Greetings

Recently I have received reports from local residents regarding problems parking in Delphinium Place.

In the interest of community relations, I have attached correspondence from the Castle Hill Police Highway Patrol Unit.

Best Wishes

John Spradbrow

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**POLICE SAFETY MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND ROAD USERS NEAR SCHOOLS**

The NSW Police Force is committed to the safety of school children within the local area, both inside and outside school grounds.

To reinforce safe driver behaviour around schools, police urge parents and carers to drop off and pick up their children safely from school by adhering to simple parking regulations.

Police have included a list clarifying common parking and driving offences which occur within the immediate vicinity of our schools. The Regulations governing road user behaviour are designed to promote road user safety (including pedestrians) and encourage the free and unimpeded flow of traffic. Both pedestrian and vehicular. Every driver needs to adopt responsible and good driver behaviour in and around our schools.

Police, the school, parents and the local community can all work together to ensure the safety of each and every child in a school zone.

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**Signage**

**NO STOPPING**

a vehicle must not stop in a No Stopping zone

**NO PARKING**

a vehicle must not stop in a No Parking zone unless the driver:

is dropping off or picking up passengers or goods and does not leave the vehicle unattended and completes pick up/drop off ASAP and in any case in less than 2 mins.

(a vehicle is deemed unattended if the driver is more than 3m away)

**BUS ZONE**

a vehicle must not stop in a Bus Zone unless it is a registered public passenger bus

**CLEARWAY**

a vehicle must not stop along a sign posted Clearway unless it is a taxi or bus dropping off/picking up passengers

**Parking**

It is illegal to:

- Park a vehicle within 10m of an intersection
- Park a vehicle within 20m of an intersection controlled by traffic lights
- Double Park
- Park within 20m approaching a Bus Stop sign and 10m departing a Bus Stop sign
- Park on a footpath or nature strip (public area between road and adjacent land)
- Park across a Driveway
- Not park in direction of travel (wrong side of road)
- Park within 3m of a continuous centre dividing line or strip
- Park within 1m of another vehicle
- Unreasonably cause obstruction to another vehicle or pedestrian

(Note: The list is not exhaustive and provides general information. Detailed information regarding specific Rules and Regulations can be found on the RTA web site.)

Drivers are reminded of their requirement to comply with road user legislation.

If you would like any further information on the road regulations or road safety please contact Castle Hill Highway Patrol on 9680 5399.

S/Cst Rob Paterson

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**The Hills Local Area Command**

Castle Hill

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WWW.POLICE.NSW.GOV.AU/RECRUITMENT
SPORTS SPECTACULAR

Captain Mooney

Congratulations to Emily Mooney on being selected as co-captain of the NSW Primary Schools Netball Team. Fantastic news Emily.

Diocesan Athletics

Once again we had great results at the Diocesan Athletics carnival last Friday.

Tiarne Ekstrom was just a star, being placed either 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in every event she competed in and was the 11 yrs Age Champion.

So too Joshua Roberts. He was placed 1st, 2nd in each of his 5 events while Emily Mooney will compete in 3 individual and 1 relay at the MacKillop Trials.

Both our Junior and Senior Girls relays snuck through, while Olivia Kalocsai (so sorry for years of misspelling) blasted everyone off the track in a terrific 800m run. Elizabeth Staples shone, with a spectacular win in High Jump – unbelievable as she hadn’t jumped since April.

Our 2 other representatives at the MacKillop Trials will be the talented Harrison Johnston in Long Jump and our new kid on the block, Sophie Gibbons in the 200m.

Congratulations to ALL of our competitors last Friday and especially to those mentioned who will next compete on the 17th September at Homebush.

Thank you to Mr Brown and Mrs Martinuzzo for the terrific photos from ZONE...!

Tiarne Ekstrom 11 Year
100m 4th
200m 3rd
Long Jump 2nd
Discus 1st
Shot Put 3rd

Sophie Gibbons-10 Years
200m 4th

Harrison Johnston – 12 years
Long Jump 2nd

Olivia Kalocsai – 11 Years
800m 1st

Emily Mooney – 12 Years
Long Jump 3rd
Discus 3rd
Shot Put 3rd

Joshua Roberts – 12 Years
100m SWD 2nd
200m SWD 2nd
Standing Shot SWD 1st
Standing Long Jump SWD 2nd
Discus SWD 1st

Elizabeth Staples 11 Years
High Jump 1st

Female Relay - Elana Chessa, Sophie Gibbons, Lauren Mooney & Abbie Willmott 4 x 100m 4th

Female Relay - Emily Mooney, Tiarne Ekstrom, Kaitlyn Rozic & Sara Bonacorso 4 x 100m 4th

IMPORTANT DATES 2013

Fri 30 August Author visits
Father’s Day Liturgy - 2pm
Father’s Day Afternoon Tea at 2.30-3pm after Liturgy

Wed 4 – Fri 6 Sept Yr. 5 Camp Yarramundi
Thurs 12 Sept Yr 4 Excursion Budderoo National Park
Fri 13 Sept EXTRAVAGANZA
Wed 18 Sept Kindy 2014 Social Morning - 9.15am
Fri 20 Sept Term 3 2013 Ends

TERM 4

Tues 8 October Term 4 Begins
Wed 9 Oct Kindy 2014 Orientation Morning
Wed 16 Oct Kindy 2014 Orientation Morning
Tues 5 Nov Kindy 2014 Class Morning
Wed 18th Dec Last day for Students
Fri 20th Dec Last day for Staff

The P&F warmly invite all Dad’s, Grandads and Pops to join us for afternoon tea following the special Father’s Day Liturgy.

Liturgy commences at 2pm in the hall
Afternoon tea from approx. 2.30pm – 3.00pm

We look forward to seeing you!

If you are able to offer assistance for the afternoon tea could you please contact Carolyn on 0414655652.
Another successful Book Week has passed. Thank you so much to the wonderful Mums who were able to help out with our Book Fair sales. We sold approximately $9000 worth of books and our commission from this will go towards purchasing more resources for the library. The book re-orders have started to arrive and we will endeavour to distribute them to the students by Friday (or Monday for the later arrivals).

Our author visit is this Friday, so don’t forget, if your child/ren has an Ursula Dubosarsky or Andrew Joyner book at home, they may like to bring it in to be signed by them.

Premier’s Reading Challenge has now finished. All completed online records have been validated and the certificates will arrive later in Term 4.

We thank you for your support, as always.

Mrs Julie Walter – Teacher Librarian
Mrs Tracy Hunt – Library Assistant
RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

News from Sr Antoinette....

This term is rapidly moving along. Spring is in the air and no doubt the children (and their parents) are looking forward to the holidays. Below is another excerpt from Andrew Fuller’s excellent article:

Dealing with setbacks

No one really enjoys making mistakes. If we don’t learn from our mistakes, we are destined to repeat them. It is hard to keep your enthusiasm up when you’ve not been selected for a dance team or a drama part or a sports team or failed a test at school.

Parents can help kids by helping them to analyse mistakes. Some questions used to review a setback are:

- Ok so you didn’t do as well as you would have liked. Let’s see if we can learn from this? What parts of it did you do well?
- What parts of it didn’t go as well as you hoped? How much work would be involved in getting better at those parts? Would you change the way you prepared for it next time? In what ways?
- I know you can do better at this if you want to. Do you want to try again? How can I help you with this? If they decide not to have another go say, “Ok but don’t let your decision trick you into believing you couldn’t get better if you tried.”

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A Thought To Reflect Upon

You are valuable just because you exist. Not because of what you do or what you have done, but simply because you are.... Just think about the way God honors you .... and smile

Max Lucado

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY

The University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory is running a special Astronomy Night for the members of the public on Friday, 6 September 2013 at 7pm to 9pm. The speaker for the night will be Professor Fred Watson, the well known Astrophysicist, and Astronomer in Charge at the Australian Astronomical Observatory, Coonabarabran. Professor Watson’s will talk is titled “Tourism’s final frontier”. The turn of the millennium has brought a new dimension to the Space Age - one that was undreamed of only a few years ago. Thanks to a combination of visionary entrepreneurs and an ailing Russian spaceflight programme, space tourism is now a reality that is set to take off dramatically in the near future. In this entertaining and fully illustrated talk, Fred Watson will outline what we might see as space tourism evolves into a mainstream branch of the industry. He argues that the new venture is not merely an expensive diversion for the very rich, but a necessary step in humankind's emergence as a spacefaring species.

After the talk there will be stargazing through the university’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting). To guarantee a place please book and pay online as seats are strictly limited.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

Bookings are essential: Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au
PARISH NEWS

COR YOUTH has resumed for all high school students who would like to share faith, fun and fellowship each Friday night during school term between 7pm-9pm in the OLOR parish hall. For more information please call the parish office on 9629-2595.

MASS FOR HSC AND OTHER STUDENTS - 27 Sept at 7pm
We wish all HSC students preparing for their trials and final exams the best possible outcome. There will be a Special Mass on Friday 27 September at 7pm to pray for all HSC students and all those writing exams.

REQUEST FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are looking for a team of 12 committed individuals who are prepared to make a difference. The role of the Finance Committee is to ensure that the parish has sufficient income, to approve expenditure, to prepare and monitor the annual budget and to look to the maintenance and repair needs of the parish property. Please be generous with your contribution in person and intellectual property. Please contact Senani on 0418291624 or the parish office on 96292595 to offer your help.

