It has been some three years in the making, but the wait was worth it as the two newest schools in the Diocese began the 2013 school year at ‘home’.

Primary students at St Justin’s Parish Primary and new Year 7 students at St Benedict’s Catholic College started at their new school sites at Oran Park on Wednesday. There is also a great deal of excitement about the newer arrival of the 93 Kindergarten students who will hold the distinction of being the first group to commence their schooling at the permanent site. This will be the group that graduates from Year 12 in 2025!

Both schools have spent the past few years on site with other schools (St Paul’s parish Primary, Camden and Mount Carmel Catholic High School, Varroville) while the building process was undertaken at the neighbouring blocks on Oran Park Drive.

St Justin’s principal John Milgate said 370 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and 25 staff would enjoy learning in “state-of-the-art and very contemporary” classrooms. There was a tremendous sense of relief and excitement displayed by staff, parents and students alike.

At St Benedict’s, the first day for the new Year 7 students included a visit from the Premier, Barry O’Farrell. Along with the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, Camden Local MP, Chris Patterson, the Premier was given a tour of the temporary facilities and heard about the plans for construction of the first stages of the permanent buildings. Parish Priest, Fr Michael Williams; Director of Schools, Mr Peter Turner and Head of Financial and Administrative Services for the CEO, Mr Peter Fogarty were also present on this special day for the St Benedict’s school community.

230 students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have now started school in temporary classrooms including dedicated specialist rooms for Science, Food Technology and Woodwork, while permanent buildings are constructed on the adjacent six-hectare site.

Principal Michael Hanratty said earthworks began last Monday as part of the first building stage, including preparations for a technology block that is expected to be completed by term three. It was also hoped that work on Stage 2, a two-storey building housing an industrial kitchen, food technology and hospitality classrooms would also be completed by year’s end.
Circular to Schools CS 1 2013

CS 1 2013.1 Condules
During the recent school holidays we received news of the passing of young Niamh McGarrity, daughter of Samantha McGarrity, on the staff at OLHC Parish Primary School, Rosemeadow. All of us express our deepest sadness and sympathies to Samantha, dad Neal and big sister, Georgia.

CS 1 2013.2 NSW Bishops’ Lenten Pastoral Letter
Principals are advised that the NSW Bishops’ Lenten Pastoral Letter including the reference to the Royal Commission will be delivered to schools for distribution to all families next week.

CS 1 2013.3 Change to NAPLAN Administration
The President of the Board of Studies has announced that, from 2013, NAPLAN administration in New South Wales has transferred from NSW DEC to the Board of Studies. Please see the attached memo to Principals from the BOS.

CS 1 2013.4 News from PLANE
Please follow the link for an update and e-newsletter from PLANE http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=c6ec484a17aa9a069eba5d344&id=4c3e617f52&e=abb51e85d1

CS 1 2013.5 Social Justice in the Illawarra
The Diocesan Council for Justice, Ecology and Peace invites you to participate in a forum on Social Justice in the Illawarra being held on Wednesday 20 February from 5pm.

The Council is seeking your thoughts on the development of Social Justice Group(s) in the Illawarra Region of the Diocese. Please see the attached flier for further details.

CS 1 2013.6 Workshops for Parents and Carers of Children with Challenging Behaviours
Community Links Wollondilly and Dr Steve Walker from Brief Therapy Solutions are again delivering the Challenging Behaviour Workshops for families of children who have challenging behaviours. The workshops commence on 14th February 2013 and continue every Thursday from 10 am – 12 midday until 4th April 2013. Cost: Gold Coin Donation
The workshops will be held at Smeaton Grange (near Narellan). For details including registration, please see the included flyer.

CS 1 2013.7 2013 School Leadership Program - Visit Parliament and Government House
CECNSW has organised two visits in 2013 by Secondary School Leaders to Parliament House and Government House in Sydney. The dates available this year for Catholic schools are: Wednesday 13 March, 2013 & Thursday 15 August, 2013
The program for the day’s events is attached.

A maximum of 150 persons can be accommodated on each day. As has been the custom, each Catholic secondary school may reserve places for a maximum of four (4) senior students who hold senior leadership positions and who wish to take part in the visit.

To enable planning for these visits, schools are requested to complete the attached pro-forma and return it to Jason Garrick (jason.garrick@cecnsw.catholic.edu.au) no later than Friday 22 February, 2013.

CS 1 2013.8 Faith and Grace in Everyday Life: A Conversation with Michael Leunig & Fr David Ranson
Saturday 10 April 10am – The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara
Please find attached an information flier about this event joining Michael and Fr David in conversation concerning faith and grace. Listen to Michael, one of Australia’s best known and loved cartoonists, unpack several cartoons and prayerful poetry that speak of the presence of God in the midst of the ‘busyness’ of life.
2013 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
NSW Catholic Schools are invited to register early for the 2013 National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 15 March 2013. Registrations are now open for the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence.

