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TERM TWO

No 3

Dear Parents,

*During the month of May, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund, **Faith @ Work**.*

Over the coming weeks we will learn about some of the ministries and people it supports. This fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions.

*On **Monday, 19th May** the school will send out collection envelopes with a letter to parents about the Appeal. Please return the envelope with your donation, no matter how big or small, to the school office. **Every gift is very much appreciated and will go towards assisting thousands of people in Western Sydney.***

Bishop Anthony Fisher has written his letter on the back of the Giving Envelope to you and other members of the Catholic community across Western Sydney, to ask for everyone's support. The faith@work appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Of particular interest is Blacktown Neighbour Aid service, which assists the frail, aged, people with a disability and their carers in our community; and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) which trains religious education teachers who give witness to their faith in public schools in Western Sydney.

Your contribution enables services such as Blacktown Neighbour Aid, CCD and Catherine Villa (supporting homeless mothers aged 16-25) to respond to more people in need. Please be generous so these good works can continue.

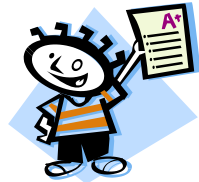
Did you know?

- Did you know that Catholic Care Social Services responds to more than 20,000 calls for help each year? There are many requests for relationship or gambling counselling, or for assistance in dealing with a disability, mental ill health or ageing.*
- Did you know that DWF supports the 13 seminarians in training and more than 1000 Catechists working in state schools in Western Sydney?*
- Did you know that DWF Appeal provides funds for Youth Ministry and Faith Education in Western Sydney too!*

Your donations will be Faith @ Work!

*God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri*

Student of the Week



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

3L	Valerie Lui
3T	Diamond Murphy
4B	Joshua Rizk
4G	Antonia Behan
5C	Harrie Chrisstopher
5T	Alanah Maroun
6P	Cassandra Holdaway
6W	Jack Pellew

St Patrick's Award



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

3L	Ray Wehbe
3T	Annabelle Younes
4B	Jasmine Nasr
4G	Jacky Zhao
5C	Jordan Moubarak
5T	Louis Takchi
6P	Ethan Hoang
6W	Angeleena Loto'aniu

CATCH UP TESTS - NAPLAN

Friday 16th May is a catch-up day for students who have missed one or more of the tests. Individual students are not permitted to complete tests after the 16th May.

ST PATRICK'S SKOOL BAG APP

Don't forget to download the new skoolbag app to your smart phone/tablet so you can keep up to date with all the latest news and events.

iPhone & iPad users

1. Click on the "App Store" icon on your Apple device
2. Type in " St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta"
3. If iPhone, you will see our school appear, click "Free" then "install"
4. If iPad, change the drop down list to "iPhone Apps", our school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install"
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "Ok" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the push categories that are applicable to your child/ren.

Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app. Click on the "App Store" icon on your Apple device

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in "St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta"
3. Click on the school name when it appears in the search
4. Click the "Install" button
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the push categories that are applicable to your child/ren.



Lost Property

Do you own the items above? They can be collected from the office. Please collect by Monday or we will find a new home for them.

With the current weather changing the children take their jumpers/jackets off and on throughout the day, if their names are not on the item it cannot be returned.

LABEL EVERYTHING PLEASE

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP ALERT

Dear Parents

Can I impress upon you again the importance of ensuring the safety of our children and other drivers by adhering to the road rules in place around our school. The increase in police presence and parking officers in the afternoon serves to remind us that safety in school zones is paramount, especially in an area involving two schools and so many children travelling home. Parramatta Council have done their best in creating the safest conditions possible in what I can see can be a very difficult situation for you, in that you sometimes need to drive up and down the street waiting for a space in the line. It is part of the complications inherent with a school situated in an urban setting.

Two key points needing attention from my observations and reports from the teachers on duty are:

- Making sure that you cross the road at the crossing
- Making sure that your car is fully within the marked white line near the round-a-bout.

Fines for breaching road rules can cost over \$300. For your convenience children can be picked up using the drive through pick up from 3.00pm to 3.30pm

Thanking you again for your support and cooperation

Bernadette Fabri

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 3-2014

Due Wednesday 21st May, 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)

Did you know?

