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TERM ONE

No 8

Dear Parents

I would like to thank all those who were able to make it to our St Patrick's Day Celebrations last Monday, 17th March. The liturgy in the morning featured many of the children reading beautifully and praying reverently and I was particularly impressed with the children's beautiful singing voices. This was followed by some visual arts activities in the classrooms, many of which are adorning notice boards or fridges at home I am sure. The picnic in the afternoon, at Parramatta Park, was full of fun and had a real community feel. Can I once again thank Mrs Judith Kerr and her committee of teachers for all the organisation and to Mrs Elly Benkovich who assisted by transporting equipment in her husband's ute. I would also like to thank those parents who assisted teachers with the packing up or the removal of rubbish from the grounds.

This week the **Quality Catholic School's Survey (QCS)** was sent to 60 families who were randomly chosen by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP). Parents are able to complete the survey on line or by using the hardcopy and envelope provided. The purpose of the survey, which is now in its third year, is to ascertain parent views on a number of features relating to the school. At the end of the survey period, which is **Thursday 27th March**, all responses will be posted to the survey company Insight SRC Pty Ltd based in Melbourne where they will be collated and analysed. Information will then be given to each school with regard to its strengths and areas for further development. **All individual responses will be kept strictly confidential and will not be identifiable to any member of CEDP or the school.** Can I appeal to all parents who have been randomly selected to take a little time out of their day, (approx. 30mins) to complete the survey. The closer we are to 100% response the more accurate the summary. The Quality Catholic Schools survey will also be completed by the following groups: all school staff working in the CEDP, and children from years 5 and 6 and older.

If you have any questions regarding the QCS Survey please feel free to contact Mrs Elly Benkovich or myself through the school office. **DUE DATE FOR POSTING BY THE SCHOOL: Thursday 27th March**

CATHEDRAL PARKING PERMITS FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

To assist parents who volunteer in the school eg book covering, reading groups, hospitality groups and other parent volunteer activities, Fr John has generously made the Cathedral overflow available. You can access this section of parking by entering in the driveway after the Cathedral parking area. It has been recommended cars parking on the tennis court reverse in. If you would like to avail of this facility please **collect a parking authorisation permit from the school office when needed.** In order to assist Cathedral staff, all permits will need to be signed on and off. I would like to thank Father John and the Presbytery staff for this very helpful accommodation which will assist the many parents who have difficulty finding parking in this area.

BOOK COVERING APPEAL

We have recently purchased a number of readers for students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2. Thank you to the many parents from these grades that have been able to assist with the stamping and covering in the school hall. Thank you also to the many parents who have taken a bundle home to cover. Although we have had a number of helpers we have still only just completed the Kindergarten readers and have many more to go. We would like them all completed by the end of the term if possible. Any parent from Kindergarten to Year 6 who is able to assist us with the covering of books in the hall for an hour or two during the next few weeks or at home please come to the school office. The only time not suitable will be during school assembly on Friday afternoon at 2.20pm.

God Bless you and your families

Bernadette Fabri
Principal

student of the week



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

KA - Talia Kalouch	KM - Ava Salloum
1C - Anthony Khouri	1S - John Paul Wehbe
2M - Jayda Tarabay	2Y - Andre Elzahoul
3L - Joseph Chiha	3T - Luke Maroun
4B - Audrey Baysari	4G - Marvin Molina
5C - Zachary Bond	5T - Rachel Mekari
6P - Luis Medak	6W - Joseph Bechara



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:
Mabel Zekan, Mikayla Saleh, Matthew Molina, Chanel Achie, Carl Cauan, Mark Sassine

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 Montanna, 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.

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)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The children brought their envelopes home this week to purchase school photos. Please return by the 2nd April. Should you wish to have a sibling photo taken please collect a separate envelope from the office.

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.

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.

YEAR ONE FIREFIGHTERS VISIT

This term, Year One is learning about workers in the community who help us.

We were all very lucky to have fire fighters from the Parramatta Fire Station take time out of their busy day to visit our school.

They told us about some of the very special work they do like saving animals from high places, cleaning up dangerous chemical spills, going to serious car accidents to get people trapped in their cars, installing smoke alarms for the elderly and most of all going to fires, making sure everyone is safe and the fire is out. We helped the fire fighters to order safe and unsafe fire situations like it is safe to be near the barbecue, open fire, stove and oven if your parents are around, but unsafe if they are not.

