

Parramatta Patter

5 June 2014

Term 2

No.6



Dear Parents

Yesterday I had the pleasure of having lunch with the members of the Student Representative Council for Semester 1 (Terms 1 and 2) It was an opportunity for the children to let me know all the activities that they have been involved in this first half of the year and some of the key responsibilities inherent in this role. Teachers Mrs Pope and Mrs Nubla have been very attentive in ensuring that the children have had 'a voice' about the needs of the students at St Patrick's School and have supervised and organized their involvement in the leading of the Angelus and Morning Prayer, in which they have done an amazing job. I thank both teachers for their dedication to this special project. It was also wonderful for me to get to know, further, some of the children in our school and although I am far from knowing all 412 names, I shall certainly persevere to know each and every one of them in time.

One of the questions I asked the children was, "What is something you would like to see happen at St Patrick's that does not happen already?" I was certainly very curious as to what they were going to say and while some of the younger ones, 'passed' many of the others had very good thoughts. Some of their suggestions included; getting grass, longer lunchtimes, a canteen open at least three days a week, more school time, the provision of representative shirts for sport, more ipads and computers in every class, dress up days, and an overnight retreat for Year 6. I listened carefully and assured the children that some of their wishes were certainly 'doable' and we would work towards organizing some of their ideas.

For your information the next group of SRC representatives will commence their roles at the beginning of Term 3 and their badges will be presented at the assembly on the last day of Term 2, Friday 27th June, 1.30pm. Parramatta Mayor Mr John Chedid has accepted our invitation to present the badges to these children and we are very excited to welcome Mayor Chedid to our school for this ceremony. Teachers are currently organizing the nomination process. Our current SRC representatives will receive a thank you certificate for the service they have provided to our student community.

After the SRC lunch some of the children asked me some questions about the walk-a-thon and how it works so I thought I would explain in case there were other children or families that wanted more information.

The walkathon is a fun day fundraiser. Each class is allocated a number of laps of the Kings Oval to walk and for each lap friends and family can sponsor the child for the number of laps walked. Kindergarten, Years One and Two will walk 3 laps, Years 3 and 4, 4 laps and Years 5 and 6, 5 laps. The amount sponsored per lap is totally up to the sponsor and can be a little as 50c or as large as can be afforded. Some sponsors choose to donate a set amount no matter the number of laps and that is fine and very much appreciated. After each lap the children will receive a stamp to verify their walk to the sponsors. To make this a particularly fun day the children are permitted to wear casual clothes which fit the theme, "**Wacky Wednesday**". Children are encouraged to be as creative as they like; odd socks, unusual hairstyles, unusual clothing combinations, etc We do ask that they wear their joggers and to bring a bottle of water.

Please contact the office if you have not received a note about this event.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Just a reminder, that the **Staff Development Day** will be tomorrow **Friday 6th June**. On this day the staff will be analyzing data recently released from the Quality Catholic Schools Survey, continuing to work on the implications of the Disability Discrimination Act on the Teaching and Learning in the classroom and will be further exploring strategies that better cater for the diverse needs of students.

Students do not attend school on this day.



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

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP
Rev Fr Andrew Bass
Rev Fr Robert William
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

Student of the Week and St Patricks Award

Due to the Staff Development Day on Friday 6th June and the Athletics carnival on Friday 13th June, there will be NO awards or assemblies held on these days.

The next assembly will be on Friday 20th June where the awards will be presented.

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

Kindy — Year 6	Parent Teacher Interview times
Kindy — Year 6	Walk-a-thon letter and sponsorship card
Eldest Child	Fundraising survey

ST PATRICK'S 2ND PARENT GROUP MEETING

Date: 12th June
Time: 1.30pm
Venue: School Library

Agenda

- Welcome and refreshments
- Principal's report including information about new mid year report
- Educational Input , 'Growth and Fixed Mindset' and the impact of mindset on learning

Everyone is most welcome

2014 SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education Office. The due date for payment is Friday 6th June, 2014. We would appreciate your prompt payment of these fees. If you are experiencing difficulty in making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL (DWF) - MAY 2014

We would like to thank all those that contributed to the DIOCESAN WORKS FUND (DWF) appeal. We know your donations will go towards assisting many worthy organisations in western Sydney. If you would still like to donate please drop off your envelope at the school office or at your local parish.

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.



