Dear Parents and Carers,

In the last newsletter I wrote about the P&F and the wonderful work that it undertakes to improve the teaching and learning resources and appearance of the school. You will recall that I made mention of the AGM that was held in Week 3. At this meeting, we were able to fill the positions of President, Fundraising Co-ordinator and PRC Representative. Since that meeting, we have also filled the positions of Vice-President and Secretary and I thank Gillian Phillips and Elissa Esposito for stepping into these roles. We are still in need of a Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Fete Co-ordinator. It is very important that we fill these positions if we are to make the P&F a successful part of the school. Without the P&F and the annual School-Parish Fete, the school would not be able to purchase extra Literacy, Numeracy, Library and Sport / PE resources as well as undertake improvement works such as the cricket nets. I therefore urge all parents to consider volunteering for one of these roles. Full support will be offered by the P&F Executive, and the out-going Treasurer has offered a full handover of the position. Similarly, our 2014 Fete Co-ordinator has offered to hand over to incoming Fete Co-ordinator and has further offered to act as an assistant. A roll description for each position is printed below:

Treasurer
Role: Handle all P&F finances and report at all general meetings. (This position will be supported by a handover by the current Treasurer)

Assistant Treasurer
Role: To assist the Treasurer and report on their behalf during their absence from a meeting

Fete Co-ordinator
A full description of this position is included with this newsletter.

I would like to thank all parents who attended the Parent/Teacher Interviews for Years 1-6 last week. We are all increasingly ‘time poor’ and I am very grateful to you for finding the time to attend. These meetings were valuable for teachers to be able to gain an insight into each child. This week, we begin the process with our Kindergarten families. I would like to thank all of our hardworking teachers for also giving of their time to prepare the meetings.

Cameron Lievore
Principal
Canteen Roster

Thank you to the following parents who will be working in our canteen this week. We appreciate the time and effort you give to our students. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please contact Alison on 0428228121.

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Second Hand Uniform Shop

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Uniform shop is open from 8.30am – 9.00am
Please contact Gillian on 0403548636 for further enquiries

HOT DOG DAY

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NUDE FOOD DAY

RECIPE

Chicken and Vegetable Rolls

Ingredients

1 carrot, grated
1 zucchini, grated
1 small onion, finely diced
250g chicken mince
½ cup breadcrumbs
4 spring chives, chopped
1 egg, beaten
2 sheets ready-rolled puff pastry
1 tablespoon milk
1 tablespoon sesame seeds

Method

1. Preheat oven to 220°C and line an oven tray with baking paper.
2. In a large bowl, combine carrot, zucchini, onion, chicken mince, breadcrumbs, chives and egg
3. Place pastry sheets on a floured surface and halve. Spoon quarter of the chicken mixture lengthwise along centre of each piece. Fold 1 edge of pastry over and tuck in beside filling, then fold over other side to make a roll, pressing down lightly to seal. Repeat with the remaining pastry and filling. Cut rolls into 3cm pieces, place on baking sheet, brush with milk and sprinkle with sesame seeds.
4. Bake for 25-30 minutes until the rolls are lightly browned and cooked through.

Makes 20

FROM THE LEARNING CENTRE

A very warm welcome back to our first term of our Parent Tutor Program, which commenced in week 5.

Thank you so much to our three wonderful tutors, who give up their time each week to tutor our students. Without your constant dedication this program would not be possible.

We are in desperate need of tutors as we have students on our waiting list still waiting to start the program. If there are any parents/grandparents with 40mins a week to spare and would like to tutor a student, please contact Cathy or Therese at the Learning Centre. We would love to hear from you! No experience is necessary, as training will be provided.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support. Have a happy term!

Cathy Smith & Therese Bradley Parent Tutor Program Coordinators

Catholic Schools Week

We invite Parents and Carers to come and be part of our Catholic Schools Week Celebrations on Monday 9th March commencing at 9.00am in the school hall with our Schools Week Liturgy followed by open classrooms and then joining us for Morning Tea.

Come Join Me For Morning Tea
WANTED

Fete Coordinator - 2015

Are you great at Organising?
Do you communicate well?
Are you a people person?
Do you like a challenge?
Are you cool under pressure?

Can you do this job?

We are in need of a person or persons to lead the 2015 Fete committee. The co-ordinator will be responsible for liaising with members of the school, parish and local community to make the day a success.