WEEKLY SHORT CATECHISM WITH FREE BBQ LUNCH each Sunday after 11am Mass. You cannot love what you do not know so come and join us for Catechism and fellowship. Make new friends in the parish. If anyone would like to help or join the team in any way please call the parish office. We thank those who are dedicating themselves to this new venture in our parish.

DEVOTIONS AT OLOR KELLYVILLE DURING THE WEEK

Mondays: Novena to the Divine Mercy.
After 7pm Mass there is a Novena to the Divine Mercy with an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Veneration of the Relic of Saint Faustina follows Benediction.

Tuesdays: Novena to St. Anthony.
It is a Franciscan tradition to bless the bread of St. Anthony and distribute it among the faithful. Veneration of the Relic of St. Anthony concludes the Novena after 7pm Mass.

Wednesdays: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fridays: Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Adoration after 9.15am Mass until 6pm every Friday. Vespers (Evening prayers) and the Franciscan Crown (Rosary of the Seven Joys of Our Lady) follows Benediction. On the First Friday of the month, a Holy Hour of Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, follows 7pm Mass.

INVITATION TO TRIDUUM MASSES & TALKS

To mark the end of The Year of Faith we would like to invite you to a Triduum celebration of Masses and talks on the following dates:

Wednesday 9 October : Talk on Lumen Fidei
Thursday 10 October : Talk on Guadium et Spes
Friday 11 October : Evening of Praise and Songs

All three evenings will conclude with a light supper in our Parish Hall. Each of the above nights will begin with Mass at 7pm.

Youth Festival Friday 30 August & 27 September – St Patrick’s Church, Allawah Street, Blacktown 7 – 9pm

Night One: Friday 30th August
• Youth Expo showcasing the youth groups, religious orders, missions, formation and educational institutions and agencies of the Diocese
• Music and Worship by Servants of Jesus Band
• Proclamation of the Gospel by “U Turn” Youth Ministry
• Opportunity to socialise with other youth over sweets and refreshments

Night Two: Friday 27th September
• Catechesis with Bishop Anthony Fisher
• Concert featuring world renowned Catholic artist and X Factor vocal coach, Gary Pinto
• Opportunity to socialise with other youth over sweets and refreshments
Mother Mary’s Birthday Celebration

All Youth and Young Adults and their families are invited to take part in our celebration of the Birthday of Our Lady.

Bring your own lunch.

Mt Schoenstatt Marian Shrine
230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa
Sunday, 8th September 2013

Invitation to High Tea

SISTERS OF MERCY
PARRAMATTA (1838-2013)

You are invited to join the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta to celebrate the 175th anniversary of their foundation. Money raised will go to Mercy International Association to keep the founding spirit of Catherine McAuley alive today and to Mercy World. There are only a limited number of places available and it will need to be ‘first registered, first in’. If there is an overwhelming response, we may need to consider holding a second event at a later date.

Date: Saturday 12th October 2013
Time: 2.30pm
Venue: Catherine McAuley rooms
Mercy Congregation Centre
6 Victoria Rd, Parramatta
Parking is available close to venue (Ford) or at Parramatta Stadium (Jay)

Catering and musical accommodation provided by students & staff of CLMC Parramatta
Contact person: Anne Ferguson
Phone: 02 9683 5555; 0427 243 664
E-mail: anfe@parrosen.org.au

RSVP: 16th September 2013
Email preferably

Donation: $10 per person, pay at the door
SPRING 2013
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**XBOX & KODU GAMES DESIGN**
**NEW!**

**MELBOURNE:** 28-29 Sept - Temple Grammar, Ringwood
Time: 9am-3pm $180, 7-10pm $150 Ages: 7-13

This immersive new course teaches how to design, build and programme exciting and engaging games on the Xbox Casual Creation tool designed for Xbox EPC. Games development and computer programming are emerging industries in the world today. Learn the steps of a creative game making platform KODU, use Xbox game controllers to play your game design. This course is great for young problem solvers and logical thinkers while kids are having a blast.

**MINECRAFT ADVANCED**
**NEW!**

**SYDNEY:** 30 Sept - 8 Oct - Macassar College, St Ives
**MELBOURNE:** 1-4 Oct - Ringwood College, Box Hill
Time: 9am-5pm $250*, Ages: 7-13

This popular course allows students to learn problem solving and 3D modelling skills using Minecraft. Students will learn to run and shape the 3D world of Minecraft using just a range of architectural and engineering challenges. Students can choose one of each level from imagination unlocked to the final through exciting and challenging challenges.

**AFFP BUILDING FOR IPAD & IPOD**

**MELBOURNE:** 1-4 Oct - Macassar College, St Ives
Time: 9am-3pm $150*, Ages: 7-13

This course covers the programming, designing and designing of apps using 3D development programming tools. Students will learn basic programming skills and create their own mobile apps from the content on your computer. This course is specifically designed for students to explore robust and extendible skills.

