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TERM ONE

No 7

Dear Parents

It is soon Week 8 of the first term and it is hard to believe that such a short time has passed since I began the year as Principal of St Patrick's Parramatta. In all honesty it feels that I have been with you for 3 whole terms, not just weeks. I think what has contributed to this feeling of familiarity is the extraordinary quality of hospitality and friendliness I have experienced at the school. Thank you! This is particularly visible in the students who have embraced their new teachers and myself with such enthusiasm and warmth, qualities obviously inherited from you, their family.

A huge thank you to all the visitors who came to our Catholic Schools Week (CSW) activities; liturgy, open day, art exhibition and playground picnic lunch. It was so good to see you all there and I know the children loved to witness you showing such interest in them and their education. I would like to particularly thank our Religious Education Coordinator Mrs Jude Kerr and her CSW Committee for organizing all these events.

On Monday 17th, March we will celebrate the feast day of our school's Patron Saint, St Patrick. He is such an interesting man to learn about and his association with the Irish people combined with the enormous contribution the Irish convicts and settlers had on the establishment of the first colony and the importance Parramatta played in the success of this early settlement makes him particularly significant to us.

The Saint Patrick's Breastplate or Lorica is often associated with St Patrick's ministry in the 5th Century and is a Christian hymn incorporating old Irish Lyrics. There is one verse which is particularly well known and it reminds us of the presence of Christ in every aspect of our existence. As we read this prayer and celebrate St Patrick's Day together let us remember to always rise to the challenge of being Christ-like people with and for each other and in this regard continue to demonstrate the qualities we wish our children to aspire to.

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ in breadth, Christ in length, Christ in height,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

*God Bless you and your families
Bernadette Fabri*

student of the week



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

KA - Frank Agostino	KM - Zoe Samar
1C - Isabella Moses	1S - Christopher Konstantas
2M - Aaron Macadangdang	2Y - Mikaela Barrientos Salazar
3L - Elise Sassen	3T - Joanna Davino
4B - Naomi Faddoul	4G - Serene Mawad
5C - Nayden Tarabay	5T - Clark Guatlo
6P - Daniella Younes	6W - Alyanah-Jasna Firmeza

QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY (QCS)

Next week sixty randomly selected parent surveys will be sent out to our school community. The Catholic Education Office selects the families and will provide them with a paper version of the survey or the facility to complete the survey online if desired. The instructions on how to do this are included in the package.

I know that completing surveys can be time consuming but I do make a special appeal to any parents who receive a package next week to participate in this survey, as your contributions will help us identify areas of strength and also areas for improvement in the future. A summary of the results of the survey will be communicated to all parents when they are collated and analyzed.

Thank you in anticipation.

Bernadette Fabri

SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to **Jaxson Rahme (5T)** who has made the Under 11's Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League Team.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2-2014

Due Friday 21st March, 2014

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)



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

Joseph Pellew, Oisin Ryan, Allana Assabgy, Elliana Coles,

Josie Wehbe, Elaine Wehbe, Charbel Wehbe, Mariejose Nakhle, Isla Giron, Jayden Farah, Joseph Kalouche, Lea Barakat, Crystella Geagea

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Miss Nicole Dunseath, Miss Sara Toman and Mr David Younis on their commissioning at the Annual Education Mass.





ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATIONS

It is that exciting time of year again when we celebrate the patron Saint of our school Saint Patrick.

The children can wear **GREEN** mufti with joggers and make a gold coin donation to Project Compassion.

We welcome parent involvement in 2 of our activities the 9.00am Liturgy which will include the **Presentation of SRC Badges** concluding at approx. 10.00am. The next activity will commence at Parramatta Park approx. **12.00 noon** where the children will participate in some fun games and enjoy lunch with their families.

We ask that the students **not** bring a school bag on Monday only bringing a disposable bag with their recess and lunch. This will enable the teachers to dismiss the children whose parents are present from the park.

