

SHW FAITH PAGE 2014

JESUS LIVE IN OUR HEARTS

CHRISTMAS VISIT TO CABRINI NURSING HOME

THE YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS VISITED CABRINI NURSING HOME ON TUESDAY TO BRING THE RESIDENTS A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER. THEY SANG SOME CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MADE SOME CHRISTMAS CARDS TO GIVE TO THE RESIDENTS. THE RESIDENTS WERE OVERJOYED BY THE PERFORMANCE AND WERE DELIGHTED TO TALK TO THE CHILDREN AND RECEIVE THE CARDS.

A DAUGHTER OF ONE OF THE RESIDENTS, SANDRA, HAND KNITTED A SPECIAL SANTA HAT FOR EACH OF THE STUDENTS. SHE STARTED KNITTING IN THE WINTER IN ORDER TO HAVE THEM READY TO GIVE TO THE CHILDREN WHEN THEY VISITED. THE CHILDREN WERE DELIGHTED WITH THEIR NEW HATS AND TOOK A PHOTO WITH SANDRA.

IT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AND A WAY OF GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE NURSING HOME AND ARRANGE A VISIT TO THE BEAUTIFUL NEW FACILITIES AND SPEND SOME TIME TALKING TO THE RESIDENTS. THEY HAVE BUILT A WONDERFUL NATIVITY SCENE IN THE FRONT FOYER WHICH IS WORTH SEEING. THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS ALIVE AND WELL AT CABRINI NURSING HOME AND THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WERE PRIVILEGED TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF IT ALL. WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS !!



Sandra and Stage 3 wearing their new Santa Hats



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Honour Awards

Congratulations to the students who have received an Honour Award for Confidence.

Kindergarten:	Maja Mukherjee, Daniel Barletta	Year 1:	Alliyah Gabreal, Luke Kassis
Year 2:	Andrea Ruperto, Cyril Abraham	Year 3:	Joseph Nehme
Year 4:	Makayla Hashim	Year 5:	Joseph Nahaime
Year 6:	Charli Rawlings		

This week the children reflected on the value of Empathy.

School Christmas Concert and Disco

Unfortunately our School Christmas Concert and Disco was cancelled last night because of the extreme weather. A letter will be sent home advising a new date.

End of Year Activities

As I look at my diary I can count the number of days left this year on my fingers. Although time is short we still have many important events to celebrate together as a faith community. I invite parents and friends to join us on the 16th of December at 9am for our end of year Mass. At this Mass we will be saying goodbye to many very special teachers and celebrating our extremely successful learning year. Following our Mass we invite our parents to join us for a cuppa in the parish hall. This is our way to say thank you to our parents for your continued support.

Semester 2 Academic Student Reports

Student Achievement Reports will be sent home with the children on Friday the 12th of December. This is a time to celebrate the excellent achievements of our students. I wish to congratulate the students on their consistent effort and commitment they have made to their learning. Our overall tracking of student improvement has been outstanding. This result is credited to the passion of our teachers, the engagement of all students to their learning and the active support of all our families. Congratulation Children!

Sharing the Spirit of Christmas with our Cabrini friends

On Tuesday, Stage 3 visited Cabrini Nursing Home to share the Christmas spirit with the residence and staff. The children sang Christmas carols and conversed with the community sharing stories and enjoying each others company.

Next Monday, our Year 4 students will visit the Westmead Rehabilitation Hospital as part of our outreach to our Westmead community.

Parish Carol's Night



This Saturday we will join together as a faith community and enjoy the talents of our Parish community during our annual Carol's night. Our children will join with the students from Mother Teresa and perform two songs on the night. I invite our families to join us on Saturday after the Vigil Mass.

Enrolments for 2015

We have a few positions available for students wishing to enrol at Sacred Heart for 2015. If you are interested, please collect an application form from the school office or download the form from our website.

Absent notes

Students are required to be at school until the 17th of December. If your child is finishing earlier than this date a student exemption form must be filled out and given to the office prior to leave commencing. If the child is sick, a sick note must accompany the child when the child returns to school.

Taking Photos at school



Parents we all enjoy taking photos of our children during special times at school. Can I please ask that you **only take photos of your child** unless you have permission from the parents of the other children. **The protection of children is always a priority and we ask all parents to respect the privacy of all children and their families.** Posting of student photos, other than your own child, on Face book is also not recommended unless you have the consent of the parents.

