Dear Parents,

Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
Congratulations to the Year 5 students who received many compliments on their exemplary behaviour during their excursion to Bathurst last Friday. The coach captain said they were the best group he had ever taken on an excursion. The guides at Bathurst, Pat and Chris, had great praise for the students as did the manager of Blaxland McDonald’s. Thank you to Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Sultana and Mrs. Martin for preparing the students so well for their excursion. Thank you also to Mr. Rose for attending the excursion. The students’ knowledge of the Gold Era astounded their guide. We know our students are well behaved at St. John Vianney’s but it is always affirming when the behaviour of the students is commented upon by others in the community. Congratulations Year 5! We are very proud of you!

Infants Tabloids
The Infants thoroughly enjoyed their Tabloid sports and had a day full of fun. Rob, from Tabloid Sports, was very impressed with the students behaviour and participation and the great co-operation of the staff. Thank you to the Parents and Friends for organising the sausage sizzle and ice blocks which finished off the day with a great school community spirit.

Website Photos
We have begun the process of updating the photos on our website. Our old photos have served us well but it is time for a revamp. Many of the photos will reflect our new uniform.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Year 6 are very much looking forward their Canberra excursion on the 20th and 21st of June. The excursion is always a highlight of students’ time at St. John Vianney’s. Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Rutherford have been preparing the students thoroughly for their excursion which will bring to life many of their classroom learnings.
**Semester 1 Reports**

Semester 1 Reports for all grades will be sent home on Friday (14\textsuperscript{th} June). At St. John Vianney’s Parish School we have developed high expectations for our students’ learning. When you receive your child’s report, remember to refer to the explanation of achievement levels that describe your child’s level of success in each Key Learning Area. Also remember to pay attention to your child’s effort and work habits. You might like to keep the following four tips:

1. **Look for strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

2. **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort needs attention, then they have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, speak to your child about how pleasing this is and how it has a positive impact on their learning.

3. **Broaden your focus to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his/her future.

4. **Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

During Weeks 8 and 9 you will have the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their Semester 1 learning.

Students from Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to attend the Parent/Teacher Conference so they can be a part of the discussion around their learning.

Points that may be discussed at the interview:

- Your child’s Semester 1 Report
- Work samples
- Your child’s work habits and social development
- Attitude and effort

Please remember that each interview time slot is 15 minutes only. It is important that we are mindful of other parents waiting for their turn and keep to the allocated time slots.
SEMESTER 1 REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Friday 14th June the students will receive their Semester 1 Report. The report is a reflection of your child’s learning, social development and work habits for the first semester.

Students from Years 1 – 6 will receive an achievement level in each Key Learning Area based on a five point graded scale using the letters LA, BA, SA, HA and OA. Students in Kindergarten will receive an achievement level based on the scale; Needs Developing, Developing, Progressing Well and Competent.

A great deal of time and consideration is put into awarding grades for each student. Grades are allocated based on a number of variables such as student work samples, assessment tasks, observations and class work. Please keep in mind that your child’s grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage this year. Below is an outline describing each of the five achievement levels.

**LA Limited Achievement**
The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few area of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

**BA Basic Achievement**
The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

**SA Sound Achievement**
The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

**HA High Achievement**
The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

**OA Outstanding Achievement**
The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

It is important to remember that the **majority of students** are expected to be awarded an achievement level of **SA (Sound Achievement)** which indicates they are achieving the expected outcomes.

To put the five point graded achievement level scale into perspective it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car. Where would you fit on the scale?

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<td>A person on ‘P’ plates, drives independently but still learning.</td>
<td>Full drivers licence, like most of us!</td>
<td>Advanced driver training with extra skills.</td>
<td>Grand Prix racer!</td>
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![L plate image](image1.png)  ![P plate image](image2.png)  ![Drivers licence image](image3.png)  ![Advanced driver training image](image4.png)  ![Grand Prix racer image](image5.png)
The Semester 1 Report is one indication of your child’s progress and the parent/teacher conference in weeks 8 and 9 will give you a deeper insight into their strengths and area for development. Students from Years 3 – 6 are encouraged to attend the parent/teacher conference so they can directly hear praise for their achievements and challenges for the second semester.

During the year your child may be taught and assessed by a number of different teachers who take their class for different Key Learning Areas while their class teacher is on release from face to face or Leadership Team release. Please refer to the table below to see who is teaching your child other than their class teacher.