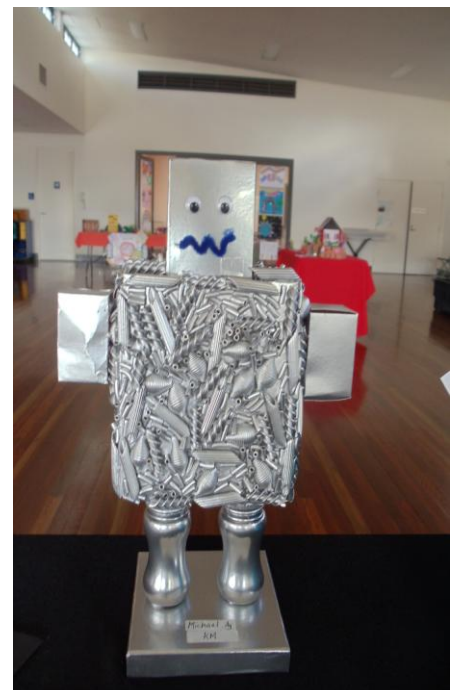
As this will be a very busy time for teachers and parents we need to be organised and ensure every student is accounted for. If you are taking your children from the park it is **IMPERATIVE** that you see their teacher and sign them off. If you are requesting for another parent to take your child home a note will be required.

Art Exhibition

A steady stream of parents, students and visitors to our school have enjoyed the delightful art works created by students at St Patrick's, to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The works reflect many aspects of the theme *More than a Great Education*, including the love of God, stewardship of the earth, family, friendship, teamwork and entertainment. Simply by entering the Exhibition, each artist has reached out to help others through their donations to Project Compassion.

It is wonderful to see the great variety of materials used to by our artists and the joy on the faces of all who have viewed their works. A special thanks to the more than ninety students who entered the exhibition. A big thank you goes to the teachers who helped to set up the display: Mrs Pope, Mrs Nubla, Mrs Salame, Mrs Benkovich, Mrs Velkovich and to Mrs Pope and Mrs Nubla for the certificates each artist has received.

Judith Kerr REC



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

As I know that it is important for parents to be informed of dates as early as possible I will endeavour to make this year's calendar available as soon as we can. In the mean time the dates for the scheduled Staff Development Days are as follows:

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 19 th	Thursday 18 th and Friday 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.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Are you interested in finding out what is happening in the School/Parramatta Diocese, sharing ideas, fund raising or just chatting over some refreshments?

Come and join the

ST PATRICK'S PARENT GROUP

Meeting: Tuesday 25th March

Venue: School Hall

Time: 7.30pm

Hope to see you there!!!

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.

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. Looking forward to all of your assistance <http://ceoweb.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/module1/index.htm>

DANGER - ANAPHYLAXIS NUTS, SESAME SEED & SEAFOOD PRODUCTS



Some children are still bringing nut products such as peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches. We appeal to all parents **NOT** to send any nut products to school. Keep them for after school or weekends.

We also have children who are allergic to Sesame Seed products and seafood. These products should also not be brought to school.

We do not want to endanger children who are allergic to any of these products and I am sure you would **not like to contribute to the possible death of a child.**

Any child who brings these products will be isolated when eating and required to thoroughly wash their face and hands with soap.

This is for the safety of all the children.

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.



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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 Seven

Friday 14th March

Assembly Yr 2 School Hall 2.20pm
Year 3 excursion to Featherdale Farm
Year 5 excursion to Mt Tomah

Week Eight

Monday 17th March

St Patricks Day Liturgy - 9.00am Parents Welcome
St Patricks Day Activities & lunch - approx. 12.00 noon
Parramatta Park Parents Welcome

Friday 21st March

Assembly Yr 1 School Hall 2.20pm
Yr 4 Excursion to Arabanoo

Week Nine

Thursday 27th March

Year 2 excursion to Warragamba Dam

Friday 28th March

Primary Cross Country
Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.20pm

Week Ten

Friday 4th April

NO Assembly
School Photos

Week Eleven

Monday 7th April

Yr 6 excursion to Canberra

Thursday 10th April

Last Day for Students

Friday 11th April

Pupil Free Day

may the irish hills caress you;

may her lakes and rivers Bless you;

may the luck of the irish enfold you;

may the blessings of saint patrick, Behold you

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

MORE THAN A GREAT EDUCATION- Catholic Schools Week





**Catherine McAuley Westmead
Enrolments for Year 7 2015**

Catherine McAuley Westmead holds a number of School Open Mornings throughout the year.

**There are two Open Mornings remaining for Year 7 2015 enrolments on:
Tuesday 11th March and Thursday 3rd April 2014
9.15 – 11am**

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by coming to see our school!

