

# St Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

13th December 2018 Term 4 Week 9

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### St Patrick's Parramatta

### STAFF 2019

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Religious Education Coordinator  
Coordinator 2 (Mathematics/Science)  
Coordinator 2 (WHS, PD/H/PE)  
Coordinator 1 (Literacy)

Ms Bernadette Fabri  
Mrs Elly Benkovich  
Mrs Leanda Standring  
Mrs Jenny Barclay  
Mr Mark Baird  
TBC

#### CLASS TEACHERS

K Matilda  
K Alexander  
1 Clancy  
1 Sebastian  
2 Mackellar  
2 Young  
3 Lindsay  
3 Thiele  
4 Brinsmead  
4 Greenwood  
5 Coorong  
5 Timara  
6 Park  
I6 Wrightson

Ms Elizabeth Brown  
Ms Claire Stephenson  
Mrs Louisa Daou  
Ms Chantal Azar  
Ms Alyssa Onorato  
Ms Julia Hagi  
Mrs Jennifer Warn  
Ms Cara-Lyn Kelly  
Mrs Tanya Masefield  
Mr Mark Baird/Mrs Sue Jadrabieb (Wednesday)  
Mrs Bernadette Carroll  
Mrs Viviana Williams  
Mrs Anne Fardell  
Mrs Leanda Standring/Mrs Sue Jadrabieb (Thur/Fri)

#### SPECIALIST AND SUPPORT STAFF

Teacher Librarian  
Music Specialist  
Physical Education Specialist  
Reading Recovery  
Numeracy Specialist and Lead Teacher  
Literacy/Learning support  
Leadership Team Release  
Leadership Team Release.

Mrs Debra O'Dwyer  
Mrs Venitia Rodricks  
Mr David Younis  
Mrs Lorraine Veljkovic  
Mrs Jenny Barclay  
Mrs Michelle Mannino  
Mrs Samantha Pope  
Mrs Sue Jadrabieb

Teacher Assistant/Admin

Mrs Elaine Yuen  
Mrs Dianne Attard

#### ADMINISTRATION

Senior Finance Secretary  
Administration Officer (Front Office)

(TBC)  
Mrs Jenny Jones

Site Manager and Maintenance

Mr Sean McIntosh



## FAREWELL AND WELCOME

May I take this opportunity to update you on the following staff changes:



### FAREWELL

#### **Mrs Sharon Nutter**

A very special farewell and deep thanks is extended to Mrs Sharon Nutter. Mrs Nutter has worked in the office at St Patrick's Parramatta since 2002; a 16 year association and she has been Senior Finance Officer for approximately 11 years. This position is one of high responsibility, especially in the area of finance and school fees, and her dedication to her work has been exemplary. She recently received a highly commended for the school's financial audit; a commendation not given out lightly. Mrs Nutter and I have enjoyed a very positive working relationship as we worked together to ensure that the school is managed with the highest regard for stewardship and governance. From the children's perspective, it would be very rare for any child in the school to not have been attended to by Mrs Nutter at some time. She has been the first contact for many a new family and is often the last contact when families leave the school, when high school beacons. Mrs Nutter has decided to retire from full time work but I am hoping that we will be able to see her again, some time soon, in a temporary/casual capacity. We wish Mrs Nutter and her husband Peter all the very best as they make plans for a well deserved holiday in the near future. Bon Voyage Mrs Nutter and sincere and heartfelt thank you!

#### **Mrs Bernadette Stojanovski**

Farewell is extended to Mrs Stojanovski as she leaves on maternity leave at the end of this year. Mrs Stojanovski and her husband Chris are expecting their first baby in February and we look forward to announcing and welcoming the arrival of 'Baby Stoj' when the time comes. I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Stojanovski for all she has done for her Kindergarten students this year and how she has supported the staff whilst in her leadership capacity as Leader of Learning Literacy. God Bless you!

#### **Ms Elizabeth Issa**

Good bye and good luck to Ms Elizabeth Issa. Ms Issa had the enormous task of filling in for Mrs Rodricks as St Pat's music teacher. Whilst she had a hard act to follow she has done an amazing job and the children have really loved being taught by her this year. Mrs Rodricks has been a great support and also thanks Ms Issa for keeping up the excellent standard. We wish Ms Issa all the very best as she continues to concentrate on her private singing school. Thank you Ms Issa for sharing your talents with us this year. All the best for your upcoming wedding to fiancé Joseph in 2019

#### **Mrs Eva Turkington**

Goodbye to wonderful Mrs Turkington and thank you for another terrific year of teaching. Mrs Turkington has been teaching year 4G and they, including co teacher Mrs Fardell, have really enjoyed learning together. I am sure we will be seeing more of Mrs Turkington in some capacity in the years to come, Thank you Mrs Turkington!!!

