



St Patrick's Primary School
Newsletter

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Term 4 Issue 4



Dear Parents

Last Tuesday was the feast of All Saints Day. On the Feast of All Saints Day in 2013 Pope Francis stressed that the saints are not “supermen” or women, who are “born perfect,” but rather are ordinary people who followed God “with all their heart.” He said, “They are like us, they are like each of us, they are people who before reaching the glory of heaven lived a normal life, with joys and griefs, struggles and hopes,” Pope Francis reminds us that “They spent their lives in the service of others, they endured suffering and adversity without hatred and responded to evil with good, spreading joy and peace,” When reading his sermon to the pilgrims on this feast day I was very impressed with the wisdom of our Holy Father’s words. I think that when we think of saints we think of extraordinary people whom we could not possibly emulate, but Pope Francis dismisses this assumption by encouraging us with an alternative view.

I would like to share with you some of his reflections and encourage you to discuss these with your children.

- Each saint changed his or her life “when they recognized the love of God, they followed him with all their heart, without conditions and hypocrisies.”*
- “The saints give us a message. They tell us: be faithful to the Lord, because the Lord does not disappoint! He does not disappoint ever, and he is a good friend always at our side.”*
- “To be a saint is not a privilege of a few... all of us in baptism have the inheritance of being able to become saints. Sanctity is a vocation for everyone.”*
- “All of us are called to walk in the way of sanctity, and this way has a name, a face: the face of Jesus Christ.”*
- “The saints are men and women who have joy in their hearts and spread it to others. Never hating, but serving the other, is the greatest need. To pray and to live in joy: this is the way of sanctity!”*
- “The saints encourage us with their witness not to have fear of going against the current or fear of being misunderstood and derided when we speak of the Lord and of the Gospel,”*
- “They show us with their lives that the one who remains faithful to God and to his words experiences now on this earth the comfort of his love and then experiences it a ‘hundredfold’ in eternity.”*

Beautiful words! Beautiful thoughts to put into action!

May God Bless you and your Families

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Honour Award

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

3L	Jeremy Saliba
3T	Diana Granados
4B	Wytske Lubbers
4G	Ivanka Markovic
5C	Annamika Sawant
5T	Pauline Said
6P	Diederik Lubbers
6W	Angelique Moujalli



st patrick's award

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

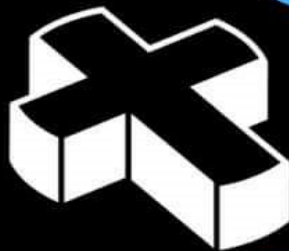
3L	Zara Moussa
3T	Lucy Parkes
4B	Geshua Toledo
4G	Isabella Dang
5C	Natalia Gebrael
5T	Alanah Issa
6P	Stacie Touche
6W	Antonia Bayeh



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week: John Azizi, Cyarra Fernandez, Aidan Khreich, Lucia El Hani, Justin Mawad, Christine Kahwaji, Gabriella Cruz, Andre Eltakchi, Noah Gebrael, Maria Wahbe, Daniel Saleh

ST PAT'S CREDO MINISTRIES

JUNIOR CREDO



EDGE

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
12:00 PM

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: 1 MARIST PL, PARRAMATTA

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN WITH THE COMMUNITY!
PRAYER, PARENT INFO-SESSION, FREE BBQ AT THE
COURTYARD, AND LIVE MUSIC!



St. Patrick's Dance Group

The Mercy Music and Performance Academy and St. Patrick's Primary School would like to start an **Extracurricular Dance Group** in 2017.

Rehearsals would be held before school on a Monday morning on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy College. Parents would drop students off at the gates of Our Lady of Mercy College for their group rehearsal. Students would then walk to St. Patrick's under the supervision of their dance teacher.

We are seeking expressions of interest from families whose children will be in years 4-6 in 2017.

We would kindly ask for all families to complete a short survey by following the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H8F8VHH>

St. Patrick's Music Ensemble

Do you learn a Concert band instrument?

Would you like to join the St. Pat's Music Ensemble?

The Mercy Music and Performance Academy and St. Patrick's Primary School are starting a Music Ensemble that rehearse every Tuesday on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy College. Rehearsals are from 8am – 8:35. At the conclusion of the rehearsal, students are then taken across to St. Patrick's, under the supervision of the Ensemble Conductor.

Any students who are currently learning a Concert Band instrument are welcome.

For more information please email music@olmc.nsw.edu.au or call: 02 8838 1226 during school hours.

