

st patrick's primary school

parramatta patter

24th July 2014

Term 3

No.2

Dear Parents

Last Friday we celebrated the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne believed to be the names of the mother and father of Mary, the Mother of God. It is the feast day of Grandparents. And what a wonderful feast day it was at St Patrick's School. The staff and I were overwhelmed and delighted with the number of parents and grandparents that attended our prayer liturgy, morning tea and open classrooms. For those that were unable to attend the best way to describe the atmosphere was 'community at its best!' Although the weather was far from ideal, the school hall was still 'packed to the rafters' and it would be accurate to say that there was no space left in the school library. Although apologies about the lack of space was expressed by the school, this did not seem to dampen the delight of the grandparents who spent the morning visiting their 'little ones' in the classrooms.



Mrs Jude Kerr and her committee of teachers, did an amazing job in organizing a meaningful expression of the love and gratitude we have for our grandparents in the form of a prayer liturgy. Father John Paul spoke with eloquence about his experience in the Philippines with his extended family and all the grades contributed in some prayerful way. Mrs Venitia Rodricks wrote a special song for Grandparents which was sung by the children and brought many to tears. Mrs Catherine Bourne prepared a media presentation of children talking about how their grandparents are important to them and this iMovie will be made available for viewing on the school website shortly. A special thank you is extended to Mrs Maroun, Mrs McGlenn and Mrs Nakhoul for organizing the scrumptious morning tea and to the Year 6 parents for their donation of plates of food. For all our grandparents who were unable to attend on Friday please find below the prayers we said for you.

Leader: Nurturing God, as we honour Grandparents, listen to the prayer of our hearts, all our needs spoken and unspoken.

For all grandparents:

That their presence be a sign of God's love for their grandchildren and that their memories help younger generations to connect with their origins.

Nurturing God, hear us.

For grandparents:

That may they continue to pass on to future generations their faith and their mature human and spiritual experience

Nurturing God, hear us.

For grandparents raising children:

That their selfless love and commitment be recognised and supported by those around them.

Nurturing God, hear us.

For grandparents:

That they may be blessed in the affection and gratitude of their grandchildren. May they always encounter respect and love.

Nurturing God, hear us.

For children who have no grandparents:

That they may find encouragement in the friendship and support of faith-filled seniors.

Nurturing God, hear us.

For grandparents who have died:

That their families will be consoled in their loss of one so precious to them.

Nurturing God, hear us.

Nurturing God, you are reflected in the loving tenderness of Jesus' grandparents, Anne and Joachim. Hear the prayers we make with trust and hope in the name of Jesus your Son.

All: **Amen.**

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri
Principal



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



st patrick's award

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

KA	Isabella Kozlowska
KM	Sienna Golossian
1C	Olivia Sicurella
1S	Jeremy Moussa
2M	Nicholas Rahme
2Y	Hamish McGlinn

KA	Sharbel Georges
KM	Madison Younes
1C	Lucas Beacroft
1S	Alani Grohs
2M	Jethro Cauan
2Y	Emma Halawatha

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 John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

RESPONSE TO SURVEY FEEDBACK

At the end of Term 2 we had a fantastic response from our school community for the social and fundraising surveys. The various event options suggested at the inaugural parent meeting were varied and creative. In order that every person had a voice, we made a decision to not alter or edit suggestions prior to sending out the survey. Keeping this in mind and in taking on board the survey responses and moving forward, we filtered responses with a the appropriate risk assessments. These risk assessments, completed by the school include Work Health and Safety compliance and logistics analysis. They ensure that all events are safe and manageable for students, volunteers and staff.

This is an exciting time for our school community and I look forward presenting some of the popular responses with comment and to working together with you in making decisions that form this next chapter in the story of St Patrick's Parramatta. This response will form part of the Principal's report at the parent group meeting on Tuesday 19th August 1.30pm.

RESPONSE TO SOCIAL GROUP

Firstly thank you to all those parents who volunteered to be part of the St Patrick's Social Group in Term One this year. I want to assure you that I haven't forgotten your enthusiastic support of this initiative and want you to know that your time is sincerely appreciated.

As you will no doubt be aware we are already progressing with various fundraising events...with many more planned for the rest of the year.