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

Hamish McGlinn, Isobel Rahme, Joseph Chiha, James Maroun, Emmaline Didic, Marcus Grohs, Ray Wehbe, Elisa Daher, Christopher Alarcon, Sophie Morgan

Jersey Day—Year 6

Year 6 have a points system for their behaviour and efforts in class. Once the grade have achieved certain levels, throughout this system, there is an opportunity to select a grade award. On this occasion the students selected a sporting team jersey day. This day was on Tuesday 3rd June 2014.

The day was a bit of fun for the students who were able to show off some of their sporting allegiances. The next reward day is not far off as Year 6 have been having an excellent year in terms of their behaviour and efforts.



SRC Lunch with Miss Fabri

On Wednesday 4th June the SRC members enjoyed lunch with Miss Fabri. Throughout our lunch time we spoke about what we enjoyed about school and what we were learning in class.

We also got the opportunity to discuss what could be improved and things we can do at school. There were lots of different topics of conversation and at the end of it we got to enjoy some cookies from Miss Fabri.

In conclusion it was a very enjoyable lunch.



REMINDERS FOR PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AND INFANTS FUN DAY

A reminder that the Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 13th June 2014 at Old King's Oval, Parramatta Park. It is a fun day for the children and they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities. All of the students from Years 3 to 6 and students in Year 2 who are already 8 years old or turning 8 years old **this year** will be participating. The Carnival will commence at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 2:30pm. The children will be walking to and from the park. The infants will be joining the Primary students for a sausage sizzle lunch at approx. 1pm.

This year our Infant's Fun Day will be held on Friday 20th June 2014 at Old King's Oval, Parramatta Park. It is a fun day for the children and they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities. **All** of the students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in the activities, even those who have already attended the Primary Athletics Carnival. The Fun Day will commence at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 11:30am. The children will be walking to and from the park. Parents are welcome at both events.

"Believe the whisperings of God in your own heart"

(1868) St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



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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

TERM TWO – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Six

Thursday 5th June

Youth Group Yr 5 & 6

Friday 6th June

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

Week Seven

Monday 9th June

Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday

NO SCHOOL

Thursday 12th June

Youth Group Yr 5 & 6

Friday 13th June

Parent Meeting School Library 1.30pm

Primary Athletics carnival

Infants to join sausage sizzle at 1.00pm

No assembly

Week Eight

Monday 16th June

Captivate Performance 7.00pm

Reports home to parents

Thursday 19th June

Youth Group Yr 5 & 6

Friday 20th June

Infants Fun day

Infants Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.15pm

Week Nine

Thursday 26th June

Youth Group Yr 5 & 6

Friday 27th June

Last day of Term 2

Whole School Assembly Yr 3 School Hall

1.30pm

Do you have a doll similar to this?

Catholic Mission is running an appeal to collect 1100 dolls which represent the 1100 children who are in detention in Australia and offshore. They will be placed in a large cage installation outside the QVB in the city to highlight the plight of these children. This action will send a message to politicians that children should be released from detention. All dolls will be reused.

Please bring any unwanted dolls to the office who are collecting them on behalf of Catholic Mission.



Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta 125 Years Anniversary Concert – June 5 & 6, 2014

You are invited to join with the OLMC Parramatta community in celebrating our 125th anniversary at a special concert at Riverside Theatres, Parramatta, on Thursday June 5 and Friday June 6, 2014. Visit olmc.nsw.edu.au/125years for details and to book your tickets.

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



NSWCPS GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Individual Entries Invited to Register
(Conducted in conjunction with JNGF)
MONDAY 28TH JULY, 2014
ENTRY CLOSING DATE 26TH JUNE 2014
Registrations MUST be completed online –
www.csss.nsw.edu.au Go to GOLF -
REGISTRATIONS.
(NB: You must have a CSSS Online account to register - Go to HELP to create an account)
18 Hole handicap players hit off 9.00am, players MUST be at the course by 8.30am.
18 hole players must have a Golf Australia Handicap and be able to provide a Golf Link number
9 Hole non-handicap players Hit off at 9.30am, players must be at the course by 9.00am.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as *“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?”*
Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown.
Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205



**Catherine McAuley Westmead
School Open Morning
9.15 – 11am
Tuesday 12th June 2014**

If you missed out on our Open Day or would like to come back and see the school on a normal school day please take this opportunity to come along to our School Open Morning. Tour around our school grounds, view our facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome. School tours will leave from Mercy Square at 9.15am. Car parking is available after 9am on site via Gate 3 (opposite Westmead Private Hospital) in our bus bay area. Morning tea will be served following the school tour.
Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend.