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Term 4 Week 2

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Greetings!

Welcome to Term 4. I hope the holidays provided some quiet time for the family without the daily routines of school uniforms and lunches. It was great to see all of the happy smiling faces last week. Thank you for continuing with reading and numeracy during the break. It makes a significant difference.

Thank you to everyone who was able to be present at our International Children's Day liturgy last Friday. This Thursday our school will join the diocesan wide Mercy Cross reflection. This is an important opportunity to remind ourselves of the Message of Pope Francis - God is Mercy. This is a beautiful message of hope and love. Please feel free to join us.

We are in the process of reviewing our Student Management system. I will send you an update next week. This will be a short letter. I would also like to invite you to a parent meeting to hear our plans to offer some feedback. The details of the meeting will be in the letter that will go out next week.

Welcome to our 2017 Kindergarten children and their families. Our Kindergarten Transition afternoon is next Tuesday. Please let us know if you have a child starting Kindergarten next year and you didn't receive an invitation or if you are still to enroll your child.

Thank you for your continued support,

John Spradbrow

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Library News

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be at the school during Weeks 4-5. Children will get the opportunity to look at the fair with their classes. All children will be making up a wishlist, which they will take home to parents. Please be aware that you are under no obligation to buy what is on your child's wishlist! Times for those parents who would like to come into the Fair to have a look and buy are as follows.

BOOK FAIR
COMING SOON!

PARENT TIMES FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

TUESDAY 8/11/16 : 8.00 - 8.55AM

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WEDNESDAY 9/11/16 : 8.00 - 8.55AM

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THURSDAY 10/11/16 : **MORNING ONLY!** 8.00 - 8.55AM.

Please note that the fair leaves our school around late morning, so parents there is no sales time in the afternoon!

Please remember that the Book Fair is a vital part of our school's annual fund raising endeavours. As a direct result of the Fair, the school library benefits each year in many, many new books being able to be acquired. The Fair is also held before Christmas, so it's a great opportunity to purchase books for your family and friends! We are looking forward to seeing you at our Fair!

In addition, our Fair is run by volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Fair, please pop in and see me in the library. Otherwise, one of our mums, **Tracey Miller**, (mother of Blake 3J), is happy to talk to you about the experience.

Janet A. Marie
Teacher Librarian

Australian Mathematics Competition Results

At the beginning of last term students from Year 3-6 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition.



We would like to congratulate the students on receiving the following awards:

Credit Award	KEITH ALUNDAY PETER POLU SOMTO IGBOJAKU AIDEN STEVENSO AIDAN TRAN
Proficiency Award	BLAKE MILLER JOSHUA LABBAD DOMINIC APULU ETHAN MARTIN ANNA ANTAKLEY JULIANA LABBAD NATAIHA TEIKA ALYSHA VENDRASCO
Participation Award	JOSEPH ANTAKLEY JEREMY CHEOWIRY EMA MANAS VONZELLE ACUESTA-LOWE NADIA CUNNINGHAM JORDAN KEELEY

The results and awards are being printed and will be sent home upon the school receiving them.

Mrs Angela Alonzo
Stage 3 Coordinator/Numeracy Lead Teacher

Sports Update

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paulo Tauiiili-Pelsasa for his selection in the MacKillop Rugby Union Team. Paulo travelled to Mudgee to play in the NSW PSSA Rugby Union Trials. MacKillop were the overall winners of the week long competition. The shield will be travelling around to all the students who participated in the Team.

Only 3 students were selected from the Parramatta Diocese so this is a huge effort to be selected for this team.

Congratulations Paulo - we are very proud of your efforts and also how humble you have been about your success!



Parramatta Diocesan Representative Trials 2017

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2016 and Term One in 2017.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age, it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11 yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 28th October as these trials will be held in November 2016.

Mrs Preston will be talking to students currently in Years 4 & 5 about the possibility of trialling for these sports. If your child is selected to trial for one of these sports, an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. The parents of the child, not the school, **MUST** complete this online form. There is a tight timeline for this registration process so if your child is selected the form must be filled in by 28th October, 2016.