CAPTIVATE Showcase 2016 Videos On SALE Now

We are pleased to announce that access to download and /or stream the videos of ALL 7 showcases 2016 performances is available to purchase now. You can go straight to the booking site at <https://www.trybooking.com/MWPJ> or see some preview videos and get other information on our website. Video access cost \$10.00 and lets you view and download any (or all) of the Showcase videos.

Please be aware that these videos are being sold for private use only.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkewtc7y7Gnfbsh0304TKD7n3G7pNSYp>

Change to St Patrick's Local Directory

Dear Parents,

After parent feedback, we will be changing the St Patrick's Parramatta Advertising Program to a Sponsorship Program. This will enable companies and businesses from our school community and local community to provide sponsorship for a half year or a full year, to assist us to continue to purchase resources and equipment to improve learning outcomes. The change, in essence, is only minor and sponsors will still be acknowledged weekly in the local directory, pushed out, with the newsletter. They will also receive acknowledgement through an appreciation certificate which can be displayed in the workplace. May I take this opportunity to **sincerely thank all families for your support of the school**. Next week we will be sending out a letter with more details regarding the sponsorship program.

Bernadette Fabri



TUCKSHOP 2U
will now be serving
HOT FOOD
on Tuesday and Thursday ONLY.

Please visit
tuckshop2u.com.au
to view our
updated menu.

Please note that our Banana Bread and Choc Vanilla
Blueberry Slice are no longer gluten free.

Not Returning to St Patrick's in 2017

Thank you to the parents who have informed the office that their child will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2017. If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2017 please send a letter to Ms Fabri stating the last day of attendance at St Patrick's and which school they will be moving onto in 2017.



ICE BLOCKS !!

It's Term 4 and we are selling ice blocks again every Friday. The money raised will help the people of Haiti whose country has been devastated by Cyclone Matthew. Some will also go to Catholic Mission to help children in Cambodia.

Each child may buy **ONE** ice at \$1.00.

NSW PSSA Mackillop Rugby Union 2016

The Primary School Mackillop Rugby team is a representative team that is made up of players from catholic schools from across 5 NSW Catholic Diocese. The 5 Diocese are:

Parramatta, Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra/Goulburn & Wagga Wagga. So long as you go to school in one of these diocese you too have the chance to represent Mackillop.

These boys have travelled a very long journey to receive this award. To gain selection in the Mackillop team, they first had to trial and make the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby team. The Parramatta Diocese is comprised of 47 parishes & 83 schools. Trials are normally held in June and normally comprise of a skills session and trial games held over 1 day. Although trials are held in June registration closes by the end of February.

After gaining selection to represent Parramatta and after a couple of training sessions the boys then travelled to Forbes for a full day Rugby carnival against other Diocese from NSW. This was the Mackillop Rugby Union Regional trials and where every Catholic primary school from every diocese in NSW is represented. The players were watched very carefully by a panel of selectors including the 2 Mackillop coaches and 3 NSW Rugby development officers. If they played really well they would be selected into the Mackillop Rugby team.

These boys were fortunate to be selected! That's where the real challenge started. Preparations were now underway for the NSW PSSA Rugby Carnival that was held in Mudgee over 3 days. The best primary school Rugby Union players in NSW were competing for the trophy you see here today. There were 13 teams competing - over 280 players, representing Catholic, Public & Independent Primary Schools from across NSW.

The Mackillop Rugby Union team has one of the largest catchments in the state. Players joined together to form our team from as far as Yass, Wagga Wagga, Goulburn, Queanbeyan and across Sydney.

This Rugby team of young men were not the biggest players by a long way. But what they lacked in size they made up in Team Spirit and they quickly bonded coming together as if they had played together their whole lives. These boys made new friends which will last a life time.

Day 1 saw the MacKillop team play against Sydney South West (one of the biggest teams at the carnival) who we beat 15-0, Riverina 49-0 & South Coast 42-5.

On Day 2 the boys faced Polding our catholic school rivals in the Quarter Finals whom we also defeated 15-5. We then played Hunter in the Semi Finals and again the boys were successful winning 21-7.

Day 3 the boys faced off against The giant Sydney South West team in the grand final. After conceding the first try the boys showed great courage & determination to win 33-14. They were crowned as undefeated champions and were presented this shield that you see here today.

Mackillop has only won this trophy twice in the 60 year history of the competition and these boys went through the tournament undefeated!!

To top off a great week, 5 boys from the MacKillop team were selected to represent NSW at the School Sports Australia Rugby Union Carnival! 2 of these boys came from Parramatta Diocesan.