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<td>Mrs Smith</td>
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Kindergarten Enrolments 2014

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten next year and have not returned your Enrolment Form please do so. We are now enrolling children for Kindergarten for next year.

Family Reflection:

“Lord, Create in me a heart that is ever renewing and searching for the possibilities in each new day. Just as the wind blows drifting sand along the shore line and with the waves changes the face of a beach. May the Spirit be open to this same movement and change as Your Spirit of life weaves its threads and patterns through my life. Create in me a new heart, Lord. Amen.”

God Bless

Mr. Glenn Patchell
Principal
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Holy Communion
Congratulations to Joshua Viernes (4C) and Christopher Furtado (3R) who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday at St. John Vianney’s.

May you both continue to live in God’s grace and love.

Georgie Cox
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Woolworths Earn & learn Program
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge

There are some very eager readers at St. John Vianney’s, with students already completing the 2013 Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: Ethan Frendo, Gerardo Pareja-Delgado, Kartik Kumar, Rachael Tadros, Jasmine Icaca, Gabriel Olegario, Berend Slager and Jaeda Liao

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian
## TERM 2 CALENDAR

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### NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM 2

**Wednesday 19 June**

Please look for the newsletter on this day. The eldest child in each family will be responsible for taking it home.

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### SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 2

Thank you to those families who have finalised their Term 2 Fee Account. All fees were payable by last Monday 3 June. If you still not have finalised your account would you please contact Mrs. Fletcher to arrange payment.

Payment of fees can be paid by Eftpos, Bpay, Postbill, Cash and Cheque.
MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students

KINDERGARTEN
Grace Chandler
Adrienne Sultana
Aidan Sadsad
Ruby O’Keefe
Josef Piquero
William Fraser
Brooke Ayliffe
Bernadette Mercado
Maximus Konstantinos
Jaeda Liao
Sabine Escueta
Mounir Abou–Yaghi

YEAR 1
Gabriel Olegario
Chantik Tokhman
Madison Allie
Jairo Arispe
Fedora Ahmad
Abinav Chennupati
Mikayla Cunningham
Zac Payne
Lauren De Luca
Jenzel Rhindfleish
Shayna Fernando
Jamie Lavender

YEAR 2
Dominique De Guzman
Stephanie Attard
Natasha Bernard
Sahana Kumar
Lauren Chandler
Paulo Ibanez
Mia-Chevelle Crescini
Willson Go
Lily Whitelaw
Akuol Kuir
William Shaw
Mena Gorgees

YEAR 3
Nadia Varela-Cullen
Rafter Santos
Tegan Blanche
Kirolos Philips
Hannah Bolton
Charlize Tahmic
Jonathan Buttigieg
Ethan Pua
Clare Park
Alexis Mitchell
Owen De Luca
Sophia Escueta

YEAR 4
Viha Hokafonu
Fritzy Serrano
Sabrina Nakhl
Thomas Menezes
Kate Slager
Rishabh Shrestha
April Mercieca
Edric De Los Reyes
Grace Angollo
Jayden Carbonaro
Nathaniel Sicat
Yna Diaz

YEAR 5
Sean Garcia
Lara Abouchaaya
Paul Park
Shaun Muinoi
Zoe Perez
Holly Pham
Alysha Sinclair
Santiago Flores
Jennifer Davetawalu

YEAR 6
Angelina Mateo
Nathan Haber
Jaidyn Bowmaker
Hayden Kennedy
James Diaz
Isabella Said
Kiara Kumar
Ethan Sibucao
Blayde Horn
COMMUNICATION ~ Staff value communication with parents and welcome the opportunity to meet. If you wish to meet with a staff member please make an appointment through the office for a mutually convenient time.

SUPERVISION ~ Morning supervision from 8.30 am. I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30 am as there is NO supervision before this time. School finishes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up promptly. Afternoon supervision in the amphitheatre finishes at 3.30pm.

MOBILE TELEPHONES ~
We request that no mobile phones be brought to school. If your child needs it for safety reasons e.g. walks home alone, please send a note to the classroom teacher. In such circumstances the phone will be handed to the teacher in the morning and returned at 3.00pm.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, EMERGENCY CONTACT
Please complete a form, available at the school office. It is vital that our records are kept up to date in case of any emergencies or sickness regarding your child.

