The Feast of Pentecost

After the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus last Sunday, the Easter Season comes to an end this Sunday as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles as they prayed. We pray that we may use The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives:

- **Wisdom** – to accept the ups and downs of life
- **Understanding** – how we need to live like Jesus
- **Knowledge** – that we start to think what God wants for us
- **Right Judgment** – that we choose to do what is right
- **Courage** – to stand up for what is right no matter what the cost to ourselves
- **Wonder & Awe** – that we glorify all that we see around us
- **Reverence** – that we have a deep sense of respect for the Church

We pray this ancient prayer:

> Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they will be created and you will renew the face of the earth.

**Ps 104:30**

Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

*In Christ we Live, Love and Learn.*
DWF APPEAL

The DWF Appeal is a Diocesan pastoral care appeal held three times a year in parishes to fund a number of works and ministries in the Diocese of Parramatta. The DWF appeal in schools will coincide with the three giving appeals in Parishes that are held in February, May and November. This is not a separate campaign for schools but part of the broader diocesan appeal.

Our Parramatta school communities will be participating in the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) appeal from May 2015 as a key focus for our charitable giving. The DWF appeal in schools program provides opportunities to deepen the understanding of Catholic social teaching for students, families and staff, as well as provide much-needed funds for these essential ministries of the Catholic Church.

The Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) contributes to many diocesan ministries and agencies including the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Holy Spirit Seminary and Vocations Office, Chaplaincies, Commission for Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue, Institute for Mission, Office for Worship, Social Justice Office, Ephpheta Centre (for hearing impaired), Tribunal, Catholic Youth Parramatta and CatholicCare who offer social services including:

- Emmaus Disabled Persons Catholic Services
- Blacktown Neighbour Aid
- Financial Counselling
- Relationship Education (including Pre-Marriage Education)
- Responsible Gambling Counselling Service
- Relationship and Family Counselling
- Solo Parents’ Ministry

On Friday 22nd of May we will be having a fundraising day inviting families to donate a gold coin. All monies raised will be given to the DWF appeal. The children are invited to wear odd socks as a way to highlight the importance of supporting our parish communities.

I wish to thank our families in advance for your continued support.

Live Jesus in your heart

Mrs Baird
On Tuesday I joined our Mothers and children at play group for the Biggest Morning Tea. The children over flowed with energy and enthusiasm as they played and socialised together. It was a great privilege for me to share morning tea with our community, knowing that all monies raised would be directed to such important research.

I wish to sincerely thank Mrs Fadia Rizk for coordinating Play Group for our community.

The results speak for themselves.

CAPTIVATE choir.
On Tuesday our school choir travelled to St Andrew’s Marayong for one of their final rehearsal before the big production on the 15th and 17th of June. I am very proud of the dedication of our choir members in learning the very complex music. I wish to thank Miss Merchant for her continued coordination of our school choir.

CAPTIVATE band program.
On Wednesday we hosted the band and voices rehearsal. It was wonderful to hear how well the children have improved and their confidence in performing many complicated pieces.

Student work samples sent home this week.
The students have been working very hard this term and are excited to share their accomplishments with their parents.

Change of date for the Athletics Carnival
We have had to change our carnival date to the back-up date- 5th of June, due to clashes with events scheduled on the same day. Thank you for your understanding. Information will be sent home this week.
## Calendar

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### Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week: Anthony Dib, Mikaylla Chakoush, Ritisha Shrestha, Rebecca Chen, Annalise Salit, Joseph Taouk, Autumn-Jade McMahon, Alexander Faletau, Charbella Germanos and Galia Germanos.

## School Photos 2014

School photos will take place on Monday 25th May.

Student envelopes have been distributed to each student and must be returned by Friday 22nd May with payment in the envelope. Sibling envelopes are available from the school office.

Children are to wear their full Winter uniform.

## Enrolments 2016

Kindergarten 2016 enrolments will be drawing to a close in the next couple of weeks. Please ensure your family and friends have submitted their forms. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol please tell them **now is the time!**

### Diocesan and Community News

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