Our last newsletter for the term

Our last newsletter for the year will be published next Thursday. This newsletter will contain the staff list for 2015 and important dates for 2015.



Enrol now for Kids on Keyboard 2015

Keyboard class is a great way to introduce children from Year Two on to the world of music. The Kids on Keyboard programme offers the opportunity to learn to read music along with all the basic elements of music in a fun way. Currently class runs before school on Tuesdays. For more information and enrolments please contact Christine Dieckmann on 0409 247 424 or 97211278.

Leaving Sacred Heart?

If you intend to leave Sacred Heart at the end of the year, we ask you to inform the school in writing as soon as possible. Please include in your letter, the school you have enrolled your child in. This is only for children leaving from K-5. For your information, parents are required to give the school at least a term's notice in agreement with the policy signed when the child was initially enrolled.

We thank parents for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

PARISH NEWS

Children's Nativity Play

All children are invited to participate in the Children's Nativity Play for the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Practice will take part as children's liturgy over the next 3 Sundays. Please register with the parish office..

St Vincent de Paul Society

This Christmas, the Parish Vincentian Conference anticipates a need for Hampers for over 80 Needy Families and Adults. We invite parishioners to continue their generous support of the work of the Society in showing God's love to all, by helping with donations for these Christmas hampers.

We would particularly encourage the following donations: Tinned Ham and Tuna, Rice, Noodles, Christmas Cake/Pudding, Lollies, Jellies, Long-Life Custard/Cream/Milk, Jam, Honey, Tinned Fruit and Vegetables, Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Milo, Boxed Biscuits (Sweet and Savoury), Drinks, Hygiene Products and Children's Gifts/Presents.

The Parish Christmas Tree bears tags of specific presents. Parishioners are kindly asked to place presents and donations under the tree.

The collection, packaging and delivery of hampers will take place during the weekend of December 20 & 21.

Appreciating the tremendous support in previous years, we again seek assistance this year. Please contact John Chandran on 9633 1373 or 0405 178 428 if you are able to help in any way

Dates for your Diary

Week 9

5th December	Friday	Kindergarten Assembly - 2.20pm
5th December	Friday	Pursuit of Excellence Presentation - 2.20pm

Week 10

10th December	Wednesday	Graduation Mass - 7.00pm
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Week 11

16th December	Tuesday	End of Year Mass - 9.00am Morning tea for parents—following Mass
17th December	Wednesday	Year 6 Fun Day
17th December	Wednesday	Last Day of term for Students
18th December	Thursday	Staff Development Day
19th December	Friday	Staff Development Day

Catholic Education Office

Bishop's Office

Call for Pastoral Care Volunteers

Do you have some spare time on your hands and enjoy spending time with seniors and the elderly? St Hedwig Village is a German and English speaking, aged-care facility in Blacktown and is currently looking for volunteers. Prior training in pastoral care work, or a willingness to undertake a course would be advantageous. Support will be given in the role, days and hours are flexible to suit your own commitments. For further information please contact **Maria Lynam on 02 8822 9928**.

Caritas Australia 50th Jubilee Morning Tea

The Social Justice Office warmly invites you to attend a Caritas Australia 50th Jubilee Morning Tea to celebrate - with thanks for your support. Enjoy a sneak peek into Project Compassion 2015.

Date: Friday 5 December, from 10am- 11.30am.

Where: Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

Contact: RSVP to Sr Louise McKeogh lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au by Thursday 4 December.

Catholic Institute of Sydney – Ten Australian Catholics course

The Catholic Institute of Sydney will be running the course 'Ten Australian Catholics' as an extensive from January 28 – 30 and May 16 – 17, 2015. The course looks at the history of the Catholic Church in Australia through the lives of ten Catholics. A book of Readings will be provided. Registrations close Thursday 11 December. Costs are \$1700 for award students; \$500 for audit students and \$10 CISSA fee. For more information, contact **Dr John Luttrell fms**, jluttrell@cis.catholic.edu.au or 02 9752 9513. Website: www.cis.catholic.edu.a

Seeking Mentors: Do you want to give something back to your community?

