



Dear Parents

Firstly I would like to apologise for any inconvenience experienced due to the cancellation of our Book Week Parade because of wet weather and our Parent Group Meeting due to the fact that our presenter was unwell and unable to come. As advertised we have rescheduled the parade for Tuesday 26th August at an earlier time of 9.15am. We are yet to align dates with our presenter Mrs Alison Kaylinger from Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese (CEDP) We will advertise the new date as soon as we secure it. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Over the last two terms there have been some very exciting opportunities made available to both students and staff in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and its use in helping to improve student learning outcomes. Here is a summary of the key initiatives:

Resources

Due to your generous contributions for our major fundraiser, the Wacky Wednesday Walkathon, we have now ordered Apple TV's for every learning space, and short throw projectors in Years 1 and 2. These projectors will eliminate the need for teachers to take out and place back their out of date projectors and with the mirroring capabilities available through the use of the Apple TV's they will be able to project onto the screen from any device in the room wirelessly. This capability will be particularly useful when displaying children's responses to open learning tasks and in assisting in the smooth and effective transitions within and between lessons.

We are currently borrowing a bank of ipads and laptops from the Learning Exchange; CEDP, for use in the classrooms and teachers are applying some of the great learning strategies they have acquired during Professional Learning sessions. It is the aim of the school to work towards the purchase of a bank of ipads and laptops for every classroom.

Professional Development of Staff

The staff have had been involved in a number of workshops facilitated by Ms Jo Scalone, Project Officer Learning Technologies and Ms Lisa Nash, Librarian, both from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, Learning Exchange. Teachers have been learning about Google Docs and how this facility can be used in many ways, including how to create and share documents with other staff members and students. They have also been continuing their professional development on the use of the iPad to manage a teacher's administrative roles as well as using technology to improve learning outcomes across a number of Key Learning Areas. They are learning to identify the quality of the myriad of Apps available and to use the basic iPad tools in very effective ways.

Last week some staff and students were given the opportunity to work with Mr Steve Iuliano, Professional Development Facilitator from the company, Mac1. Some children from Years 5 and 6 were so engaged in the creation of a multimodal presentation on their Human Society and its Environment Unit that we have booked Mr Iuliano again for another workshop in Term 4. These children will be selected from Years 3 and 4 this time with the intention that as many children as possible to eventually get this opportunity.

Another initiative has been organized by Mrs Bernadette Carroll, acting Learning Technology Support Teacher who has commenced weekly professional development sessions for staff named, "Tekky Brekky" at which staff attend for some simple user directed sessions.

Blogging

As part of supporting their Professional Learning Goals, a number of teachers have had special sessions with Ms Nash on how to engage children in literature through blogging. Mrs O'Dwyer has been working with our senior students using the website [KidBlog](#) and the quality of responses and the level of engagement demonstrated so far has been outstanding. For those of you who are unsure what Blogging is a "Blog" is an abbreviated version of "weblog," which is a term used to describe websites that maintain an ongoing chronicle of information.... Blogs range from the personal to the political, and can focus on one narrow subject or a whole range of subjects. (Wordpress.org) Over the past few weeks Mrs O'Dwyer has set up a blog for her Year 5 and 6 literacy groups. After the initial lesson on appropriate blogging behaviours, Mrs O'Dwyer challenged her students by posing a number of interesting questions relating to the novel they had been reading as a group. This blogging website is completely controlled by the school and is closed to members of the public. Whilst the children can access the site from home, which is very convenient and engaging, all responses have to be approved by the administrative teacher such Mr O' Dwyer who has the option of approving or denying publication of any student's comments. I have even been able to join some very sophisticated discussions regarding the character intent and views on story line. I have included a list of Blogging Protocols on the following page for your interest.

There is certainly a 'buzz' amongst the children and staff in the use of the ipads and laptops as they recognize the enormous potential this technology provides. We look forward to sharing some more learning experiences with you throughout the year and into future years.

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 Area



st patrick's award

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

3L	Christopher Alarcon
3T	Clara Glinkski
4B	Chloe Abou-Hamad
4G	Chris El Hachem
5C	John Weng
5T	Mark Sassine
6P	Danielle Wehbe
6W	Marielle Sonido

3L	Prince Gyan
3T	Simone Sabat
4B	Jasmine Nasr
4G	Claudia Yaghi
5C	Abigail Sarangaya
5T	Ashleigh Grubba
6P	Oliver Wehbe
6W	Lily Tambrchi

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

Blogging is about reading, thinking, and responding.

Getting a comment can be like receiving a little bouquet of flowers or a surprise present, a letter in your mailbox: a real treat!