#### **Mrs Rita Milic**

Farewell and thank you is extended to Mrs Milic. Mrs Milic has been on extended leave due to health matters but I know that she is always thinking of the children, staff and parents at school. I would like to thank Mrs Milic for all her contributions over the last year and wish her well as she continues to recover. We look forward to working and learning together with you again soon.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:** John Paul Wehbe, Syrus Dig, Jessica Wehbe, Nathan Romanos, Noah Romanos, Kalim Azar, Annabella Remaili, Elie Wehbe, Steven Abraham, Donnacha Ryan, Christian Sarkis, Ava boutros, Clio Encarnacao, Mia Gebrael

# **WELCOME**

## **Ms Claire Stephenson**

Welcome to Ms Claire Stephenson who will be teaching KA in 2019. Ms Stephenson is well known to the children as she has had been employed at the school for a number of years as a casual teacher. Ms Stephenson is really looking forward to joining the staff as a full time teacher and is particularly looking forward to working with Ms Brown (KM) as KA's class teacher.

## **Mrs Samantha Pope**

Welcome back to Mrs Pope who will be joining us on a permanent part time basis after a period of leave. Mrs Pope's position is Leadership member release. The class will be announced when confirmed. Mrs Pope has been working with the school in a casual capacity for the last few years and the children love seeing her at the school.

## **Mrs Sue Jadrabieb**

Welcome back Mrs Jadrabieb! Mrs Jadrabieb returns after maternity leave and will be working for 3 days in a leadership member release capacity. I know that children are very excited about seeing her return to teach them.

## **Mrs Venitia Rodricks**

How time has passed so quickly! A year ago Mrs Rodrick's announced that she would be taking a year's leave for 2018. It is now time to welcome her back to the school and I know that she is very keen to resume her role as music/drama teacher. A frequent saying from Mrs Rodrick's is that, 'she misses her babies' and I am sure that they (the students at the school) missed her too. Welcome back Mrs Rodrick's!!!

*In order to assist with the transition of all children for 2019 we will be having a "MEET OUR NEW TEACHER" afternoon on Tuesday 18th December at 2.15pm. Children will spend some time getting to know their new teacher(s) and the children in their class.*

*Just a reminder that a special assembly has been organised to farewell Mrs Nutter on Wednesday 19th December at 9.00am. Looking forward to seeing you there.*

## **Meet the Teacher Afternoon**

Children will have the opportunity to meet their  
2019 Class Teacher

On

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

From

**2.15 pm – 2.45pm**

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Congratulations to the following students that were voted for School Leaders for 2019. These students will be presented with their leadership badges at the Opening School Mass on the Friday 8th February. This date will be confirmed early next year.



## **School Leaders 2019**

### **School Captains**

Crista-Nicole Gahdmar

Daniel Pinto

### **Vice Captains**

Joetta Maria Khoury

Elias Nakhle

### **ARTS Leaders**

Savannah Chiha

Anthony Maaraoui

### **PDHPE Leaders**

Brooklyn Munro

Julian Tanna

### **STEM Leaders**

Scarlett Khoury

Jacob Tamaro

## Graduation Mass and Morning Tea

Tomorrow Friday, 14th December the school community will be celebrating the Graduation of our Year 6 Students. There will be a Mass commencing at 9.15am in the Cathedral followed by a Morning Tea for Year 6 students and their visitors in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you all at the Mass as this is also an opportunity to farewell families and staff leaving our school.

### **Christmas Concert**

The feeling of Christmas is in the air, our shops are full of people getting ready for this special time with family and friends. Buying presents, preparing food organising holidays are all important things to do in the lead up to Christmas, however as we head into the season of Advent it is important for us to stop and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas - The Birth of Christ. This year our students will be sharing the joy of Christmas in our presentation of 'The Christmas Star' on **Monday 17 December at 1.15pm** in the **Edith Angel Hall, OLMC**.



During the morning the students will be working alongside John Burland, who will be leading the concert. Currently the students are busy practising the songs and actions during music lessons with Miss Issa. We will be sending out a suggested dress for each grade early next week. We look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas with you all and hope to see you there.

Mrs Standring

(REC)

### Year 6 Graduation Morning Tea

As is customary, the new leaders parents for 2019 are invited to co-ordinate the morning tea with support from the Year 5 families.