Dates for the Diary

- ⇒ Representative Trial registrations close: **28th October**
- ⇒ Parramatta Gymnastics Competition: **4th November**
- ⇒ Zone Swimming Trials: **29th November**

Regards,
Leonie Preston
Sports Coordinator

Dates for your Diary

October	20	Mercy Cross Mass @ 9am in the Church
	21	Year 3 Excursion to Observatory
	25	Kinder Transition Afternoon
	28	World Teacher's Day Liturgy & Michelle Smith Farewell @ 9am in the Hall followed by morning tea
	29	Zone Swimming Trials
November	01	All Saint's Day Celebration Mass @ 9:30am in the Church

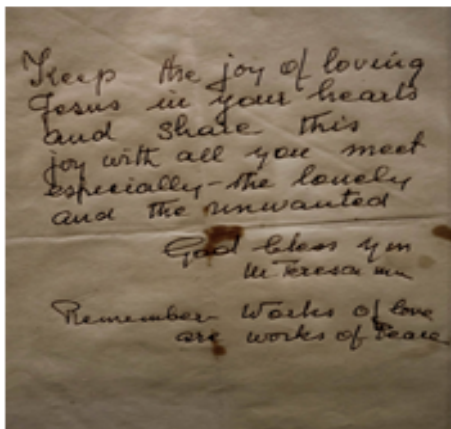


WAY OF MERCY CROSS AND RELICS COME TO HOLY FAMILY EMERTON!

The Way of Mercy is a diocesan-wide initiative of the Pastoral Planning Office in cooperation with the Year of Mercy Committee, centred upon the journey of a large Cross of Mercy. The Cross is accompanied by a Relic of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and a Relic of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata. The Cross and Relics are hosted at various locations by local parish communities, with celebrations including procession, prayer, veneration, music, testimonial and a sending forth. Parishes, ethnic groups, schools, religious institutes and Catholic movements in each region are invited to attend the local visit of the Cross and Relics. The Way of Mercy is visiting schools and other significant locations.

Mercy Cross

In 1990, the ~~Redemptorists~~ came to Richmond Parish to give a mission where they engaged the interest and imagination of parishioners. The focal point of the mission was a large cross, built by the late Paul ~~Kouner~~, which was central to the prayers of the faithful. On Good Friday each year it is carried into St Monica's Church at the time of adoration of the cross. This action has touched the lives of many over the years and has brought realism to what Jesus did for us. The parish is delighted to share this precious symbol of faith with the Diocese.



Message from Mother Teresa

Fr Paul Roberts EV has provided the relics of Blessed Mother Teresa – a message and a card. The message from her was hand written in January 1986. Fr Paul was visiting India that year, before he was a priest, and met Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity at the home for the dying in Kolkata. He asked if she would write a message for his students at Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill, where he was a teacher. After she wrote the message, Mother Teresa smiled and chuckled, surprisingly asking: "Paul, would you also like my business card?" She hurried from the room and returned with the small card, now faded.

The card reads:

The Fruit of Silence is Prayer
 The Fruit of Prayer is Faith
 The Fruit of Faith is Love
 The Fruit of Love is Service

Relic of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Following her canonisation in 2010, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart provided the Diocese with a relic that is a strand of Mary MacKillop's hair. Mary is our diocesan patron and the Diocese has a special connection to Australia's only recognised saint. Blue Mountains woman Veronica Hopson developed acute myeloblastic leukaemia in the early 1960s. Her complete recovery, without scientific explanation and through prayers to Mary MacKillop, was the miracle accepted by the Vatican in 1993 which led to Mary's beatification in 1995. Mary worked in the community, reaching out to the poor to raise them up through the service of education. Upper Blue Mountains Parish is named for St Mary of the Cross. Eighteen diocesan schools have close links to Mary MacKillop who visited St Nicholas of Myra Primary at Penrith, the first ~~Josephite~~ school established in the Diocese in 1852.



On the 20th of October the Way of Mercy Cross and Relics will be coming to Holy Family School. This is part of its diocesan journey in the Year of Mercy. A celebratory event will be held in the school grounds next Thursday at 9:00am. We encourage everybody to come along and witness this special event, regardless of faith or age. There will be light refreshments served at the completion of the ceremony, near the school Hall.

For more information visit the Way of Mercy website: <http://www.mercyhasaface.org.au/> for the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta.

