



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

28th April 2016

Term 2 Issue 1



Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2! It was good to see so many parents in the playground Tuesday morning and the children looked very pleased to be back with their friends and teachers. I particularly noticed how much they have grown, in such a short period of time, especially Kindergarten and Yrs 5 and 6 students. In the same way some parents will notice that their children are settling better in the mornings and even when doing their homework. Maturity development can be seen in so many ways, and for teachers post Easter time is when we notice these positive changes the most.

ANZAC DAY

The 25th April, 2016 was ANZAC Day. This day is an opportunity for our country, especially children, to think about all that Australian service men and women and armed forces all around the world do to ensure the safety of their nations in the pursuit of ultimate peace, justice and harmony. Although it must be a source of great pride to have a family member in the armed services, I cannot imagine how worrying it must be. This call to duty requires the ultimate act of service and sacrifice and it is wonderful, I believe, that all Australians stop to reflect on these sacrifices every year. ANZAC Day can also inspire us, in some small way, to do our part in showing courage and sacrifice in service of others - just like these amazing men and women. This year some of our Year 6 leaders took part in the Dawn Service at Prince Alfred Park. They joined many members of our local community at 3.50am at Parramatta RSL and together with Mrs Kerr and Mrs Benkovich marched to the memorial. There, two of our leaders laid a wreath on behalf of the St Patrick's School Community. For your information here is some information about the Parramatta and District War Memorial.



Parramatta and District War Memorial commemorates those who have served in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved. The memorial was originally erected to commemorate those who served in World War One but is dedicated to those who served in other conflicts.

An "Australia Remembers" plaque, which was unveiled on the 15th August 1995, also features on the memorial. The memorial was unveiled by the Governor-General on the 12th May 1923.

www.monumentaustralia.org.au

Thank you to the following leaders and their families for representing the school at such an important local and national ceremony. : Kristiana and Adrian Stevanja, John Azizi, Joseph Kalouche, An Le, and John Boutros.

Thank you is also extended to Mrs Kerr and Mrs Benkovich for supervising these students.

God bless you and your family.

Bernadette Fabri

All parents are welcome to this Friday's Primary assembly when Year 4 will present an ANZAC Day reflection. Commencing at 2.15pm



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Honour Award

The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter



3L	Sheridan Achie
3T	Justin Makhoul
4B	Stephanie Saab
4G	Clyde Guatlo
5C	Valerie Liu
5T	Raymond Wehbe
6P	Kaitlyn Chiha
6W	Marvin Molina



st patrick's award

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

3L	Isabella Moses
3T	George Draybi
4B	Eliza El Bayeh
4G	Caitlin Maroun
5C	Aidan Khreich
5T	Joanna Davino
6P	Angel Arida
6W	Rosa Itaoui



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

Angelina Aqabani, Jethro Cauan, Nicole Romanos, Adam Jurisic, Ava Lao, Dunya Grudic, Kyah Rahme, Jake El-Sabbagh, Michaella Chidiac

Lost Property

With the weather being a bit up and down at the moment children tend to discard jumpers, jackets and hats. Please label ALL clothing with your child's name and class. This will enable us to return lost property to your child. Can we also ask that you check your children's hats and jumpers that they belong to them and return to school if they are not your child's. As you can appreciate uniforms are costly and we have had parents contacting us regarding this problem.

2016 School Terms

Term 2 26th April to 1st July

Term 3 18th July to 23rd September

Term 4 10th October to 16th December

** Please note Staff Development days may affect commencement & concluding dates. Please refer to our weekly newsletter in 2016.

Sports Days for Term 2

Sports uniforms will be worn on the following days for Term 2:-

Wednesday Year 6, Year 5 and 1C

Thursday Year 4, KM, 1S, 2M

Friday Year 3, KA, 2Y

Know Your Saints Competition

To mark Good Shepherd Sunday on 17 April 2016, the Diocese of Parramatta is sponsoring a **Know Your Saints Competition** featuring the lives of 10 inspirational Saints. To enter the competition, read the biographical information and correctly answer a question about the Saint at:

<http://parracatholic.org/vocationscompetition2016/> The competition is open to all students in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta. The competition closes at 5pm on Friday 29 April 2016.

This competition is open to all students but is more suited to upper primary and secondary students

Mother's Day Stall

On Tuesday 3rd May 2016 the children will be able to purchase gifts with prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$6.00. Please note that while we have endeavoured to have a mix of gifts, numbers are limited; so we ask that you explain to your child that they may need to have a second and third choice.



We would like to extend a big **Thank You** to the parents who, at the beginning of the year, volunteered to assist to help set up and run our Mother's Day Stall. **We are still looking for helpers to assist between 9.00am and 1.30pm on the day to sell gifts. If you able to help please contact the office.**

Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea

There will be a Mother's Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 6th May commencing at 9.15am. Following Mass there will be a Morning Tea in the school hall organised by our Year 2 families. All families welcome !!

Mother's Day Raffle

Children will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for 50 cents each or 3 for a \$1.00 in our Mother's Day Raffle. The raffle tickets will be sold before and after school in the playground from tomorrow 28th April. The raffle will be drawn after the Mother's Day Morning Tea on Friday 6th May 2016.

NB : As the Mother's Day stall is on the same day as the Diocesan Cross Country, participants will be able to purchase their gifts on Monday 2nd May. Please send money with the children on Monday. This is for Cross Country participants only.



Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am Tuesday 17th May 2016

Enrolments for Year 7 2018

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

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.



**College Open
Morning Tour
Monday
May 9, 2016**

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Monday May 9, 2016.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place. Contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

2016

Important Dates

Term 2

Week 1

Friday 29th April ANZAC Day Assembly—Year 4 - 2.15pm

Week 2

Monday 2nd May Mother's Day Stall—Cross Country Participants only

Tuesday 3rd May Mother's Day stall

Diocesan Cross Country

Friday 6th May Mother's Day Mass — St Patrick's Cathedral 9.15am followed by Morning Tea.

Raffle will be drawn after morning tea.

Week 3

Monday 9th May Winter uniform changeover day

Tuesday 10th May NAPLAN—Language/Writing

Wednesday 11th May NAPLAN—Reading

Thursday 12th May NAPLAN— Numeracy

Friday 13th May NAPLAN—Catch up day

Infants Assembly—Year 1- 2.15pm

Week 4

Monday 16th May School photos—Winter Uniform

Tuesday 17th May ICAS—Computers commences at 7.40am

Thursday 19th May Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

Friday 20th May Captivate Rehearsal Infants

Primary Assembly—Year 5 - 2.15pm

Welcome
Beautiful Girl...



Congratulations to the **Gilchrist Family (Maggie 1C)** on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Jean during the holidays.

Congratulations also go to **Mrs Salame** and her husband on the birth of their little girl, Alexa during the school holidays. We wish them all the best !!



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

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

Mon to Fri 6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Hol 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 Deacon Willy Limjap
Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)