We thank the organising committee for their effort at very short notice.

### Swimming Carnival Results

Trophies and place awards (1st - 3rd) for our recent Swimming Carnival will be conferred at **Tuesday Morning's assembly**.

Junior Girl Champion	Gabriella Volante	Junior Girl Runner-Up	Claire Scanlon
Junior Boy Champion	Daniel Saleh	Junior Boy Runner-Up	Phillip Ayoub
11 Years Boys Champion	Michael Ayoub	11 Years Boys Runner-Up	Biaggio Volante
11 Years Girls Champion	Emily Hamilton	11 Years Girls Runner-Up	Alexandra Elphinstone
Senior Girl Champion	Mikayla Saleh	Senior Girl Runner-Up	Mikaela Barrientos Salazar
Senior Boy Champion	Jacob Sayegh	Senior Boy Runner-Up	Jethro Cauan

Congratulations to all the above students and to all the students who participated so well on the day. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers whose efforts made the day run so smoothly.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NAPLAN ONLINE 2019

Dear Parents of Year 2 and Year 4 students,

Next year 2019 your child will be sitting for the NAPLAN Online. Children at St Patrick's Parramatta will be joining other students in Australia in doing NAPLAN online. Up to this point students in Year 3 and 5 have completed NAPLAN testing using paper tests.

To optimize success it is suggested that all parents visit the NAPLAN link below and allow their child to 'play' using the practice tests. You do not need a code but only to follow the link provided.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Whilst the teachers will be spending a short time familiarizing them to the formatting of these tests the more comfortable the children are in using arrows, tabs, drop down menu for example the more relaxed and confident they will be.

What children will need:

- **Devices:** (All children will be using school provided chromebooks)
- **Headphones:** (Each child will need to bring their own headphone. It is recommended that they have headphones with soft caps covering the ear rather than earbuds ones. See table below. Perhaps Santa can bring them a set for Christmas.
- **Practice:** It is recommended that all students practice using the format provided in the tests by completing the practice tests especially numeracy. This test requires the students to use a digital ruler (found on the upper right hand corner, click once and drag) for example. It is important that children know how to use this feature.

NB: Yr 3 will not be doing the writing assessment online.

Store	Picture	Style/Colour	Price
K-Mart		Colour: Grey and aqua	Approx \$6
Target	 Blue      Pink	blue and pink available ITEM CODE 59743637	Approx \$10
Big W		multiple colours available	Approx \$13

**St Patrick's Parramatta**  
**RETURN TO SCHOOL 2019 DATES**

Week One 2019	Monday 28th January 2019	Tuesday 29th January 2019	Wednesday 30th January 2019	Thursday 31st January 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
	Public Holiday	Staff Development Day –  Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments	Staff Development Day –  Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments	Years 1 to Year 6 Commence school	Kindergarten commence school (full day)
		Year 1 to 6—Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 2 days.			
		Kindergarten Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 3 days.			

## NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL EVENT SYDFEST 19 CHURCH STREET & PRINCE ALFRED SQUARE

Sydney Festival, with generous support from both the State Government and the Parramatta City Council, will present Circus Comes to Town at Prince Alfred Square from **Friday 11 January 2019 – Sunday 13 January 2019**.

You are invited to attend free workshops on the 10 and 11 January to transform your bike into a flying machine using recycled materials. On **Friday 11 January 2019**, jump on to your flying machine and join in the opening night of Fly me to the Moon Parade. The Parade will also feature the Heliosphere traveling down Church street ending in Prince Alfred Square.

Join us for a weekend of Circus Fun from the 11 – 13 January in Prince Alfred Square! See incredible free performances including Mallakhambindia, where extraordinary artists eloquently perform feats of strength, poise and dexterity, or marvel at *Heliosphere*, a giant lunar balloon filled with helium suspending a aerialist 20 meters from the ground. *Aerialize* are also back with affordable circus skills workshops for all ages and abilities, along with our outdoor *Flying Trapeze* workshops.

Local residents are advised to expect larger than normal crowds in the area for the 3 day duration of the Festival. Set-up will take place in Prince Alfred Square from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and will be packed down by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**.

The Parramatta program is both an opportunity to imagine all that our city can be and extend a warm welcome to visitors from all over Australia and the world. We hope you can join us.

