

# st patrick's primary school parramatter patter

29th October 2015 Term 4 No.4



Dear Parents,

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Australia will celebrate World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day originally instituted by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1994 provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the important role of teachers in our communities. For teachers themselves it is often a time for them to reflect on why they chose to enter this profession and on those people in their own lives who inspired them.

This week I explained to some Year 5 parents the new student leadership structure commencing in 2016. Part of this presentation spoke about the concept of servant leadership and the idea that leadership is about service to the community. In the same way I believe that the very best of teachers display this form of leadership with the children in their class. It is not about the knowledge that they have, which is indeed important in its own way, or the skills they possess, although skills too assist teachers to do their job, but in my opinion it is about the relationships that they can develop with the students in their class, a relationship that inspires them to be the best learners they can possibly be, with confidence and support. It is more about what we as teachers can contribute, in service, to our community that is important.

Interestingly, when I listen to inspirational people talk about why they have chosen their career, they usually refer to the importance they feel in making a difference to others in the world in some way, whether it be with the songs they sing, the art they create, the buildings they design, or the people they heal. The same can be said for the majority of teachers. For many teachers it is 'not just a job' but a privileged vocation that brings us into contact with hundreds of children and families. For a teacher, the joy of seeing a child learn and succeed is unsurpassed. Success in learning strengthens a child's self esteem which often impacts on their relationships with others. It is this relationship that most of us remember about our teachers, in both positive and negative ways; how hopefully we loved being in their class because of the way we felt about ourselves being around them.

May I take this opportunity to thank the wonderful teachers at St Patrick's, Parramatta Their dedication and interest in your children is obvious in the many ways they go that extra step to assist them to be happy and fulfilled at school. They are creative and enthusiastic and demonstrate to the children the importance of teamwork and commitment on a daily basis. Their love for their faith is one of their greatest assets, each bringing their own unique gifts to our community. In this week of World Teachers' Day may I wholeheartedly recommend the profession of teaching. The future of our world needs intelligent and faith filled young people who are willing to share their minds and hearts as teachers in our Catholic Schools. Can I ask you to keep our teachers and teachers all around the world in your prayers.

## LEAVE

Just to let you know that I will be taking a short period of leave from Thursday 29th October to Tuesday 10th November. Mrs Benkovich will be Acting Principal in my absence and all other leadership team members will be taking on higher duties. Looking forward to seeing you all on my return.

God bless you and your families.  
Bernadette Fabri



## Honour Award

The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter



KA	James Kerr
KM	Thomas Aguilera
1C	Sophia Paguaia
1S	Isobel Rahme
2M	Kenneth Zhang
2Y	Camran Nasrulla



## st patrick's award

The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

KA	Matthew Tocher
KM	Isabella Bousimon
1C	Aoife Mitchell
1S	Christian Barakat
2M	George Draybi
2Y	Mary Jo El-Sabbagh



### Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the St Patrick's community for all their prayers and kind words recently on the passing of both my mother and mother-in-law. Although both lived rich and full lives their loss has been an emotional time for my family. Your support has been much appreciated and I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community.

Elly Benkovich

*Almighty God,*

*We come to you today and give thanks for all teachers  
Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves each day in the classroom,  
Serving and instructing the next generation of this land.  
We thank you for teachers now.*

*Father, please fill their hearts with courage by your mighty Spirit.  
Fill them with your strength, so they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary.  
Fill them with your wisdom, so that they may be able to make good judgment when guiding and helping others.  
Fill them with your peace, so that when stress and anxiety comes it would not overwhelm them.  
Fill them with your joy, so that the passion they have for learning may become a infectious passion that spreads.*

*We ask all this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

[http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/family/prayer\\_for\\_teachers](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/family/prayer_for_teachers)

### The Pope Francis 'To Do' List

Reduce, reuse, recycle. Preserve resources, use them more efficiently, moderate consumption and limit use of non-renewable resources. (22, 192)



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:**

Scarlett Khoury, Ethan Lao, Nicole Aboumelhem,  
John Azizi, Cyarra Fernandez, Aidan Khreich,  
Lucia El Hani, Justin Mawad

## Not Returning to St Patrick's in 2016

Thank you to the parents who have informed the office that their child will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2016. If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2016 please send a letter to Ms Fabri stating the last day of attendance at St Patrick's and which school they will be moving onto in 2016.