Schools across the country are called to Take a Stand Together and register to be part of the National Day of Action. To create supportive school environments free from bullying and violence, teachers, parents and students all need to send a clear message that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not okay - at any time.

Schools are encouraged to organise local events and activities to support the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence in 2013. Details and practical resources and information for teachers, parents and students are available on the Bullying. No Way! website. http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/

By registering to be part of the day, your school will help unify the many anti-bullying activities happening in schools across the country. Participating schools will receive news and events information, resources and tips on activities for the day, and free promotional materials for students. Further details are available from Jane Worrell, Project Manager, National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence T 07 3237 0325 | M 0477 312 448 | E Jane.WORRELL@dete.qld.gov.au

Invitation to the Australian Defence Force - Indigenous Student Study Tour April 2013
The Department of Defence is offering an Indigenous Student Study Tour (ISST) for high performing male and female Indigenous Year 11 and 12 students who are potential officer candidates. The tour will visit several key ADF establishments within the ACT including the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Royal Military College Duntroon.

This tour is scheduled to be delivered from 15 to 18 April 2013 for NSW Students. Schools are asked to promote awareness of the officer - candidate tour and identify suitable student applicants. Applications should be directed to the Tour Officer in Charge, Brendan Greaves (brendan.greaves@defence.gov.au) by Friday 8 March 2013. Please see attached application and further information.

Asthma Awareness
This time of year there is usually an increase in the number of asthma admissions to the hospital Emergency Departments. As school has now recommenced the Illawarra Asthma Service has sent the attached letter which Principals are asked to disseminate to parents and staff.

St Patrick's College Campbelltown - Emerald Gala Ball
St Patricks is hosting their inaugural Emerald Gala Ball on Saturday evening 9 March 2013 at The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club. An invitation to all involved in Catholic schools is extended, in particular to past students, parents and ex-staff to come to the Ball and have a great night catching up with old friends and colleagues. The Ball is a significant fund-raising event for the school to support a scholarship fund for the many parents seeking a single-sex education for their daughter. The cost is $130 per ticket and this is includes everything. The focus of the night is to enjoy the company, some good food and great music and entertainment provided by Papa Groove and “The Three Waiters”. Please see attached invitation and ticket order form for details or contact Deb Gander on 4629 2945 or via email dgander@saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au

CatholicCare Family Support Programs
CatholicCare are again running a series of excellent programs as part of their Family Support initiative. These programs can help parents and kids have a positive start to the year. Workshops are offered in Nowra, Wollongong and Campbelltown. Please see the attached fliers for further information.

CatholicCare - St Patrick's Race Day – Kembla Grange - Saturday 16 March 2013
Please find attached an information flier and booking form for this popular annual event supporting the important work of CatholicCare in the Diocese of Wollongong. Further information and bookings Phone: (02) 4254 9308 Fax: (02) 4226 9736 Email: chiaram@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au
Date Claimer

Diocesan Education Mass

St John Vianney’s Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow
12 March 2013 6:30pm

An invitation to all staff and families to celebrate Mass together with Bishop Peter Ingham in Catholic Schools Week

Events at School

Catholic Schools Week

Events in your school

Please contact Communications and Graphic Design and tell us what activities your school is celebrating in Catholic Schools Week

We will list them in the next Circular to Schools and alert local media of these events

Contact Elle
elle.holderkeeping@dow.catholic.edu.au

Key Dates in Term 1

February
Fri 8 New Teachers Orientation Dinner
@ Villa D’oro, Wollongong
Fri 8 Census Day
Tue 12 Project Compassion Launch
@ St Columbkille’s, Corrimal
Wed 13 Ash Wednesday
Fri 22 University of Wollongong Educational Leadership Conference
Thu 28 CEO & Principals Meeting

March
Thu 7 CEO - Assistant Principals Meeting
(Primary & Secondary)
Wed 6 - Fri 8 REC’s & Liturgy Coordinators Retreat
Fri 8 International Women’s Day
Sun 10 - Sat 26 Catholic Schools Week (NSW/ACT)
Tue 12 Diocesan Education Mass
at St John Vianney’s, Fairy Meadow
Thu 28 Holy Thursday
Fri 29 Good Friday
Sun 3 Easter Sunday

April
Mon 1 Easter Monday
Fri 12 Last Day Term 1

Schools are asked to regularly check the CEO Website or InfoPoint for updated calendar information
St Patrick’s Emerald Gala Ball
Saturday 9th March 2013
6:30pm for 7:00pm
The Cube
Campbelltown Catholic Club
Dress Formal
Tickets $130.00 per person, all inclusive

