents and other family members are unable to assist if this module is not completed and submitted. Parents only need to complete this module once every two years. Looking forward to welcoming you as volunteers as you share your gifts with our school community.

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>



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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

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

Monday to Friday	6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Holidays	8.00am

Pastoral Team

Fr Peter Williams elected Diocesan Administrator
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj



Bookclub Issue 1 2015

Due **TOMORROW**

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The preferred method of payment is to make the payment online directly to scholastic. If paying by cheque please make the CHEQUE out to Scholastic Australia.

Remember to fill out Order Forms correctly and place in a sealed envelope clearly marked with NAME - CLASS - BOOKCLUB - CORRECT MONEY (no change given)



\$1.00

All schools in our diocese have been asked to help fund the cost of one young teacher to attend World Youth Day on Krakow, Poland, next year.

As a treat for the students and a donation towards our fundraising we will be selling *Icy Treats* in Terms 1 and 4. The cost is \$1. To reflect the healthy lifestyle we are promoting, we suggest a limit of one per child.

This term the ice treats will be on sale at lunchtime this Friday, and then on Tuesdays in weeks 5, 7 and 9. It would be helpful if your children had the exact amount, zipped safely in their pockets as teachers will not handle any money.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Kerr

Keeping lunchboxes safe

- Before preparing your child's lunchbox, always wash your hands and ensure you have a clean chopping board, lunchboxes and utensils.
- Bacteria that cause food poisoning grow at room temperature so it is a good idea to keep lunchboxes cold, even in winter. Include a frozen drink or ice-brick to keep sandwiches fresh and safe.
- Wrap frozen drinks in a paper towel to stop condensation making lunches soggy.

Be selective about what you pack, especially on hot days. Try to avoid cold meats, chicken and eggs on hot days.

2015 School Terms

Term 1

29th January to 2nd April

Term 2

20th April to 26th June

Term 3

13th July to 18th September

Term 4

6th October to 16th December

** Please note Staff Development days may affect commencement & concluding dates. Please refer to our weekly newsletter in 2015.

Reminders

Please be reminded that the following notes need to be returned to school within the next 7 days.

- Technology Code of Use
- Consent to sell raffle tickets (per family)
- Consent to use students image or work
- 2015 Medical Information Alert
- 2015 School Travel arrangements

Should you require copies of any of the above notes please contact the office.



The simplest way
to improve the health of your family and save money




Come to our **FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop**

Date: Monday, 16 March 2015

Time: 1:30pm until 3pm

Venue: St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

-  **Save time and money making healthy meals**
-  **Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters**
-  **Get a free recipe book simply by attending**

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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Local Health District



Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than **12/3/15** by:

Completing and returning this slip to the school front office.

Your name:

Your contact number or email:





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 1, 2015 10am – 2pm

Principal's Welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm

A Mercy Education is treasured for life

To reserve your place or obtain further information visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 9683 3300.



Catherine McAuley Westhead

Enrolments for Year 7 2016

**Closing Date for Year 7 2016 Applications 1st Round Offers is
Friday 27th March 2015.**

There will be two Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2016
enrolments on:

**Wednesday 5th March 2015
9.15 – 11am**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The next Session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or long term partner has died is on **Tuesday 17th February**, from 10.00am – 12.00pm **Venue:** 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. **Topic:** "Images and Frameworks for Understanding Grief. **Registration:** Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Cost \$5.00.

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP

CCSS Solo Parent Services monthly Bereavement Support Group for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Next gathering: **Tuesday 17th February**. Time: 7pm – 9pm **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. Cost: \$5.00. **Registration:** Eileen or Rita Ph. 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au