**3D ANIMATION & GAMES DESIGN**

**SYDNEY & MELBOURNE**

This popular course teaches students animation skills behind 3D models! Ablaze and Blender to become a master animator.

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LEGEND ARCHITECTURE & ROBOTICS
**NEW!**

**SYDNEY:** 24-26 Sept - Habibah's Building Centre, Chatswood
Time: Sun 10am-5pm, Mon 10am-5pm, 24-25 Sept $299, Ages: 7-13

If you love lego, construction and robotics then the new course is for you! Take part in some Lego challenges using 3D Printing and 3D design software used in the real world. Students can learn about Lego robotics and 3D construction software to learn the range of construction, robotics, architecture and engineering challenges. Go to your parents' building skills to new levels, learn how to programme robots and design amazing new architecture concepts.

MINECRAFT INVENTIONS & CHALLENGES

**SYDNEY:** 24-26 Sept - Wallace Public School, Wahroonga
Time: Mon 10am-5pm, 24-26 Sept - Hornsby Boys High School, Hornsby
Time: 1-3 Oct - Hornsby Boys High School
Time: Sun 10am-5pm, Mon 10am-5pm, 24-30 Sept $320*, Ages: 7-13

This popular course allows students to learn problem solving and 3D building skills using Minecraft. Students will learn to run and shape the 3D world of Minecraft using just a range of architectural and engineering challenges. Students can choose one of each level from imagination unlocked to the final through exciting and challenging challenges.

**MINECRAFT TIKIT**

**SYDNEY:** 24-26 Sept - Hornsby Grammar, Wahroonga
Time: Mon 10am-5pm, Mon 10am-5pm, 24-26 Sept $310*, Ages: 8-13

This course is designed for those who have already created Minecraft and want an extra challenge? Use the latest in Minecraft building technology to automate and power your Minecraft server. Students can learn to build and extend the Minecraft world from engineering and basic problem solving to the latest most advanced features found on the internet.

**ULTRA MINECRAFT - JAVA + MODS**

**SYDNEY:** 24-26 Sept - Hornsby Grammar, Wahroonga
Time: Sun 10am-5pm, Mon 10am-5pm, 24-30 Sept $320*, Ages: 10-13

Students are invited to expand their imagination while learning valuable skills in Java and 3D design. This course is designed exclusively for older students or Bubble Dome graduates, with a strong interest and passion in Minecraft. Get involved in learning how to make mods for Minecraft using Java programming and modify their own Java code in Minecraft while being able to create new games.

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**BOOK ONLINE NOW!** www.bubbledome.com

**Hills Hornets Touch**

**SUMMER COMPETITION**

**PATHWAYS TO REP TOUCH**

**JUNIORS**
- Mixed Mens
- Mixed Senior

**MENS**
- Mixed Mens
- Mixed Senior

**REGO**
- Mixed Mens
- Mixed Senior

**COMP**
- Mixed Mens
- Mixed Senior

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Interested players or teams can contact the club to express their interest. Make sure you get in early, as we are limited for spots during the summer season. Contact us here: www.facebook.com/hillshornetouch or info@hillshornetouch.com
UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS ON FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For over 180 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol 735,000 students in 1,706 schools across Australia.

Both major parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next four years. It is important to understand the facts on funding for Catholic schools.

One-in-five Australian students currently attend a Catholic school.

Catholic schools have a strong social justice mission to form well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to their local communities.

A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community.

All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government’s My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with an average of 10 per cent less recurrent funding than government schools.

Even with fewer resources per student, the Australian Catholic school system is amongst the best in the world, compared to Shanghai, Finland and Singapore on international tests, for student performance across all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $2.2 billion each year which helps take the pressure off government schools.
CATHOLIC EDUCATION – FOR A STRONGER COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICY PRIORITIES

Catholic education is seeking a statement from both major parties on their education policies and how they will affect the 735,000 students educated in the 1,706 Catholic schools across Australia. Both major parties have been asked the six questions below. Their responses will be provided in the near future.

POLICY QUESTIONS

1. How will your policy support parents to choose the education they want for their children and ensure religious freedom for Catholic schools is preserved?

2. How will your policy affect the ability of Catholic education systems and schools to distribute funding according to locally-identified needs?

3. How will your policy deliver additional government funding to support student needs and ensure funding keeps pace with the real cost of educating a child?

4. How will your policy support the needs of students with particular disadvantage, students with disability and other special needs to receive funding to meet their needs, regardless of the school they attend?

5. What government funding for the capital needs of Catholic schools do you have planned? Does this funding recognise Catholic education’s support of disadvantaged communities and willingness to establish in new growth areas?

6. How will your policy deliver funding certainty for schools?

Catholic education will continue to work with all parties in the Parliament to ensure that Catholic schools have the resources to support the needs of all students.

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