

Newsletter

7th November, 2019 Term 4 Week 4

Dear Parents,

Over the last 3 days I have had the pleasure of meeting some of the children and families starting at St Patrick's Parramatta in 2020. Once again the rate of siblings commencing school next year is very high but not as high as previous years, which allowed for a few more new families to gain enrolment. They are all very welcome!

Every year I like to include in the newsletter some tips for new parents of children starting school. This year I have included some words of wisdom from some of the people that know the most about this topic - **YOU** - experienced parents already at the school. Here are some of their ideas.



- My 'words of wisdom' would be to not hype the start of school too much in the lead up - it can be an anticlimactic for some by week 2. Encourage them to make lots of different friends and to move around until they find their tribe. Don't stress about the homework either - if it's causing angst at home, speak to your teacher.
- Organisation is key! Prepare as much as you can the night before so that the morning goes as smooth as possible.
- Allow enough time to Arrive at school before the bell to allow your child to settle in before they begin their school day.
- Play games at home and let them lose sometimes so they are able to understand and accept that we don't always win.
- It takes a little while to settle in and it can all seem a little overwhelming at first but you will be amazed at how well the kids (and parents) adjust to the new routine and what they've learnt by the end of the year.
- Frankly speaking, I love our school from the day I've been into the office for the very first time, I remember taking the application for my daughter and filling it in carefully at home, trying to realise, that it is actually happening: "my child is going to school!!!!". From that perspective, I can say, that no one parent would ever be ready for any major steps in their kids' journey. But this is ok. We cannot stop our kids from growing but can help them on the way they go. Having said that, I would suggest other Kindy's parents to stop being nervous and start helping kids to make this significant step in their life easier. "Talk a lot" !!! With everyone. First of all - with your child! As they keep forgetting what exactly happened from 9 - 3) On our way home from school I always ask question chronologically trying to help to remember what was in the morning? what did you do in the class? what happened after? It gave me a bit of understanding of their school routine. If, as for an example, in the class, they were talking about the melting process of the ice, I can add the idea of expanding the knowledge by challenging with questions like: "Do you know that there are three states of matter ...?" It would light up kids' curiosity and you can help kids to learn more. Talk to other parents, to the teachers, to the principal. Don't be a stranger when you are dropping off or picking kids up from school. They do not bite. That's ok to ask. If something bothering or annoying come and see Mrs Jones at the office. If you cannot come - phone. Cannot phone - email. Everyone is reachable and they are really ready to help. And I'm a hundred per cent sure, that this is not our kids, that's the parents are not ready for school))) Kids are excited !!! We just need to let them go.
- Handle your own emotions. Anxiety is contagious - parent anxiety can be transmitted to children. Stay calm.
- Be authentic. Children are surprisingly perceptive. They have antennae that tune in to parent behaviour so you need to be genuine.
- Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write and count. Childhood is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace which is right for each individual child.

Please keep these children and their family in your prayers as they commence this very important educational journey with their little ones.

*God bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal*



Thank you to all the parents who sent in their contributions this week. If you didn't get a chance to email please send it in and we will include in future newsletters

**2019 Dates to****Remember****Term 4****STAFF DEVELOPMENT
DAY****25TH November 2019****NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL****CHANGE OF DATE FOR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT****Thursday 12th December
2019 (Evening)****Week 4****Friday 8th November**

Year 1 excursion to Aquarium

Primary Assembly—Year 6—
2.15pm**Week 5****Monday 11th November**Year 5 & 6 at Remembrance Day
commemorations—10.40am**Tuesday 12th November**

Footsteps Dance continues

Wednesday 13th NovemberKindy 2020 Parent Information
Night—7.30pm**Friday 15th November**Infants Assembly—Year 1 —
2.15pm**Week 6****Monday 18th November**

Year 3 Science Incursion

Tuesday 19th November

Footsteps Dance continues

Wednesday 20th NovemberSwimming Carnival Years 2 to 6
Granville Swimming Centre**Thursday 21st November**

Year 6 Retreat

Extended Leave

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for every child.

If you intend taking your child out of school for five days or more you must make a formal application in writing to me and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

These regulations are in place to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and I know you will understand the reasoning behind them.