If you think you have what it takes to represent your Diocese, your Region & your State then we encourage you to put up your hand next year. It's not every day that an opportunity like this comes along.

If you are really committed we would suggest you join your local rugby club where you can develop your skills so that you shine at diocesan trials.

Congratulations Luke Maroun.





BACK TO *McAuley* DAY

SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2016,
12 NOON – 4.30PM

All past students, staff, parents and friends of Catherine McAuley Westmead (formerly known as Catherine McAuley Girls High) are invited to return to school to celebrate our 50th anniversary.



Golden Jubilee Mass to commence at 12 noon, Morley Centre, Catherine McAuley Westmead
Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD, Bishop of Parramatta

Following Mass enjoy a 'trip down memory lane' with memorabilia, displays, hospitality and performances.

Further information please contact School Reception: 9849 9100 or mcauleywestmead@parra.catholic.edu.au
Catherine McAuley Westmead
2 Darcy Road, Westmead
www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

College Open Morning Tour Monday November 14, 2016

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on November 14, 2016 the last tour of the year.

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 or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



Educating young women for the future

Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There are two Open Mornings remaining specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on:

Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 17th November 2016 9.15 – 11am

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 one of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

KEEP THESE TWO DATES

FRIDAY 11 November 9.15 am *WAY of MERCY CELEBRATION*

Friday 11 November is a sacred day for St Patrick's. The 4 metre tall Cross of Mercy and relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Teresa of Kalcatta which have been visiting schools and parishes in the Dioceses for the past three months make their final visit ... to our school.

We will process behind the cross, symbolically walking with all people, identifying with their joys and hopes, their griefs and their anxieties and praying for the strength to follow Christ. We will gather to pray and then people will have the opportunity to venerate the relics and cross.

Members of our school and Parish community are warmly invited to join us in this unique celebration.

SUNDAY 13 November 4.30 PM *PARISH CELEBRATION of WAY of MERCY*

The Cathedral Parish of St Patrick's Parramatta and several other parishes are gathering for the final 'hub' celebration of the *Way of the Mercy*.

The celebration begins at the Old Kings Oval at 4.15 pm with a procession to the forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral. A liturgy and World Youth Day testimonial will follow and then adoration of the cross and relics.

Evening mass, which begins at 6pm, will be followed by the Closing of the Door of Mercy and a **fund-raising barbeque** for Arrupe Place. This is the Jesuit initiative to support refugees and asylum seekers in our community.

Please let me know ASAP how many people in your family will be staying for the barbeque.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Jude Kerr

Religious Education Coordinator.



Acceptable Haircuts / Hairstyles

- Boys haircuts are to be neat and simple. No undercuts, no lines, no Mohawks and no rats tails.
- Hair cuts are to be of consistent length ie **Not longer on the top and shaved no 1 sides.**
- Girls shoulder length or longer is required to be tied back with either hair ribbons or "scrunchies" in school colours.
- The use of hair gel is not permitted.
- No coloured hair is permitted

Thanking you as always for your cooperation

2016 Important Dates

Term 4

Week 4

Friday 4th November Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.15pm

Week 5

Monday 7th November Kinder 2017 Orientation

Tuesday 8th November Footsteps Dance continues

Wednesday 9th November Kinder 2017 Orientation

Thursday 10th November Kinder 2017 Orientation

Friday 11th November Remembrance Day

Way of Mercy Celebrations—9.15am

Week 6

Tuesday 15th November Footsteps Dance continues

Wednesday 16th Nov Kinder 2017 Parent Information Night

Friday 18th November Primary Assembly—Year 4—2.15pm

Week 7

Tuesday 22nd November Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 25th November Infants Assembly—Choir—2.15pm

Week 8

Tuesday 29th November Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 2nd December Primary Assembly—Year 5—2.15pm

Week 9

Tuesday 6th December Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 9th December Year 6 Graduation Mass—9.15am

Infants Assembly—Kinder—2.15pm

Week 10

Tuesday 13th December Footsteps Dance continues

Concert Evening—More details to come

Wed 14th December Swimming Carnival



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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

Mon to Fri 6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Hol 8.00am

Pastoral Team

**Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.
Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini

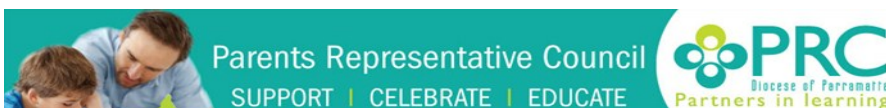
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)



Term 4, 2016 General Meeting - Mon 14 Nov 2016: Topic Future Directions/Where we're heading in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian St, Blacktown