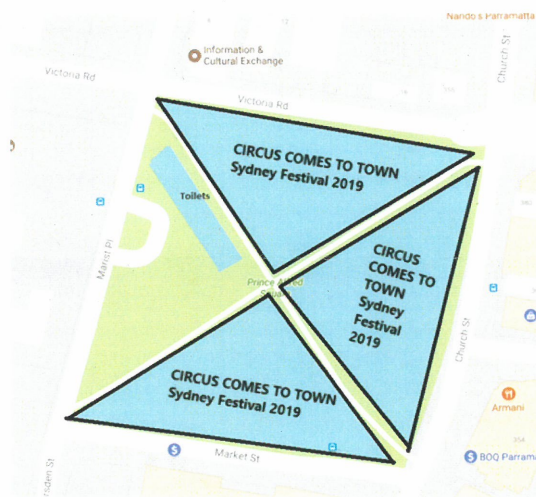
### No BYO alcohol. No glass in the Park

If you're planning to attend the Parramatta program, leave the car at home and consider walking, riding a bike or taking a bus or train.

To plan your trip, use the Trip Planner at [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au).

For more information about the festival, visit <https://www.sydneyfestival.org.au/circus-comes-to-town>

Email: [mail@sydneyfesitval.org.au](mailto:mail@sydneyfesitval.org.au)  
Call: 02 8248 6500



Dear Parents and Carers

This beautiful Advent Reflection was shared at last Saturday nights Christmas Carols at the Cathedral. I thought I would like to share it with you. Thank you Olivia Lee for assisting us to obtain a copy of it for you.

### **First Reading | Being Ready for Christmas by Fr Ron Rolheiser**

Many of us arrive at Christmas tired, running, distracted, and already fatigued with the lights, songs, and celebrations of Christmas. Advent is meant to be a time of preparation for Christmas; but for many of us it is not exactly a time for the kind of preparation that enables Christ be born more deeply in our lives. Instead our preparation for Christmas is mostly a time of making ready to celebrate with our families, friends, and colleagues. The days leading up to Christmas are rarely serene.

Our time of preparation is generally more of a time to prepare our houses than a time to prepare our souls, more of a time of shopping than of prayer, and more of a time of already feasting than a time of fasting as a preparation for a feast. Today advent is perhaps more about already celebrating Christmas than it is about preparing for it.

And the end result is that, like the biblical innkeepers who had no room for Mary and Joseph at the first Christmas, we generally arrive at Christmas with “no room at the inn”, no space in our lives for a spiritual rebirth. Our hearts are good, we want Christmas to renew us spiritually, but our lives are too pressured, too full of activity and tiredness, for us to have any real energy to make Christmas a special time of spiritual renewal for ourselves.

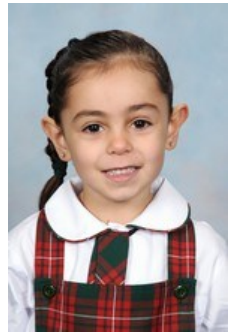
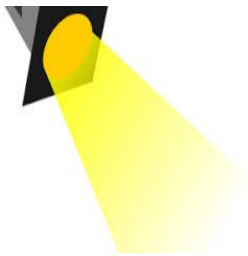
Everyone struggles with this in some fashion. No one is perfect; But it should also leave us with a pressing challenge: How do we ready ourselves to receive and remember Christ at this time?

Being ready for Christmas, does not depend upon getting everything neatly checked off on our to-do list.

Even if that list is only half done, if you find yourself in church at Christmas, if you find yourself at table with your family on Christmas day, and if you find yourself greeting your neighbors and colleagues with a little more warmth, then you've captured the Christ in Christmas.



## Spotlight on... Kinder SRC's



Mariah Jreij:

**What is your favourite sport?**

Soccer because it is fun to play with my friends

**What is your biggest fear?**

My biggest fear is spiders because they might bite me.



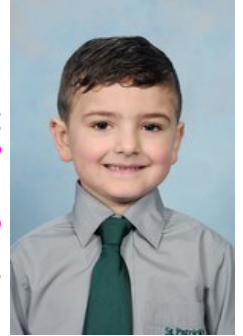
Johnnie Daher:

**Who is your biggest inspiration?**

My biggest inspiration is my dad because he takes me to the park

**What's your favourite place in the world?**

My favourite place in the world is Legoland.



Isaiah Maroon:

**What is your favourite food?**

My favourite food is apple as it is healthy.

**What is your favourite show?**

Power rangers.



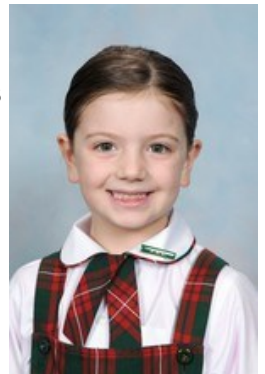
Mika Liu:

**If you has 1 million dollars to spend in a day what would you use it on?**

A new house.

