

st patrick's primary school

parramatta patter

9th October 2014

Term 4

No.1



*Dear Parents*

*On the last Friday of Term 3 we held our first St Patrick's Parramatta Movie Night – and what a success it was! For those of you who were unable to attend, imagine this scene. A balmy Spring evening, the aroma of freshly baked pizzas wafting in the air, the sound of excited children anticipating the commencement of the movie-Spy Kids 4, the sound of voices greeting each other with staff welcoming the stream of families arriving. Looking across to the canteen one could see a flurry of activity as members of the Movie Night Committee 'charged up' the coffee machine ready for the lineup of customers who were also treated to delicious home baked slices. Specially set up and decorated marquees just added to the atmosphere as the little ones selected from pop corn, fairy floss, corn on the cob and hot dogs - a selection of treats which could satisfy even the fussiest of eaters. Blankets, bean bags, beach chairs, fold away seats, woolly socks and beanies were all part of the picture but most importantly one could feel the love and passion of a community who just enjoy being together!*

*CONGRATULATIONS, one and all! I cannot express my appreciation to the organizing committee and to all those who contributed to such a wonderful night, adequately. It was indeed a team effort and anyone who donated both time and or goods contributed to this effort and it is very much appreciated. For fear of leaving out the names of the many who assisted I cannot name everyone who helped before or on the night, however I would like to mention the contributions made by Mrs Marietta Maroun, Mrs Julia Gittany and Mrs Belinda Barakat who did all the 'leg work' prior to the night and to Mrs Fardell who was the staff coordinator. Great job! Can I also thank Mrs Zana Rahme who spent all day on the Friday assisting with the set up and who donated the marquees, Mrs Romanos who baked the delicious slices, to EVENT Cinemas Parramatta who donated all the popcorn, organized by Mrs Fernandez and to the many parents who despite poor lighting, stood up all night selling food. I would like to thank the many staff who stayed and assisted and to the children and ex-students for their very good behaviour. Of course the important and often neglected 'clean up' at the end of the evening was not an issue with everyone helping a little so that no one was left doing it all by themselves – thank you!*

*Looking forward to our next community gathering!*

*By the time you read this newsletter it will be around Day 14 of the Bishop's Pilgrimage, one on which we have attended a private Mass at St Peter's Basilica in Rome, visited the excavations and catacombs under the Basilica – the Necropoli, walked through the Vatican Museums, visited the Sistine Chapel and prayed at the tomb of St Pope John Paul 11. Can I ask you to keep me and the other pilgrims in your prayers; 'that we may become more ardent disciples, more wise teachers and more humble leaders.'*

*In my absence the role of Principal will be undertaken by Mrs Elly Benkovich who has had years of experience as Acting Principal in many schools. I thank you in advance for your continued support of Mrs Benkovich and look forward to seeing you on my return on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.*

*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 17th October.

## **GOOD LUCK MRS MASEFIELD**

*On behalf of everyone at St Patrick's Parramatta we would like to wish Mrs Masefield and her husband Shane all the very best as they prepare for the birth of their baby boy. Mrs Masefield commences her maternity leave next week, Mrs Christa Silvia will be teaching Year 1C for the rest of the year.*



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

Alana Medak, Feima Koima,  
Talia Kalouch, Erin Bautista

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP ANTHONY FISHER!**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September Bishop Anthony Fisher OP was appointed the 9<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Sydney by his Holiness Pope Francis. Parishioners of St Patrick's Cathedral have a special relationship with Archbishop-Elect Anthony who regularly says mass at the Cathedral since becoming Bishop of Parramatta in 2010. On his Face book page Bishop Anthony thanked the people of the diocese and asked us to pray for him. Six of our senior students had the pleasure of going to the press conference held at the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta building, where they heard Archbishop-Elect Anthony speak of his vision for the people of Sydney and for Catholics around the world. They were able to ask him questions and to have photos taken with him. The children felt very honoured to be a part of such a significant event. Please see some of their reflections in this newsletter.

*"Pope Francis has just appointed me the Archbishop of Sydney. I'm very excited to be returning to the Archdiocese of Sydney and building on strong foundations. It will be hard to leave the Diocese of Parramatta and I thank the people of the diocese for the wonderful years I had with them. Sydney is a vibrant, growing city with so much potential to be one of the greatest cities – and faith communities – of the world. I ask you to pray for me that I might be a good shepherd after the heart of Jesus Christ." Bishop Anthony Fisher Facebook*

## **PROTOCOLS REGARDING INTERVIEWS WITH CLASS TEACHERS**

All parents are very welcome to discuss the progress of their children with their child's teacher or to give the school feedback throughout the year. So that staff can give you the time and attention necessary, we ask that parents make an appointment to speak to the teaching staff, Mrs Benkovich or Miss Fabri through the school office, letter or in person. In this way we can ensure that all aspects for effective communication can be organised. Teachers are asked not to hold meetings with parents whilst they are on playground duty or class supervision duty as they are in the position of maintaining 'Duty of Care' to all students. For your convenience, St Patrick's School Office phone number: 9630 1421

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.