RSVP Friday 1st March 2013
Email: dgander@saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au
Post: St Patrick’s Emerald Gala Ball, P O Box 943 Campbelltown NSW 2560
Telephone Enquiries: 02 4629 2945

St Patrick’s Emerald Gala Ball
First Name: ___________________________ Surname: ___________________________
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Contact No: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Please advise of any special dietary needs: ________________________________ (i.e. gluten free)

Method of Payment: (Please circle) Cash / Credit Card / Cheque (payable to St Patrick’s Emerald Gala Ball)
Number of Tickets: ____________ @ $130.00 = Total amount $ ____________

Credit Card Details: Visa / MasterCard / Amex (please circle one)
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Signature: ____________________________________________________________________
We could ask ourselves:

- What are some of the social justice issues being faced in the Illawarra and beyond that concern me?
- Do I have concerns for marginalised groups or individuals in the local community? In the wider world?
- Can I work with those concerned about safeguarding creation?
- How can we support each other address these issues and concerns? Could a group help?

The Diocesan Council for Justice, Ecology and Peace invites you to participate in a forum on “Social Justice in the Illawarra”

The Council is seeking your thoughts on the development of Social Justice Group(s) in the Illawarra Region of the Diocese

COME ALONG TO HAVE A VOICE... TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Join us in the conversation at the new Xavier Centre
38 Harbour Street Wollongong

Please help us cater and print appropriate numbers of materials by acknowledging your attendance by Friday 15 February 2013 to:

Darren McDowell
Ph: 4222 2463 or darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au
21 January, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO: Diocesan Directors  
Principals of Congregational Schools

FROM: John Kitney

SUBJECT: ADVANCE NOTIFICATION: 2013 SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TO PARLIAMENT & GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The Commission has made arrangements to organise two visits in 2013 by Secondary School Leaders to Parliament House and Government House in Sydney. The dates available this year for Catholic schools are:

**Wednesday 13 March, 2013**  
**Thursday 15 August, 2013**

The program for 2013 includes visits to both State Parliament in Macquarie Street Sydney, and to Government House and will occupy almost a full day. A program for the day’s events is attached.

A maximum of 150 persons can be accommodated on each day. As has been the custom, each Catholic secondary school may reserve places for a maximum of four senior students who hold senior leadership positions and who wish to take part in the visit.

To enable planning for the visit to be undertaken, it would be appreciated if the attached pro-forma could be completed and returned to Jason Garrick no later than Friday 22 February, 2013

Please note that:

- At Parliament House, during the visit and depending upon their availability, Members of Parliament may meet with students whose schools are located in their electorates.
- No special travel arrangements will be made for the visit and schools are asked to organise these as appropriate.
- Full school uniform to be worn.
- Student Programs at Parliament House are free of charge. However, due to budget constraints, the Parliament can no longer fully fund refreshments for the more than 2000 students that attend education programs each year. Consequently, the Parliament requests that each student and accompanying adult make a payment of $5 towards the cost of refreshments (sandwich and drink) for this event. Details about payment appear on the following page.

The Commission commends the visit to schools as it provides student leaders with the opportunity to develop their knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings and the role of the State Parliament and the Governor. The program should provide a useful addition to civics and citizenship education at school.

Any questions about this matter can be directed to Jason Garrick on 9287 1546.

Best regards

John Kitney  
*Director – Corporate Services*
This School  will □ will not □ participate in the 2013 Parliament & Government House visitation program.  
(Please tick appropriate box)

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH, 2013  □
THURSDAY 15 AUGUST, 2013  □

Names of participating students: ____________________________________________________

(Please Print)

Please indicate whether your student representatives will be accompanied by either a teacher or parent.  
(Such supervision is a matter for your determination. Captains may travel unaccompanied to Parliament House where they will be met by CEC, NSW representatives who will supervise each visit.)

Students will be accompanied: YES □ NO □

One adult will accompany the students: _______________

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY, 2013 TO:

JASON GARRICK
Catholic Education Commission, NSW
PO Box A169
SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1235

FAX: (02) 9264 6308 or jason.garrick@cecnsw.catholic.edu.au

REFRESHMENT PAYMENT DETAILS:

Payment for refreshments of $5.00 each for students and accompanying adults should be paid by cheque and made payable to The Legislature.

Cheque to be mailed to:
Education Section (Attention: Ms K. Slade)
Parliament of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Alternatively, the school may wish to use EFT. Parliament of New South Wales account details: 032-001 204060 The Legislature Operating Account.

