



Term 2 Week 4  
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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...**

**DIARY DATES**

**TERM 2 2018**

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| <b>Thursday<br/>24th May</b>  | <b>Kinder 2019 Interviews<br/>1-3pm</b>                |
| <b>Friday<br/>25th May</b>    | <b>Captivate Rehearsal<br/>(Choir) 11-2pm</b>          |
| <b>Saturday<br/>26th May</b>  | <b>Prep for Sacrament of<br/>Penance 3:30–6:60pm</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>29th May</b>   | <b>Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala<br/>Day</b>               |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>29th May</b>   | <b>ICAS Science Competition</b>                        |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>29th May</b>   | <b>Basketball After School<br/>Program 3:30–4:30pm</b> |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>29th May</b>   | <b>Sacrament of Penance<br/>3:30–4:30pm</b>            |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>30th May</b> | <b>Sacrament of Penance<br/>3:30–4:30pm</b>            |
| <b>Thursday<br/>31st May</b>  | <b>Sacrament of Penance<br/>5:00–6:000pm</b>           |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>5th June</b>   | <b>Athletics Carnival</b>                              |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>5th June</b>   | <b>Basketball After School<br/>Program 3:30–4:30pm</b> |
| <b>Saturday<br/>9th June</b>  | <b>Prep for First Holy<br/>Communion 3:00-6:30pm</b>   |
| <b>Monday<br/>11th June</b>   | <b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY<br/>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>              |

Dear Parents,

Pentecost is the Church's birthday, the day it was gifted with the presence of God through the Holy Spirit. It was the day the Church was given life, the life that is in us as we are entrusted to be the Church today; it is through us that God's love is distributed throughout the world. The Church is the people of God, united and empowered by God to share God's love with the world. However, this will occur only if we activate the potential of the Spirit within us.

Thomas Merton offers us this image when he writes, *"God is the lead dancer and the soul is the partner completely attuned to the rhythm and patterns set by the lead dancer. The soul does not lead but neither does she hang limp like a bag of potatoes."* In the parable of the wild goose we find our goose leaving the flying formation to search for food. By good fortune, it found a barnyard filled with good food; it ate and, when full, fell asleep. When it awoke, it heard the sound of geese honking from above. The sound stirred his spirit but the comfort and plenty of the barnyard kept him there.

The next day he heard the birds in flight; the stirring was there but fainter; again he resisted the calling of his spirit and stayed. A week or so later the birds flew by in "V" formation honking their call in flight; the wild goose felt nothing.

Perhaps the parable is suggesting that our comfortable lifestyle has distracted us from the call of the Holy Spirit within us. Maybe we have failed to listen for so long that we feel nothing. However, the Spirit is still calling us to activate that potential for being Christ to others, that is beneath the surface of our life in our hearts and minds."  
*Adapted from Kierkegaard.*

For most people their birthday offers the opportunity to have a think about their life over the past year and maybe set out a few achievement objectives for the coming year. Pentecost, the Church's birthday, could be a like time to have a look at how our life is going spiritually, that is, how the Spirit is active in our life. If we see a "sack of potatoes" or a "wild goose in a barnyard", then what will we do about it?

*"Spirit of God within us, we ask You to help identify the gifts that You have given separately to each of us. Help us to celebrate these gifts and to make positive use of them in our daily activities. Amen."*

Peace and Best Wishes,  
Richard Blissenden  
Principal



**LINDA'S LUNCHES**

A reminder that Linda's Lunches **WILL NOT be available this coming Friday 25th May**. Normal ordering will resume next week (Mon, Thurs & Fri). Sorry for any inconvenience.

**POSTCARD LUCKY DRAW PRIZE WINNERS....**

Congratulations to the following awards winners of the Postcard Lucky Draw Prize:

- K = Max Avenarius
- Y1 = Odhran Connelly
- Y2 = Ellie Hart
- Y3 = Lucinda Boulous
- Y4 = Sandy Keyser
- Y5 = Luke Heiler
- Y6 = Emma Biviano

Staff = Mrs Kemp and her boys

Special Award = Molly Lewis  
Special Award = Sarah Scott

Well done and congratulations to all of our winners, and a big thank you to all those children who took the time to send in your post-cards.

**SCHOOL FEES**

All families should have received their Term 2 fee statements in the mail. These are due for payment by 6th June. Any queries regarding fees should be directed to Susan in the school office.

**KINDER 2019 ENROLMENTS**

As you are aware, we have been accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2019. If you have a child who is eligible to start school next year, please complete an enrolment form and send it to the school office.

Interviews have already commenced.

