

st patrick's primary school

parramatta patter

30th October 2014

Term 4

No.4

HAPPY  
TEACHER'S  
DAY

Dear Parents,

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Australia will celebrate World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day originally instituted by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the important role of teachers in our communities. For teachers it is often a time for them to reflect on those people in their own lives who inspired them to take up this honourable profession, as well as a time to focus on what teaching means to them.



Interestingly, when I listen to inspirational people talk about why they have chosen the career that they do, they usually refer to the importance they feel in making a difference to others in the world in some way, whether it be with the songs they sing, the art they create, the buildings they design, or the people they heal. The same can be said for the majority of teachers. For many teachers it is 'not just a job' but a privileged vocation that brings us into contact with hundreds of children and families. For a teacher, the joy of seeing a child learn and succeed is unsurpassed. Success in learning strengthens a child's self esteem which often impacts on their relationships with others.

May I take this opportunity to thank the wonderful teachers at St Patrick's. Their dedication and interest in your children is obvious in the many ways they go that extra step to assist them to be happy and fulfilled at school. They are creative and enthusiastic and demonstrate to the children the importance of teamwork and commitment on a daily basis. Their love for their faith is one of their greatest assets, each bringing their own unique gifts to our community. On this week of World Teachers' Day may I wholeheartedly recommend the profession of teaching. The future of our world needs intelligent and faith filled young people who are willing to share their minds and hearts as teachers in our Catholic Schools.

God bless you and your families.

Bernadette Fabri

#### Wonderful Teacher

With a special gift for learning  
And with a heart that deeply cares,  
You add a lot of love  
To everything you share,  
And even though  
You mean a lot,  
You'll never know how much,  
For you helped  
To change the world  
Through every life you touched.  
You sparked the creativity  
In the students whom you taught,  
And helped them strive for goals  
That could not be bought,  
You are such a special teacher  
That no words can truly tell  
However much you're valued  
For the work you do so well.  
--Author Unknown



Save the Date—Change of time now 1.00pm

Tuesday 16th December

St Patrick's Primary School Christmas  
Celebrations OLMC Hall

#### DANCING UNDER THE STARS—ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco this year will be outside under the stars on the 21st November. Why not make a night out of it for the whole family to enjoy. There will be BBQ sausages, drinks, ice cream and lots, lots more!!!! More information to come next week.



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



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

Ethan Hoang, Ethan Lao, Aidan Khreich, Christian Walker, John Azizi, Nicole Aboumelhem, Cyarra Fernandez, Angeleena Loto'aniu

KA	Carl Cauan
KM	Brian Chen
1C	Savannah Chiha
1S	Brandon Roque
2M	Norm Shidiak
2Y	Harrison Chidiac

KA	Christine Kahwaji
KM	Olivia Takchi
1C	Justin Makhoul
1S	Allana Assabgy
2M	Christian Moujalli
2Y	Elna Sojan

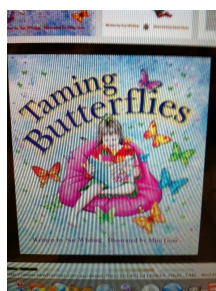
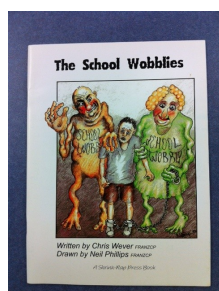
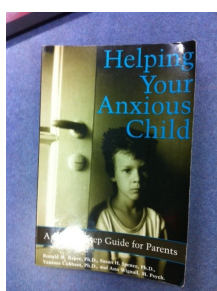
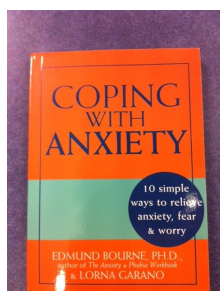
#### Year 6—Farewell Dinner

Parents please return your money and ticket order for the farewell dinner for Year 6 2014. Your earliest response would be greatly appreciated. Thank you Mrs Sakr.

#### Parent Group meeting

Last Monday night, 27th October 2014 the St Patrick's Parent Group meeting was held in the library. Mrs Alison Kaylinger and Ms Melina Leonello presented to parents a talk on Anxiety in children and developing resilience. The information was practical and relevant and addressed issues such as what to do when children's anxiety builds to a point of a 'melt down', does forcing children to do things that they are scared about help? and What to do when children continually seek reassurance about seemingly simple things especially before bedtime.

Alison recommended the following books for anyone interested in further reading on Anxiety in children.



#### Bus Passes for 2015

Bus passes for 2015 will automatically issue for next year except where your child is entering Year 3. A new form needs to be completed when your child is going into Year 3 or if you have had an address change. Please collect a new form from the office and return by the 30th October to ensure the pass will be ready for the start of 2015.

#### Congratulations to Erica Jurisic

(2M) on being a finalist for "Free Our River From Litter" Truck Art Competition. An award ceremony will take place on the 11th November.

GOOD LUCK ERICA !!!

#### Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown

#### Childhood Obesity

Presenters Jenny Plaskett & Michelle Nolan are co-ordinators of the Live Life Well Program.

By making just a few small but important lifestyle changes, we can ensure better health and wellbeing for our future.

Being overweight or obese is unfortunately quite common in Australia now.

The problem with being overweight or obese is not about the way you look. Having excess weight increases the risk of many chronic and potentially lethal diseases.

NSW Health is funding the largest childhood obesity prevention trial anywhere in Australia. Running over the next few years, this extensive pilot aims to identify the best ways for children and their families to achieve and maintain a healthy weight.

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

**Email:** [prcparrasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:prcparrasecretary@gmail.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**

Arch Bishop Elect 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 Four**

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

**Week Nine**

Thursday 4th December      Footsteps Dance Program  
Friday 5th December      Infants Assembly  
Choir - 2.15pm

*Never see a need without  
doing something about it.*

*(1871) St Mary of the Cross  
MacKillop*

# 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2015 are invited to participate in the Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Primary School team sports trials during Term Four in 2014 and Term One in 2015. Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au). This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

**Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

***Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.***

**Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.**

Yours In Sport,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

## Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation

The eighth Greystanes Charity Craft Market and Antique Valuation is on Saturday, 22 November from 8am to 2pm in Camilleri Hall. It is one month before Christmas, so be assured the Market will have special gift ideas. There are over 35 stalls from all over Sydney, selling quality gifts, baby wear, home-made décor, kitchen goods, edible treats, scarves and bags, jewellery, violets and plants and much more. A unique drawcard of the Craft Market is the professional Antique Valuations, available from 8.30am. Everyone is encouraged to bring along special treasures or family heirlooms and paintings to have them valued. Instead of bringing large paintings with you, the valuation can be done from a photo of the painting and artist signature. Each valuation costs \$5.00. This is a great social day out for the whole family with traditional Devonshire teas and a fantastic sausage sizzle serving breakfast and lunch from 8am. Profits from the Craft Market will be donated to CareFlight.

## OLMC Parramatta Orientation Day – Year 7 2015

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta will be welcoming future Mercy Girls who will be starting Year 7 in 2015 to Orientation Day on Wednesday November 12, 2014. The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

## OLMC Mercy Scholarships

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2016 are invited to apply. Visit the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) for more information.



What a heart warming conclusion we had to our Mission focus when students arrive last Friday with gold coins galore and wearing crazy socks on feet, heads and hands.

Thanks to the generosity of our students, staff and parents we raised \$1055.00 for Catholic Mission. My prayer is that we continue to answer Christ's call to reach out to those in need.

Mrs Kerr