MEDICATION
Medication can not be given at school, except on Doctor’s written advice stating the reason, time dosage etc. together with the completed school forms. For further information, please contact the school.

VISITORS
Under the Child Protection Act any visitors to our school or parents helping with reading, etc. are required to sign the visitor’s book on arrival and when leaving the school. The visitor’s book is located in the school office.

CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS
Child protection law require all volunteers and other visitors who may have direct unsupervised contact with children while completing tasks in or for Parramatta Catholic systemic schools to complete an online training module. After successfully completing the module, an email notification will be sent automatically to the volunteer’s email address and to the school email address. This email is a confirmation that the training has been successfully completed by the volunteer. Child protection for volunteers may be accessed by the following:

Google: Catholic Education Office Parramatta
Top Left hand side: Sub-sites
Click on: Child Protection
Scroll down to: Child Protection Training for Volunteers
Read instructions and click on start the module
ANAPHYLAXIS
A LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY
Throughout our school we have several children with life threatening allergies to various forms of food. This is a serious issue the school must address and we have implemented various management strategies to cater for these children.

In order for our school to continue to be allergy aware we ask that you consider not including nuts, eggs, yoghurt or foods cooked in peanut oil as part of your child’s recess or lunch.

Thank you for considering the special health needs of these children.

ENROLMENT
St John Vianney’s Primary follows the Parramatta Diocesan document Enrolment Procedure in Parramatta Catholic system Schools, January 2002. This document states that when ‘demand exceeds the number of places available, priority for enrolment will be given to first, children of Catholic families who live within the geographic boundaries of the parish (or parishes) for which the school was established, or live outside the parish geographic boundaries but regularly attend such a parish’. This document is available on the Catholic Education Office web site. www.parra.catholic.edu.au

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING NEXT TERM
If you are aware that your child will not be returning next term please contact the office to fill in the relevant form. The school has a responsibility to inform the local DET School Education Area of the details of the new school in which the child has been enrolled.

POLICIES
As part of the provision of a safe and supportive environment the school has policies on Anti-racism, Pastoral Care, Student Management, Anti-Bullying, Complaints Handling and Feel Safe. These policies are available in the office.
Parents & Friends News

P & F Diary Dates

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INFANTS SPORTS DAY BBQ – Friday May 24
P&F hosted a BBQ & Iceblock stall for all students during the Infants Sports Day in Week 4. Again, we were overwhelmed with the community response to our call for helpers. We had a fabulous team of barbecuing blokes manning the hotplate while a busy group of mums prepared the bread and served the snags. It ran like clockwork and was a true team effort! We trialed a new system of using tokens in exchange for goods which worked very well. Our thanks to the teachers for their cooperation in distributing the tokens and to students for the sensible way they submitted them for lunch. Despite the weather, the students were very keen to enjoy an ice block with their sausage sandwich. The students were very gracious in accepting whichever flavor they were given and swapping amongst themselves if it wasn’t their favourite. The success of this event means we will be inclined to run them more frequently!

We extend our thanks and gratitude to the following parents and grandparents who gave up their day to help out: Robbie Autagavaia, Jim Ayre, Blair Chandler, Russ Clapham, Janelle De Luca, Carmen Frendo, Tina Hendrickson, Linda Hogan, Edwin Lesaca, Lisa Muinoi, Sheena Norris, Fran Nourdine, Glenn Patchell, Narelle Sinclair, Hazel Rindfleish & Amy Whitelaw.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK LAUNCH – 2013/2014
Would you like to take the family out to the movie but just can’t get there on “Cheap Tuesday”… so you wait until the film is out on DVD?

Now you can buy all of your tickets for regular screenings at any Event, Greater Union or Village Cinema - any session time – any day – for just $11.70 each.

UNLIMITED!!!

The new Entertainment Books are now available for purchase for $65. That’s less than taking a family of 4 out to the movies paying full price on a Saturday night! If you would like another order form, please email us at sjentertainmentbook@outlook.com and it will be forwarded to you. Alternately, you can purchase online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/21597D2

They make a fantastic gift for that friend or family member who has it all and is impossible to buy for!

School Banking – Every Thursday
To all Banking Families - don't forget there is a great competition running during Term 2 to win a $5000.00 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money and 25 runners-up prizes. To enter all you have to do is make three or more deposits during Term 2 and you will be automatically entered so get those deposits in and good luck.