**Win a \$100 iTunes voucher**  
for you and your teacher plus **\$500 voucher**  
for classroom resources

Email your photo to  
[promotions@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:promotions@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
with 25 words or less explaining why your  
teacher is great!

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for entry terms and conditions

## TERM FOUR - DANCE

Today we began **Dance** sessions for all classes. The Dance classes will continue each Thursday until the end of term. We believe it will be of great benefit to the children.

Students that have sport on Thursday's are to wear their sports uniform however they will be required to bring their school shoes with them to change into.

## ST PATRICK'S PARENT GROUP MEETING

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014      **Time** 7.00pm

**Topic: Anxiety and Developing Resilience**

**Alison Kaylinger**



Save the Date

Tuesday 16th December

1.30pm

St Patrick's Primary School  
Christmas Celebrations

## BOYS' HAIRCUTS

Please be aware 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 our presentation code be maintained to the highest standard by keeping hairstyles of uniform length and style.

## SUMMER UNIFORM

As of this term Summer Uniform is to be worn.

Summer uniform consist of the school dress for the girls with white socks and black shoes. Boys are to wear a grey shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black shoes.

Sports uniform consist of a yellow polo shirt with bottle green shorts, white socks and white joggers.

The school hat forms part of the uniform and must be worn at all times.

As the weather heats up children will tend to take jackets off and put them down. To ensure any lost property is returned to the students please label everything.

## WHITE JOGGERS

In keeping with our school uniform policy and code can I ask all parents to please ensure that their children wear predominantly white school joggers with their sports uniform. Children will often try to pressure parents to buy them fluoro coloured joggers or laces for use at school, with the appeal that many other children are wearing them. Can I assure you that the uniform code will continue to be enforced by staff so as to maintain the high standard of uniform St Patricks is well known for.

## 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

## Term 4, PRC Presentation: Smart Start School Readiness Wed 29 Oct 2014

**St Michael's Primary School, 155 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown Sth**  
**Smart Start School Readiness**

Danielle Mantakoul is one of the most dynamic speakers in the early childhood industry.

**Smart Start School** aims at assisting parents and early childhood educators in making the transition to school easier for children. Topics such as bullying, composite classes, parent teacher communication, the child's typical school day, the importance of social/emotional development and much much more will be discussed. Danielle will provide you with tips and tricks on school readiness that you may never even have considered and give parents the heads up on not only of what will be expected of their child, but of them as new school parents.

Book Now!

**Contact:** Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese

**Email:** [prcparraevents@hotmail.com](mailto:prcparraevents@hotmail.com)

**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  
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



*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 FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Week One**

Thursday 9th October	Footsteps Dance Program Begins
Friday 10th October	NO assembly

**Week Two**

Thursday 16th October	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 17th October	Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion Infants Assembly Yr 2 - 2.15pm

**Week Three**

Thursday 23rd October	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 24th October	“Sock it to Poverty” Sock day Primary Assembly Yr 5 - 2.15pm

**Week Four**

Monday 27th October	Parent Group Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 30th October	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 31st October	Infants Assembly Yr 1 - 2.15pm

**Week Five**

Thursday 6th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 7th November	Yr 1 Sydney Aquarium Excursion Primary Assembly Yr 3 - 2.15pm

**Week Six**

Thursday 13th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 14th November	Infants Assembly Kinder - 2.15pm

**Week Seven**

Thursday 20th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 21st November	NO Assembly School Disco

**Week Eight**

Monday 24th November	Staff Development Day—No students
Wednesday 26th Nov	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 27th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 28th November	Primary Assembly Yr 4 - 2.15pm

*We must always expect from time to time to receive crosses and know that we also give them  
(1882) St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*

# Press conference with Bishop Anthony Fisher

Bishop Anthony Fisher grew up as a kid not knowing what he was going to be. As he grew up he became a lawyer but as a steward of creation he had an ambition to become a part of the religious community.

## Jeremy Khoury – 6P

6 students from year 6 were invited to attend a press conference at the Catholic Education Office. Here we asked questions and listened to the religious stories.

## Yvette Roque – 6W

At the beginning of the press conference Bishop Anthony Fisher made a speech about what he will try to achieve as arch-bishop of Sydney. He addressed several different topics in our community that he is trying to solve for example, harassment. We are all expecting to see great things in the future and Bishop Anthony will be deeply missed.

## Lea Barakat – 6W

There were many cameras from most news channels filming and taking pictures at the press conference. Towards the end of the press conference we got to take a few 'selfies' with the Bishop, whilst many people took many photos.

## Josie Whebe – 6P

After the press conference we had morning tea with the bishop. We took many photos with the bishop and enjoyed sandwiches and water, our favourite was the chicken. We had an unforgettable experience and enjoyed it.

## Emile Saab – 6W

After the Bishops moving speech he answered many questions from the press, he even answered our questions. Many journalists and the CEO were amused at our sincere questions.

## Tayla Vancuylenberg – 6P



# Movie Night 2014



Thank you to George Gittany for supplying the beautiful photos from our movie night