Please note that the school name must be provided as a reference on EFT otherwise payment may not be recorded.
Secondary Schools Leadership Program - 2013

(Note: The program may vary slightly because of sittings of Parliament and other events)

Agenda

9.45am  Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney: Arrival and Registrations (Legislative Assembly Foyer)

10.00am  Address by Members and Parliamentary Education Section – Theatrette

10.45am  Legislative Assembly Chamber – view proceedings from public galleries

11.30am  Legislative Council Chamber – view proceedings from public galleries

12.15pm  Refreshment Break (light refreshments provided)

12.45pm  Visit Media Room (Group split in two and taken alternately to Media Room and Public Areas)

1.10pm   Students, escorted by staff, walk to NSW Government House, Macquarie St, Sydney via Botanic Gardens

1.30pm   Students assemble at Government House for guided tour by staff of Historic Houses Trust

2.30pm   Students meet with Her Excellency, the Governor
         Address followed by questions
         Afternoon Tea at Government House

3.30pm   Conclusion: students depart NSW Government House for independent travel
WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS – Cost of Gold Coin Donation 😊

Community Links Wollondilly and Dr Steve Walker from Brief Therapy Solutions are once again delivering the Challenging Behaviour Workshops for families of children who have challenging behaviours. The workshops commence on 14th February 2013 and continue every Thursday from 10 am – 12 midday until 4th April 2013. The workshops will be held at Smeaton Grange (near Narellan). For details including registration, please see the information below.

Dr. Steven Walker (Brief Therapy Solutions) in partnership with Community Links Wollondilly.

**Managing Challenging Behaviours Collaboratively**

8 Session Parent Workshop

What will you learn?

- Child development and the relationship to seriously challenging behaviours
- You will consider the influence of the child, parent and the environment in the development of challenging behaviours over time.
- Looking for and identifying lost skills in AD/HD, ODD and CD. What’s behind the behaviour.
- Parents can be partners in managing a child’s challenging behaviour.
- Strategies to reduce outbursts and to teach new skills to your child.
- You will have the opportunity to think about your challenging child in a different light.
- You will find out that you’re not alone.

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Cost? Gold coin donation for morning tea Child care: None available

Contact for registration? Wollondilly Community Links Ph. 46832776

For parents who may have children diagnosed with ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) Conduct Disorder (CD) or disruptive behaviour.
INVITATION TO THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE - INDIGENOUS STUDENT STUDY TOUR APRIL 2013

I am writing to inform you about an outstanding opportunity that is available to high-performing male and female Indigenous Year 11 and 12 students.

This Directorate delivers a suite of programs that aim to inform young Indigenous Australians about the excellent career opportunities available within the Australian Defence Force (ADF). These programs include short pre-recruitment courses, offering work experience tours for trade candidates and officer candidates and supporting careers days and other events with information and materials.

Following on from a successful 2012 tour series, I am pleased to offer another Indigenous Student Study Tour (ISST) for potential officer candidates. The tour will visit several key ADF establishments within the ACT, including the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Royal Military College Duntroon. This tour is scheduled to be delivered from 8 to 11 April 2013 (arriving 8th April) for Queensland and Victorian students, and 15 to 18 April 2013 (arriving 15 April) for all other State and Territory students. The package includes return air fares for students and chaperone teachers/counsellors, in-tour transport, food and accommodation, and provision of a tour shirt and jacket uniform. Schools Careers Counsellors are strongly encouraged to apply for attendance as a chaperone. The tour will afford Careers Counsellors the opportunity to gain first hand knowledge of the various ADF careers, training and education offers that may be of interest to your broader student population.

This tour is intended for well-adjusted, physically healthy and academically high-performing year 11 and 12 Indigenous students with a history of good social and community conduct. Each tour is limited to 15 places (with three nominated Reserves), so applicants must be on track to become competitive for officer entry into the ADF and they must be genuinely interested in this challenging career option. Competitive students will be undertaking a program of study to secure an Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking where English is one of their subjects. There is no obligation for participants to pursue a career in the ADF.

I seek your assistance with delivery of this opportunity to Indigenous Students by:

- using your network to promote awareness of this officer-candidate tour;
- identifying suitable applicants via your networks;
- providing comment about the suitability of applicants to attend the tour;
- identifying chaperone Careers Counsellors/teachers from within your schools or your organisation; and
- returning complete applications (see attached) to the contact (below) by Friday 8 March 2013.

I acknowledge the tight timeframe but I am keen to work with you while we have a window within the ADF to deliver this opportunity to our young people. Subject to school interest in
this program, and funds availability, I envisage its ongoing delivery twice per year, in April and August. Nominees will be advised of the outcome of their application about 13 March 2013. A separate invitation will be issued for the August tour.

