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7th May 2015 Term 2 No.3



Dear Parents

This Sunday is Mother's Day and a time when the family can show gratitude and love to one of the most influential people in our lives, our mothers. I think everyone would agree that the status of motherhood can never be overvalued. In fact societies that value women in general, are known to be the most successful and well-functioning of societies. When reading professional educational articles, I often come across the impact of mothers on a student's attitude to learning. Maternal influences are found to be the leading factor on whether a student stays at school and continues on to higher education. The link is particularly strong between mothers and daughters compared to mothers and sons, although the link is still acknowledged. For this reason and many other reasons, I am particularly heartened when I see our mothers interested in coming to workshops provided by the school, attending parent information nights, even though they have attended them for older children many a year, continuing their own study as part of their work or otherwise or generally showing an interest in what is happening in the school. The value placed on education, shown by these actions, is invaluable and must never be underestimated.

Interestingly the influence of mothers on a girl's self-image is also a factor worth mentioning. In an article written by counsellor and teacher, Jacqueline Lapa Sussman, the powerful influence of mothers on a girls' image of herself is emphasised. She states;

Daughters imitate and identify with their mothers in deep and powerful ways. This imitation is not conscious. A mother's tone and body language programs her daughter with attitudes that affect her for the rest of her life. A mother who accepts how she looks, and has a healthy attitude about weight, wrinkles, and aging, goes a long way in helping to counter the peer and media pressure her daughter faces. Similarly, when mothers don't feel they measure up to society's beauty standards, they knowingly or unknowingly pass on those feelings of inadequacy to their daughters.

Like all other factors it is about attaining a happy medium. I particularly recall my wonderful mother always taking pride in how she looked in a sensible and balanced way. To her it was about showing self-respect and decency in the choice of fashion and appropriate dress for the occasion.

I know in the business of life we can often fail to show love, patience and gratitude to the ones we care for the most. Keeping this in mind let us try to show our mothers how much they mean to us, not only this Sunday but every single day.

God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri

Let us take some time to think and pray for our mothers and mothers all around the world.
We especially remember mothers who are no longer with us. **God rest their soul!**

God our Creator, we pray:

For new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who are tired, stressed or depressed;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who raise children on their own;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who have lost a child;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who care for the children of others;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers whose children have left home;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers, who for various reasons have not been able to fulfil their role as mothers.

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

Loving God,

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to
know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others

.Amen.





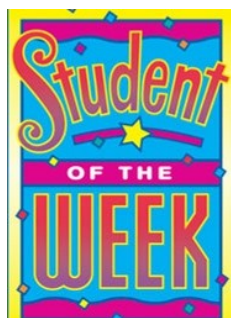
Parent Math's Forum Follow-up

At our recent Parent Math's Forum evening parents expressed an interest in some on-going workshops to reconnect with the Numeracy support team and continue to develop their strategies to further assist their children at home.

Mrs Barclay and Mrs Benkovich will be holding these afternoon sessions on Thursday 28 May and 25 June from 2.30 – 300pm. These sessions will be informal with parents invited to share experiences and ask questions as well as giving an introduction to another activity. Our first session will be looking at activities using a beadstring. We look forward to seeing you there!

Elly Benkovich

On behalf of the Numeracy Team



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



st patrick's award

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

Faith in Action



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

Chirstiana Kalouche, Erica Jurisic, Nicholas Moses, Louis Wehbe,

KA	Adam Jurisic
KM	Nathan Romanos
1C	Malcolm Nasr
1S	Caitlin Dunn
2M	Jazmyne Grech
2Y	Annette Francis

KA	Daniella Gereige
KM	Maggie Gilchrist
1C	Maria Wahbe
1S	Biaggio Volante
2M	Gabriella Mendoza
2Y	Jacob Tamaro

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGE OVER

All children should now be in winter uniform.

The winter uniform is only available from Oz Fashions:

115 - 127 Parramatta Road GRANVILLE NSW 2142 **Phone:** 9897 3121
Operating Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am—5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am—4.00pm

Replacing clothes is expensive, parents please ensure all items are labelled.

We encourage parents of the younger grades to place a change of clothes for those little accidents, as we have limited supplies in the office.

PARISH BASED CONFIRMATION

If your child has received First Eucharist and turns 10 by the end of June, he/she is able to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Children who have participated in the St Patrick's Parish based program for First Eucharist need only to notify the Parish Office as their paperwork is up to date.