We saw and discussed all the equipment the fire fighters use to help us and to keep us and them safe like metal cutters, chainsaws, torches, oxygen tank and mask, hoses, protective helmet and visor, fire coat and boots, walkie talkie and last of all a device that helps the fire fighters see in the dark so they can find us through the smoke.

We practiced dialling 000, get down low and go go go and stop, drop and roll.

We all had a great and educational time



SACRAMENT PROCESS TIMETABLE

Penance Session 3

22/2/14 - 4.30pm Parents and Children

Penance Session 4

29/3/14 - 4.30pm (hall) and attendance at Mass

Reception of the Sacrament of Penance

1/4/14 - 7pm

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!!!

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Kindy to Yr 6

School Photos

ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATIONS





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.



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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 Eight

Friday 21st March

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

Week Nine

Tuesday 25th March

Year 6 Nursing home visit
St Patrick's Parent group meeting 7.30pm School Hall
Year 2 excursion to Warragamba Dam
Primary Cross Country
Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.20pm

Thursday 27th March

Friday 28th March

Week Ten

Friday 4th April

NO Assembly
School Photos

Week Eleven

Monday 7th April

Thursday 10th April

Friday 11th April

Yr 6 excursion to Canberra
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

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

DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER – Year 7, 2016 Enrolment Information Evening

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2016 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on **April 1**. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the Principal and College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F. For enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au. Limited places available for Year 7 2015.



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

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

On the last Tuesday of each month CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry invites those who have been separated or divorced to an evening for sharing and support. The emphasis is on personal development, growth and goals for a hope-filled future. Shared personal experiences are prompted by the questions: *“How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?”* Date: Tuesday 25th March, Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. 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: 27 March

This workshop organised by the Office for Worship includes 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 at St Patrick's Parish, 51-55 Allawah St, Blacktown. RSVP 24 March: Office for Worship tel (02) 8838 3414, liturgysupport@parra.catholic.org.au

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

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.

MGL Spiritual Association Healing Mass: 29 March

"I have come to bring fire to the earth" Luke 12:49.

The Missionaries of God's Love Spiritual Association (Sydney) warmly invites you, your friends and acquaintances to a Healing Mass with Fr Ken Barker MGL. Mass at 1pm will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills. The day concludes at 4pm. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. RSVP to Jenny: jennyscott25372@gmail.com or Missionaries of God's Love Facebook page.

Colloquium on The Francis Effect: 3 April

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia are hosting a colloquium that will enlarge on the reflections contained in The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel as well as further explore Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. This event will bring together Catholic leaders for a day of formation and professional development for anyone who is living and leading mission and evangelisation. Keynote Address by Fr Noel Connolly SSC – The Francis Effect: A Theology of Leadership for Mission. From 8.30am to 4.30pm. Registration: \$195 adult, \$95 concession (registration includes a copy of The Francis Effect, morning tea and lunch). Venue: Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club. More information and to register: www.catholicmission.org.au

Bishop Manning Lecture: 3 April

The Catholic Commission of Employment Relations (CCER) is proud to welcome lawyer, academic and Aboriginal land rights activist Noel Pearson to deliver the biennial Bishop Manning Lecture. This event is supported by The University of Notre Dame Australia. The Bishop Manning Lecture was established by CCER to honour Bishop Kevin Manning's commitment and contribution to the development of Catholic workplaces as places of justice and human dignity. Noel Pearson will speak on the complex range of factors that have contributed to the current and future prospects of Indigenous communities across Australia. From 5.30-7.30pm in the Centenary Hall, Loreto Kirribilli, 85 Carabella St, Kirribilli. Book now – places strictly limited: tel (02) 9390 5255, www.ccercatholic.org.au

The Seven Last Words of Christ Lenten Retreat: 4-6 April

A Lenten weekend retreat for young adults organised by Singles for Christ Australia. Includes silent reflection, talks, prayer, adoration, Confession and Mass. Kihilla Conference Centre, 5-17 Queens Rd, Lawson. Cost: \$115. Details: Alex Pace (02) 9831 4044

Grace & Silence Retreat Day: 12 April

Young women aged 17-30 years who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. From 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost \$20 includes lunch. The Schoenstatt Shrine is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com

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](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

Holy Hour for Vocations: 17 April

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

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](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