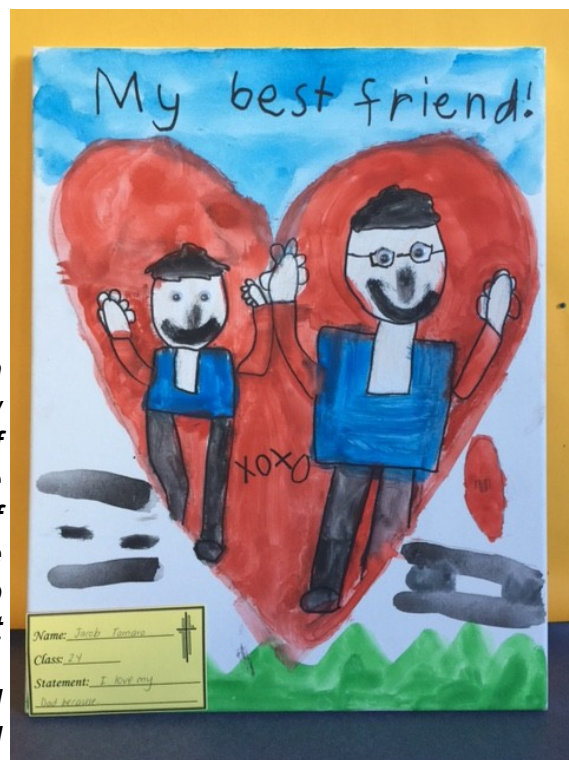


3rd September 2015 Term 3 No.8

Dear Parents

Next Sunday is Father's Day. Father's Day is celebrated in seventy two countries around the world, with Australia, New Zealand and some Pacific Islands dedicating the first Sunday of each September to these very special men in our lives. The first Father's Day was started in 1972 by the then President of the United States, Richard Nixon, who signed it into law. The idea originally came from Sonora Dodd who after listening to the pastor of her church talk about the virtues of mothers, felt inspired to propose that fathers receive equal recognition. Sonora lost her mother when she was fifteen, and was looked after by her father whom she remembered as being a 'kind and loving parent who kept them together and happy'.



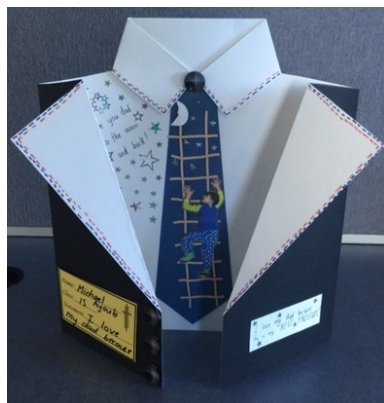
Father's Day is not only a time to celebrate the day with our fathers as a family but for many of us, it is a time when we think of them through the memories of our childhood. Many mothers and fathers reading this newsletter now have benefited from the sacrifices our fathers or grandfathers made for us by coming to this wonderful country to start a new life. It was not uncommon in those days for the men to come out first, get established with a job, and then bring out the mother and children. Whilst in my experience, the family came out together, I know some family members who followed this process. It was certainly a huge challenge for these men who often had to learn a new language, get used to a culture they did not know and even familiarize themselves with a vast transport system very different from their homeland. As I have expressed in a previous newsletter I have very fond memories of my father. He used to sometimes love spending time away from the 'girls', retreating with my brother to the garage. There he would teach him how to do simple carpentry and fix cars. What was so interesting and special in my recollections is that whenever my sister and I joined them he would never send us away and would always speak to us as if, we also, had the capacity to do mechanics or woodwork. This solidified in our thinking that women are intelligent and skillful. This is a very powerful concept to grow up with. I also remember how respectfully he treated my mother and I believe was a wonderful role model for our brother on how to treat women.

In this way fathers have an enormous responsibility to demonstrate, to their boys, especially, what manhood is about. Boys look on their dads with such honour and awe; they are heroes in their lives. Strength and gentleness, intelligence and vulnerability, seriousness and laughter, wisdom and curiosity and love and forgiveness are all qualities that boys need to see in their dads.

