

st patrick's primary school

parramatta patter

18th September 2014

Term 3

No.10



Dear Parents

Another term is nearly over and the children and staff are looking forward to two weeks of rest and relaxation. On behalf of the staff I would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your support and assistance this term. For those who have been involved in any fund raising efforts and in providing opportunities for our community to gather together in companionship at morning teas, thank you! I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the parents who have assisted by generously donating their time to volunteer as classroom helpers, assist at sporting events or on excursions. Your commitment to coming regularly to work with groups of children or individuals is very much appreciated by both children and staff.

Volunteering is a great way to keep in touch with the learning that is happening in the classroom as well as assisting teachers. Children also love to see the adults that they know getting involved in what they are doing at school. Parent involvement in a school is an important factor in building a strong community and in helping to increase learning outcomes for children. It is also a great way to be able to strengthen communication between the home and school and is an avenue to give and receive feedback.

During the holidays may I encourage any parent of beginning readers to continue the home reading routine. Two weeks is a long break for those children who are needing practice. A little reading every day combined with a story at bed time will make a significant difference. For numeracy, children can continue to play some of the 'warm ups' they have been doing and they may even be able to increase the complexity of the numbers that they are using.

BISHOP ANTHONY'S PILGRIMAGE

Let me also take this opportunity to inform you that I will be on leave for the first two weeks of Term 4 as I have been given the opportunity to go on Bishop Anthony Fisher's Pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey, Rome and Assisi. I will be leaving on the 26th September and returning to work on Monday 20th October. The group that is going is lead by the Bishop and is made up of a number of principals of schools from the Parramatta Diocese, the Executive Director of Catholic Schools, Mr Greg Whitby and some of his senior staff. Father John Paul from St Patrick's Cathedral will also be accompanying us. The opportunity to follow in the footsteps of St Paul the Apostle is something I am really looking forward to and visiting Assisi, the place that is significantly associated with our Holy Father Pope Francis, will be one of the many highlights.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

Can I thank the parents who have given us feedback and ideas regarding our afternoon dismissal. As you can appreciate finding a solution that keeps our students safe, minimise the stress on supervising staff and that is quick and convenient for parents is of utmost priority. Can I ask you to continue to be patient as we endeavour to find the right solution to this complex issue.

For those of you that I will not be seeing at the Movie Night I would like to wish you a very happy and safe holiday break and I look forward to seeing you in the new term.

God bless you and your family

*Bernadette Fabri
Principal*

Student of the Week and St Patricks Award

As there is NO assembly there will be no Student of the Week and St Patricks Award.

The next assembly will be on Friday 10th October.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Just a reminder that Summer Uniform is to be worn from the beginning of Term 4. **Now** would be a good time to check that your child's uniform still fits and you have all the summer items. Parents can you please note that as per school uniform guidelines, joggers for sport are to be mainly white. Thanking you for your cooperation in ensuring that the school uniform code is upheld.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week and during the school holidays:

Antonia Khalil, Antonia Bayeh, Julian Camenzuli, Ashintha Joseph, Alyanah-Jasna Firmeza, Ethan-Jordan Firmeza, Matthew Maroon, Audrey Baysari, Sheridan Achie, Amelai McGlinn, Lara Wehbe, Rachel Corpuz, Jonas Fleeton, Joya Barakat, Daniel Takchi, Grace Fahnbulleh, Meanelli Erive, Jerome Santos Alexandra Elphinstone, Nyagua Koima, Isaac Bechara, Anna Jancweski, Eden Gittany, Gabrielle Sabat, Jesse Sabat, Zach Gebrael, Daniel Moussa

BOYS' HAIRCUTS

Before the children start back for Term 4 can I ask you to be mindful that boys' haircuts need to be of even length, that is without the clear distinction in levels; some sections very long and some sections very short. I understand that boys and girls are often influenced by the trend of the day, as seen on their football and TV idols, who seem to be sporting these types of hairstyles. They are also influenced by their peers who are permitted to experiment with creative styles. In keeping with most primary and secondary schools in our diocese, including our feeder high schools, it is important that during the school term that our presentation code be maintained to the highest standard by keeping hairstyles of uniform length and style. Thanking you for your continued support and cooperation.

Movie Night Reminders—1 MORE SLEEP !!!

