

## From the Executive Director

It has been an exciting month for Project Genesis and as approvals continue to be announced, it is wonderful to see the opportunities that the Building the Education Revolution (BER) initiative is offering our schools.

To date, 76 schools in the Diocese of Parramatta have been granted NSP funding.

Four secondary schools have been granted SLC funding to build new language learning centres. The schools were assessed in a competitive process where the key criterion was 'demonstrated need'.

An average of \$2.5 million has been allocated to each of the 40 diocesan primary schools in round one and two of the P21 program.

The second and final round of NSP has also been announced with all 76 Parramatta diocesan schools receiving funding, which will help support our vision to improve learning for every student in every school in the diocese. I would like to thank the Australian Government for their commitment to a world class education for every Australian child.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Director of Schools



## UPDATE

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## Update from the news desk

### Primary Schools for the 21st Century

- Round two approvals for P21 funding have been announced.
- 27 primary schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will each receive between \$850,000 and \$3 million in funding under round two to build contemporary libraries, multi-purpose halls, learning spaces or covered outdoor learning areas.
- This funding is in addition to the 13 diocesan primary schools that were approved in round one.

### National School Pride

- 23 schools have been approved for funding in NSP round two.
- All 76 schools in the diocese have now been approved for NSP funding and each school will receive funding of up to \$200,000 to upgrade minor infrastructure around the school such as the refurbishment of buildings and learning spaces, installation of wireless internet and upgrades to power supply.

### Science and Language Centres in 21st Century Secondary Schools

- Four secondary schools in the Diocese of Parramatta have been approved in the first stage of SLC.
- Clare Catholic High, Hassall Grove; Cerdon College, Merrylands; Patrician Brothers' College, Blacktown; and St Paul's Catholic College, Greystanes will each receive \$1.97 million to build new language learning centres.

## Project Genesis in brief

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## What is happening in our schools?

Profiled here, are Project Genesis developments that have been recently approved.

### Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21)

Aspiring young architect, Cooper Watling, a Kindergarten student at St Francis of Assisi Primary, Glendenning has offered his services to the Project Genesis design team.

Under the P21 program, St Francis of Assisi Primary will receive \$3 million to build a new multi-purpose hall and when principal, Phillip Mahony informed the students of the development, Cooper was very enthusiastic to lend a hand. Cooper drew up his plans for the multi-purpose hall and Mr Mahony, who was so impressed, invited Cooper to the next planning meeting to share his ideas. Cooper's advice included using wood for the framework, bricks to build the hall and bolts to hold the wood together.

The school also plans to further utilise the extensive outdoor learning areas and a group of Year 3 and 4 students have drawn up plans for a new greenhouse at the school.



Phillip Mahony and Cooper Watling

### National School Pride (NSP)

The installation of a new shade structure has marked the completion of phase one of the \$200,000 National School Pride project at Corpus Christi Primary, Cranebrook. The shade structure will provide essential shelter from the sun over part of the basketball court which is used for a number of purposes including daily fitness, mathematics (measurement), basketball and netball, as well as recreation at lunch time.

Federal Member for Lindsay Mr David Bradbury visited the school on Tuesday 7 July to view the new structure. He said that Corpus Christi's National School Pride program 'ticks all the boxes' that the Australian Government hoped to achieve with the BER.

'It is often difficult for schools to find the money within their own budgets to undertake projects like this outdoor structure. NSP helps schools with projects that they couldn't normally afford, while also supporting local jobs. This project is a great example of what the government hoped to deliver.'



David Bradbury views the structure

### Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools (SLC)

Patrician Brothers' College, Blacktown will receive \$1.97 million from the Commonwealth Government to build a 280 sqm technologically enriched language learning centre under the Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools program.

The school, which is located in the geographic heart of Sydney, serves a very multicultural community with many families of language backgrounds other than English. Of 1052 students enrolled at the college, there are 854 with a language background other than English; a significant 81% of the school population.

With such a large proportion of students from other language backgrounds, there is a great need for language learning resources and facilities at Patrician Brothers' College. The language learning centre is an essential development for the school to meet the learning, cultural and social needs of the young male students. It will provide them with greater opportunities to further their education with tertiary studies and increase their chances of following their desired professions.



Extensive language programs



## Partner Profile

Zadro Constructions is a local construction company that has been engaged to build several Project Genesis developments. Based in Vineyard, Zadro Constructions has been successfully building in the commercial and industrial construction industry for over 47 years, since its inception in 1962.

Zadro Constructions has delivered quality projects in the Diocese of Parramatta over the years in several diocesan schools including Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes; St Paul's Catholic College, Greystanes; and Caroline Chisholm College, Glenmore Park. They are also in the process of building the new Padre Pio Parish Church at Glenmore Park.

'With the introduction of the BER program and Project Genesis, we understand that it's success is about people committed to the projects and their dedication to achieving common goals,' said Martin Pulcin of Zadro Constructions.

As part of Project Genesis, Zadro Constructions will build new multi-purpose halls and associated amenities at Holy Family Primary, Emerton and Bethany Catholic Primary, Glenmore Park.

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## Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes Update

The Diocese of Parramatta continues to work with the 18 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. Under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) program, eight schools were approved in round one, another eight in round two. Two schools have been submitted in round three. In the National School Pride (NSP) program, 17 schools were approved for funding in round one and an additional school was approved in round two.

Holy Family Primary, Parkes is the first school to have recently completed their NSP project. The school received \$125,000 in round one of NSP to completely refurbish the staff and administration facilities. The development project consisted of demolishing and reconstructing the area and replacing all the carpets and furnishings, as well as upgrading the telephone and IT provisions.

Principal, Denise Gersbach said the funding has excited the whole school community. 'This government funding will enable us to upgrade several areas of the school,' said Mrs Gersbach. 'The staff and school community are extremely excited about the funding and are looking forward to fully utilising the new areas in the near future.'

Holy Family Primary will also receive \$2 million under the P21 program to construct a multi-purpose hall, library and canteen.



Mrs Gersbach overlooking the P21 site

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