I have the enormous privilege on a daily basis to see some of the boys I once taught, now fathers themselves. I cannot express adequately how proud I am of them and the wonderful men they have become. This Sunday let us keep in mind all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and cousins who provide our children with positive male role models. Let us particularly pray for those members of our community whose fathers are no longer with us but who live in our memory, nourished by their love.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri
Principal



Michael Ayoub 1S



Daniella Gereige KA



Jake Doueihi KA

"I know what a good man is because I saw it in my father."
Raymond Gaita

"Your children need you presence more than your presents."
Bertrand Russell

Prayer for Fathers

Most gracious Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our earthly fathers,
those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility
to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their
children.

We thank you, also, for our priests and bishops,
whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people.

May our earthly fathers imitate the manly courage
of Abraham, Jesse and Joseph,
and all the holy fathers of the past
in providing wise counsel to the children you have given to their care.
And may our spiritual fathers be guided by the examples of Saints Peter
and Paul,

all the Apostles and their saintly successors.
Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict,
hope in times of trouble and sorrow,
and steadfast love for you, for their families,
and for all your people throughout the world.

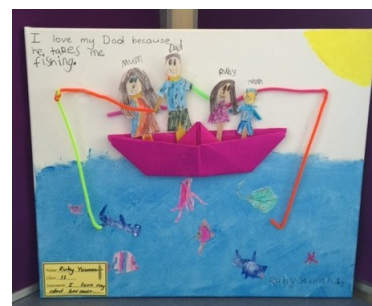
Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers,
and all Christian men, that through your Grace they may steadily grow
in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth.
May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them.

As you, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world,
sending your only Son to be our Savior and Redeemer,
we ask you to help all men to imitate His fatherly gentleness
and mercy toward those who are weak;
His humility, perfect obedience to your Will,
and fearless witness to your Truth.
May their lives be examples to all of heroic faithfulness to you.

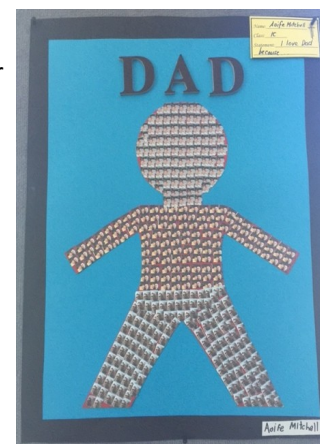
We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted
fatherhood.
May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy,
wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love.
May they receive your Grace abundantly in this earthly life,
and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life
to come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord,
AMEN.

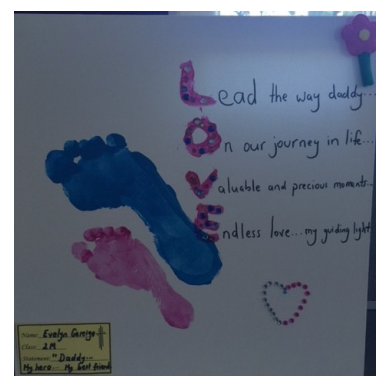
"Women for Faith & Family – www.wf-f.org"



Ruby Younan 1S



Aoife Mitchell 1C



Evelyn Gereige 2M



Charlie, Joseph & Nicole Romanos

"A father is someone
who will play with you,
even though he has his
own age to play with"
Unknown

"If you give your son or
daughter only one gift,
let it be enthusiasm."
Bruce Barton

Movie Night Reminders

The St Patrick's Movie Night is fast approaching and I know that there are many children who are very excited about this community event. A huge thank you to all the generous parents, behind the scenes, busily organising treats for the evening and to all those who have donated drinks, serviettes etc. Thank you to Mrs Anne Fardell who has been the staff coordinator liaising with the Movie Night committee. 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. Please try and purchase tickets by Thursday 10th September.
- 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.
- Tickets will given to the children on Wednesday 9th September to bring home.
- Gates open at 5.30pm. Movie starts at 6.30pm.