Below are some important things to keep when commenting on a blog:

Our Blogging Guidelines

- Connect with the post; Be on topic
 - Make your comment worth reading
 - Be positive, interested and encouraging
 - Start a conversation sometimes by asking a question
 - If you disagree, be polite about it
 - Aim to correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar
 - Re-read your comment before you hit submit – think before you send
 - Don't use chat or texting language like lol, I or u
 - No "Hi! Visit my blog! Bye!" comments. Be thoughtful
- (A Literacy Learning & Teaching Network for Parramatta Diocesan Schools)

Apology to **Sophia Lorenzo** who was the Student of the Week last week for KA on the misspelling of her name.



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

- Frederick Sarkis, Lorenzo De Guzman, Leyla Akdeniz, Yvette Roque, Stephanie Saab, Ashish Francis, Maya Glinski, Justin Makhoul, Shanelle Wambeck

BOOK WEEK PARADE—WEEK 7

Where: School Playground **Date:** Tuesday 26th August
Time: 9.15am **NEW TIME**

After the parade you are invited to share a picnic lunch with your child. Feel free to bring a foldup chair and blanket. (Weather permitting)

Please note the children will be doing Gymnastics Tri skills for the remainder of the term. The children are to wear their sports uniforms on the following days:

Wednesday KA, 1S, Year 2, Year 5, 6P.
 Thursday KM, 1C, Year 3, Year 4, 6W
 This will be in addition to their normal sports day.

Book Dedications are still available next week from Monday to Wednesday before and after school (8.30am-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm). The library will have on display a collection of books we would like parents to purchase for donation to our library. Please come with your child to buy and donate a book. Once the books are catalogued into the library the child will have the opportunity to be the first to borrow the book. Books range in prices from \$7.00 - \$27.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
 Mrs O'Dwyer

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.

We have an over abundance of lost property in the office ranging from scarves, sports jackets, bomber jackets and track pants. If you are missing items please come into the office and go thru the pile of lost items.



Congratulations to Mrs Williams (1S) and her husband on the birth of their baby boy, Oliver.

St Patrick's Movie Night: Drink Donations

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for the overwhelming support we have already received regarding the donation of soft drinks for our first annual movie night on 19th September. We truly appreciate your ongoing support and commitment. Please feel free to begin bringing the donations in to the school and we will store them in the canteen ready for the event.

As we are receiving quite a few soft drink donations from many families, I would like to suggest donations of water or juice/poppers for families still wishing to donate drinks for the event. As you are aware there may be some children who cannot consume soft drinks or do not like soft drink so we thought it would be appropriate to provide juice/poppers or water for these children.

Once again we thank you for your support. If you have any further enquiries or would like to make a donation please contact Mrs Fardell at school or Mrs Marietta Maroun.

Yours Thankfully
Mrs Anne Fardell

Dear Parents,

Please be advised that **Youth Group on Thursday afternoons** has been **cancelled until further notice**. Unfortunately Fr John Paul has a lot of commitments at the Cathedral and with Bishop Anthony over the coming few weeks and is unable to continue leading Youth Group. Fr John Paul sends his apologies and will notify the school when Youth Group is able to resume.

Thank you for your understanding.

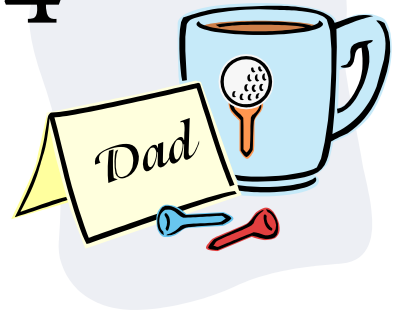
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Change of Date

Term Three Has been postponed until Monday 24th November

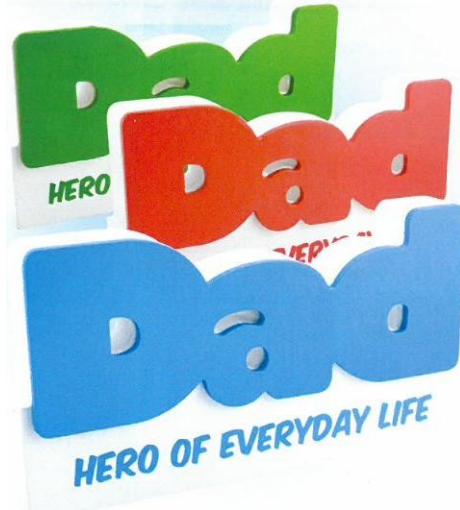
Term Four Thursday 18th and Friday 19th of December (last 2 days of the school year)