## Back to School 2016

If you plan to travel overseas or interstate over the Christmas holidays and your child will be returning late back to school in 2016, please notify the school office in writing stating the date they will be returning to school. Please note if your child will be missing 10 or more school days they are required to complete an application for Extended Leave form, which can be collected from the office. Parents are discouraged to take children out of school for travel or extended holidays during school time. This can have a detrimental effect on your child's academic progress.

## NEW PICK UP CONDITIONS

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for your cooperation and patience regarding our new car pick up conditions. Although we experienced some complications on our first 2 days Parramatta Council's Senior Traffic engineer is very keen to work with the school to ensure the success of the changed conditions. There are definite plans to look at making the school section of Trott street one way as well as reviewing some of the signage to enable cars to line up along Trott Street. Thank you to Mr John Ayoub for his assistance with this new procedure.

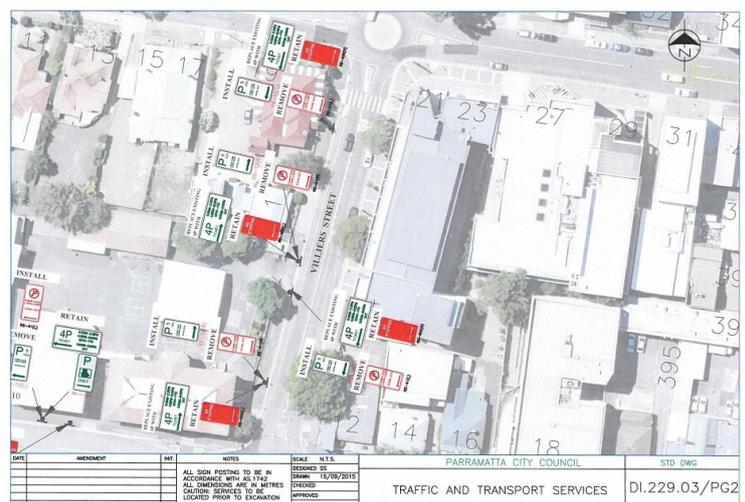
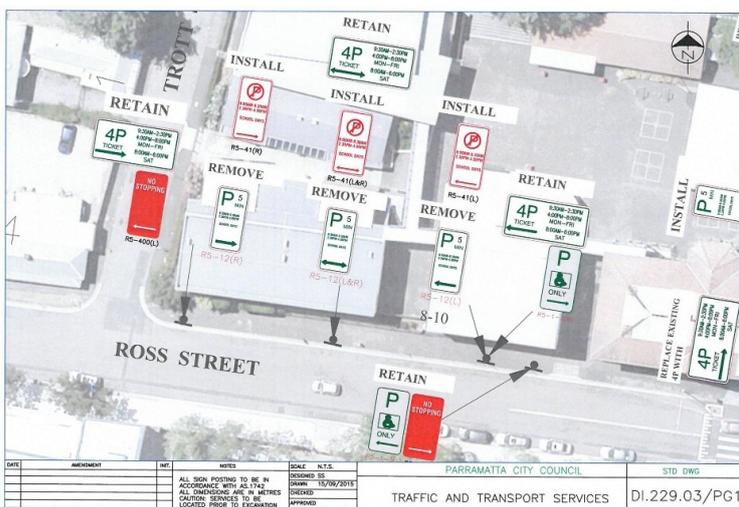
Once again I thank you for your patience.

Regards  
Bernadette Fabri

Please read the following changes to the afternoon drive thru—

1. The existing 'P5 Minutes 8:30am-9:30am 2:30pm-4.00pm School Days' restriction located on the north side of Ross Street between Trott Street and Villiers Street, Parramatta (outside St. Patrick's Primary School) will be replaced with a 'No Parking 8.00am-9:30am & 2:30pm-4:00pm School Days' restriction as shown in attached sketch 1.

2. The existing 'No Parking 8:30am-9:30am 2:30pm-3:30pm School Days' restriction located on the west side of Villiers Street between Ross Street and Gross Street, Parramatta (outside St. Patrick's Primary School) will be replaced with a 'P5 Minutes 8.00am-9:30am & 2:30pm-4:00pm School Days' restriction as shown in attached sketch 2.



## YEAR 5 STUDENT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE – 2016

### Guiding Principles

- All children have a right to have 'a voice'
- Children can learn to work together to improve school life and contribute student ideas
- All children can develop their individual capacity to lead and influence others in a responsible manner
- Leadership is about service to the community
- Children can learn to make a positive difference in their community but there is a difference between popularity and effective leadership.
- A good student leadership program begins in Kindergarten

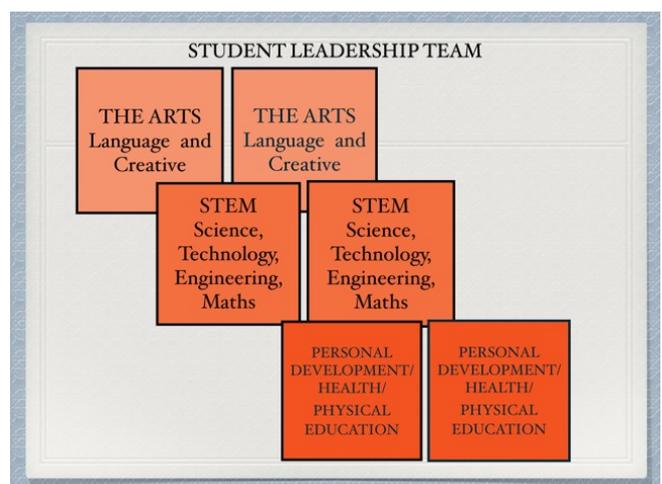
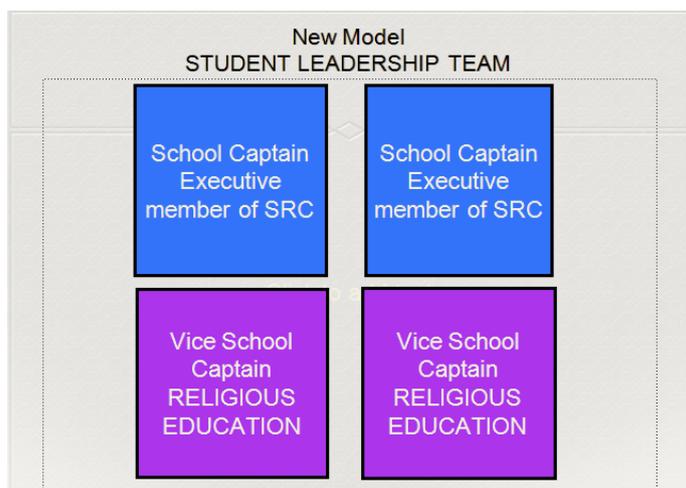
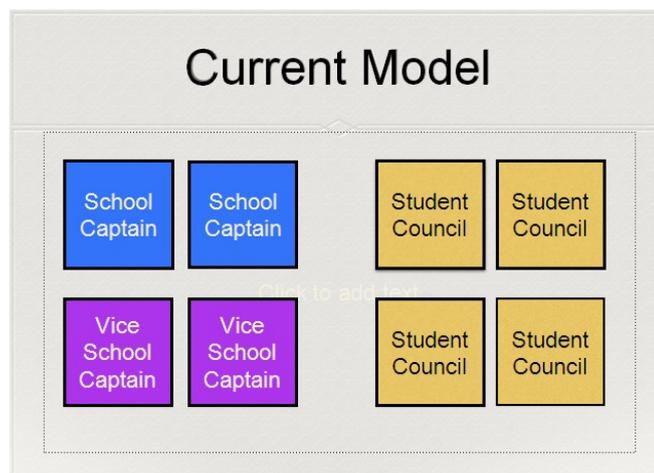
### Senior Leadership

By the time children get to Years 5 and 6 the school hopes that the children:

- *have had an opportunity to witness great models of servant leadership from the adults and children around them.*
- *have a strong interest in contributing to the community particularly school programs.*
- *are beginning to become self aware; their strengths and areas of development.*

### What do we expect of our elected student leaders?

- *act in roles of responsibility with integrity and honesty*
- *foster a sense of vision and purpose*
- *work with others to determine and achieve collective goals*
- *take on responsibilities and use decision making skills in order to carry a project through to a successful conclusion*
- *be active, reflective listeners who respond effectively*
- *earn the respect of others through their actions.*



## Changes to the election process SCHOOL CAPTAIN and VICE CAPTAINS

- Children in year 5 nominate boy and girl for school captain
- Children can self nominate
- Top 4 nominations announced (2 boys, 2 girls)
- Children accept or decline nomination
- 4 students to present speeches in front of Yr 4, 5 and 6
- Children in year 5 and staff who know children vote
- Preferential voting process to be used ie 1,2

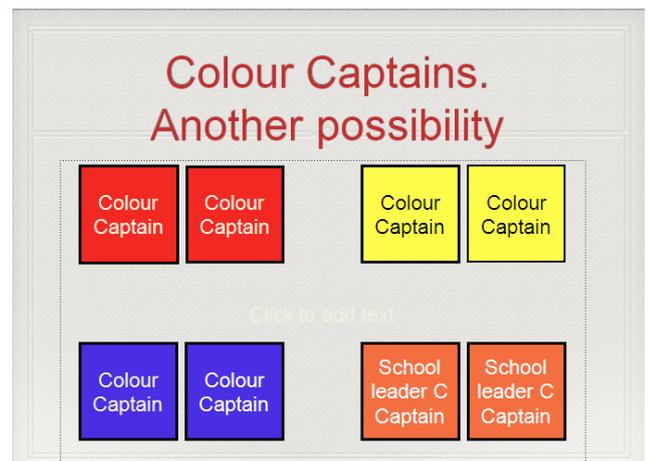
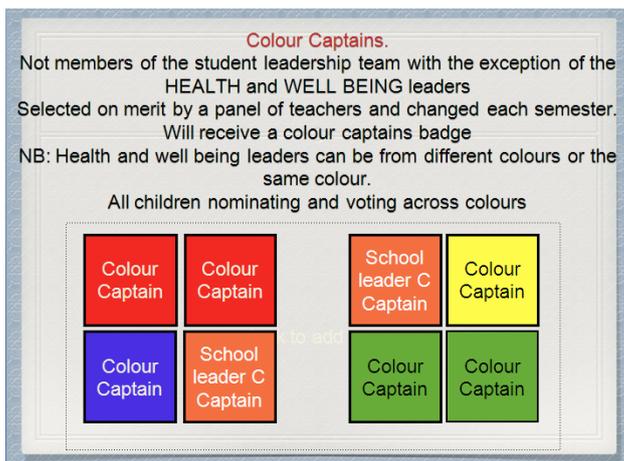
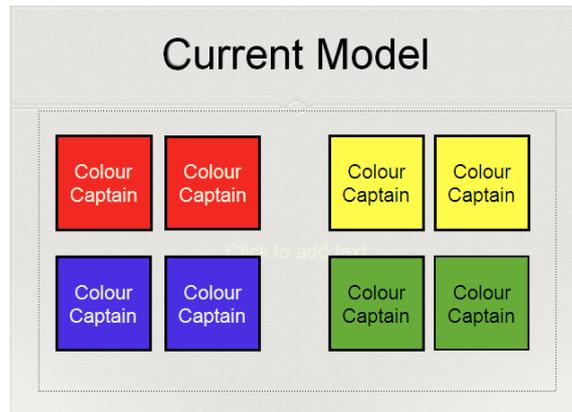
## Changes to the election process SCHOOL LEADERS