**Note:** All siblings of current students who are eligible for Kinder 2019 need to go through the whole enrolment process, so please send in your enrolment forms in ASAP.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



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| May 23 | Zion Kim<br>Aidan Marcellino          |
| May 24 | Stefanie Gabriel<br>Amanda Bae        |
| May 25 | Lucas Laguzza                         |
| May 28 | Ashley Adams                          |
| May 29 | Brodie Hart<br>Grace Ban              |
| May 31 | Yujin Choi<br>Massimo Di Sano         |
| June 1 | Seojin Choi                           |
| June 3 | Oliver Tomasoni<br>Alexander Melville |
| June 4 | Odhran Connolly                       |

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS TERM 2—Week 4**



- KA Antony Del Duca & Anahita Wu
- KT Tahlia Paiva & Hope Bailey
- 1R Grace Ban & Kristen Dixon
- 1W Justin Habchy & James Flint
- 2H Finn Noone & Lachlan Pitchfork
- 2M Hugh Porter & Olivia-Rose Boumalhab
- 3G Carey Kaseke & Johan Xie
- 3S Jessica Anlezark & William Sultana
- 4J Anthony Scott & Max Ghest
- 4K Stella Northwood & Jireh Samuel
- 5E Indian Liu & Elena Sheslow
- 5LV Daniel Bietola & Tara Quinn
- 6B Sophia Bartosiak & Giovanna Younis
- 6K Oscar Moy & Andrea Leon

**CARE AWARDS TERM 2—Week 4**



- KA Isabella Cipri & Christopher Okwara
- KT Elizabeth Lee & Beau Harris
- 1R Brandon Eum & Grace Henstock
- 1W Jasmin Simon & Nishaan Venkateshwar
- 2H Sara Sangachhe & Caleb Filardo
- 2M Sirat Ghangas & Olivia Campos
- 3G Doreen Dube & Nate McKinnon
- 3S Aanya Singh & Mya Carr
- 4J Leiden-Aree Tohovaka & Chad Craze
- 4K Maiya Hughes & Cooper Kennedy
- 5E Nadia La Macchia & Esha Ghangas
- 5LV Cooper Storey & Olivia Marshall
- 6B Sienna Percovich & Lucinda Palmas
- 6K Patrick Bayeh & Cooper Frain

## FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

If your child happens to be running late in the morning: *If your child arrives after the bell they are required to be signed in at the school office by an adult.* They can *then* be walked to assembly or their class. Please remember that if prayer is being said or the Anthem is playing that students should not to walk through the playground – please wait until this section of the Assembly is over.

### COFFEE VAN @ THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

There is NO sausage sizzle this year at the Carnival so please pack a healthy lunch for your child. If you have a coffee van or know someone prepared to park a van at the carnival from 9.30-2 to sell to parents only and perhaps make a small donation to the school please contact the P&F via [c.dolle-samuel@unsw.edu.au](mailto:c.dolle-samuel@unsw.edu.au)

### SOCIAL JUSTICE CATHOLIC CARE

Every year we raise money so that the good works of Catholic Care can continue in our Diocese. Catholic Care Social Services Parramatta provides a wide range of programs and services under four portfolios:

- ◆ Counselling and Education Portfolio assists individuals, couples, children and families to develop and maintain safe, supportive, healthy and enriching relationships.
- ◆ Disability, Mental Health and Ageing Portfolio enables aged and disabled people to live a quality life.
- ◆ Community and Family Support Portfolio empowers and strengthens families to ensure the resilience and wellbeing of children and young people.
- ◆ Aboriginal and Community Development Portfolio empowers communities through cultural awareness and integration.

**Thankyou to everyone who donated for this wonderful cause. We were able to raise \$563.00.**

## COMMUNITY NEWS...

### SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how the Legal system works. Questions addressed on the night include: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates/Wills.

**This seminar will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

**Presenter:** Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor)

**Time:** 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm.

**Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Ph. 8843 2575 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

### STEPPING BEYOND SUPPORT GROUP

This group is open to men and women who would like support as they navigate their way through the breakdown of their marriage.

**Next gathering:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Venue:** 13 Buller St, North Parramatta

**Time:** 7pm -9pm

**Registration essential:** Contact Rita Ph: 8843 2575 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

## NEWS FROM THE P&F...

### **PARENTS NIGHT OFF, KIDS NIGHT IN**

What a great event! Thank you to Nicole & Victoria who organised this event. Big thanks to Rita from OSHC for opening for the night.

### **ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION**

Thank you to Parramatta Council Road Safety Officers Yvette & Mohammed who provided great information about laws, fines & demerits around school zones at our recent P&F Meeting.

### **STUDENT DISCO**

Mark the date in your diary—Friday 29th June. A note will be sent out this week.

### **FETE COMMITTEE**

We called for a Committee and had 1 volunteer. If you are interested in co-ordinating the Fete, we need volunteers to cover Road Closure (Council approvals), Publicity, Treasurer, Rides, Stall Co-ordinators (food and other stalls) and various other roles. Please email Catherine on [c.dolle-samuel@unsw.edu.au](mailto:c.dolle-samuel@unsw.edu.au) to nominate by **Tuesday 29th May**. A note will be in the Parish Bulletin this week also calling for volunteers.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Grandparents Day will be celebrated on Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> – details and a call for volunteers for a Morning Tea will be sent out soon - \* save the date 26/7/18

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the Library and we'd love for you to join us.

Catherine Dolle-Samuel  
P&F President

## YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION...

Our Year 6 students have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This rebate was taken into consideration when costing was done for the excursion.