Queries and completed applications should be directed to the Tour Officer in Charge:

Warrant Officer Class One Brendan Greaves
Fax: (02) 61272037 Work: 02 61272287 Mobile: 0477323127
Email: brendan.greaves@defence.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

CECILE WHATMAN
A/Director Indigenous Affairs

25 Jan 2013

Attachments:
1. Participant Application (3 pages)
2. Guidance for Chaperones
Participant Application - Australian Defence Force
Indigenous Student Study Tour April 2013 for Indigenous Students

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Parent/ Guardian’s Details (current at the time of the Tour)

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Consent to participate in this ADF activity: YES / NO (compulsory)

School / Organisation Details

| School / Organisation Name: | |
|----------------------------||
| Address:                   | State: | P/Code |
| Contact Person’s Full Name: | |
| Telephone:                 | Email: |

School Recommendation attached YES / NO (please note a student will not be considered if a recommendation does not accompany the application)

Participant’s Special Needs

| Do you have any specific dietary requirements? | YES / NO |
| Dietary requirement details (if any): | |
| Do you have any allergies or require any medication? | YES / NO |
| Please state allergy/ medication details: | |

All participants, parents and/or guardians must read the following conditions and sign below to indicate that these conditions are acceptable to them. If you do have concerns you may contact the ADF Tour Officer in Charge to discuss these concerns prior to signing the application.

Declarations:
I sign below to declare that all of the relevant details in the above document are true and correct and that I have read and agree to the ADF Indigenous Student Study Tour April 2013 terms and conditions (attached).

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Defending Australia and its National Interests
Recommendation by School/College - Australian Defence Force
Indigenous Student Study Tour April 2013 for Indigenous Students

Personal Attributes (i.e. commitment, shows initiative, works well in a team environment, shows leadership potential, works diligently at school, has good general behaviour and is a good school attendee – examples of such attributes would help):

Academic achievement (Applicants must reasonably have the ability to pass Year 12 English plus at least three other tertiary accredited subjects)

Medical and Physical Fitness (as entry into the Defence Force requires applicants to be able to pass a medical and physical fitness test, we will only consider students who do not have any know medical or physical reason which would reasonably preclude them from joining the Australian Defence Force – this may include some serious asthma conditions, insulin dependent diabetes, epilepsy and heart conditions).

Other relevant information:

Is the student available to attend the tour?

Signature of Recommending Head Teacher/School Counsellor/Guidance Officer

Date

Defending Australia and its National Interests
Terms and Conditions for the Australian Defence Force
Indigenous Student Study Tour April 2013 for Indigenous Students

1. Participants who have applied and have been accepted for the Tour can, at any stage up until departure, decide not to attend. If a Participant withdraws from the tour, the school or organisation cannot replace them. Reserves can only be selected by the ADF. Participants who decide to withdraw from the tour are asked to notify the ADF as soon as practicable, so that Reserves can be contacted and have the chance to attend. Allocated Tour Reserves should still prepare as if they are going on the tour in case some participants withdraw. It is anticipated that Reserves would be notified a minimum of 24 hours prior to their expected travel time to allow them to make final arrangements.

2. Participants will receive a tour Instruction at least 72 hours prior to their intended departure confirming the details for their travel. If parents and/or guardians are concerned about any aspects of the travel arrangements outlined in the ADF Officer Career Tour Instruction they should notify the ADF Tour Officer in Charge, listed in that Instruction.

3. Participants will generally be provided transport from the airport nearest their home location which services flights to Canberra (the tour commencement meeting point). Some participants may be required to commence their journey the day before, and utilise in-transit accommodation en route. If this is expected, the participant and parents will be contacted by the ADF for authorisation and Chaperone arrangements prior to booking the travel.

4. Participants will be met at the Canberra airport by the ADF Tour Officer in Charge and taken to their accommodation. Accommodation at all locations will be in Military Establishments in multi shared rooms. Male and Female participants will be located in the same facility but separate rooms. The Chaperones and ADF Tour Officer in Charge will be staying in the same facility.

5. Although participants are allowed to bring personal devices such as mobile telephones and electronic games, it should be noted that these will only be allowed to be used at certain times and switched off during tour activities. The participant will retain all responsibility for these personal items and ensuring that they are secure at all times.

6. Throughout the tour, participants are not to be in possession of illicit drugs alcohol; or cigarettes.

7. Participants will be supervised by the ADF Tour Officer in Charge and designated Chaperones who are drawn careers counsellors or teaching staff from some of the participating schools. All Chaperones will have either have a Blue Card (or other State equivalents) to allow them to work with children. The ratio of Chaperones to students will be at minimum 1:10. At least one Chaperone will be on call for emergencies after hours. Chaperones will be allocated to a group of participants for the duration of the tour – these participants may not necessarily be from their own school as all participants will be split up and allocated to suitably numbered groups.