The last day of Term 4 for 2019 for students will be Wednesday 18th December.

If you have any questions in regards to leave please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Thanks

Bernadette Fabri

NAVY BLUE SCHOOL BAG REPLACEMENT

If you were issued with the Navy blue school bag, We have been informed by OZ Fashions that the green school bags are now in stock. Please take your blue bag direct to OZ Fashions and they will replace it for you.

Trading hours are: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:30pm and Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm.



Honour Award

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

3L	Benjamin Maroon	Noah Younan
3T	Donnacha Ryan	Ava Lao
4B	Daniella Gereige	Oscar Morgan
4G	Jacob Semaan	Amariah Tamaro
5C	Oliver Kougellis	Shanelle Wambeek
5T	Elisa Daher	Ashintha Joseph
6P	Zachary Haddad	Jeremy Moussa
6W	Lacey Bond	Julian Tanna



st patrick's award

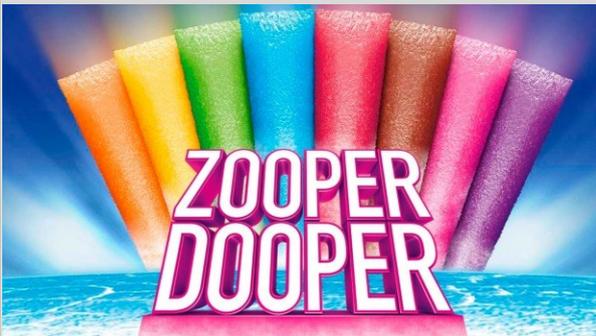
The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

3L	Cynthia Daher	Alicia Remaili
3T	Christian Kalouche	Sienna Khattar
4B	Daniel Saleh	Danielle Tannous
4G	Sean Feng	Antonio Moussa
5C	Frank Agostino	Ava Salloum
5T	Talia Kalouch	James Loader
6P	Elias Nakhle	Lucy Parkes
6W	Joetta Maria Khoury	Isaac Bechara

SAVE THE DATE ! SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Concert

Our school Christmas Concert this year will be held on **12 December** in the **Edith Angel Hall, OLMC**, arriving at 6.30pm for a 7:00pm start. This year we will be entertained by the students while they dance the night away showcasing **FOOTSTEPS** choreography.



Iceblocks

We will be selling ice-blocks every Friday. The money raised will be used to support an outreach program for families who are less fortunate than ourselves in our surrounding community. Ice blocks will sell for **\$1 during Primary and Infants lunch times.**

Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this festive season extra special for families in need this Christmas!

SCHOOL WELL-BEING COUNSELLING SERVICE

The wellbeing of children and young people in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools is of paramount importance. A sense of well-being and connectedness in schools promotes optimal development of the person and contributes to academic success.

Access to counselling services can be made by contacting your child's classroom teacher or Ms Fabri, who will then put forward a referral. Mrs Ricketts will then contact you for further information. Further details can be found in previous newsletters.

St Patrick's Parramatta
RETURN TO SCHOOL 2020 DATES

Week One 2020	Monday 27th January 2020	Tuesday 28th January 2020	Wednesday 29th January 2020	Thursday 30th January 2020	Friday 31st January 2020	Week 2 Monday 3rd February 2020
	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 4 days.				

IS YOUR CHILD NOT RETURNING TO ST PATRICK'S IN 2020?

If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2020 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 2020. Please note that a term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or 10 week's fees will be payable. This does not apply to year 6 students

**St Patrick's Current Attendance Level =
84.6%**

K = 83.9%	2 = 91.5%	4 = 91.9%	6 = 81.7%
1 = 71.1%	3 = 88.1%	5 = 87.8%	



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:

Maria Wahbe, Olivia Rizk, Patrick Semaan, Daniel Saleh, Michael Aboumelhem, Zachery Khattar, Eimear Mitchell, Michel Kazzaz, Andrew Doumit, Ellen Nikolakopoulos, Gabriella Mendoza



Its a Boy!!

Congratulations to the Jackson Family (Araminta 1S) on the birth of their baby boy, Noah.

