School Parking: Please be aware of parking around the school premises. There have been reported incidents of rangers booking people for illegal parking. Our main concern is the safety of our children. Please also be aware that parking or dropping children in the parish carpark is NOT PERMITTED. This is a restricted area and is not suitable for student access.

Cross Country: Notes went home yesterday for our yearly Cross Country. It will be held this Friday at Bensons Lane commencing at 9.45am. If you are able to be a parent helper for the morning please complete the note and return to school ASAP. Parents are most welcome to come and watch.

Principal’s Morning Tea Award: Congratulations to all the students who received a Principals award and enjoyed morning tea with Mr Lievore today.

Complaint Handling Policy: If at anytime, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to contact the school and make arrangements to speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or the principal, to find a resolution for your concern. It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and a professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.
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 non-government – 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.

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**Booking Sheet for April Vacation care 2015**

You will need to fill out an enrolment form if not already enrolled for 2015

| Booking/ Child’s name: __________________________ |
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Please tick dates you need care for

(Bring your 2015 Enrolment form if not already done!)

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<td><strong>Easter Monday</strong></td>
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<td>Easter Egg Hunt. Let’s look for eggs &amp; eat hot cross buns</td>
<td>Gardening Day. We are going to plant our veggie garden with winter veggies.</td>
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<td><strong>Movies &amp; pizza @ fun factory.</strong> Watch movies &amp; eat pizza for lunch</td>
<td>Cartoon Day. Come dressed as your favourite cartoon character.</td>
<td>EXCURSION Golden Ridge Farm. Catch the bus to Dural. Milk a cow feed goats &amp; sheep &amp; lots more fun.</td>
<td>Down on the farm day. Make damper learn about the animals we saw on Wednesday</td>
<td><strong>TECHNO DAY</strong> Bring your ipad, ipod and play xbox for a relaxing day before back to school</td>
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Chas, Perry Hall, 30 Elizabeth Street, North Richmond PH 45712162
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM
The next Session of CCSS Solo Parent Services Bereavement Support Program for those whose spouse or long term partner has died is on **Tuesday 17th March**, Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from **10.00am – 12.00pm** Topic: “The Social Effects of Grief” Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au See Flyer on Notice Board

YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP
CCSS Solo Parent Services’ Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3rd Tuesday of this month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age with or without children. **Next gathering:** **Tuesday 17th March**. Venue: CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm **Cost:** $5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au Flyer on School Notice Board

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**Keeping Kids In Mind**

A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict After Separation

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**PARRAMATTA**

Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation, parenting often gets much tougher.

Keeping Kids in Mind is a 5 week course for separated parents who are experiencing ongoing conflict. The course is designed to:

- assist parents to see through their children's eyes the experience of parental separation.
- develop greater understanding about how to support children following family separation

The course covers the following topics:

- Grief and Loss after Separation
- The Hidden World of Children
- Rebuilding Resilience
- Bridging the Gap
- Looking Back, Moving Forward

**Dates:** Term 2 2015 Evening group

Over 5 Wednesdays

6 May to 3 June 2015

**Time:**

6:00pm to 8.30pm

**Venue:**

CCSS Parramatta

2A Villiers Street,

Parramatta NSW 2150

**Fee:**

$100 includes handbook
(Concessions can be negotiated)

**Bookings Essential:**

02 9933 0222

All participants must register their interest in attending the course and participate in a pre-group interview prior to the course.

Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by qualified and experienced educators and counsellors.

**Certificate of Attendance provided**