

Newsletter

St Patrick's Primary School
Parramatta



14th March, 2019 Term 1 Week 7

Dear Parents,

Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, "Celebrating Learning together in Community". We commenced the week with a beautiful Welcoming Ceremony lead by our student leaders from the Religious Education Committee. The children in Kindergarten and from various classes around the school were welcomed into the St Patrick's family. After the ceremony a magnificent morning tea was organised by the Year 1 parents. Thank you to Mrs Rahme and all the Year 1 parents who in some way helped.

After morning tea many of the parents and visitors had the opportunity to visit classrooms. Maths was the main subject the children were involved in at this time. I noticed many of the children explaining to their parents what they were learning and what the task required. It is so good to see children demonstrating their thinking and not just performing formulas. The week continued with the schools involvement in Ash Wednesday Mass and in the Catholic Schools Assembly.

Tomorrow, Friday 15th March the school will celebrate St Patrick's Day (17th March, 2019) and this year, the feast day of our patron St Patrick, serves to conclude the celebrations for Catholic Schools Week.

The life of St Patrick is such an interesting one and his association with the Irish people, combined with the enormous contribution the Irish convicts and settlers had on the establishment of the first colony, particularly Parramatta, makes him very significant to us. Just like St Patrick these early convicts and free men and women brought the Word of God to these early settlers. It is through these early Irish Catholics that the first Australian Church was established and from there the first Catholic Schools. St Patrick's is known to be the oldest Catholic School in Australia, not on the original site; What an honour to have such an illustrious history. For those of you that are interested I have copied a brief history of our school from our website

St Patrick's is the oldest Catholic School in Australia

- The parish school was established by Fr Therry in Hunter Street in 1820. In 1837 the school was relocated next to St Patrick's Church. In 1874 the girls and smaller boys were separated and taught in a school opposite the church.
- From 1874-1888 the Sisters of Mercy, Head House Monte Saint Angelo, North Sydney, were teaching at St Patrick's School Parramatta, in a building which was standing in front of the present O.L.M.C. in Victoria Road, then known as Pennant Street.
- The Sisters of Mercy from Callan, Ireland, then took up residence in Parramatta on 8th December 1888 at the invitation of Cardinal Moran. They re-opened the school on Monday 10th December, just two days later with an enrolment of 55 pupils.
- In 1926 that building was demolished and a new building was erected at the corner of Villiers Street and Ross Street, the current site.
- The senior girls moved to Westmead in 1966 to form Catherine McAuley High School. The primary school remains to this present day.
- The Sisters of Mercy handed the responsibility for the School to the first lay Principal, Ms Joan Coyle in 1985.

*A place of Heritage,
Innovative Learning and Vision.
Respect, Resilience and Compassion*

You are all warmly invited to our St Patrick's Day fun day, next Friday 22nd March (weather permitting) at St Patrick's Dundas. Appreciation is extended to Mrs Angela Hay - principal of St Patrick's Dundas - for the use of the ovals.

God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

2019 Dates to Remember Term 1.

Week 7

Friday 15th March

POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK

St Patrick's Day celebrations

Motiv8—St Patricks Dundas

No assembly

Week 8

Monday 18th March

Triskills

Tuesday 19th March

Triskills

Friday 22nd March

St Patrick's Day celebrations

Motiv8—St Patricks Dundas

No assembly

POSTPONED UNTIL LATER DATE

Kinder Assembly at 2:15pm

Infants awards only

Week 9

Monday 25th March

Triskills

Tuesday 26th March

Triskills

Wednesday 27th March

Primary Cross Country—Runners only

Thursday 28th March

Year 5 Celebration of Learning

Friday 29th March

School Photos—Summer Uniform

Week 10

Monday 1st April

Triskills

Tuesday 2nd April

Triskills

Week 11

Monday 8th April

Triskills

Friday 12th April

LAST DAY OF TERM

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ in breadth, Christ in length, Christ in height,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*



