



Dear Parents

This week a number of Year 5 students put themselves forward to try out for leadership positions by presenting their speeches on what makes a good leader and why they should be considered. I listened to them with a combination of admiration and gratitude; that this young generation, often admonished for being self centred and lacking in resilience, had such courage and a willingness to address their peers in wanting to serve their school community. I must admit at their age I did not have the confidence to nominate myself for a leadership position or to be involved in public speaking for that matter.

One after one they introduced who they were, their best qualities and what leadership means to them. Some used humour, some promises and some mused on great leaders of our time. All spoke from the heart and I am sure felt a great sense of satisfaction that they had given this challenge a go. As with all stretch situations, where success is not guaranteed and in this case due to the fact that there are more candidates than positions available, not all students were chosen.

Success however comes in many forms and I can truly say that the fact that these children showed a 'growth mindset' by being willing to learn from this experience is very impressive and serves as a character building opportunity. Even those that were not selected will come to realize that after the 'pain of disappointment' life returns back to its normal pace – what a wonderful lesson!

As I explained to the children, I believe that in many ways leadership is a gift from the community. It is a gift with a huge responsibility, a responsibility that is an invitation to serve, just as Jesus modelled. One can be a designated leader, however without integrity, relational trust, commitment, and resilience, a leader may find themselves without followers. I also explained that for many children who desire leadership, continuing to be the best version of themselves - to be authentic, may eventually lead them to serve as leaders later in life.

Even at such a young age children have the capacity to do 'what is right', beyond their own desires. This year's Year Six have demonstrated this in many ways as we have watched them grow in maturity and in their willingness to take on responsibilities.

May I take this opportunity to thank all children in Year 5 and their families for the preparation entailed in the process of nomination, for the spirit to which they have entered into this opportunity and especially for the generous and genuine support shown towards each other. May I also thank Mrs Tondini, Mrs Fardell and Mrs Benkovich for ensuring that all processes were procedurally fair.

We are currently waiting to hear the speeches of candidates for Sport Captains after which voting takes place. The names of those acquiring leadership positions for 2015 will be published as soon as completed.

*God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri*



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



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

Hunter Munro, Josef Chedid, Oliver Wehbe, Kayla Teklic, Diederik Lubbers, Jacob Monks, Katerina Yannakis, Zoe Borger, James Fraser, Natalia Grodek, Caitlin Dunn

KA	Feima Koima
KM	Michael Ayoub
1C	Zara Moussa
1S	Jacob Tamaro
2M	Aaron Neroy
2Y	Noah Gebrael

KA	Joseph Sassen
KM	Aoife Mitchell
1C	Isaac Bechara
1S	Christiana Kalouche
2M	Liam Abdallah
2Y	Elaria Fayad

On Saturday 8th November young people from around the diocese came to witness Bishop Anthony's final mass as the Bishop of Parramatta before he accepted his position of Arch Bishop of Sydney.

The ceremony was breath taking, with traditional performances by African and Melonesian dancers. Bishop Anthony made a heart warming homily, where he used an analogy comparing priesthood to one of his favourite movies " The Lord of the Rings". Along with the mass a wonderful band accompanied the Liturgy. His love for the youth is demonstrated by his acceptance of the affectionate nickname 'Bish Fish" by World Youth Day participants.

Arch Bishop Anthony is a huge Western Sydney Wanderers fan, so as a token of appreciation the children of the diocese gave him a Wanderers jersey and a jacket.

We wish 'Bish Fish" the best for the rest of his journey and we know he will change everyone's lives for the better.

Written by Yvette, Josie, Olly and James. (Yr 6)





Congratulations to Erica Jurisic on being a finalist in the **Art Competition: Free Our River from Litter.** Erica received a certificate presented by the Lord Mayor.



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.

ATTENTION SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Due to works being undertaken in the Cathedral overflow parking is no longer available even with an authorisation sign. Apologies for this inconvenience is extended.



School Banking for Term 4

Student banking will cease for 2014 in week 10. Tuesday 9th December will be the final day for banking for 2014. Student banking will commence again Term 1, Week 2, 2015.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION MEETING
Friday 14th November
School Hall
9.15 am–10.30am

Please note this is for Parents only



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ISSUE 8 -2014

Due Friday 14th November, 2014

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SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

to the Holdaway family (Cassandra 6P) on the recent passing of their grandmother.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL—
26TH NOVEMBER

Parents please return your child's permission note to enable us to finalise numbers for novelties and race events. Thank you to the parents who have indicated they will be helping on the day. It is greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten 2014 Mums' Dinner

Saturday 22nd November from 6.30pm

Winston Hotel - 170 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills.

