This week’s suggested strategy, in the spirit of Pope Francis’ joyful and action-orientated pastoral approach is: Romance your spouse.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

**The Joy of the Gospel - St Patrick**

On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Patrick. His life was one of overcoming great trial and in the end his experiences made him all the stronger and more committed to his relationship with Jesus. The legacy of his determination lives strongly in our Catholic spirituality in Australia and his deep connection with Jesus is beautifully expressed in the following prayer.

**St Patrick’s Breastplate**

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

**Leadership Training Day**

Last Friday the students in Year 6 spent the day reflecting on their leadership. The children celebrated Mass with Fr Raul then listened to Fr Raul and myself share insights into our leadership. We then interviewed a past student, Jacob McCudden who captained the SG Ball Team for Norths last year and is now in the Under 20’s for South Sydney. The students had many interesting questions for him.

A highlight of the day was the group activities which were led by students from St Peters (including some past students) who have nominated for the Youth Ministry. They were well prepared by their teacher, Michael Tobin, and engaged enthusiastically with our students.

Many thanks to Chris Higgins, our Kidsmatter Coordinator, who worked with Vicki McCudden and myself to prepare the day. The students were a delight to work with and are proving to be excellent role models for the rest of the school.

**Staff Development Day**

Please remember that there will be a Staff Development Day on Friday 27th March. The teachers will be working on developing detailed and engaging Mathematics programs incorporating the new Syllabus. Thank you for organising alternate supervision for your children on the day.

As a staff we have been spending the majority of our Professional Learning Meetings digging deeply into the new syllabus to allow us to plan the best possible learning activities for all children.

**P&F News**

Congratulations to the Pavy Family and the Davis Family who won a voucher for the movies from the Sport-a-thon Lucky Draw on Monday. This Wednesday the parents will be doing another collection and the class with the most returned forms will receive an ice block each. If you have not returned the forms please do so or at least pass on a donation as this is one of our only fundraisers for the year.

Please remember that next Thursday at 9.30 am we will be hosting a Diocesan Parent Forum in our hall on Playful Parenting. All are very welcome including toddlers.
Dad’s Barefoot Bowls
We have barefoot bowls planned for Saturday 28th March 4pm – 6pm but at this stage need more interest to hold the event. If you are thinking of coming along please return the form in the newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW...
You may be surprised to learn that the cost of educating a child is around $13,000 per year.
This would be an enormous financial burden for most Australian families; that is why Governments have provided taxpayer support to all school sectors for decades.
Catholic school parents are also taxpayers and help pay for state and federal government services, whether they use them or not.
They are therefore also entitled to a fair level of government support to ensure Catholic schools also remain affordable for Australian families.

God Bless
Barry Shanley
Principal

DANCE FEVER CONCERT - 31ST MARCH
Calling all parents and friends!
Please come along and watch our students perform the dances they have been working on in Dance Fever classes this term. The students will be performing these dances on Tuesday the 31st of March in the school hall. Infants’ grades (Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2) will perform their dances at 9:15am whilst the Primary grades (Years 3-6) will perform their dances at 10:15am on this Tuesday! It would be great to have as many parents as possible at these performances!

APPLE SLINKY AWARDS
The winner of last week’s Slinky Award was 4H. Well done year 4. At assembly this week 4R (winners of the Slinky machine in week 6) kindly donated their Slinky machine to Stage 1. The children in 4R decided that as they had been sharing a machine happily amongst Stage 2 they would give their 2nd machine to Year 1 and 2 so they too could enjoy Apple Slinkys, what a kind and thoughtful gesture.

PROJECT COMPASSION
What a fantastic effort this week. We raised $559.00 for Caritas Australia. The class with the greatest amount this week was 2FP. What a HUGE effort 2FP $90.95 WOW! Let’s all make one last effort this week. Our school total is now $1,349.45. Our goal is $1500.00 so we are nearly there. Well done SJF!

KNITTING FOR THE NEEDY
This Friday 20th March will be our last class this term. It is held in the parent room (next to uniform shop), after year 4 mass. We will do some more classes early next term, for those that missed out. If you would like to learn how to Knit or Crochet please come along, as we are making basic squares. You will need to bring along 4.00mm Knitting needles or 4.50mm Crochet hook, and any type or coloured 8ply wool. Tea, coffee, morning tea and a good laugh is supplied. I would like to thank those that have already donated wool, and the many that cannot make the classes, but have already emailed me and have started knitting. The measurements will be on the website this week, but if you are unable to find them please email becblake99@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there! Helping Hands

CANTEN ROSTER
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH
Tammy Schleu Kyle Gatt

MONDAY 23RD MARCH
Marika Harnos Davis Melissa Lionetti

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
Lyndall McDonald

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

GO4FUN
Do you want a fun way to fitness? The Go4Fun Program is a FREE healthy lifestyle program aimed at helping children 7-13 years, above their healthy weight become fitter, healthier and happier. The once per week program runs during school term for 10 weeks at Mingara Recreation Club, Toukley Aquatic Centre, Gosford Olympic Pool and the Peninsula Leisure Centre. Registrations are now being taken for Term 2 2015. For more info contact Amanda on 4294 7974 or to register for the program free call 1800 780 900 or online at www.go4fun.com.au.
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**P&F**

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I will be attending Barefoot Bowls on Saturday 28th March. Please reserve _____ places for me.

Name: ____________________________
Mobile: ____________________________
Child’s name & class: ____________________________

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