News from the STEM Makerspace

Last week's challenge was to make new 'LEGO' creations. This is a collection of constructions made by Samuel Navasardyan and Nathan Romanos in Year 4



Last week on Wednesday, the 30th of October, Year 6 got the opportunity to visit OLMC and partake in the viewing of a recently created play, purely designed by the intelligent and talented Year 9 Drama Club. This magnificent play consisted of the narratives that Year 6 wrote previously in Term 1, all merged and integrated into one exceptional creation. This play featured several characters that were all shifting into the story's quirky characters. This showcased real acting skill and determination, as some people are uncomfortable with taking on a different personality that they are not used to, yet the Year 9 OLMC girls persevered, and the outcome was successful. This play took lots of effort, rehearsal, planning and raw talent behind the scenes, which are all contributing factors, culminating in an exemplary theatrical performance. All in all, this event was an entertaining production that Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed and would like to thank the Year 9's and OLMC staff for this wonderful and unique opportunity in which we can learn the different elements of art in the form of Drama. We would like to commend our Year 6 teachers for allowing us to attend this show and compliment once again the talent of the OLMC Year 9 drama girls.

By Daniel Pinto 6W and Jacob Sayegh 6P

St Patrick's Parramatta Swimming Carnival 2019

In order for our carnival to run smoothly we require the assistance of parent helpers to volunteer their time. If you are able to help on the day could you please phone the office asap.



We appreciate the ongoing support our parents provide and are aware that without your help these days would not run as efficiently.

St Patrick's Swimming Carnival will be held on **Wednesday 20th November 2019 at Granville Swimming Centre**. All students in **Years 2 to 6** will be expected to attend the Carnival and participate in either race events or novelty activities.

Depart School: 9:00am students will catch a bus to the pool and prepare for a 9:30am start.

Depart pool: 2:00pm

What to wear: Students are advised to wear their **swimming costume** underneath their **Sport uniform**. Students may choose to wear a **coloured t-shirt** to represent their House colour. Students must wear a **hat** and either **sandals or joggers**.

NO THONGS WILL BE PERMITTED. Coloured **zinc** is **not** permitted.

For your child to compete in race events they **MUST BE A COMPETENT AND CONFIDENT SWIMMER ABLE TO SWIM 50m WITHOUT STOPPING. All students who nominate to compete will be assessed prior to the commencement of the carnival and given appropriate wristbands to wear.** Students competing in race events will be given supervised 'free' time at the end of the Carnival in the 50m pool if time permits. If your child is not a confident and competent 50m swimmer they will participate in the novelty events only in the smaller pool. They will be under the supervision of teachers and time permitting will receive a couple of sessions. **STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN NOVELTY ACTIVITIES ONLY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE 50m RACE POOL AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.** The safety of students is paramount and therefore we rely on parents and students to demonstrate their full cooperation.

We look forward to another successful Carnival, weather permitting. Qualifying times for further representation will be based on the student's Heat Time. 50m Freestyle events will be raced in Boys and Girls age groups, however all other events will be raced in Junior, 11 Years and Senior Boys and Girls categories and the 100m Freestyle events in an Open Boys and Girls category.

Carnival Dismissal

Please be aware that this is a school event and therefore **all students are expected to attend the Carnival for the full duration of the day as if it were regular school hours.**

As the Carnival will run until close to the end of the school day (approx. 2:00pm) we will allow the students to be dismissed from the swimming pool if signed out and accompanied by an adult.

Please understand that although you have indicated that you or another adult will be taking your child home from the pool at the end of the carnival, **you are still expected to approach your child's teacher prior to leaving the pool to have the child's name ticked off the roll.** Any parent of a child not ticked off will be contacted so we ask for your cooperation to avoid this unnecessary complication.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

Thank you

Mrs Benkovich on behalf of the Swimming Committee



Spotlight on our Year 6 class Members

Elias Nakhle

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My mum because I love her because she's beautiful and the best.

What are you most excited for currently?

High school and the swimming carnival and school holidays.

What are you looking forward to the most in high school? Graduating

Name 5 words describing you?

Annoying, funny, smart, lazy and kind

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

The power to have all powers.