St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Fair
Saturday 12 September, 10am - 4pm

UNLIMITED RIDE BAND

\$25

Prepaid only. Contact Parish Office or available after most Masses.

Offer available until 7 September only.

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

Arthur Constantone, Eddie Batti,
James Kerr, Isabella El-Tobbagi,
Adrian Pangan, Ashton Dionisio,
Annamika Sawant, Nikhil Sawant,
Alan Glinski, Sheoni Perera

The Pope Francis

'To Do' List

Get back to nature—the caress of God' - to recharge. Be more attentive to its beauty and wonder and revisit places that left you with happy memories. (84, 97, 215, 233)



Condolences to the Wehbe Family (Elaine 5T, Charbel 5C, Remon KM, Jacob KA and Anthony 1S) on the passing of their Grandmother.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Fair 2015
Saturday September 12, Prince Alfred Park Parramatta
Building and Supporting Our Parish Community
Are you looking to declutter your home?

If you are decluttering your home and have items in good condition that may be useful to someone else, why not donate these to the Cathedral Spring Fair. Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, unwanted gifts, toys, games, bric a brac, plants, etc would be welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or can be collected from your home.

The parish will be very grateful for any donations. Parish Office: 8839 8400





Father's Day Celebrations

- ♦ The raffle tickets are being sold every morning by parents in the Amphitheatre. They are 50c each or 3 for \$1.00
- ♦ Some of the gifts the Parent Event Committee have sourced are ; 18 holes of Golf for 4 people at Oatlands Golf Club, Restaurant vouchers, Bottle of Johnnie Walker, Gym Membership, Car wash kits, Aftershave packs .
- ♦ As in previous years, we will be celebrating our wonderful fathers and grandfathers at **Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9:15am on Friday 4th September**. Prior to the Mass the Year 4 parent members from the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee will be organising and preparing a delicious breakfast and fun activities to commence at **7:30am** for our dads and grandads to enjoy. We believe it will be a great way to allow our fathers and grandfathers to catch up, bond and feel loved and appreciated by our school community.



MINDQUEST

If you are keen in giving your child(ren) opportunities to be involved in Science based extension courses in the form of Enrichment Weekends MindQuest may be of interest to you. The MindQuest program is held at Glenwood HS and is targeted towards 'gifted and talented' students Years 1-6. There is a cost involved. If you are interested please collect a flyer and registration form from the school office. This is an independent event and is not associated with the school or system


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.


Remember your daily target for fruit and veges? Everyone should aim for 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of veges, every day. Sounds hard, but it's easy if you include fruit and veg across the day...try these simple ideas:

- **Pack vegetable sticks** – try carrots, celery, capsicum and cucumber – with hummus and vegetable based dips (like pumpkin, beetroot, spinach or red bean)
- Add a **small 150g tin of baked beans** to your child's lunch box.
- **Leftovers** are an exciting lunch box addition: try packing fried rice, veggie stir-fries or some veggie frittatas- they all taste great cold!
- **Make a fruit salad** – use whatever fruit you have in the house, children prefer small pieces of food.

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.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

It's simple to Participate.

Only 2 more weeks to go !!!!


When you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

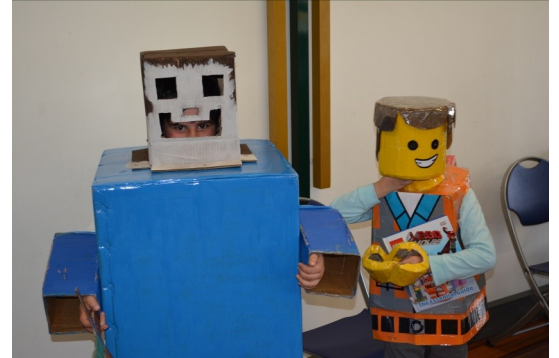
ONLY 60 STICKERS PER SHEET AS MORE WILL NOT BE COUNTED