IMPORTANT BEFORE SCHOOL GUIDELINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we have noticed an increasing number of children waiting on the footpath before 8.00am in the morning. These children are unsupervised and their safety cannot be monitored. Some children have been reported to be playing with balls on the street which is highly dangerous. The supervision and safety of children before the supervised time of 8.20am is a parent responsibility. Supervision on the playground commences at 8.20am where teachers are assigned to playground duty. School commences at 8.50am. I understand that many families need to get to work so I highly recommend securing a place with a Before School Care service. (Please find the contact details below)

With thanks

Bernadette Fabri

NORTH PARRAMATTA OOSH
PH NUMBER: 9683 3009



Dear Parents

Here are some belated birthday wishes-

Sean Feng, Tiffany McCloskey, Hugh Perrett, Malcolm Nasr
Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:

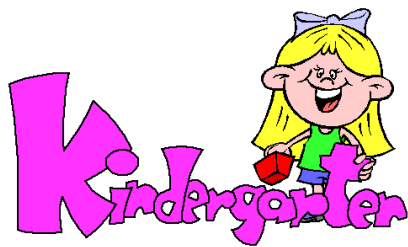
James Agostino, Olivia Fayad, Joline El Hani, Jayden Farah, Jacob Semaan, Crystella Geagea

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2019

The 2019 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge starts soon!!!! Take a look at their great website <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> for key dates, rules and booklists. More information to come soon!

2019 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

Term 1 2019 statements have now been mailed to families. If you have any concerns with school fee payment please contact the School Finance Secretary Mrs Fiona Mitterer.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 KINDERGARTEN

Sibling enrolments forms are due back no later than Friday 29th of March 2019.

When you return the enrolment you will need to bring your child's original Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Passports (parent's and child's if born overseas), Immunization Certificates and proof of address (council rates, drivers licence). We will photo copy these and return them to you at this time.

Afternoon 'Drive Through'

This week our local Parking Police were doing their job and asked parents waiting in line before 3pm to move along. There is community concern that our parents are blocking off the traffic from Trott St to Grose St and into Villiers St well before 3pm. We understand the difficulties around parking however our goal as a Catholic community is to work in partnership with our community members. We ask you to respect the local businesses and keep driveways clear during pick up time.

We have been asked on numerous occasions that, until the cars start moving at 3pm, we not block Trott St and Grose St. At 3pm we ask that you begin lining up in Trott St. While we understand that it is not ideal, last year the police asked that you continue to drive around until there is room in Trott St to join the queue. The other alternative is to park and enjoy a lovely, brisk afternoon walk. We have noticed that more families are taking up this option.

Parents are expected to follow the road signage as the school is not responsible for parents who break the law.

'Under the **No Parking** rule, motorists can't stop for longer than two minutes and can't move more than three metres from their vehicle. **No Stopping** means vehicles can't stop under any circumstances'.

Thanking you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Mrs Benkovich

School Photos – Friday 29th March

Earlier this week a note was sent home regarding school photos for the 29th March , 2019 unfortunately the second page of the note was not included on how to order the photos online. **We encourage you to pay online for both individual photos and sibling photos. The website for ordering photos is www.advancedlife.com.au** This can be done in the convenience of your home. An email receipt will be mailed to you as confirmation and you can pay for all children or sibling photos in 1 easy payment. **The online code for our school St Patricks Primary, Parramatta is MKW J3F KMB. This needs to be completed at least 48hrs prior to photo day.**



Every child received a separate school photograph envelope earlier this week, which if paying by cash or cheque must be returned to school with the correct payment (no change is able to be given) by **Tuesday 26th March 2019**. Please ensure that you read the instructions on the envelope carefully and complete the envelope in full.

Your child is required to be neatly dressed in **full Summer School Uniform on that date.**

ST PATRICK'S DAY FAIR - ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

Sunday March 17

Building a strong parish community

Stalls

The festival will be in the Cathedral grounds and we are hoping to have the following stalls:

FOOD: BBQ (Sausage sizzle, kebabs, burgers) cake stall, hot chips, drinks, gelato.