8. All meals will be provided by the ADF from the time the participants and Chaperones arrive in Sydney until they depart Canberra for home. The majority of meals will be prepared by ADF catering personnel and consist of a buffet dinner and breakfast and a buffet lunch or a cut lunch consistent with military standards. Participants and Chaperones are to ensure that they disclose any specific dietary requirements and allergies they have to certain foods or substances, so that they organisers can plan for them. Although spending money should not be required, a small amount may be carried to purchase souvenirs at some of the attractions and rest stops.

9. Tour activities may involve groups with mixed gender. All participants are to ensure that they are respectful and courteous to ADF personnel, Chaperones and all other participants throughout the tour. Public displays of affection between participants are not to occur at any time.

10. Although all care will be taken, there is potential for minor accidents and injuries to occur which may require first aid and medical attention. The first point of call for emergency response will be the civilian emergency services, although first aid may be provided by Chaperones, the ADF Tour Officer in Charge, supervising ADF personnel, or in some circumstances ADF medical personnel.

11. Movement around Canberra will be by a bus either hired for the event or operated by ADF personnel. An ADF Officer will be responsible for coordinating each of the daily activities. Chaperones will be responsible for maintaining order and supervising the participants during the daily activities.

12. Breaches to any of these conditions by participants may result in their parents and/or guardians being contacted, and the participant/s may be removed from the tour and returned home. Parents and/or guardians will be contacted if any changes are made to the participant’s return travel details.
Guidance for Chaperones Attending the Australian Defence Force Indigenous Student Study Tour April 2013 for Indigenous Students

The following guidance is provided to assist with the selection of suitable chaperones to accompany students on the proposed Indigenous Officer Familiarisation Tour. The tour includes students of both genders; therefore male and female Chaperones will be accommodated in same-gender accommodation (but in separate rooms) as the students. The chaperones should:

a. be a teacher, a schools careers counsellor or school counsellor who is used to, and able to control and discipline a group of students;

b. hold a (Education Department) Blue Card (Working with Children Check) or hold a State equivalent;

c. have experience working with Indigenous students and have a genuine interest in the career paths of Indigenous students;

d. be available to assist with supervisory duties for the entire period of the tour – unless alternative arrangements have been authorised by the ADF Tour Officer in Charge;

e. be willing to assist in providing after-hours supervision of the students, and be willing assist as a point of contact for emergency after-hours issues; and

f. be prepared to plan for and deliver (or to assist in the delivery) of a 30 - 40 minute activity. These activities should encourage positive interaction between students and foster a learning environment during the tour.
Join Michael and Fr David in conversation concerning faith and grace. Listen to Michael unpack several cartoons and prayerful poetry that speak of the presence of God in the midst of the busyness of life.

Michael Leunig is a well-known Australian cartoonist, poet and writer based in country Victoria. He was declared an “Australian Living Treasure” by the National Trust of Australia in 1999. Having a wonderful ability to connect faith and life, his works are regularly featured in the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age.

Rev Dr David Ranson is a priest of the Diocese of Broken Bay, and a senior lecturer in the Sydney College of Divinity, teaching in Spirituality at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. He is the Administrator of Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga. Fr David has written and published numerous articles and books on spirituality, ministry and pastoral formation.

Please RSVP by 5 April 2013
Go to www.trybooking.com/40300 to register online or phone Patty Thomas on 9847 0518

This is a free event - registration is essential
A sausage sizzle is available after the event with all proceeds going to support the good works of the St Vincent de Paul Society
MEMORANDUM TO PRINCIPALS

Dear Principals

Important change to NAPLAN administration

From 2013, the administration of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will transfer to the Board of Studies from the Department of Education and Communities. The Board will be responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in NSW and the ACT.

A transfer process has been established to ensure that the high standard of delivery of the NAPLAN testing program that has been established by the Department will be continued under the Board’s administration.

There is no change to the dates of the tests (May 14–16), and the arrangements for the administration of the tests will be similar to last year.

The contact details for the NAPLAN team at the Board of Studies are:
   email: naplan.nsw@bos.nsw.edu.au
   telephone: 02 9367 8382

Yours sincerely

Tom Alegounarias

President
1 / 2 /2013
CATHOLICCARE
ST PATRICK’S
RACE DAY

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2013
FROM NOON

‘AJ’ BERT LILLYE LOUNGE
KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE

BUFFET STYLE
LUNCHEON AT
‘THE CARVERY’

PRIZES FOR
BEST DRESSED

RAFFLE

SILENT
AUCTION
PLEASE JOIN US.
ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS HELPING SIBLINGS OF KIDS WITH A DISABILITY

CatholicCare’s Family and Sibling Support (Sibs) Program is a self-funded initiative that places special focus on the brothers and sisters of kids with disability. Through Saturday Sibs Club children aged 5-12 years get the chance to relax, unwind and escape their caring duties. They get to meet others who share the experience of disability and form long lasting friendships.