Target

30,000 points




23,340 as of 2/9/15



Book Week Celebrations



Year 3 Excursion to the Maritime Museum

In HSIE year 3 are learning about the British Colonisation. Last Friday we went on an excursion to the Maritime Museum. We got to go on the replica of the Endeavour, an army ship called the Vampire and we got to go inside the museum. On the Endeavour were huge sails and lots of ropes. When we went into the lower section of the Endeavour we saw where the sailors ate and drank. It was very cramped. The naturalists, scientists, the Captain and Joseph Banks the botanist, slept in their own cabins which were still very small.

On the Vampire were guns and we also saw where the officers slept. We saw a bathroom and we saw a big canteen. There was also a post office on board. Inside the museum were parts from old ships and gun bullets. We saw some aboriginal maps. Our tour guide said "If you got someone from the tribe who painted that painting, they could tell you exactly what it meant." I had fun at the museum.

Erica Jurisic 3L



WE NEED YOUR HELP

St Patrick's Spring Fair Appeal

A huge thank you to the families who have responded so generously to our Spring Fair appeal for groceries, toiletries and preloved baskets to use to make up hampers. The list of suggested donations follows.

All donations go to your child's classroom. We are accepting goods up until Wednesday, 9th September.

Thank you again for your support of our school and Parish.

Jude Kerr.

Hamper Ideas for the Spring Fair

	<u>Beverages</u>	<u>Spreads</u>	<u>Pamper Packs—Female</u>	<u>Pamper Packs—Male</u>
Cereal	Tea	Vegemite	Body wash	Body wash
Dry pasta	Coffee	Peanut Butter	Shampoo	Shaving cream
Pasta Sauce	Coffee Sticks	Nutella	Conditioner	Disposable razor
Rice	Milo	Honey	Deodorant	After shave
Couscous	Juice	Jam	Cotton buds	Deodorant
2 minute noodles	Cordial	<u>Canned Items</u>	Hand cream	Shampoo
Cup a Soup	Soft Drink	Tuna	Moisturiser	Cotton buds
Biscuits	<u>Long Life</u>	Tomatoes		Baskets/containers we can use to make up the hampers
Cake Mix	Milk	Corn Kernels		
Packet desserts	Cream	Asparagus		
Mayonnaise	Custard	Beetroot		
Tomato Sauce		Baked Beans/Spaghetti		
		Fruit		

Judith Dunn

Author & Historian

Monday 7 September 2015
11am



Renowned historian, tour guide and author **Judith Dunn** will talk about her latest published work

Colonial Ladies, Lovely, Lively & Lamentably Loose.

This book traces some of the early women prisoners attached to the *Female Factory in Parramatta.*

Guildford Library | 294 railway Terrace, Guildford
Bookings not required | 9806 5856



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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

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

Straight from the Parent Handbook...

BANKING

All children have the opportunity to open a savings bank account through the school with the Commonwealth Bank. Bank books and deposits are collected each Tuesday, processed at school, and are usually returned on the same day.

BOOKCLUB

The children will bring home "Book Club" order forms twice a term.

You are under no obligation to buy these books, although each child is automatically given free membership. The club provides a wide variety of books at different reading and interest levels. The books are usually paper-backs and are reasonably priced.

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TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Eight

Friday 4th Sept

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Mass 9.15am St Pat's Cathedral

Yr 3 & Yr 4 Touch Football Gala Day

No Assembly

Week Nine

Friday 11th Sept

No Assembly

Movie Night (More details to come)

Week Ten

Friday 18th Sept

Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm

Last Day of Term 3

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Tuesday 6th October

Staff Development Day—No students

Wednesday 7th October

1st Day Term 4 for students

Staff Development Day

The date of the next Staff Development Day has been set for Tuesday 6th October. Children do not attend school on this day.

Lost Property

The lost property pile of jackets/ jumpers is getting quite big and all items do not have names on them. Please check the 2 baskets in the office for missing items.