Any parents who wish to start banking for their children can open an account at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank: you just need to take the child’s birth certificate with you and then send their yellow bank book to school with them each Thursday.
Staying In Touch
We realise that it is difficult for many parents to attend P & F meetings and events due to their work commitments, inside and outside the home.

Now you can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our new “SJV Parents & Friends” page on Facebook!

If there are any last minute changes to the school calendar, you will find this information on our FB page. Mr Patchell will notify the P&F on Thursday afternoons to confirm Merit Assemblies or any special presentations to be made at the Friday assembly so that parents will know which year groups will be involved in any ad hoc assembly events. If you have your own FB page, click on ours and “Like” us.

Next P & F Meeting – Friday June 21 at 2pm - Staffroom.
Come and join the conversation and hear some insights about what is happening at school via Mr Patchell’s report. We are currently tossing around ideas to host a Family Bush Dance in Term 3 along with sourcing some faith-endorsed resources for parents to use in discussions with their children about personal growth and development. Grandparents and extended family are always most welcome!

Good Guys Prospect
When purchasing from Good Guy’s Prospect please mention our school as the school received $1 for every $25.00 you spend.

Linda Hogan
P & F Secretary

10th Catholic Schools Parent Conference- 25th & 26th May 2013
This is a bi-annual conference held by the Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) and the Parent Representative Council (PRC) for parents with children in Catholic schools. The key speakers at this conference were all very informative, enriching and empowering for parents. They provided parents with many tips and a huge degree of motivation to continue to be committed to their children’s education.

Narelle Sinclair and I were fortunate to attend this conference on behalf of the Parents and Friends of St John Vianney’s. We learned a great deal from the sessions we attended and want to share these valuable insights with the rest of the SJV community. In the coming newsletters, I will include a summary of one of the sessions we attended and some key take-home messages that resonated with us.

With our Semester 1 Parent/Teacher interview scheduled for Weeks 8 & 9, I thought it might be relevant to share the notes from the following session:
Danielle Cronin (Executive Director of CCSP)  Topic: Family School Partnerships

Evidence has shown that a positive correlation exists between student achievement and parent engagement within a school community.

Statistics shows that Parental engagement has a larger positive effect on student outcomes compared with school resources.

- Parental engagement = spending $1000 in resources.
- Schools are 4x more likely to improve reading over time
- 10x more likely to improve in maths.

When there is a great parent-school partnership not only does the school community benefit but the wider community as well because well-educated kids are more likely to grow up to be responsible adults.

At home each day, just doing something as small making sure that your child has breakfast in the morning, helps to maximise their learning potential.

Finally the least utilised tool to be engaged is the parent/teacher interview. As parents we should make the most of that evening asking relevant questions to be able to help our child to reach their full learning potential.

Below is a list of websites to help parents engage in their children’s learning by offering parents advice and tips on how to help.

**Resources:** Partners4Learning website, ccsp.catholic.edu.au, ParentNEt & schoolatoz.com.au

Fran Nourdine
P & F President

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Discover OLMC Parramatta**

Discover Contemporary learning, Academic Excellence in the Mercy Tradition at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta at the College Open Morning Tour on **Tuesday, June 18, 2013.**

The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

**New Hymn Competition Announced – Call for Entries**

The Australian Hymn Book has announced its first International Hymn competition as part of its work of gathering the finest congregational songs for its growing Together in Song Collection. Entries close 5pm 31 July 2013.
BISHOPS OFFICE

Inside Catholic Outlook June issue
* Bishop Anthony's Letter: Gospel of Life in a Muddled Culture
* Holy Spirit Seminary moves to Harris Park
* Cardinal connects with young people at Parramatta youth breakfast
* St Pauls Books and Gifts Centre now open in Parramatta
* Hunter Valley Winery Tour to raise funds for Project Ten: 2003-2013
* Almost 250 pilgrims prepare to head over to WYD Rio next month

Diocesan Medal of Honour: nominations close Monday 1 July
The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Medal of Honour acknowledges those who serve the Church and the community with honour and distinction. The recipients are people across the Diocese who serve in ministry through their parish, agency, school or local community. If you know someone who 'deserves a medal' please contact Rev Dr Arthur Bridge AM, Chairman of the Diocesan Honours Committee, for a nomination form: tel (02) 9637 1062, stoliva@bigpond.net.au