The whole family is strengthened when sibs are supported.

BUFFET STYLE LUNCHEON AT ‘THE CARVERY’

AFTERNOON TEA

COMPLIMENTARY RACE DAY BOOK

THREE DRINK VOUCHERS

FASHIONS IN THE ROOM

Tables of 10 or individual tickets available.
To reserve a seat, please use the enclosed form.
Bookings close on Friday 1 March.

For more information contact Trish Cooney on (02) 4254 9318
OR Chiara Mammone on (02) 4254 9308
chiaram@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au
www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au
# CatholicCare St Patrick’s Race Day

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- Yes, I would like to attend the CatholicCare Race Day on Saturday 16 March 2013
- Number of ticket(s) required @ $85 each
- **Tables of 10 available. If booking a table of 10, please provide a list of attendee names below:**
  - 1.
  - 2.
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  - 9.
  - 10.

- I would also like to give $100 to CatholicCare as a donation (this is tax deductible).
- I am unable to attend, but would like to make a donation of $ to CatholicCare (tax deductible).
Payment Method:

Cheque for: $________________________, including $________________________ donation.

Please make cheques payable to CatholicCare

Credit Card:  □ MasterCard  □ Visa

Card No.  □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□

Name of Cardholder: ________________________________________________________

Expiry Date: ____________ / ____________  Signature: __________________________________

Amount deducted: $________________________, including $________________________ donation.

I would like to join the table being organised by: ________________________________

Please send to:

CatholicCare St Patrick’s Race Day
PO Box 1174, Wollongong NSW 2500. Phone: (02) 4254 9308  Fax: (02) 4226 9736
Email: chiaram@catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au
www.catholiccare.woll.catholic.org.au
**WOLLONGONG TERM 1, 2013**

**MORE HARMONY NO HARM**

*For Men*

Topics covered include understanding and managing strong emotions, effective communication, assertiveness skills and positive behaviours for healthy relationships over 7 sessions.

*CatholicCare*, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

7 Wednesday Evenings 6.30pm - 9pm
20, 27 Feb, 6, 13, 20, 27 March, 3 April

Workshop Fee: $70

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**123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING**

This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.

*Bellambi Public School, 1 Owen Park Rd, Bellambi*

3 Wednesday Afternoons 12.30pm - 3pm
27 March, 3, 10 April

Workshop Fee: $30

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**LIFT**

A therapeutic group for men and women experiencing anxiety and/or depression. Explore thoughts and feelings in a safe and friendly environment. Set goals in line with your values to increase involvement in pleasurable activities and exercise and improve your nutrition and sleep.

*CatholicCare*, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

5 Thursday Evenings 6.30pm - 9pm
7, 14, 21, 28 March, 4 April

Workshop Fee: $100

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**MY KIDS AND ME**

A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths and resources and to develop relationships with their children.

*CatholicCare*, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

6 Thursday Mornings 10am – 12.30pm
21, 28 Feb, 7, 14, 21, 28 March

Workshop Fee: $60

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**KEEPING KIDS IN MIND**

A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grabs & impact on children.

*CatholicCare*, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

5 Monday Mornings 10am - 12.30pm
4, 11, 18, 25 Feb, 4 March

Workshop Fee: $50

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**KIDS & BULLYING**

This course aims to help parents better understand a range of issues associated with bullying and cyberbullying and to equip them with strategies on how to best deal with them.

*CatholicCare*, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

2 Tuesday Afternoons 12pm - 2.30pm
26 Feb & 5 March

Workshop Fee: $20

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**FOSTER A CHILD TODAY**

*If you think you’ve got what it takes call 4227 1122*

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**WORKSHOPS AT OTHER LOCATIONS**

Workshops that are running at our other locations are:

- Turbulent Tweens
- Grassroots Parenting
- Rollercoasters

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**WORKSHOP BOOKINGS**

For bookings or information call:

- Campbelltown 4628 0044
- Wollongong 4227 1122
- Nowra 4421 8248

Other workshops may be available on request.

Limited childcare may be available for some workshops.
NOWRA TERM 1, 2013

POPPY PLAYGROUP

For mothers with mental health issues and their children from 0-5 years. At Poppy you can play with your children, enjoy the company of other parents and explore different parenting issues in a relaxed and supported environment.