Others: book stall, white elephant, sacramental wear, games, rides and entertainment (dancers) from various groups.

Cake Stall

If you like baking and would like to donate to our cake stall, baked goods can be dropped off on Saturday March 16, 4-6pm or on the morning of the event. Cake boxes are available at the office.

Rides

THESE WILL BE FREE! Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity. **ALL HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY - SEE YOU THERE!!!**



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2019 hosted by MOTIV8SPORTS

Date: Friday 15th March 2019 **(postponed to Friday 22nd March (weather permitting))**

Venue: St Patrick's College Dundas. Please note parking is restricted to street parking (eg., Kirby Street)

Cost: Covered in resource fee and augmented with school funds

Time: Children will participate in 2 sessions on the day. There will be a recess break and a lunch break. The timetable is as follows:

Buses leave St Patrick's Parramatta : 9:00 am

OPENING CEREMONY: 9:45 am to 10:00 am

MORNING SESSION 10:00 am to 11.10 am

Recess: 11:10 am to 11:40 am

AFTERNOON SESSION 11.50 pm to 1.10 pm

Lunch: 1:10 pm to 1:40pm

CLOSING CEREMONY and AWARDS 1:40 pm to 1:50 pm

Buses Depart to return to school: 2:00pm

Uniform: Sports uniform and school hat

Please note: An alert was sent out last week regarding permission for your child to attend the St Patrick's Day Celebrations. We are trialling a new permission process, where money is not required, to eliminate lost notes and what we hope will be more convenient for parents/carers.

As you would fill out an absentee form on the Skoolbag app, the permission note is a similar process. Please go into eforms and complete the Motiv8 permission slip by Wednesday 13th March.

You are able to list all the siblings on the one form. If you need any assistance please contact Mrs Jones.

EARLY YEARS ASSESSMENTS (EYA) - LITERACY

Improving learning outcomes for all students is at the heart of the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta's (CEDP) strategic intent.

The National Inquiry into the Teaching of Literacy (2005) stated that **“the assessment of all children by their teachers at school entry and regularly during the early years of schooling is of critical importance to the teaching of reading, and in particular, to identify children who are at risk of not making adequate progress.”** They concluded that early assessment is a key responsibility of system and school literacy planning.

In light of this diocesan statement Early Years Assessments are undertaken by classroom teachers of Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two in all primary schools across the Diocese of Parramatta. These have been taking place over the last few weeks, including this week and the diocese supports schools by funding the replacement of class teachers for the day to undertake individual literacy interviews with the children. Some assessments are conducted as a whole class. This very important literacy data is then analyzed and used at a student, school and diocesan level and compared to mid year and end of year results.

WHY IS NAPLAN GOING FROM PAPER TO ONLINE

For more information on NAPLAN online please follow the link below
[watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)

NAPLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

If you are interesting in NAPLAN online please watch this space for regular FAQ

How will tailored testing work?

During the test, students are presented with sets of questions based on their performance. Many of these questions are of mid-range complexity for each year level, but some are of higher or lower complexity. Students who experience difficulty early in the test are given some questions of lower complexity, more suited to their performance. These students are less likely to become discouraged as they progress through the tests. High-achieving students are given questions that they find more challenging.

Students who complete a more complex pathway are more likely to achieve a higher score (and a higher band placement). Students who answer the same number of questions correctly, but follow a less complex pathway, will achieve a lower score.

Copy and paste this link into your browser :

<http://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/tailored-testing-faq.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 93.5%

K = 87.1%	2 = 95.0%	4 = 96.8%	6 = 95.0%
1 = 93.0%	3 = 92.6%	5 = 94.7%	

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day 



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 Christopher Del Rosario Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Meg Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst) Mindy Mercado (Youth Co-ord)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary) Donna Missio (Receptionist)