If your child has prepared for First Eucharist in another parish, you will need to collect the form from the school office and return it to Sr Susan at the Parish office.

If you have any questions please contact Sr Susan on **8839 8460**

ALL ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON JUNE 30, 2015.

THE BIENNIAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT CONFERENCE

Dear Parents, can I alert you to the advertisement in this week's newsletter of the above mentioned parent's conference which will held from the 16th to 17th May at Coffs Harbour. This is an important opportunity for Catholic schools parents from across NSW to acknowledge, support and celebrate parent involvement in education. The theme of the conference is "it takes a village to raise a child".

Bookclub Issue 3 2015—Closing

TOMORROW

New procedures for ordering books—please follow below instructions

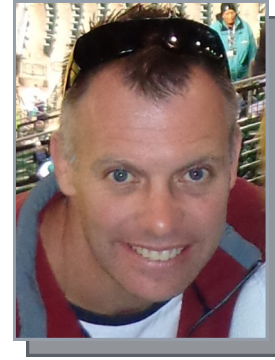


- Log into www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our new iPhone or iPad app from the App store.
- Select State: NSW
- Select School Name:
St Patricks School : Parramatta

- Once you click on our school you will get the following message:
- St Patricks School : PARRAMATTA is now offering our Linked Online Ordering & Payments (LOOP) for Parents. You will be redirected to that web site where you can easily enter your order and pay via our secure Westpac payment gateway – no need to return anything to the school."
- You will then be redirected to the Scholastic Home Page
- Select Order
- Select state: NSW
- Select School Name: St Patricks School : Parramatta
- From the right side click on St Patricks School (Parramatta)
- The select "START ORDER"
- Select which issue we are ordering from ie "ISSUE 2, 2015"
- Select Children + and add your children's names/class
- Input which books you wish to order and follow the prompts for payment.
- No need to send anything back to the school as the order automatically comes into the office.

On behalf of the staff, students and families of St Patrick's I would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Parent Events Committee who dedicated their time in preparing for the Mother's Day Raffle and Stall, as well as the sale of tickets & gifts. What a tremendous job you did!

Your organisation and planning skills are amazing. Thank you also to our Year 2 families and parent helpers for preparing the Mother's Day Morning Tea. It was elegantly set-up and the food was scrumptious. We are blessed to have such committed parents to assist with these special events.



Maintenance and Working Bee

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Sean McIntosh. I started at St Patrick's at the start of Term 1 this year, in the role of Maintenance. I have a building background, as a Carpenter and Licensed Builder. My role at the School involves general maintenance of the school, as well as tending to the gardens and cleaning of the playground area.

I work at the school for a period of 8 hours per week. I have prioritised a list of maintenance jobs, which I am methodically working through. The job is very rewarding and I am really enjoying it. This is due to the welcoming teachers and staff at the School, as well as your children who are polite and respectful of the school.

Help Needed

Due to the limited hours I work at the school, I was considering organising a **Working Bee** to complete some of the more time consuming jobs, such as:

- Replacing dented Colorbond fencing panels.
- Staining wooden bench seating and tables.
- Weeding and barking gardens.
- Planting new plants, especially in and around the school entry to the Office.

I plan to have the Working Bee in two weeks on **Saturday the 23rd of May** between 9am and 1 pm, concluding with a BBQ lunch. Bernadette Fabri has recently donated a new BBQ to school and this would be a good opportunity to test it out.

Understanding that our weekend time is extremely valuable, I plan to be well organised with the proposed projects to ensure our time is used in a most productive way. There will be jobs for Dads and Mums, as well as involving the kids to give them a sense of pride in their school.

A separate note will go home this week with information and a return slip indicating your ability to help.

I look forward to an opportunity to work with you soon.