The role of the fete co-ordinator includes; Oversee all committee members; prepare agenda for fete meetings; chair meetings; delegate or organize fete requirements; monitor fete email account and ensure the smooth running of the fete on fete day.

Please note you must be willing to attend committee meeting and be prepared to spend at least 1 to 2 days a week at the school 2 weeks prior to the fete, plus the fete day 1st August and the day following the fete.

The St Monica’s Fete is one of the largest fetes held in the Hawkesbury and one of the most successful, raising much needed funds for the Parish of Richmond and St Monica’s Primary School.

If you think you would like to take on this role please contact either;

Fr Walter (Parish Priest) on 4578 1410 or email frwalter@parishofrichmond.org.au

OR

Mr Lievore (School Principal) on 4588 5405 or email StMonRic@parra.catholic.edu.au

School Banking

For every 10 deposits made at school, no matter how big or small, students can choose from these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items released each Term. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office. Thank you for supporting the school banking programme and don’t forget Monday is school banking day.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:
ET DVD, released Term 1
Planet Handball, released Term 1
Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
Lunar Light Band, released Term 4
Catholic Schools Week is a celebration that brings together Catholic school communities across New South Wales, held 8-14 March 2015.

It is a wonderful opportunity for schools to celebrate what happens every day in our Catholic schools and in the Diocese of Parramatta, schools will be opening their doors to showcase learning and teaching at its best with a range of activities and events planned for students and parents during the week. You will be able to join in celebration as we share photos and news from our schools via our website and social media channels.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2015 is ‘Educating for today and tomorrow’. This theme ties in with the 50th anniversary of Gravissimum Educationis, a document of the Second Vatican Council that was created by the Synod Fathers in 1965. The document recognised the continuing need for the Church to support parents in the education of their children so that they might be better equipped to participate professionally in the social, political and economic life of their communities well into the future.

Catholic students across NSW also have the opportunity to share in $5,000 of prizes by entering a 30 second video in the Catholic Schools Week competition. Students are encouraged to think creatively about what Catholic schools of tomorrow will look like and enter the competition online. More details are available on the Catholic schools website.

2015 State Election News

DID YOU KNOW? On average, it costs around $13,000 per year to educate a child in a NSW school. In most Catholic schools, school fees cover less than a quarter of this cost. The rest comes from taxpayers like you! This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

DID YOU KNOW? The Federal Government contributes 57.5% of the cost of educating a child in a NSW Catholic school, and the NSW Government contributes 19.7%. The remaining 22.8% comes from parents and the parish community through school fees and private fundraising. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

DID YOU KNOW? According to the most recent figures available (2012), the average net cost of educating a student in a NSW Catholic school was $11,532 per year. This is less than the cost of educating a student in a government school ($12,118) or in an independent, non-government school ($16,654). Catholic schools still rely on Federal and State Governments for more than 75% of our funding needs. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

DID YOU KNOW? Catholic schools support increased Government funding for ALL schools – government and nongovernment – because each school is an integral part of NSW’s economic and social infrastructure. Every student is entitled to receive the best education possible, regardless of the school they attend. This is why funding support from Federal & State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

DID YOU KNOW? Non-government schools educate more than one-third of all NSW students, yet receive just 12% of the capital funding provided to schools by the NSW Government. Furthermore, non-government schools will receive almost 20% LESS funding in 2014/15 than they did six years ago – despite educating 33,600 more students in that time. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

DID YOU KNOW? To keep up with demand for Catholic schooling in the next two years, the Diocese of Parramatta will need at least $19.3 million to build new schools and learning spaces in the Norwest sector. The Diocese will need an additional $7.1 million to upgrade schools in other areas. Catholic schools need certainty from State and Federal Governments in capital works funding to effectively and efficiently respond to demand for Catholic schools changes.

DID YOU KNOW? Local Council infrastructure charges are placing an unfair burden on Catholic schools, incurring substantial additional costs. Over the past three years, the Sydney-based dioceses paid $18.5 million in levies and bonds - almost cancelling out the entire capital funding provided by the NSW Government for all Catholic schools. In the Parramatta Diocese, developments at Westmead incurred an additional $464,000 in local council infrastructure charges. This is money that could have been invested in the schools themselves, to benefit students – the cost of five teachers.

Talking sign notices:
- Make your vote count – How does your party support Catholic education?
- This State Election – vote 1 for Catholic education
- Every vote counts because every child counts
- Non-govt schools receive just 12% of all capital funding