Volunteer Couples Wanted
Are you and your wife or husband searching for something that can assist you with growing both your relationship and those of others? Catholic Engaged Encounter is searching for couples who are passionate about marriage to join our dynamic team. Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is a marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples to develop a closer relationship and plan for their future life together. If you would like to know more about CEE and the roles we have to offer please contact Kylie and Damian Fawkner 0431 737 557 or kylie@thefawkners.com

Family Day: 9 June
The Importance of Family – and the Parish Family. An initiative of the National Association of Catholic Families. Starts at noon at Campion College, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie. Guest Speaker: Most Rev Terry Brady, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Sydney. BBQ lunch – meat and drinks (salads, paper plates, tea & coffee provided). Program includes Children’s Adoration in chapel; Youth talk by Johanna Banks from the Missionaries of God’s Love; 3pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by afternoon tea. RSVP: nacf.sydney@hotmail.com or (02) 9875 3664.

St Finbar’s Sunday Afternoon Concert: 9 June
Sacred Favourites and Other Masterpieces at St Finbar’s Church: organist Michael Taylor and baritone Joshua Rogers will perform a selection of organ music and song. Michael is organist at St Finbar’s and assistant organist at St Patrick’s Cathedral and has worked with performers such as Jane Rutter and Stephen Fisher-King. Joshua Rogers has performed in Puccini’s La Boheme and has had several prestigious solo performances. Concert starts at 3pm. St Finbar’s Church, 45 Levy St, Glenbrook.

Mass in Igbo language: 9 June
Mass celebrated in Nigerian by Rev Fr Henry Ibe. Time: 11.30am at St Oliver Plunkett’s Church, 35 Wigram St, Harris Park. Details: Austin Okerefor: 0421 928 116, Evaton Onton: 0469 627 218 or Stella Nwosu tel 0405 478 472, 8678 2118, stellanwosu@msn.com

Faith at the Fiddler: 13 June
Faith at the Fiddler is a forum for young people to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the friendly and warm atmosphere of Sydney’s most famous pub. From 5pm-7pm at The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Linda Ducksbury – Catholic Education, Parramatta tel (02) 9840 5743, linda.ducksbury@parra.catholic.edu.au
Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 16 June
Topic: Emotion in the letters of the 12th Century lovers Heloise and Abelard. Speaker: Dr Jennifer Carpenter, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Australian Catholic University, Sydney. Time: 2.30pm – all welcome. Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

God Loves Families: 24 June & 1 July
Break open the Bishops’ 2012-13 Social Justice Statement: The Gift of Families in Difficult Times. In this Year of Faith explore with us the pressures of time, competing for wealth in a consumer society, pressures on family relationships and concern for the most vulnerable families. From 7-9pm, cost $10. An initiative of the Diocesan Social Justice Office in conjunction with the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Bookings tel (02) 9831 4911, mh@instituteformission.com.au

Tradition Conference: 2-5 July
Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is a keynote speaker at Notre Dame University’s Tradition Conference to be held at the Broadway campus. Does Catholic Tradition allow us to flourish as individuals? The conference will explore four key ideas:

* The concept of ‘Tradition’ in Catholic thought;
* How ‘Tradition’ relates to the many traditions that contribute to the faith;
* How tradition can guide and explain human relationships; and
* Whether tradition is a defensible and valuable concept.

To register tel (02) 8204 4390, www.tradition2013.nd.edu.au

Study the Gospel of Luke: 26-27 June
A two-day intensive with Dr Robert Tilley BA, MA, BD (Hons), PhD will be conducted by the Bread of Life Catholic Fellowship on Wed. 26 & Thurs. 27 June from 8.30am-4.30pm. This topic will examine issues such as context, genre, language and themes in key passages in Luke. As a result you will better understand this Gospel and discover the joys and challenges of studying scripture. Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road, Seven Hills. Cost $95. Registrations: Matthew Leslie (02) 9646 9010.

Walk to honour The Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary: 15 August
Starts 2pm at Holy Innocents Chapel, Garden of the Immaculate, Kellyville Franciscan Friary, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. We will walk along Windsor Road to St Patrick’s Cathedral in Parramatta (approximately 14km). There will be refreshment stops along the way. Everyone is welcome to bring Marian banners and join us at any point of the pilgrim walk. Please contact Angela at the Kellyville parish office tel (02) 9629 2595 at least one week in advance in courtesy. Everyone very welcome to join.