The St Patrick's Movie Night has finally arrived. Hopefully you are getting excited for the awesome night ahead. Can I remind parents that all children attending must be accompanied by an adult and that the responsibility for the supervision of children will be with these adults. **Children must not be dropped off and picked up later in the evening as there will be no staff supervision available. For safety reasons, the parents of any child found without adult supervision on the night will be contacted to collect them.**

- We would appreciate tickets were brought prior to the night to assist with catering, however tickets will be available at the gate between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.
- The tickets are \$10 each (babies and non school age children free of charge)
- If it rains on the night a contingency plan has been organised, where it will be moved to the hall, in this case only blankets will be permitted to enable more people to fit in.
- In the event the movie is moved to the hall food will be available for purchase from the staff car park under the hall.
- Gates open at 5.30pm. Movie starts at 6.30pm.



ACARA PRIVACY NOTICE

A letter was sent home earlier this week and also sent out through the Skoolbag App regarding information being passed onto ACARA. Can I ask you to contact the school **before the end of term** if you DO NOT want your child's information sent to ACARA.

LEAVING ST PATRICK'S IN 2014

Thank you to the parents who have already informed me that their child/ren will not be attending school at St Patrick's next year. I know it can be difficult to notify earlier, especially when job transfers etc. often happen near the end of the year but if you could let me know as soon as possible I am then able to accommodate families who are on our waiting list.

Bernadette Fabri

PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT TEST – READING (PAT-R)

This week children from Year 2 to 6 completed the Progressive Achievement Test for Reading. This online reading test is undertaken by all Yr 2 to 6 students in the Parramatta Diocese and gives teachers valuable information regarding the reading progress of the students in their class. A comparison between scores from 2013 to 2014 is also available to teachers for analysis for any student that sat the test last year.

Holiday Entertainment

During the holiday's several children from our school will be participating in the musical "The Wiz". Please see the noticeboard for further details.

Lost Property

Parents can we please ask that you check the name on your children's jackets as we have several jackets missing that are labelled and kids sometimes pick up the wrong jacket. If you are missing items please come into the office and go thru the pile of lost items.

ST PATRICK'S PARENT GROUP MEETING

Date: 27th October, 2014 **Time** 7.30pm

Topic: Anxiety and Developing Resilience

Alison Kaylinger

Congratulations to Miss Nicole Dunseath and Tom on their recent engagement. We wish you all the best for the future !!

SACRAMENTS

The next process for **Sacraments for Children already Baptised** will commence in October. There will be an **INFORMATION** evening on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Cathedral hall. Parents who are interested in presenting their child should attend this meeting. To be eligible for preparation the children should be 7 years of age by the 30th June, 2014.

Please collect a form from the Narthex of the Cathedral. This form should be presented at the information Session on Wednesday 8th October.

(Please do not pass it in to the school or parish office prior to that date.)

take a
selfie
with your teacher
World Teachers Day
Friday 31 October 2014

Entries close 29 October 2014 with the winner announced on World Teachers Day, Friday 31 October 2014.



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SPORTS CLINIC



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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 THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Ten

Friday 19th Sept

Movie Night

Last day of Term

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Tuesday 7th October

Return to School

Thursday 9th October

Footsteps Dance Program Begins

Week Two

Thursday 16th October

Footsteps Dance Program

Friday 17th October

Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion

Infants Assembly

Yr 2 - 2.20pm

Week Three

Thursday 23rd October

Footsteps Dance Program

Friday 24th October

“Sock it to Poverty” Sock day

Primary Assembly

Yr 5 - 2.20pm

Week Four

Monday 27th October

Parent Group Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 30th October

Footsteps Dance Program

Friday 31st October

Infants Assembly

Yr 1 - 2.20pm

Keep your mind in peace

(1890) St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Debut Science Expo Year 6 2014

Today Year 6 presented their Science Projects. We had many visitors to our room and we thank all of you for taking an interest in our learning.

Each group researched and created a ‘Renewable Energy Powered Device’. We were assigned randomly chosen groups where we worked as a team to complete the task.

Our teachers were overjoyed by our cooperation and learning.

A highlight of this project for us has been working together with our peers from both classes to create a model and poster of a renewable energy product. Mrs Kerr suggested that we lobby the government with our new inventions so that they may become a reality in our lifetime!

It has been a great experience for us and we know that we all learned something new. We look forward to our new project next term which we hope will be as successful as this one has been!

Check out our photos on the following pages.

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

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| Saturday | 8.00am |
| | 6.00pm (Vigil) |
| Sunday | 8.00am |
| | 9.30am (Family) |
| | 11.00am (Solemn) |
| | 6.00pm |

Weekday Masses

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| Monday to Friday | 6.45am |
| | 12.30pm |
| Public Holidays | 8.00am |

Pastoral Team

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP
Very Rev Fr Ropbert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj







