



# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

## 8th September 2016 Term 3 Issue 8

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Dear Parents,

Last Sunday week I presented the Principal's Report at the Annual General Meeting at St Patrick's Cathedral. It was a good opportunity to let the parish community know a little about what happens at the school and how the school is linked to the parish. It was also good to hear the responses and reports from other groups in the parish and to see the interest that parishioners have in St Patrick's Primary School. St Patrick's Cathedral parish is an old parish with some parishioners having once been members of the St Patrick's School community. I was greeted by many smiling and welcoming faces. Please find below a copy of my report for your interest.

### **St Patrick's Cathedral Parish** **Annual General Meeting** **Sunday 27th August, 2016**

Good Afternoon, and thank you for the invitation to speak at your Annual General Meeting. My name is Bernadette Fabri and I am the Principal of St Patrick's Primary School. This is my 3rd Year as principal of the school and can I say I just love being principal of such a dynamic faith and learning community with wonderfully interested students.

Just to give those of you who have no association with the school some background, St Patrick's is a Primary school for children aged 4 1/2 to 12 years of age. We have 7 grades from Kindergarten to Year 6, each with 2 class groups and approximately 412 students. Enrolment at the school is always very strong with a record of over 130 applications for 62 positions in kindergarten this year for 2017. Most of our graduating students move on to catholic high schools – Catherine McAuley, OLMC, St Pats Dundas, Marist Bros Westmead, and St Patrick's Strathfield.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- I feel it is very important that the school has a close association with the parish. Our priests and parish staff are always welcome to come to the school.
- Unlike most parish schools we are not on site and the fact that we have to cross the children over busy Victoria Rd is an added complication. None the less we manage very well. Our whole school masses are held in the Cathedral and our primary children are rostered to come to the parish mass every Friday.
- Father Bob comes to the school almost every week to give the children the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He also visits the classes on a roster basis.
- As Principal I am an ex-officio member of the Parish Pastoral Council and attend the monthly meetings regularly.
- Our Religious Education Coordinator Mrs Jude Kerr serves also as another link between the school and the parish and we encourage our staff to attend any sacramental occasion involving students at our school and other parish events, where possible. Eg the Sacrament of Confirmation which was held last Friday night at the Cathedral.
- Religious Education Curriculum is one of our Key Learning Areas and we are currently following the Diocesan Program 'Sharing Our Story'

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- *Children in the school are involved in the Diocesan Religious Literacy Assessment in Year 4 and 6. The results of these assessments gives the school very good data regarding what the children are internalising in terms of the knowledge of their faith and the way they interpret key concepts. In other words how the knowledge of their faith is growing.*
- *Angelus is prayed every day including the office and this is lead by the Student Representative Council members.*
- *There are many opportunities for prayer in the school including; daily at morning assembly, in the classrooms, at special whole school prayer liturgies and at Friday Assemblies.*
- *Connection with our Mercy tradition through our study of the work of Catherine McAuley and the history involving the Sisters of Mercy is very important to the school. Our school values are Respect, Resilience and Compassion and these form a theme in which our school culture is developing.*

***Some of the events and opportunities so far in 2016 include:***

- *The upgrade of the school façade with the assistance of the Catholic Education Office*
- *Opportunities to celebrate and build community through, the beginning of the year disco, Mother's Day and Grandparent's Day morning tea and Father's Day breakfast*
- *Opportunities for children to enrich their learning through; excursions such as Canberra and Bathurst for eg, Life Education, public speaking with Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Visiting guest speakers such as authors and illustrators, Children's Hack Day at Marist Bros Westmead and K to 6 Paper Planes Competition*
- *Prayer and Religious Education opportunities including, involvement of staff at World Youth Day 2016, the reception of the sacraments of First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation, the blessing of the ashes on Ash Wednesday, celebration of St Patrick's Day, prayer liturgies at Friday assemblies, weekly attendance at parish masses and school based masses, attendance at special parish masses such as that to remember 'the Way of Mercy' and celebration of Catholic School's Week.*
- *Opportunities for community involvement such as; attending the Dawn Service on Anzac Day, involvement in NAIDOC Week and regular visits to the local nursing home*
- *Opportunities to develop Fitness and physical wellbeing such as Touch Football Gala Days, Athletics Carnivals, Walk a thons, Cross Country racing and Soccer Gala Days*
- *Opportunities for outreach such as St Vincent De Paul Appeal, Pyjama Day to support an Indigenous Australians Group, Baabayn, in Mt Druitt, support for Refugees Appeal.*
- *These are but a few examples*

***By way of concluding***

*The school recognizes the critical place the family plays in the faith development and education of their children and the important role the school plays, in conjunction with the parish, in supporting families. I often remind myself to question; what does it mean to be a Catholic School and how are we different and I feel that when you enter our doors or gates you need to be feeling something special, where people are welcomed and treated with dignity and respect, where there is a spirit of hope and endless possibility, where there is a spirit of reconciliation, where communication is honest and empowering, where every child feels that they are known and understood and loved, where by the time they leave our school they have come to know an ever loving and ever forgiving God through the people that they meet on a daily basis, where they get a sense that learning is not just for themselves but so that they can contribute to our world in many and profound ways and within a Catholic view, where their association with the school enables them to understand that they also belong to a wider community, a Parish Community, an Australian Catholic Community, a World wide Church, and finally where they will always feel as sense of belonging, way beyond their primary school years, so that when they grow up they will say, "I want to send my children to this school". Then we can say we are on the right track. That is our vision.*

*God bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri  
Principal*



## Honour Award

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

3L	Brooklyn Munro
3T	Ryan Day
4B	Michaela Chidiac
4G	Christian Moujalli
5C	Alissa Banzato
5T	Xavier Dagostino
6P	Ruben Orozco
6W	Elaine Wehbe

## st patrick's award

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

3L	Sebastian Mayonado
3T	Chiara Banzato
4B	Liam Abdallah
4G	Jessica Bechara
5C	Kalysta Livia Maharani
5T	Sara-Marie Waxim
6P	Kristiana Stevanja
6W	Oscar Gray



# Movie Night 2016



We are excited to announce that St Patrick's will be holding our annual Movie Night on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of September (Week 9)**. The movie is **ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS - ROAD TRIP** rated PG. The movie is scheduled to **begin** at 6:30pm so gates will be open from 5:30pm to allow families to find a comfy spot in the playground and have a chat with each other and make new friends. You are encouraged to bring fold up chairs or a picnic rug/blanket or beanbags to sit on to watch the movie. There will be allocated areas for seating and for rugs/blankets and beanbags.

Food and drinks will be available for sale on the night and will include the following items:

\*Popcorn      \*Fairy Floss      \*Hot Dogs      \*Pizzas  
 \*Cold Drinks/Juice      \*Hot Chocolate/Coffee      \*Ice Cream      \*Dessert Slices

This is a great opportunity to have a night off cooking and enjoy a few treats!!!! If you bring your own snacks to the event please remember that **St Patrick's is a NUT FREE ZONE!!!!**

Tickets for the event can be purchased for **\$10 per person**. **Students, adults and High School Siblings must purchase a movie ticket to enter**. **Babies and toddlers (non-school age children) are free of charge**. Everyone who purchases a movie ticket will receive a **free cold drink coupon** to use on the night. To purchase movie tickets please fill in the form sent home early this week and send in with payment to your child's teacher in a labelled envelope. We would greatly appreciate if tickets are purchased prior to the event if possible to assist with ordering of food and drinks.

Once again we are having the **GOLD CLASS EXPERIENCE**. Families will be given the opportunity on the night to **purchase an envelope marked with a number from 1-30 for \$10**. Before the commencement of the movie a number will be drawn and the family with the winning number on their purchased envelope will receive Gold Class treatment which includes **front row seating and free pizza, popcorn and drinks**. You will have to be quick to purchase your envelope as there will only be 30 envelopes available for a chance to win.

Please remember that this is a **family event** and **all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult on the night**. **Please refrain from smoking or consuming any alcoholic beverages on the school premises**.

Thank you to the many parents who donated gifts towards the Father's Day raffle. Thank you to Mrs Belinda Barakat for organising and coordinating the raffle.

### **Father's Day Raffle Prizes and Winners**

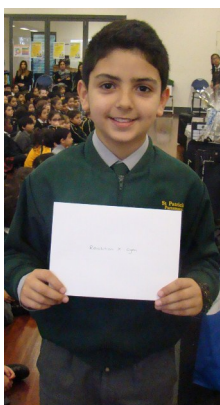
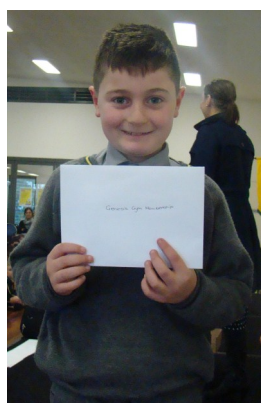
	Prize	Donated by	Winner	Class
1ST	Gym Membership	Claire Moujalli	Jayden Farah	3T
2nd	Revolution X Vouchers	Susie Younes	Andre Elzahoul	4B
3rd	Revolution X Vouchers	Susie Younes	Connor Younes	6P
4th	NRMA Service	Robert Younes	James Agostino	KA
5th	Coleman Outdoor chairs	Julie Sabat	Phillip Boutros	KM
6th	Coleman Outdoor chairs	Julie Sabat	Andre Eltakchi	5T
7th	Rush Hour voucher	Rush Hour	Grace Doumit	6W
8th	Rush Hour voucher	Rush Hour	Emma B	1S
9th	Perfume Pack - Ralph Lauren	Claire Moujalli	Andre Eltakchi	5T
10th	Perfume Pack - Joop	Belinda Barakat	Joya Barakat	5T
11th	Coffee Machine	Belinda Barakat	Jazmyne Drosos	KA
12th	Overnight bag & toiletry set	Father's Day Stall	Paul Khouri	KM
13th	Overnight Night	Nelly Azizi	Phillip Boutros	KM
14th	317 Restaurant \$50.00	317 Restaurant	Natalia Gebrael	5C
15th	317 Restaurant \$50.00	317 Restaurant	Liam Jocson	2M
16th	317 Restaurant \$50.00	317 Restaurant	Nyah Khalil	2M
17th	317 Restaurant \$50.00	317 Restaurant	Jessica Wehbe	4G
18th	317 Restaurant \$50.00	317 Restaurant	Simone Sabat	5T
19th	Event Cinema	Elly Benkovich	Justin Mawad	1C
20th	Southern Comfort	Lydia Doumit	Andrew Doumit	2M
21st	Southern Comfort	Lydia Doumit	Ethan Bechara	2M
22nd	Electric shaver	Jackie Wehbe	Zayden Weaver	6W
23rd	Wine Bottle	Lorraine Saab	Arabella Gittany	4B
24th	Wine Bottle	Lydia Doumit	Natalia Gebrael	5C
25th	Pancakes on the Rocks	Pancakes on the Rocks	Tyler Morson	2Y
26th	Villiers Street Canteen Voucher	Villiers Street Canteen Voucher	Noah Romanos	1C
27th	Villiers Street Canteen Voucher	Villiers Street Canteen Voucher	Donnacha Ryan	KA
28th	Single Rosetta Voucher	Jake Douehi	Daniel Takchi	5C
29th	Single Rosetta Voucher	Jake Douehi	Sharbel Georges	2M
30th	Darrell Lea Cooler Bags	Zana Rahme	Andrew Doumit	2M
31st	Darrell Lea Cooler Bags	Zana Rahme	Diana Granados Gavito	3T
32nd	Gift Bags	Father's Day Stall	Louis Wehbe	1S
33rd	Gift Bags	Father's Day Stall	Noah Gebrael	4B





Thank you to Mrs Marietta Maroun who helped organise and coordinate the Father's Day Breakfast.

Thank you to Mrs Belinda Barakat, Mrs Julie Sabat, Mrs Laura Tarabay, Mrs Nina Wehbe and any other parents who may have assisted on the day. It ensured our Fathers and Granddads went about their day with full tummies





## Invitation

Next Thursday, 15th September at 2pm parents are warmly invited to join the students to learn more about the plight of asylum seekers and refugees. Matthew Potts from Arrupe Place, the Jesuit Refugee Service will be speaking to Years 3—6 about this pressing issue.



### HOW CAN WE HELP REFUGEES?

At St Patrick's we are going to help the Jesuit Refugee Service, called Arrupe Place, which provides assistance to refugees living in Western Sydney. Arrupe Place has a **foodbank** which provides free fortnightly supplements to refugee families to assist them with their grocery needs. This allows them to spend some of their grocery money on things like rent, bills and medical care.

We are appealing for donations of non-perishable food. *Of course it must be within the used by date.* Items will be collected in the classrooms.

The appeal will conclude on **14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

#### **Canned Goods**

• Canned Lentils • Canned Chickpeas • Canned tomatoes • Canned Tuna • Other canned vegetables (corn, peas, etc.)

**Other Essential Items** • Rice (Jasmine and Basmati preferred) • Oil (smaller bottles preferred) • Tomato Paste

• Pasta • Cereal • Instant Noodles • Dried Noodles • Spices • Stock • Salt  
• Long life milk • Coffee • Tea • Sugar • Baby food

#### **Toiletries**

• Shaving Cream • Shampoo • Deodorant • Soap • Nappies (toddler size preferred) • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Sanitary pads • Laundry detergent

Thank you for your generous support of this appeal

Jude Kerr  
Religious Education Coordinator

#### **Financial Donations**

Donations can be made to assist the Jesuit Refugee Service for asylum seekers in the community. Here are some examples of how financial donations will assist people and their families:

- \$50 could provide a vulnerable family with a supermarket voucher, enabling them to buy essentials such as rice, flour, tea, and fresh vegetables for the week.

- \$150 would provide a fortnightly allowance for the food, travel, and medical needs of asylum seekers living in the JRS Blaiket Shelter in Elizabeth Bay

- \$450 would assist a family seeking asylum with their basic fortnightly living expenses; including food, travel, and medical needs.

- \$40 would pay for an Opal Card to help pay for weekly train and bus fares to get asylum seekers to and from important appointments with lawyers, doctors, and potential employers.

**Want to know more?** Visit The Jesuit Refugee Service <http://www.jrs.org.au>  
The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre <https://www.asrc.org.au>

Look out in next week's newsletter for the Bush Dance photos !!!



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:-** Annamika Sawant, Nikhil Sawant, Sheoni Perera, Zachary Haddad, Nicholas Drosos, Matthew Liang, Alisha Katafono



Congratulations to the Broadbridge Family (Aurora 1C) on the birth of their baby boy, Xavier.

### School Fees

Thank you to Parents who completed the 2016 school fee payments. If you have an arrangement please continue as per your agreement. Term 3 payments are now overdue. If you have any queries regarding your account please contact Mrs Sharon Nutter on 9630 1421.

### Acceptable Haircuts / Hairstyles

- Boys haircuts are to be neat and simple. No undercuts, no lines, no Mohawks and no rats tails.
- Hair cuts are to be of consistent length ie **Not longer on the top and shaved no 1 sides.**
- Girls shoulder length or longer is required to be tied back with either hair ribbons or "scrunchie's" in school colours.
- The use of hair gel is not permitted.
- No coloured hair is permitted

### St Patrick's Advertising—Local Directory

Dear Parents,

Please find uploaded with this newsletter the St Patrick's local directory. You will find the names & contact details of some companies associated with our community or local area that maybe of some service to you. May I take this opportunity to **sincerely thank these families for their support of the school** through their involvement in our advertising program. Monies from the advertising will go towards continuing to increase our bank of devices for learning, in particular K—4. If any family or friend is still interested in putting in an Expression of Interest please contact the office on 96301421.

Kindest Regards

Bernadette Fabri

### **ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 12 September 2016. For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies)

**For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470.** Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015 is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit [www.safeguarding.org.au](http://www.safeguarding.org.au)

# 2016 Important Dates

## Term 3

### Week 8

Friday 9th September Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.15pm

### Week 9

Wednesday 14th Sept Refugee Appeal finishes

Friday 16th September Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day  
Infants Assembly—Year 1—2.15pm  
Movie Night—Alvin & The Chipmunks  
Gates open 5.30pm

### Week 10

Friday 23rd September Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day  
Primary Assembly—Year 4—2.15pm  
Last day of Term 3

## Term 4

### Week 1

Monday 10th October Return to school for Term 4  
Tuesday 11th October Footsteps Dance commences  
Friday 14th October Infants Assembly - 2.15pm

### Week 2

Tuesday 18th October Footsteps Dance continues  
Friday 21st October Primary Assembly—Year 3—2.15pm

### Week 3

Tuesday 25th October Footsteps Dance continues  
Friday 28th October Infants Assembly—Year 1—2.15pm

### Week 4

Tuesday 1st November Footsteps Dance continues  
Friday 4th November Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.15pm

### Week 5

Monday 7th November Kinder 2017 Orientation  
Tuesday 8th November Footsteps Dance continues  
Wednesday 9th November Kinder 2017 Orientation  
Thursday 10th November Kinder 2017 Orientation  
Friday 11th November Remembrance Day  
Infants Assembly—Year 2—2.15pm



*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**

Mon to Fri 6.45am, 12.30pm  
Public Hol 8.00am

##### **Pastoral Team**

**Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.  
Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini  
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan  
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap  
Margaret Gale ( Sacramental Coord)  
Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)  
Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)