CatholicCare, 68 Shoalhaven St, Nowra

10 Friday Mornings 10am-12:30pm
1, 8, 15, 22 Feb, 1, 8, 15, 22 March, 5, 12 April

Workshop Fee: No Fee

LIFT FOR TEENS

A therapeutic group for teenagers experiencing anxiety and/or depression. Explore thoughts and feelings in a safe and friendly environment. Set goals in line with your values to increase involvement in pleasurable activities and exercise and improve your nutrition and sleep.

Presents principles from both Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

Headspace, 51a North Street, Nowra

5 Tuesday Afternoons 3.30pm - 4.30pm
5, 12, 19, 26 Mar, 2 April

Workshop Fee: No Fee

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A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grabs and impact on children.

CatholicCare, 55 Worrigee St, Nowra

5 Thursday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
7, 14, 21, 28 Feb, 7 March

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3 Friday Mornings 10am-12:30pm
15, 22 Feb, 1 March
Workshop Fee: $30

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CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown
5 Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm - 9pm
6, 13, 20, 27 Feb, 6 March
Workshop Fee: $50

GRASSROOTS PARENTING
This program for parents of children 0-12 give parents an understanding of children’s behaviour, provides strategies for effective discipline, encourages positive behaviours and builds resilience and self esteem in families. Each of the 6 sessions is self contained. Pick which sessions you would like to attend.

Session 1 - 14 Feb
Parental expectations, communicating with baby, settling, routine, safety and coping strategies
Session 2 - 21 Feb
Understanding toddler behaviour, practical ideas about tantrums, eating, routine, sleeping and play ideas
Session 3 - 28 Feb
Understanding children’s behaviour, communicating with children, negotiating and getting children to listen, dealing with anger and play ideas
Session 4 - 7 March
Setting boundaries, encouraging desired behaviours, positive discipline, consequences and routine
Session 5 - 14 March
Managing challenging behaviours, what works and what doesn’t, realistic behaviour management solutions
Session 6 - 21 March
Building family resilience

Claymore Community Centre, Claymore
Cnr Gould & Dobell Rds
6 Thursday Mornings, 10am-12:30pm

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26 Feb, 5, 12, 19, 26 March, 2 April
Workshop Fee: $60

ROLLERCOASTER
A 5 week program developed to assist children who are experiencing parental separation, divorce, or parents who have repartnered. Rollercoaster helps children to understand change and loss; develop strategies for anger management and problem solving; and understand a whole range of feelings and emotions.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
5 Tuesday Afternoons 4-5pm
19, 26 Feb, 5, 12, 19, March
Workshop Fee: $50

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CAMPBELLTOWN TERM 1, 2013

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS
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Campbelltown 4628 0044
Wollongong 4227 1122
Nowra 4421 8248

Other workshops may be available on request.

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Tuesday 4th February 2013
Department of Respiratory Medicine
Wollongong Hospital
Wollongong 2500

To Department of Education,

To Schools in the Illawarra Shoalhaven Health District,

As Coordinator Of the Illawarra Asthma Service I would like to ask that schools in our health district would participate in a “Ready for School” initiative. The information attached would help prepare children with asthma for the beginning of school. Each year in the February – March period it is well documented that there is a marked increase in the number of children presenting with asthma to Emergency Departments.

These vulnerable children (about 15% of school children have asthma) can be supported and made “Ready for School” by these simple steps:

1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications & symptoms
3. Review and update of action plan

The Illawarra Asthma service provides asthma education to the children of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven District in collaboration with the hospitals and general practitioners. We would appreciate if the individual schools could disseminate the attached flyer to the schools to aid in our prevention campaign.

We appreciate your efforts in this matter.

Yours sincerely
Lesley Vining on behalf of
The Illawarra Asthma Service
Department of Respiratory Medicine
Wollongong Hospital  Wollongong 2500 Ph:4253 4138
DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

ALERT:

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS:

1300 792 755

Make your child “Ready for School “ by :

1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
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Asthma Resource
4253 4138
You are invited to join Bishop Peter Ingham for the

Diocesan Launch of Project Compassion 2013

School Representatives are asked to engage with Bishop Ingham as the 2013 theme: ‘Open Doors Into The Future’ is explored through dialogue, reflection and prayer.
Meet the ‘Faces of Project Compassion 2013’, sign the Covenant of Compassion and listen to the special CARITAS guest speaker.

When: Tuesday, 12 February 2013
Time: 10:00am (Liturgy followed by Morning Tea)
Where: St Columbkille’s Catholic Primary School
119 Princes Highway, Corrimal

RSVP by 8 February 2013
Principal: Mr Andrew Heffernen
Phone: 42847987
email: info@sccdow.catholic.edu.au

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s major annual fundraising and education campaign.
It is a time to reflect upon and engage with significant issues of peace, justice and development.
It is also a time to recognise our interconnectedness with our global brothers and sisters and our environment.