By purchasing Book Club you are assisting the teachers to buy resources for their classrooms. The teachers receive a percentage from their class which goes directly back to their classrooms.

MOTHER'S DAY DONATIONS

Dear Parents

May I say a huge thank you for making Friday 9th May such a huge success. The Mother's Day Mass was just beautiful and very well attended and the morning tea afterwards in the school hall was a celebration of our community in action. Thank you to Year 3 for the generous donations of food, food and more food. A lovely spread! A special thank you is extended to the following individuals and companies for their donations to the Mother's Day Raffle. I hope that all mothers were treated to a well-deserved happy Mother's Day.

Bernadette Fabri

LJ Hooker Parramatta, Opera Bar, Nada Jewellers Castle Hill, De Lorenzo Hair products, Vittoria Coffee, Mr & Mrs Sakr, Mrs Didic, Moody Chef, Indulged by Beauty Salon, Revolution X, Brooklyn's Pizza, Hilltop fruit shop, Sunkissed by Melissa Rahme, Julie Sabat Tupperware

School Banking Rewards

Have you collected 10 tokens? Then please complete your reward card coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, on the next School Banking day and the item will be ordered for you

Win a share of the sunken Treasure from the Lost City Of savings

Here's how to win. If you have a Youthsaver account and are aged between 5-13 years, simply make three or more School Banking deposits between 21 April and 4 July 2014

and you'll be automatically entered into the competition. See the website for a list of prizes



PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AND INFANTS PICNIC DAY

Dear Parents,

This year we will be trialling something new for our School Athletics Carnival. The Primary Carnival will be held on Friday the 13th of June for Years 3-6 and all 8 year old children in Year 2. The Infants children will then participate in a Fun Day organised by their teachers on Friday the 20th June from 9:30-11:30am. This will give parents the opportunity to experience the events and enjoy the day with their children in both infants and primary.

However, we would like the Infants children to be a part of the Primary Athletics Carnival by giving them an opportunity to experience what happens and spend some time with their older siblings. The Infants children will attend the Primary Athletics Carnival at 1pm to join in the delicious sausage sizzle and watch the relay events.

We hope this change will make it easier for you to share the fun around with all of your children and hopefully give you the opportunity to take part and assist in any way you can. We look forward to seeing you there as we know the children love having you cheer them on!

If you have any questions regarding either the Primary Athletics Carnival or Infants Fun Day please feel free to contact me.

Yours Thankfully

Mrs Anne Fardell
Acting Sport Coordinator

2014 COMPETITION NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES (YRS 3 TO 6)

Calling all good writers in Yrs 3 to 6.

The 9th annual Sydney Youth Writing Competition 2014 is now open for entries. The signature words for 2014 are: **Drop. Wind. Keep.** Each entry must contain one signature word. Entries do not need to be about these words and they can be used in any form ie plural, noun/adjective/verb etc . All entries will need to be submitted online from home. For more information go to <http://www.sydneyyouthwriting.com> Closing date for entries is Friday 6 June 2014.

SACRAMENTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for children who have reached the age of 10 years will commence on Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm in the parish hall. (parents only). The following meetings are on 23rd July, 26th July and 2nd August. Sacrament of Confirmation 10th Aug. at the 11am Mass - Bishop Anthony is the Celebrant.

Please contact

pastoral@stpatscathedral.com.au if you wish to prepare your child for First Holy Communion (remember they must have already prepared for the Sacrament of Penance) or Confirmation (must have received Holy Communion) or leave a message on 02 8839 8412.

Sr Susan



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

Alecks Delgado Lopez,
Rachel Touche,
Francis Dagostino,

Elna Koikkara, Isabella Younes, Angelina Wakim



SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

to the Behan family (Antonia 4G and Laurice 2M) on the recent passing of both their grandmother and grandfather.