RSVP 14th November to Elizabeth Johnson on 0413 428 838 or eandmjohnson@optusnet.com.au



Save the Date—Change of time now 1.00pm
 Tuesday 16th December

St Patrick's Primary
 School Christmas
 Celebrations OLMC Hall

Year One excursion to Sydney Aquarium

On Friday the 7th of November, Year One went to Sydney Sea Life Aquarium and Wildlife Park in Darling Harbour. After an exciting bus ride over the Anzac Bridge, we made it to Darling Harbour. We first went into the Aquarium where we walked around and saw lots of wet environment animals and plants. We were particularly excited to see the dugongs, sharks and string rays.

Did you know that there are over a thousand species of fish in the Great Barrier Reef? We learnt lots of fun and interesting facts about the ocean and the animals that live there. After lunch on the wharf, we went to explore dry environment animals in the Wildlife Park. We enjoyed seeing all the different Australian animals and plants. We especially enjoyed the beautiful butterflies and scary crocodiles!

After a fun-filled day exploring both wet and dry environments, we were happy to hop back on the bus and come back to school where we spoke about the interesting things we learnt.



DANCING UNDER THE STARS—ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco this year will be outside under the stars on the 21st November, from 6pm to 9pm. Gates open at 5pm.

Why not have a night off cooking and grab a delicious sausage sizzle or hot dog from our canteen. We will also have 'Dippin Dots', the Ice cream of the future, on site. Coffee and drinks will also be available.

\$2.50 per person will get you some groovy tunes and some superb dancing from the teachers !!!



**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 Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj



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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 FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Six

Thursday 13th November	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 14th November	Kinder 2015 Information Meeting 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

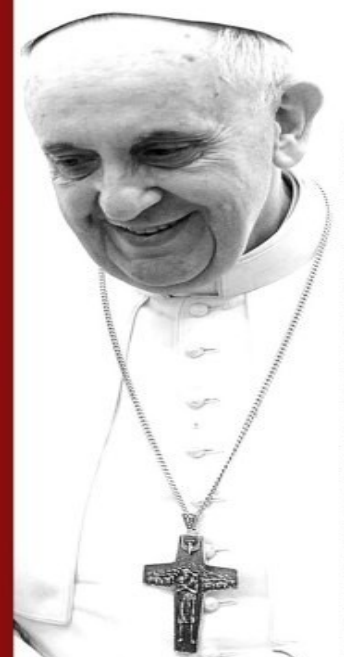
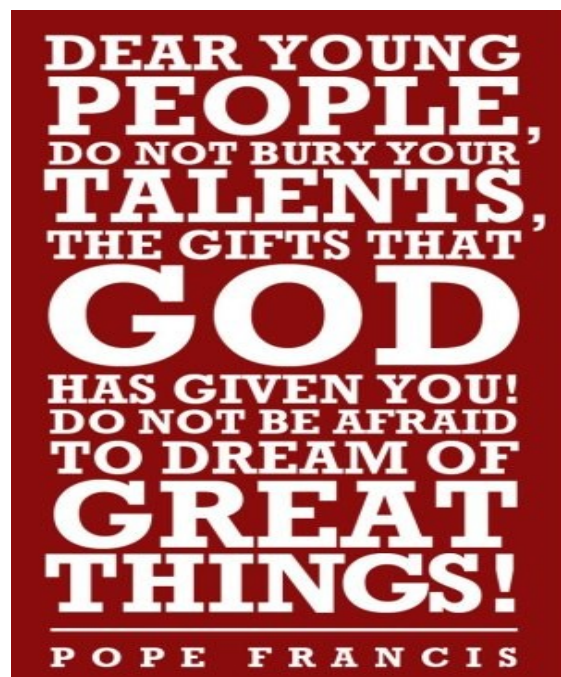
Thursday 4th December	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 5th December	Infants Assembly Choir - 2.15pm

Week Ten

Wednesday 10th Dec	Year 6 Graduation & Liturgy Supper 7pm
Thursday 11th December	Footsteps Dance program
Friday 12th December	Whole School Assembly Year 6 - 2.15pm

Week Eleven

Tuesday 16th December	School Christmas Concert —1pm OLMC Hall
Wednesday 17th Dec	Last Day of school for students





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2015 Diocesan Tuition Fees

The 2015 Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES		1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%	4 th + Child
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1047.00	\$787.00	\$525.00	nil
	Years 1 – 6	\$1350.00	\$1014.00	\$675.00	nil
Secondary	Years 7-8	\$1875.00	\$1407.00	\$939.00	nil
	Years 9-10	\$2079.00	\$1560.00	\$1041.00	nil
	Years 11-12	\$2658.00	\$1995.00	\$1329.00	nil
Temporary Residence	Years K-12	\$1731.00	\$1731.00	\$1731.00	

The 2015 term rate for each of the first three terms is as follows:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$349.00	\$262.00	\$175.00
	Years 1 -6	\$450.00	\$338.00	\$225.00
Secondary	Years 7-8	\$625.00	\$469.00	\$313.00
	Years 9-10	\$693.00	\$520.00	\$347.00
	Years 11-12	\$886.00	\$665.00	\$443.00
Temporary Residence	Years K-12	\$577.00	\$577.00	\$577.00

Diocesan Building Levy

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan School or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools).