- *Children in year 5 nominate boy and girl for each portfolio and why*
- *Children can self nominate or nominate a child for multiple portfolios*
- *Top 3 nominations announced for boys and girls (Total of 6 for each portfolio)*
- *Children accept or decline nomination*
- *Children in year 5 and staff who know children vote*
- *Positions announced ie 6 school leaders (3 boys, 3 girls)*

## Changes to the election process COLOUR CAPTAINS

- Selected on merit by a panel of teachers including class teachers yr 5 (semester 1) yr 6 (semester 2), Physical Education Teacher and member of the school leadership team

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Benkovich



## Dancing Under the Stars' Family Disco

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 St Patrick's will be holding our annual 'Dancing Under the Stars' Family Disco, weather permitting. The evening will be led by one of the FOOTSTEPS Dance Instructors that has been working with the students teaching them dance and movement throughout the Term. The disco will begin at 6pm and conclude at 8pm. Gates will be open from 5pm.

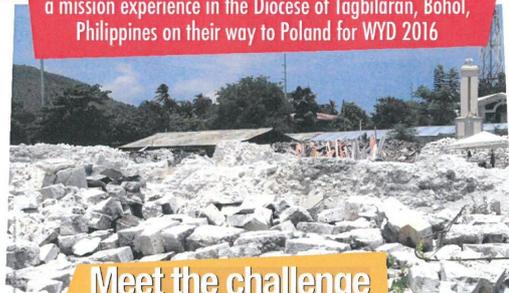
Why not have a night off cooking and grab dinner at the disco. Food will be available from 5pm. We will have **pizza, dippin' dots ice-cream, water, drinks and ice blocks for sale on the night**. Students will also be able to purchase glo-sticks from the canteen to help light up the dance floor.

This year we will also be holding a **DANCE OFF**. There will be an **Infants and Primary dance off** which will give the student who wish to participate a chance to show off their funky dance moves. Students may enter individually or with a partner/group. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boys and girls in each category. Remember the objective is to have fun, so it is not a serious event.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA



Pilgrims from the Diocese of Parramatta will be involved in a mission experience in the Diocese of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines on their way to Poland for WYD 2016



Meet the challenge of Pope Francis in helping and caring for those in need.



Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy Mt 5:7



## World Youth Day - Help the Philippines - Gold and Fold

St Patrick's will be having a Mufti day to raise funds to assist the people in the Diocese of Tagbilaran on Friday 13th November.

At this stage we have had no offers of assistance regarding the sale of tickets for the Gold and Fold Appeal, if you would like to assist to raise funds for the **World Youth Day - Help the Philippines** by selling raffle tickets at the school disco or before or after school, please ring the office and leave your name. The prizes for the raffle are gift vouchers donated by the Cathedral Parish. The gift vouchers are:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| \$100 Oatlands Village Fresh Produce | \$50 City Extra             |
| 3 x \$50 Parramatta Leagues Club     | 2 x VIP Bondi Pizza Voucher |
| 2 x \$50 Parramatta Park Café        | \$50 Blacktown Workers Club |
| \$100 Lachlan's Old Govt House       |                             |
| 2 x \$30 Porters Liquor Oatlands     |                             |



### EXTRA CURRICULA

N E W S !

