



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE

Wed 14th	ICAS—Spelling—7.30am
Thurs 15th	TALENT QUEST SHOWCASE 11.30am all parents are welcome Year 6 CAKE STALL at Recess SNACK PACK lunch
Wed 21st	KINDERGARTEN 100 days in Kindy—celebration — Details to follow Choir Performance at St Hedwigs's Nursing Home—10am-12.30pm
Fri 23rd	Feast of the Sacred Heart—9.30am School reports sent home
Mon 26 to Thurs 29	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thurs 29	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
Fri 30	School Holidays commence
Mon 17th July	TERM 3 COMMENCES for Staff and Students

Church of St Michael's
58 Orwell Street
Blacktown South

Weekend Masses:

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm
4th Sunday 10.45am Filipino Mass

Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8.00am
Wed: 7.30pm

First Friday: 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wed: 7.00pm-7.25pm

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.30pm

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NEWSLETTER

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13th June 2017

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son....' Dear Presentation People, what else do we need to know.

What our Bishop says, *"as a Church, we must die to the old ways of being Church which are steeped in a culture of clerical power, dominance and privilege....the new paradigm is one based on **mutuality** not exclusion, **love** not fear, **service** not clericalism, **engagement** with the world not flight from or hostility against it, **incarnate grace** not dualism."*

In speaking with Father Peter about our changing enrolment patterns he agreed with me that our School Community reflects the changing nature of our Church. Fr Peter this week wrote, *"As we engage in change and face a future which will demand change, we need to model our relating on the mutuality of the heart of a God who LOVES, and so discern how to best to be (Church/School) in what is clearly a changing world."*

Dear Presentation Brothers and Sisters this changing world will demand of us a firm belief of who we are and what we believe. You have all come to us believing in the One God, and with a strong commitment to "Loving One Another."

Dear Friends, over the next couple of weeks we all will be preparing for our parent/teacher interviews. I am hoping for 100% of all families working with their children's teachers. I have invited our teachers to:

- Back their professional judgement.
- Bring to your discussions a professional understanding of your children's achievements/needs supported by data, work samples and story.
- Invite parents feedback and be open to listening and learning.
- Set an action plan, talk about new goals, speak of where to next.

"Love One Another"

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

RE News

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, this celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. In the Gospel Jesus repeatedly asks that his followers eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever



does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist this is how we become PRESENTATION PEOPLE.

Meals are very important events. Not only do we physically need food and drink to keep ourselves alive, but we use meals to mark occasions and celebrate events: birthdays; weddings; dates; achievements; disappointments; reunions. There is a sacredness about gathering with friends and family and sharing a meal together. Stories are told; memories shared; the food is appreciated and more often than not there's a drink to accompany the meal. Treating such occasions with gratitude – as blessed moments of grace – is living out the Eucharistic reality of welcoming Jesus into our lives and seeking to be more like him.








Friday 23rd June we will celebrate the Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus with a whole school Mass at 9.30am in the Church. Please feel most welcome to attend.

Anne Easton
**ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL and
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

School Reports

As you are aware, reports will be sent home next week. In determining overall achievements of students, teachers have assessed students using a variety of assessment tools. The results from these assessments allow teachers to make balanced, professional judgement. Tasks include formal assessment activities such as tests, projects and presentations and informal assessment opportunities that include observations, checklists and discussions. Teachers make consistent and reliable judgement about the students work, taking into account the student's knowledge, skills and understandings up to this point in the year. The allocation of A-E depends on the level of achievement.

To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it helps to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

	E	D	C	B	A
Report descriptors	Limited Achievement	Basic Achievement	Sound Achievement	High Achievement	Outstanding Achievement
Child friendly language	Encouragement needed Extra assistance needed	Developing, but Doing well Direction needed	Capable Consistent Coping well Competent Confident Can do it	Beyond expectations Brilliant	Amazing, All the time Accurate Applies learning to new situations Achieving Above expectations
Looking at this like a driver's licence	A person on their L plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver. 	A person on their P plates drives independently but is still learning and developing their skills 	A person who has their full driver's licence is independent to drive on their own without restrictions 	An advanced driver can navigate through many obstacles and has many skills 	A formula one driver strives for excellence- conquering one challenge and then moving on to the next, and even bigger challenge. 

School reports can be challenging times for parents and students. **The students take their cues from your reaction and this will affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.** Here are some questions to consider...

- Do you feel comfortable with the A-E grading scale, and understand that it is very different from the 'old' style that you had at school?
- Are your expectations for your child in line with their abilities?
- Do you hold the belief that all children learn at different rates?
- Are you willing to safeguard your child's self esteem rather than deflate it?
- Have you considered your child's work habits and effort rating? Remember to praise effort, not just results
- Have you spent time talking to your child about how they learn?

Invitation

All parents are invited to attend our **TALENT QUEST** on **Thursday, 15th June** commencing at 11.30am in the Primary Quad.



Uniform News

The uniform shop's last day of trade for Term 2 will be Wednesday 21 June 2017 and closed for Stocktake in the last week of term. The uniform shop **will not be open** in the school holidays and will re-open week 1 of Term 3 on Wednesday 19 July 2017.

The size 4 & 6 Bomber Jackets are back in stock!

From the Bishop's Office

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) - Early Bird Registration

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008!

Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

- Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC
- Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta
- Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit www.acyf.org.au now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August.

For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

Volunteers for ACYF

ACYF is looking to engage around 600 volunteers will be needed for this festival, providing leadership to the young people through service and hospitality. Way Finders, Program & Stage Management Support, Ushers, Marshals, Welcomers & more. All volunteers must be 26 years of age or older (as at 1st December 2017) and must hold a valid Working With Children Check. For more information and volunteer registration please visit: <http://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/get-involved/volunteers>



15-23 June 2017

SHOWCASE

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WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS FOOTBALL VACATION CARE



Our Western Sydney Wanderers **Football Vacation Care** program is sure to be a hit this year. Our engaging football program will help develop skills and promises to be lots of fun!

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Lions League Winter Camp

Where: Patrician Brothers College,
Blacktown

When: 9am-3pm, 4th-5th July 2017

Ages: 6-13

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