**What is your biggest fear?**

My biggest fear is spider



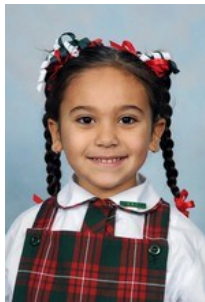
Grace Talbot:

**What is your biggest fear?**

Spiders

**What is your favourite movie?**

Ballerina because I like ballet.



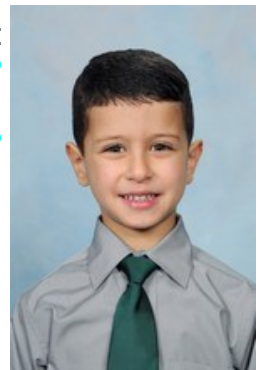
Jasmine Rizk:

**If you were to have a pet what would it be?**

A goldfish because I love fish. (Not eating them)

**If you had a million dollars what would you spend it on?**

I would give it to poor people so they can live better lives.



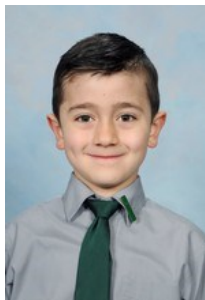
Frank Malkoun:

**What is your favourite food?**

My favourite food is McDonalds because it has chicken nuggets and chips.

**What is your favourite game?**

I like playing an Avengers game on playstation.



Benjamin Kalouche:

**Who do look up to?**

My older brother because he is nice and friendly.

**What is your favourite thing to do?**

My favourite thing to do is to go to the park because I like throwing frisbees.

## 2019 Diocesan School Fees

13 December 2018

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2019. The new schedule includes a very modest 2.7% increase on the fees from 2018.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 2.7% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

### 1. Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the same for every school. There are **significant sibling discounts** for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2019 are outlined below.

#### 2019 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 <sup>st</sup> child (100%)	2 <sup>nd</sup> child (75%)	3 <sup>rd</sup> child (50%)	4 <sup>th</sup> Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,206	\$903	\$603	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,557	\$1,167	\$780	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,157	\$1,617	\$1,080	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,394	\$1,794	\$1,197	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,057	\$2,292	\$1,530	No fee

### 2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2019 is \$804. **There is only one Diocesan building levy per family with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood** and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount of 50% is granted to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

### 3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. School-based fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.

This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their school-based fees.

*As a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.*

### Here's how we can help

We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

- **Flexible payment options**

Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit or BPay on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

- **Fee assistance**

We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

- **Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund**

In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund is available to families who experience difficulty meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Part or full scholarships are also available to students enrolling in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools. Further information is available on our website [www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au).

- **Byallawa co-contribution scheme**

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible\*. Further information is available at [www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au).

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely



**Gregory B Whitby AM KSG**  
Executive Director  
Catholic Education  
Parramatta of Diocese



**Catholic Education**  
Diocese of Parramatta





## ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP

Murphy House, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

### OPENING TIMES

Monday: CLOSED

Tuesday: 10am - 2pm

Wednesday: 10am - 3pm

Thursday: 10am - 3pm

Friday: 10am - 3pm

Saturday: CLOSED

Sunday: 9am - 2pm

Email [giftshop@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:giftshop@stpatscathedral.com.au)



### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! REGISTER NOW!

[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au)

Next Level Sports Clinic will be running sports clinics on the following dates:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2018 'Christmas Theme' Clinic (St Patrick's Parramatta)**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of January to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of January**

Head teachers present at both clinic will be Mr Younis (of St Patrick's) and Mr Maunick (of St Margaret Mary's)

Join us for fun with plenty of activities, games, exercises & a free lunch on Thursday!

Students are welcome to attend all week or selected days.

**Act now**, as spots are limited!

### **For more information (dates, location and other enquiries)**

Contact David Younis at:

[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au)

(Emails returned promptly)

### **Parish Youth Group Junior Credo: EDGE**

**- for children in Yrs 4-6 Fortnightly on Fridays - 5pm-6pm (school terms only) at**

**St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall.**

**Email Mindy for more info: [credo@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:credo@stpatscathedral.com.au)**

**Junior Credo Edge is a Parish based Ministry run by St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**



*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 6.30am, 12.30pm

Public Hol 8.00am

#### **Pastoral Team**

**Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.**

**Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini

Fr Michael Gitau

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale ( Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)

Donna Missio (Receptionist)