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

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

2015

TERM TWO – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Three

Friday 8th May Infants Assembly—Yr 1 2.15pm

Week Four

Tuesday 12th May Naplan—Language/writing

Wednesday 13th May Naplan—Reading

Thursday 14th May Naplan—Numeracy

Friday 15th May Primary Assembly—Yr 6 2.15pm

Week Five

Tuesday 19th May ICAS—Computer Skills—7.50am

Friday 15th May Infants Assembly—Yr 2 2.15pm

Week Six

Friday 29th May NO Assembly

Week Seven

Wednesday 3rd June ICAS—Science Skills—7.50am

Friday 5th June Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

Primary Assembly—Yr 4 2.15pm

Week Eight

Monday 8th June

Queen's Birthday Holiday—NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 9th June

Staff Development Day—NO SCHOOL

Friday 12th June

Athletics Carnival & Infants Fun day

NO Assembly

Week Nine

Monday 15th June

Reports sent home to parents

Parent Teacher Interviews begin thru to Friday 26th June

Friday 19th June

Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm

School Disco (more details to come)

Week Ten

Tuesday 23rd June

Walk-a-thon

Friday 26th June

Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm

LAST DAY OF TERM

The Parent Calendar is now available under events on the Skoolbag app. From the home screen go into events and all Term 1 events are available to view. Should you have any issues please contact the office who can guide you through it.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all our Mother's Day Raffle prize winners

1st: Christian M (3L)	2nd: Scarlett K (2M)
3rd: Evelyn G (2M)	4th: Daniella G (KA)
5th: Danielle T (KA)	6th: Grace D (5T)
7th: Christian S (2Y)	8th: Matthew K (3T)
9th: Nicholas R (3T)	10th: Chiara B (2Y)
11th: Oscar G (5T)	12th: Lucy Parkes (2Y)
13th: Ashley Y (6W)	14th: Shanelle B (1S)
15th: John Paul W (2M)	16th: Luke T (3T)
17th: Christopher C (2M)	18th: John Paul W (2M)
19th: Darcy F (3L)	20th: Isobel R (1S)
21st: Mary Jo E (2Y)	22nd: Aidan V (3L)
23rd: Joseph C (3L)	24th: Sean F (KM)
25th: Isabelle L (5T)	
26th - Pizza Vouchers:	
Alexander S (4G)	Gabriella M (2M)
Sophie E (5C)	Jessica B (3L)
Nicole R (5T)	Erin B (6W)
Alana I (4G)	Simone S (4G)
27th: Xavier D (4G)	
Jeremy M (2Y)	
28th: Michael A (1C)	
Kalysta M (4G)	
29th: Lacey B (2Y)	



To all of our mothers

Happy
MOTHER'S
DAY



Come join us at the:

Village School Village Skate Park

Village Parish Village Chapel

Village Well-being Centre

Village Cafe

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Register online at

<http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/about-the-conference>

- Please note the start time of 8:45 on Saturday registrations from 8:00am.
- Dress for dinner is smart casual.
- There will be transport available from the airport so please book via email if you require this service parents@lism.catholic.edu.au
- If you have any queries contact Linda McNeil at linda.mcneil@ccsp.catholic.edu.au or the Lismore Parent Assembly at parents@lism.catholic.edu.au

Council of Catholic School Parents
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Sydney NSW 2000
Ph 02 9287 1513
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au
www.partners4learning.edu.au

Catholic School Parent Assembly
Catholic School Office
PO Box 158
Lismore NSW 2480
[hppt://parent.lism.catholic.edu.au](http://parent.lism.catholic.edu.au)

Holy Family Primary School,

Luddenham

25th Anniversary

Mass & Morning Tea

Friday 12th June

9.15am in the Church

Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall

RSVP - 22nd May to

Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office

For further information contact the

School Office on 4773 4485

Email - Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au

It takes a
Village
to raise a child

Listen

Discover

Share

16 – 17 May 2015

Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

11th Catholic Schools Parent Conference

"It Takes a Village to Raise a Child"

Hosted by the Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly
& The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT



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**Catholic Schools
Parent Assembly**
Parents in Partnership



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to add healthy snacks to lunch boxes

Kids have little tummies and need small amounts of food often. Try these simple + healthy snack ideas in your child's lunch box:

- **Plain air-popped popcorn** (without salt or butter) mixed with sultanas + **dried apple**
- **Dried fruit snack packs**: buy them ready made, or make your own at home in reusable containers
- **Fruit salads**: buy small tubs of diced fruit in natural juice, or cut up small pieces of fruit + make your own!
- **Crackers + veg**: Slice up some avocado or tomato + send with some rice crackers
- **Little veggie bags**: cherry tomatoes, capsicum, carrot and celery sticks
- **Frozen fruit bags**: freeze grapes, orange quarters or strawberries + then send to school!



Remember: kids love small portions, so cutting up fruit + veg will help make sure they don't bring it home at the end of the day!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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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