Diary Dates

Catholic Schools Week
*Educating for Today and Tomorrow*

**Friday 13th March**
- Harmony Day—MUFTI DAY
  Students are to wear orange.
- Open Learning Space for parents to visit from 8:40am—10:30am
- Parents to have morning tea with their child.
- St Pauls visit Year Six Boys 11:30am—12:30pm

**Monday 16th March**
- 8:40am Morning Assembly and Prayer.

**Tuesday 17th March**
  **St Patricks Day**
- Year Three Liturgy 2:15pm in Learning Space.

Thank you
We would like to thank the P&F for the information and updates on Child Safety around schools and child restraints. Please see brochure with this newsletter on child restraints.

**Term One Liturgy Roster**

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**Delany College**

Open Day is on 11th March
3:30pm—5:30pm
Year 7 enrolments for 2016 are now being accepted

Administration

**COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

In NSW school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years.

Children need to arrive at school by 8.35am, to begin classes at 8.40am. Lateness to school or leaving early from school will be recorded as a partial absence. Children arriving late to school or leaving early must be signed in or out by a parent or a person delegated by a parent.

**What if my child has to be away from school?**

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may send a note or email to the school.

Absences may be justified if your child:
- is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness

**New requirements for student absence and travel**

1-9 days absence: Parents must notify the school principal by mail or email (written explanation).

10-100 days absence: Parents must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave form (A1) prior to commencing leave. If approved the Principal issues a Certificate of Extended Leave (C1). If the principal declines this application (i.e. it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.

**School Fees**

Term One fees are now overdue, unless arrangements have been made, or a flexible payment plan option has been entered into.

If you have any questions regarding your fees please contact Maria Pagano at the school office.

**Raffle Tickets**

Due to a changes by CEDP The P&F Easter Raffle tickets have been sent home today with the eldest child. If you do not wish to sell these tickets please return them to the school office in an envelope. We are waiting for formal clarification regarding the sending home of raffle tickets from the CEDP.

**Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Schooling Survey**

Watch this space for more information regarding the Schooling Survey. 60 families from our school will be selected to participate in the survey. If you wish to participate please contact the office by Monday 16th March.

**2016 Enrolment**

Enrolment forms for Kindergarten 2016 will be available for collection from Tuesday 28th April (Term Two).
Teaching and Learning

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**Friday 14th March**
We will Celebrate Harmony Day.

**Everyone Belongs**

**Students are to wear something orange on this day**
Open Day 8:40am—10:30am Open Learning Spaces. Parents are invited to visit their child/ren's learning space during this time. Parents are then invited to stay for morning tea with their child/ren from 10:40am—11:20am. Class will then return to normal learning after recess

Harmony Day is held every year on 21st March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity—a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Faith and Community

**Project Compassion**
Fundraiser for Project Compassion
Don’t forget to order your tea towels.
Order forms and information were sent home last Friday with the eldest child. Please complete the form and return to the school office by Friday 20th March. No late orders will be accepted.

**Great Job**
On Saturday 7th March Jackson Raftery, Anthony Baaini and Angelique Baaini from Years Two and One, participated in the St Margaret Marys Church Car Boot Sale. They raised a total of $126. Many items were donated like kitchen utensils, Christmas tree, children’s toys, they even donated some of their own toys. The kids had a microphone and encouraged selling and set prices for their customers. Each child decided that they are donating $42.00 each to project compassion today and helping contribute to their class total.

Personal Growth

**Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey (SPANS)**
We are delighted to announce that our school has been invited to participate in the Schools Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey which involves over 100 schools in NSW.

The survey is being managed by a research team from the University of Sydney and will involve students in K, 2, 4 and 6. The survey will take place at our school on Thursday 26th March.