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking volunteer mentors who would like to give something back to their community and host secondary students in the workplace. The mentor hosts the student in the workplace one day per week for two school terms (May to September, excluding school holidays). All mentors are offered free TAFE mentor training and receive a TAFE Certificate of Attainment, '*Mentoring in the Community*'. Mentors can be from any industry, an individual in any trade area: clerical and administration, hairdressing and beauty or a large company. Please consider this call for assistance so that the program can continue to supply a valuable service to students in our Catholic communities.

Contact: Leoni Jeavons-Fellows – Coordinator Post School Options 0424 750 583.

Bishop Manning Lecture: 8 December

The Catholic Commission for Employment Relations (CCER) is proud to welcome lawyer, academic and Aboriginal land rights activist Noel Pearson to deliver the biennial Bishop Manning Lecture. This event is supported by The University of Notre Dame Australia.

The Bishop Manning Lecture was established by CCER to honour Bishop Kevin Manning's commitment and contribution to the development of Catholic workplaces as places of justice and human dignity. Noel Pearson will speak on the complex range of factors that have contributed to the current and future prospects of Indigenous communities across Australia.

When: Monday 8 December, from 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Venue: The Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbour View Crescent, Lavender Bay

Bookings: tickets are free but places are strictly limited www.cceratholic.org.au

Ordination to the Diaconate – your invitation

Everyone is welcome to attend the Ordination to the Diaconate of Pio Yong Ho Jang, Thomas Thien Hien Bui and Willy Limjap by Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney.

Date: Friday 12 December at 7.30pm

Where: Padre Pio Catholic Church, 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park

RSVP: SMS - 0450 908 036 or ordinationpt@gmail.com

Positions vacant

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for the position of **Chief of Operations and Finance**. For a confidential discussion and a copy of the Information Pack please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au. Applications close 19 December 2014.

Pastoral Care – Accredited Qualifications

Certificate IV in Pastoral Care and Diploma of Ageing and Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care attends in a sustained way to the emotional and spiritual needs of people through a ministry of presence, companionship and support. Nationally recognised qualifications:

- · CHC41112 Certificate IV in Pastoral Care
- · 91561 NSW Diploma of Ageing and Pastoral Care

For further information contact:

Holy Family Services Registered Training Organisation

Tel 02 9678 8200 or email: educator@holyfamilyservices.com.au

www.holyfamilyservices.com.au

Advent and Christmas books, cards, CDs, DVDs & gifts

St Pauls Books & Gifts Centre in Parramatta publishes religious books, CDs and DVDs for adults, teenagers and children in the following areas: Bibles and biblical studies, liturgy and liturgical resources, parish bulletins, theology, spirituality, Australian Church, ecumenism, prayer, devotions, Vatican documents, educational resources for schools and parishes. Visit St Pauls for all your Advent and Christmas books, cards, CDs, DVDs & gifts.

Where: St Pauls Books & Gifts Centre, 238 Church St, Parramatta.

Mass: Mass from 1pm-1.30pm, Monday to Friday, in the Mary MacKillop Chapel above the Centre.

Contact: Ph: 02 9126 8912, bookcentreparr@stpauls.com.au Order online: www.stpauls.com.au

Noël! Noël! Christmas concert

The Brandenburg Choir and Australian Brandenburg Orchestra will perform this annual concert in St Patrick's Cathedral. *Noël! Noël!* features Gregorian chant, medieval carols, French and German hymns, English Christmas songs and many favourites such as *Christmas Night*, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, *Once in Royal David's City*, and *Stille Nacht*. With its timeless and ageless appeal *Noël! Noël!* is the perfect gift to share with family and friends.

Date: Thursday 18 December, starts 7.30pm.

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Tickets: Adults \$72, Concession \$52, Under 30 \$45, Student \$42, Child \$25. Transaction fees apply.

Bookings: www.brandenburg.com.au

World Day of the Sick Celebration

St John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick celebrations on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Diocese will celebrate World Day of the Sick with a Healing Mass in Blacktown on 11 February. The priests of the Diocese have been invited to help with the anointing and it is expected that many sick and frail-aged will be present, supported by relatives and nursing staff. It is expected that many people from the healing professions will be present, doctors, nurses, ancillary and administrative staff from our major hospitals and nursing homes will attend.

Date: Wednesday 11 February 2015, commencing at 7pm.

Where: St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.

Contact: Monsignor John Boyle, the priest co-ordinator for diocesan health matters tel: 02 9634 2622