Father's Day Stall 2014

Tuesday 2nd Sept



Frisbee



Dad Plaque



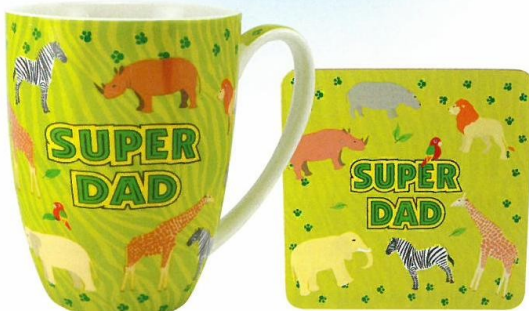
Dress Socks



Mug and Coaster Set



Vacuum Flask



Desk Clock Caddy

Pens not included



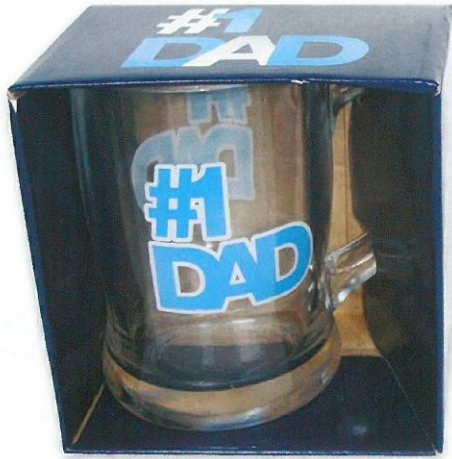
Sports Socks



Can Holder



MUG AND SOCK GIFT SET



Glass Mug



MUG AND SOCK GIFT SET



CRO110
FLASHING GLASS
The kids LOVE these!!
Batteries included.



20 Piece Tool Set



Sydney Kings Visit

On Thursday 14th August Year 5 students were fortunate to have a visit from two of the Sydney Kings NBL players, Angus and Jason. The students were fascinated and amazed at how tall the players were, especially Angus.

After introducing themselves and sharing some of their personal stories about where they grew up and started their basketball careers, Angus and Jason ran through a range of ball skills and drills with the students. They got to dribble, do the gorilla walk (lunge forward passing ball between your legs), twist the ball around their legs, waist and head as fast as they can and try to clap before catching a fast pass. The Year 5 students had a wonderful experience and lots of fun participating. Congratulations to Francis and Nathan who were the winners of the fast pass clap game. Well done. They displayed exceptional hand-eye coordination and impressed the Sydney Kings.

Jason and Angus then played a trivia game with Year 5 and many students received Sydney Kings merchandise for answering correctly. Mrs Fardell even won a prize for guessing where Angus played his junior basketball.

Finally Jason and Angus signed the student's hats and merchandise and even gave out free tickets to their next home game. We all got to have a group photo. Angus and Jason had to sit in the front otherwise they wouldn't have fit in the photo because of their height.

Year 5 would like to thank Mr Younis for organising this amazing experience and giving us the opportunity to develop our ball skills and meet professional basketball players Jason and Angus.

Year 5



Road Safety—Seven Safety Tips

Parents can visit the website safetytown.com.au for information on Road Safety and how they can help to protect their children. There are activities they can do online and information to read with their child to consolidate road safety understanding

For families, teachers and children: In New South Wales there are 7 key road safety tips. They are:

1. Stop! Look! Listen! Think! Every time you cross the road
2. Use a safe place to cross the road
3. Always buckle up in your seatbelt
4. Get in and out of the car on the footpath side
5. Wait till the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road
6. Always wear your helmet when you ride, scooter or skate
7. Ride your bike away from busy roads



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

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Six

Friday 22nd August

Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Primary Assembly Year 4

Week Seven

Tuesday 26th August

Alphabet Parade 9.15am
Morning Tea with children 10.30am (weather permitting)
Parent First Aid course 11am—3pm
Whole School Assembly

Friday 29th August

Week Eight

Tuesday 2nd Sept

Friday 5th Sept

Father's Day stall
Father's Day Mass
Primary Assembly Year 3

Week Nine

Friday 12th Sept

No Assembly

Week Ten

Friday 19th Sept

Movie Night
Last day of Term

Hurry and fuss will destroy interior peace

Saint Mary Mackillop (1875)

Discover OLMC Parramatta – Celebrating 125 years in 2014

Discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life by joining an Open Morning Tour on September 1. Tour the College 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM – SPRINGWOOD

CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be running an eight session Bereavement Support Program in Springwood for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner. Sessions held on every second Wednesday commencing 3rd Sept from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, 313 Macquarie Rd Springwood. Each fortnight a different aspect of grief will be discussed, with some input, reflection and sharing about how grief is affecting you and how you are working through it. The first topic is *"The Physical Effects of Grief"*. Details and Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

SUPPORT GROUP FOR YOUNGER WIDOWED PEOPLE

In response to requests and inquiries the CCSS Solo Parent Ministry will be starting a new Monthly Support Group for younger widowed people. We will trial this group for 12 months, and it will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning Tuesday 9th September. **Venue:** CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time:** 10.30am-12.30pm **Cost:** \$5.00. **Details and**

Registration: PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

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.

Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

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!



Educating young women for the future

Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning 9.15 – 11am Tuesday 2nd September 2014 Enrolments for Year 7 2016

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2016. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour and avoid the crowds in Term 1 next year.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic 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.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.