The levy for 2015 is **\$702.00 per family**, payable in **three equal instalments of \$234 payable in terms 1, 2 and 3.**

Student Resource fee 2015

Each child attending St Patrick's Primary is charged a **Resource Fee**,
Kindergarten – Year 6 \$200.00 per year,

This fee covers a range of activities and resources that the children will use throughout the year and includes the Life Education, TriSkills and Cricket NSW and Dance programs.



SCHOOL RESOURCES

Diocesan Works Fund Appeal - November 2014

DIOCESAN WORKS FUND APPEAL - NOVEMBER

During the month of November, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund.

Also known as faith@work this fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions.

The faith@work appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Please be generous so these good works can continue.

St Patrick's Cathedral Carols in the Cloister

Saturday 6th December 2014 - 7—10pm

Bring a picnic rug or chair and join us on the Cloister lawn for a night of fun and singing.

BYO Picnic Food and Alcohol.

Desserts and Tea/Coffee/Cordial provided

Santa will visit

Gold coin donation for Candles

For catering purposes, please add your name and number of Adults and Children attending to the list in the Cathedral Narthex or email secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

Discover OLMC Parramatta

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on November 17, the last tour for 2014.

In this special 125th anniversary year, tour the College and discover contemporary learning and academic excellence in the Mercy tradition before enjoying 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 1207 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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.

National Head Lice Awareness Month Set To Launch 1 November

A new national awareness month has been unveiled to combat the spread of head lice in Aussie kids. *No Nits November*, to be held during the month of November, is an inaugural awareness campaign to help both children and parents fully understand head lice, while also giving parents and kids the opportunity to win a \$1,000 donation to their school library.

The new initiative by Aussie family-owned company, NitWits, is part of a new, on-going educational program, to raise awareness and dispel any common myths about head lice among school kids and their parents.

Nadine Ismiel-Nash, Head of Research and Development for NitWits and mother of two says, "No Nits November is a great opportunity to proactively check your child for head lice to ensure that lice are targeted early to minimise the chance of spread, educate yourself on head lice facts and the best forms of treatment, all while giving you the chance to win money for your kid's school library."

With the upcoming Summer holidays, November is a great opportunity to ensure that your children don't bring home any extra unwanted friends these school holidays.

No Nits November is a great chance to dispel any 'Lice Lies' and raise awareness about head lice in Australia. NitWits have identified 3 key myths that Aussies believe about head lice:

- Head Lice are found in dirty hair only - This is not true, head lice are found in all types of hair and are equally happy living in clean hair.
- Head Lice live in sheets, toys, clothing and anything else your child may come in contact with - You actually don't need to thoroughly wash any linen or clothes after there has been a head lice infestation as head lice rarely fall from the head and are less likely to survive away from the scalp.
- All children scratch when they have head lice - Less than half do actually scratch when they have Nits.

Register your involvement at www.nonitsnovember.com.au to receive a head lice information guide, a colouring + puzzle book and a Certificate of Participation for your child.

In addition, you could win a \$1,000 donation for your child's school library to be put towards purchasing more books! Simply upload to NitWits Facebook page, the wackiest hairstyle of your child while tagging @NitWitsKid Facebook page and #nonitsnovember NitWits All-In-One is the brand's recent innovation that delivers a quick and easy way to kill head lice AND their eggs without the need for rigorous combing. The unique formula contains a key active ingredient called dimethicone which has shown great results in killing both head lice and their eggs quickly. With no need to repeat the treatment, managing head lice is now easier than ever. NitWits All-In-One is a sensitive formula that comes in an easy, no mess spray applicator.

NitWits is available from selected pharmacies, major supermarkets and retailers around Australia.

For more information visit www.nonitsnovember.com.au or www.nitwits.com.au



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Re: Whooping Cough - Public Health alert

There has been an increase of whooping cough (Pertussis) notifications in the Western Sydney area since June 2014, particularly in the 2155 postcode area.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Western Sydney Public Health Unit advises the following:

If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as **a dry or persistent cough**, which may be especially bad at night, please **see your doctor** and take this notice with you. A nose and throat swab test can be performed to confirm the diagnosis.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until s/he has taken 5 days of antibiotics.

A whooping cough fact sheet is enclosed. More information on whooping cough is available on the NSW Health website at

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>

or please call Western Sydney Public health unit on 9840 3603 if you have any queries.