Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the beginning of a new and exciting term. I trust that you all enjoyed a relaxed and happy break. We begin the term welcoming as well Mrs. Anne Glass, Miss Noreen Keane and Mr Paul Coller to our teaching staff. Mrs. Rhona Hughes has returned from leave as well. They have all ‘hit the ground running’, getting on track with getting to know the children and parents.

In four weeks, Stages 2 and 3 will be moving into their new learning spaces. The children are very excited and the teachers are gearing up to make sure all preparations are taken care of.

This term, we are participating in a pilot programme organised by the Catholic Education Office on trialling the use of iPads to assist children’s learning. We will be exploring their applications in class.

Yesterday, we had our first Quality Teaching programme day for the term. I taught Year 4 a lesson and the teachers assessed how I taught. All the teachers involved in this programme will be assessed by the other teachers. We will be joined by Julie Bowe from the University of Newcastle during this term and next. Learning is important for all of us as a community of learners. This programme shows how highly we value the children’s learning. We are continuing to learn to teach better. We can then help the children to achieve further improved learning outcomes.

In Week 5, we will be having a school compliance audit. These are held in schools every few years. Principals, teachers and representatives from CEO, Parramatta, spend a day at our school going over our teaching programmes and talking with us about our learning goals. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the teachers’ work and our students learning achievements.

This week your child’s teacher will be sending home an overview of the class programme for the term. Thursdays are sport days for this term so the children will need to wear sports uniform on that day each week.

This Friday we will be holding our athletics carnival. Thanks to Mrs. Cividin and our parent helpers this should be a tremendous day – if it doesn’t rain! If you can help for any part of the day, please contact the school so that we can organise your participation. We hope to see lots of you there!

Thank you for your continued support,

Steve Dowd
Acting Principal
Congratulations to the Rogan Family (Louise S3B and Matthew 2T) on the birth of their new baby girl, Olivia Rose, born last week on July 17.

School photos were taken yesterday and the whole exercise went very smoothly—many thanks to everyone for returning your orders as requested. This made the photographer’s job so much easier! We expect to receive the photos in approximately six weeks. Once received, photos will be promptly distributed.

DON’T FORGET
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
FRIDAY JULY 23
TAMPLIN FIELD
HOBARTVILLE

CANTEEN ROSTER

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In the holidays, I went to Canberra with my soccer team, Colo. We were undefeated before the semi-final and later that night the award ceremony was held at the University of Canberra. I received the award for Best U10 Player of the Tournament. I got to shake hands with the Australian Womens' soccer team goalie. It was an exciting experience!

Daniel Zahra
Catholic Schools Parent Forum: Learning for today's world

Holy Spirit Primary, 7 Todd Row, St Clair
Wednesday 1 September 2010
7.00 pm for 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Tea and coffee served on arrival)

Q & A panel-style format. Panel includes executive director of schools, Greg Whitby, a principal, teacher and parent from the Parramatta Diocese and educators from outside the diocese.

Topics

What does contemporary learning and teaching look like?
How can personalising student learning cater to the diverse needs of all students?
How does teacher collaboration improve teacher quality?
How does contemporary learning impact on the learning environment? (e.g. need for flexible learning spaces, acoustics, classroom management, etc)?
Does the educational research support this approach?

RSVP and submit a question online by 25 August to: http://www.surveymonkey.com

The panel facilitator will select a range of questions in each topic area for the panel to respond to and, time-permitting, questions from the floor will also be accepted. Any unanswered questions on the website will be responded to following the panel.

Hosted by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Parent Representative Council.

Please contact Steve Dowd on 45773463 if you would like to volunteer to attend this forum.