The wonderful gifts of life are the people you have allowed us to love and be loved by.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE IMPACT OF FEDERAL BUDGET 2014-2015

1. In bringing down the Federal Budget 2014–15 the Federal government has given clear messages on spending cuts across many policy areas to reduce the government deficit and education is not immune.
2. Despite the impact of Federal government budget announcements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is committed to fulfilling its mission of providing affordable quality Catholic education.
3. Federal government has stated their clear intention of devolving responsibility for education to States following the National Commission of Audit recommendation.
4. Introducing indexed school funding meaning no **new** funding for schools beyond 2017 - only indexed increases in line with enrolments.
5. Funding of the **Better Schools Plan for School Improvement – (Gonski Review)** is not going ahead beyond 2017.
6. Federal funding for Catholic schools will now be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which, over the last 10 years has risen about 3% annually while education expenditure has risen by 5.5% in the same period.
7. Capital spending funding for capital works and new buildings remains unclear. Expected school population projections suggest 350 new Catholic schools needed over next 10 years across Australia
8. New Trade Training Centres will not be funded after June 2016, which limits pathways for employment and training for year 11 and 12 students. Parramatta Diocese has two Trade Training Centres in Mt Druitt and Emu Plains.
9. Significant cuts to the National teacher standards body (AITSL) who are responsible for determining the benchmarks for high quality teaching.
10. Cuts to the national curriculum body (ACARA) who are responsible for developing a national curriculum, assessment and reporting e.g NAPLAN.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Discover rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta during an Open Morning Tour on May 19. In this special 125th anniversary year, join us for a tour of the College before enjoying a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information

ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Staff and CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry present Information Sessions to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. Questions are answered on details such as the length of time it takes, the cost, the role of witnesses, the number of interviews required, the grounds for an Annulment, how to start the process, etc. The evening is open to anyone at all who is interested in gaining more information about the Annulment process in the Catholic Church. Venue: CCSS Centre, 2 A Villiers St. Parramatta. Date: Tues 20th May. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00.

Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 9933 0205. Later in the year we will advertise more details of the same Seminar to be held in Springwood on 14th October.

Mother's Day Raffle Winners 2014



***Annamika & Nikhil Sawant
\$50.00 Fruit & Veg Voucher***



***Angel Arida
Food Hamper***



***Joseph Haddad
Pink Handbag***



***Caitlin Vilches
Hair Products***



***Christian, Simone and Julian Tanna
Pizza Voucher***



***Nicholas, Andrew and Christian Barakat
Hairdresser Voucher***



***Rosa Itaoui
Watch***



***Eden and Arabella Gittany
Tupperware***



***Chanel and Marcus El-Chaar
Soap Pack***



***Matthew and Jarrod Kassis
\$50 Fruit & Veg voucher***



***Arthur Constantone
Pizza Voucher***

**Absent: Chloe Abou-Hamad
Spray Tan**



*Chanel Nader
Handbag*



*Ashleigh Grubba
Coffee Machine*



*Caitlin Vilches
Pizza Voucher*



*Tayla and Aidan Vancuylenberg
Book Pack*



*Chiara Banzato
Hamper*



*Narella and Angelina Wakim
Champagne & Voucher for Opera Bar*



*Norman and Andre Elzahoul
Pizza Voucher*



*Ella and Liam Abdallah
Gym Membership*



*Christian Golossian
Pizza Voucher*

Thank you to all that purchased tickets. We have raised over \$1600 which will go towards valuable resources for our school for Modern big book stands for the classrooms.



sub tuum praesidium

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 TWO - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Three

Friday 16th May

Primary Assembly Yr 4 School Hall 2.15pm

Week Four

Tuesday 20th May

ICAS Computer skills - 7.50am

Friday 23rd May

Infants Assembly Yr 1 School Hall 2.15pm

Week Five

Friday 30th May

Primary Assembly Yr 5 School Hall 2.15pm

Week Six

Wednesday 4th June

ICAS Science skills - 7.50am

Friday 6th June

Pupil Free day - **NO school for students**

Week Seven

Monday 9th June

Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday NO SCHOOL

Friday 13th June

Primary Athletics carnival

Infants to join sausage sizzle at 1.00pm

No assembly

Week Eight

Monday 16th June

Reports home to parents

Friday 20th June

Infants Fun day

Infants Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.15pm

Week Nine

Friday 27th June

Last day of Term 2

Whole School Assembly Yr 3 School Hall 1.30pm

*"I do want with all my heart
to be what God wants me to be"*
St Mary MacKillop (1899)

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.

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.45am to 12.30pm

Sunday 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
Children's Liturgy 9.30 a.m.

Saturday 8.00am
Public Holidays 8.00am

Saturday 8.30 to 9.00am & 5.15 to 6.00pm