At this stage I am conscious that some of you have already assisted with the events that have previously taken place and of overwhelming parents, both financially and with volunteer time required to support these events.

Therefore I would like to commence the Social Group in 2015 and eagerly anticipate your continued support.

Term 3 Calendar events identified as requiring parental support/involvement (organizing Committees already formed)

Movie Night (Date to be confirmed)

Father's Day Morning Tea (Friday 5th September)

Father's Day Stall (Tuesday 2nd September)

School Disco (Friday 21st November)



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

George Khoury, Jeremy Khoury, Nicholas Parkes, Jim Rizk, Anthony Nakhoul

2014 SCHOOL FEES — Term 3

Term 3 School Fee accounts have been sent out by the Catholic Education office. The due date for payment is Tuesday 19th August, 2014. We would appreciate your prompt payment of these fees.

If you are experiencing difficulty in making fee payments, please contact Mrs Nutter.

Congratulations to the Kerr family (Mia 2M) on the birth of their son and brother "William".



BOOK WEEK PARADE—WEEK 6

The alphabet is a brilliant invention. We connect to reading through words and the letters that make up these words. Abecedaries (or alphabet books) are some of the first books in which children engage. Who can forget Dr Seuss's ABC?



This year's Book Week Parade will have a theme of LETTERS.

The Alphabet Parade — Each student is asked to pick a letter of the alphabet and come dressed as something beginning with that letter. The letter needs to be clearly displayed somewhere on the child ie badges, hats or a large number pinned to the child.

Date: Tuesday 19th August **Time:** 11.30am — 1.00pm
(School playground)

Dress: An Alphabet letter (joggers must be worn)
The Parent Group meeting will follow in the Library at 1.30pm

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 5 -2014

Due Tomorrow

1st August, 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)

Pyjama Day



Inspired by the life and reflections of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross, the St Patrick's School community is celebrating her feast day next Friday, 8 August, with a fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

At the heart of everything St

Mary MacKillop did was her great love of God.

She treated others with love - a love full of generosity, respect and encouragement.

She treated others with compassion – supporting, accepting and understanding them.

She believed in action ... never seeing a need without doing something about it.

On her feast day we are going to show our love and compassion for those less fortunate than us by taking action to help them.

We will donate a gold coin for the privilege of wearing our pyjamas or a tracksuit to school. Through the day we will remember those people who don't have much to wear and feel quite chilly, even freezing, through winter.

This is not a day for a PJ fashion parade but a day to reflect on how blessed we are and an opportunity to help others in a practical way. For safety reasons we asked all children to please wear joggers.



School Banking for Term 3

With the banking for Term 3 well underway I have managed to get around to everyone with outstanding gifts to claim. On a weekly basis a report is generated to state who is entitled to claim a gift. Each child will be called to the office to select their gift. NO tokens will be given out.

The gifts for this term are Penguin or Shark keyring, Whale shark pencilcase, Dollarmites Moneybox and a swimming bag.

If you would like to clarify anything regarding the school banking contact Mrs Jones.

Congratulations everyone GRAND TOTAL so far \$16408.10.



Thank you for your generosity. Outstanding donations still accepted, it's not too late!!!!

This money will help fund the following:

- New short throw projectors in Years 1 & 2 including the cost of installation & cabling
- Apple TV's in all learning spaces including hall & library enabling wireless projection of all electronic devices.
- The upgrade of all projectors where necessary through HTMV converters
- Total cost approx. \$13000.00

The remainder of the money will go towards the purchase of a bank of ipads/laptops/ipods as part of phase 2 implementation plan.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY





VOICE OF YOUTH

Congratulations to three of our Year 6 students; Lea Barakat, Yvette Roque and Rachel Corpus who competed in the 2014 Year 6 Voice of Youth Competition. The cluster final involving St Oliver's Harris Park, Mother Theresa Westmead and Sacred Heart Westmead was held at the Morley Centre Westmead in front of students and parents.



For your information the Voice of Youth competition is a public speaking event open to all Year 6 students across the Parramatta Diocese. The process involves students presenting a 3 to 4 minute speech on a topic of their own choice. Our students were very impressive taking on some very important topics. Lea, who won the Social Justice Award, presented her topic on Racism titled, "A Path of Hate – Racism". Yvette spoke passionately about, "Families" and Rachel implored us to "Look at the World in a Different Way", a world without racism. We were so proud of all these students who amazed us with their articulate and sophisticated presentations.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, Parramatta Diocese (PRC) Term 3, 2014 (Mon 18 Aug 2014)

General Meeting - Learning Difficulties: How Do I Know? What do I do? What support can I get?

Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown

Topic: Learning Difficulties: How Do I Know? What Do I Do? What Support Can I Get?

Presenters Sue Walsh & Mary Creenaune are Leaders in Systems Learning at the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta

This presentation leads into our Term 3 General Meeting and will be valuable for all parents who have children with learning difficulties or who suspects that to be the case.

Contact: Parents, Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese

Email: prcparrasecretary@gmail.com

PRC Presentation: Anxiety & Children Term 3 Mon (1 September 2014)

Venue: St Patrick's Primary School, 51 Allawah Rd, Blacktown

Topic: Anxiety and Children

Dr Andrew Martin is a well respected and experienced presenter who was very popular at the recent Catholic Schools Parents Conference held in Parramatta in 2013.

An important area of interest for many parents and families.

The presentation commences at 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm)

Contact: Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese

Email: prcparraevents@hotmail.com

Book Now!

SEASONS FOR GROWTH – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry is running its next Seasons for Growth Program for adults commencing on **Tuesday 5th August 2014**. This small group Program runs for five consecutive Tuesdays and is open to anyone grieving the death of their spouse or partner. See Notice Board for Flyer. **Venue:** CCSS Centre 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Date/Time:** 5 Tuesdays from 05th August, 10.00am to 1pm.

Cost: \$80.00. Information and Registration- Ph. 9933 0205 or email:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

Come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm. **Venue:** CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30. **Cost:** \$5.00. **Registration:** Ph. 99330205 or soloparentministry@ccss.org.au



College Open Morning Tour Friday August 1, 2014

Discover OLMC Parramatta

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend the August Open Morning Tour in this special anniversary year when the College celebrates 125 years of Mercy Excellence.

Tour the College and discover contemporary learning and academic excellence in the Mercy tradition and enjoy 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.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Date: Tuesday 19th, August

Time: 1.30pm

Topic: Anxiety and Resilience in Children

Venue: School Hall

Alison Kaylinger from the Behaviour and Wellbeing team at Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will present an informative discussion for parents on strategies they can use to support their child to manage their worries.

Alison is a Social Worker who has worked with children and families for many years in both Health and Educational settings. The presentation will be skills focused and there will be time for questions.

All parents are welcome.



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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 Three

Friday 1st August Infants Assembly Year 1

Week Four

Tuesday 5th August Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday 8th August Primary Assembly Year 5
Feast of St Mary Mackillop—PJ day

Week Five

Tuesday 12th August ICAS Mathematics Competition 7.45am
Friday 15th August Infants Assembly Kindergarten

Week Six

Monday 18th August Book Week commences
Tuesday 19th August Alphabet Parade 11.30am
Parent Group Meeting 1.30pm
Friday 22nd August Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Primary Assembly Year 4

Week Seven

Tuesday 26th August Parent First Aid course 11am—3pm
Friday 29th August Whole School Assembly

Week Eight

Tuesday 2nd Sept Father's Day stall
Friday 5th Sept Father's Day Mass
Primary Assembly Year 3

Week Nine

Friday 12th Sept No Assembly

Get into Nature. Grow.

Where

Kariwara Street Reserve, DUNDAS

When

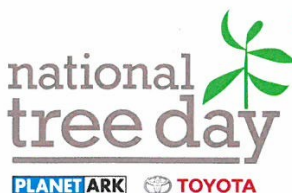
10am-1pm, Sunday 27 July 2014

Contact

Register at
treeday.planetark.org/site/10002784

For further info contact
Talia Sawers on 9806 5722 or
bushcare@parracity.nsw.gov.au

Free BBQ lunch for registered volunteers.
Come along and meet some of our friendly
fauna from Australian Wildlife Displays.
All welcome. Hope to see you there!



National Tree Day Sunday 27 July
Schools Tree Day Friday 25 July

Get involved!

Visit treeday.planetark.org
or call 1300 88 5000

National Tree Day is organised by Planet Ark in partnership with Toyota Australia