Year 3 to 6 2016

Information was sent out regarding an opportunity for your child to receive instrument and band tuition provided by the Music and Performance Academy at OLMC. This program will commence in 2016 and will involve after school lessons. A cost will be incurred for those families interested in taking up tuition. If you are interested and would like to put forward an expression of interest please complete the form attached to the note sent home and return to either St Patricks school office or scan and email to [music@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@olmc.nsw.edu.au)

### Consent Forms—Kindy to Year 5

Earlier last week consent forms were sent home to children in Kindy to Year 5. These forms will stay on the children's files for the period of enrolment. Please ensure all parents residing with the child have completed both sides of the form and ticked all boxes. Please return to your class teacher as soon as possible.



*sub tuum praesidium*

Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all experience belonging.

**Opportunity for all**

**MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA**

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am (Family), 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

**Weekday Masses**

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30pm  
Public Holidays 8.00am

**Pastoral Team**

Fr Peter Williams elected Diocesan Administrator  
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini  
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan  
Rev Fr Steven Hyun  
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap  
Margaret Gale ( Sacramental Coord)

*Straight from the Parent Handbook...*

**SUPERVISION**

Children are supervised in the playground from 8.20 am and until 3.30 pm each school day. Please do not leave children at school earlier than 8.20 am or later than 3.30 pm. If children arrive at school before 8.20am on a regular basis the parents will be contacted to arrange Before School Care. Any children who arrive at school before 8.20 am must sit quietly in the designated area. Please contact the school if you will be delayed in collecting your child in the afternoon.

**2015**

**TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Week Four**

Friday 30th October World Teacher's Day  
Infants Assembly—Yr 2 2.15pm

**Week Five**

Tuesday 3rd November Footsteps Dance continues  
Friday 6th November Primary Assembly—Yr 4 2.00pm  
OLMC musical presentation during assembly  
*Specifically targeted for parents who are interested in the OLMC Band Program*  
Year 1 excursion to "Wetlands"

**Week Six**

Tuesday 10th November Footsteps Dance continues  
Friday 13th November **World Youth Day - Help the Philippines - Gold and Fold - Mufti Day'**  
Assembly—Choir 2.15pm

**Week Seven**

Tuesday 17th November Footsteps Dance continues  
Friday 20th November Primary Assembly—Yr 5 2.15pm  
' Dancing under the Stars' Family disco  
Gates open 5pm

**Week Eight**

Tuesday 24th November Footsteps Dance continues  
Friday 27th November Infants Assembly— Kindy 2.15pm

**Week Nine**

Tuesday 1st December Footsteps Dance continues  
Friday 4th December Year 6 Graduation Mass—9.15am  
No assembly

# 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October as these trials will be held in November 2015. All other sport registrations will open on 2<sup>nd</sup> November for 2016 trials. Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2015 and Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au). This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school.** In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated.

**All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.**

**I will email schools after the closing date of the 30th November and it is the responsibility of schools to notify students if they are successful or not in meeting the criteria. This will be done at least one week prior to the trial date if the student is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

**Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.**

Kind Regards,

Margaret

Margaret Thornton Teaching Educator Primary Sport  
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



OLMC Parramatta Mercy  
Scholarships

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2017 are invited to apply. Visit the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) for more information.

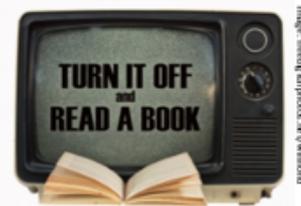
## A Quick Bite ...

### 5 Tips to Help With Screen Time at Home

Are you having trouble getting your child off technology or watching television?

Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day:

- Go screen free for weekdays
- Try technology free Tuesdays
- Try imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times on when your child has access such as "no screen time before dinner"
- Provide seven ½ hour vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the week. When your child watches the television, or plays on the computer they hand a voucher back. This limits the child to 3 1/2 hours of screen time over a week.



For more information visit

[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

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