Diocesan News

Bereavement Support Program

CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is holding its second fortnightly Bereavement Support Group Session on Tuesday 18th March, for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is "Images and Frameworks for Understanding Grief". Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from 10.00am – 12pm, cost \$5.00. This is an opportunity to gain some information about the grieving process and to support each other during this most difficult and painful time. Details and Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205.

Smartloving Workshop Enhancing Marriage Relations

Sunday 23rd March, 2-5pm
Holy Family School Hall
32 Willowdene Ave, Luddenham
Donation at the door (afternoon Tea provided)
Bookings essential
Call Jess 02 9319 6280 info@smartloving.org
Spouses can attend on their own or as a couple

FROM THE BISHOPS OFFICE

Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

Twitter @parracatholic

Diocesan positions

Housekeeper – Residential: casual (6-10 hrs/wk), St Patrick's Cathedral area, Parramatta.

Applications close on 24 March. Details: John Sheehy (02) 8838 3400.

Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta: full time, located in Parramatta. Applications close on 31 March. Details: Fr Paul Roberts 0417 44 11 77.

Director of Family and Life Office: full time, located in Parramatta. Applications close on 6 April. Details: Antoine Kazzi (02) 8838 3400.

For further details of these roles and the position descriptions visit the Employment section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website: www.parra.catholic.org.au

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta

Recruiting male and female singers in all voice parts. Develop vocal skills and learn more about the Catholic faith and liturgy. Scholarship payments available to singers aged 16-35 who demonstrate music leadership skills. To arrange an audition, contact the Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick tel 0430 431 884. For further information, visit www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Preparing Music for the Easter Triduum

These workshops organised by the Office for Worship include ministerial chants for clergy (priests and deacons), cantors and choir, with particular focus on the new translations and chants for the Unveiling of the Cross (Good Friday) and the Exsultet (Easter Vigil).

From 7.30pm-9pm on:

20 March at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, 326 High St, Penrith. RSVP 17 March

27 March at St Patrick's Parish, 51-55 Allawah St, Blacktown. RSVP 24 March

RSVP to the Office for Worship tel (02) 8838 3414, liturgysupport@parra.catholic.org.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 March

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, Marist Place, Parramatta.

To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

DISCOVER Weekend: 21-23 March

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

Brcar:juliebrcar@gmail.com

Bridging Sydney City Assembly: 26 March

Bridging Sydney will launch the Sydney Alliance agenda for the common good with specific asks for the NSW Government on the issues of public transport, affordable housing and supported job pathways. With a year to go before the next NSW election, the aim is to build a bridge between Sydney's civil society and those who serve in elected office. The Diocese of Parramatta is a member of the Sydney Alliance. Doors open at 6pm, concludes 8.30pm. Venue: Sydney Town Hall, George Street. Register your attendance at: www.sydneyalliance.org.au

<http://www.sydneyalliance.org.au/news/2014/01/29/bridging-sydney/>

Catenian City of Parramatta Circle Dinner: 27 March

Members of the Catenian Association are Catholic men who meet once a month to join collectively in a friendly atmosphere in the practice of their faith, to enjoy each other's company and to support their local parishes and the Diocese. The City of Parramatta Circle meets for dinner on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Lachlan's Restaurant in Old Government House in Parramatta Park. Commences at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. This month's guest speaker will be Christine Berrierre from St Lucy's School in Wahroonga. More information contact Ian Goldthorpe – Membership Officer, City of Parramatta Circle, tel 0408 169 941.

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 join the annual Palm Sunday Procession, which starts at 5.30pm with the Blessing of the Palms at Parramatta Town Hall. 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](https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra)

RSVP 9 April to Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS tel 04 8844

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

Good Friday Walk & Talk with the Lord: 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](https://www.facebook.com/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

Macquarie Princess Cruise: 6 May

Cruise back in time with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, and enjoy the ancient Hawkesbury River, surrounded by national park and 200 million-year-old sandstone gorges. The MV Macquarie Princess enhances the experience, being a covered all-weather classic and historic former Sydney ferry. Enjoy all this with great food and great company.

Cost: \$65 including cruise, morning tea and lunch on board. Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St, Greystanes. Book early to avoid disappointment – deposit of \$20 required. Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au