Gabriella Mendoza

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

Invisibility

What is your biggest fear?

Spiders, clowns

Who is your biggest inspiration?

Mrs. Fardell

If you were an animal, what would you be?

A bear

Name 5 words describing you

Funny, annoying, fun, loud and nice.

Zachery Hadadd

If you had \$1,000,000 to spend in a day, what would you spend it on?

Half to charity, a nice house and bills

Who is your biggest inspiration?

Chris Martin because he's very kind

If you were an animal would it be?

A slug

What is your biggest fear?

Big flies and large intimidating objects

What are you looking forward to the most in high school?

Doing more challenging subjects.

Charlie Romanos

If you had \$1,000,000 to spend in a day, what would you spend it on?

A car and homeless

Name 5 words describing you?

Funny, hilarious, annoying, sporty, energetic

If there was an emergency, apart from being with your family, what would be the thing you grab first?

Phone

If you were an animal would it be?

Tiger

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

Invisibility

Christmas Hampers



As the liturgical year draws to a close at the end of this month it seems appropriate to reflect back on the year past and rejoice in the many gifts our Lord has bestowed on us. As we head into Advent - a season of preparation, may we think of those in our local community that have not experienced joys this year but are suffering from financial difficulties and losing hope. This year we have an opportunity to be a shining light to these community members by donating to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

The aim of the appeal is to share the love of Jesus and live our mission of being the hands of Jesus on earth. As John 15:11 states “ **that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete**”, donating to the appeal will model to our children the importance of sharing God’s love and living the Good News. What a great gift!, and an opportunity to show our children the importance of outreaching to others.

To make sure we receive a mixture of items we have suggested some items for each grade, a note will be coming home shortly. However, if you wish to donate an item not listed for your grade, please feel free to do so as long as they are non-perishable food items and preferably not baked beans or sardines. Items will be collected during **Week 8 - 2 to 12 November**.

EXPLORING NUMERACY WITH YOUR CHILD

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6—Sharing Recipes

Discussing maths when cooking can provide a daily maths lesson involving measurement, time, and cost. Here are some activities you could try at home:

- » Collect and read recipes and discuss the use of fractions, millilitres and grams. Encourage your child to make accurate measurements using measuring cups and spoons.
- » Discuss how you would double or halve a recipe. Encourage your child to record new measurements for the recipe. Discuss why and when you might need to do this.
- » Identify the temperature and cooking time on the recipe. Discuss why different recipes have different temperatures and cooking times.
- » Estimate the cost to buy all the ingredients to make the recipe. Compare this with the actual cost of items. Ask your child if they think it was cheaper to buy the ingredients and make dinner or get takeaway.
- » Make a list of the abbreviations used in the recipe and then write them in full – for example, L for litre, ml for millilitre, tsp. for teaspoon, tbsp. for tablespoon.
- » Investigate the prices of fresh fruit and vegetables available in the supermarkets compared with market vendors.

Connecting online

Here are some other useful websites you can access from home or the local library. Some are also available to download as apps on various devices:

- » <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au> (select Primary Students tab)
- » <https://education.abc.net.au>
- » <https://www.wolframalpha.com/> (start with the Elementary Maths link)
- » <http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>
- » <https://www.scratchjr.org/>
- » <https://www.kodable.com/parents>

2020 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2020 Information For Parents of current Year 4 and Year 5 students

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union. Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought.

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop Trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan Mackillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection process.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the NSWPSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan Mackillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" - not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials please complete the **Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportpara.catholic.edu.au - Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS for the sports of Basketball & Tennis close **Monday 11th November 2019**.

ALL OTHER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close **Thursday 6th February 2020**.

Information regarding the team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website www.primarysportpara.catholic.edu.au and the Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook.

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sports Pathway.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport - CEO Parramatta
WEBSITE: www.primarysportpara.catholic.edu.au
FACEBOOK: Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese

2020 Team Sport Trials

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Registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2020 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2019 and in 2020. 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 2020 be invited to attend**. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Basketball	Open boys & girls	19th November 2019	Open 28 Oct 2019	Monday 11th November 2019
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2020	Nominations Open in 2020	Registration via CSSS in 2020
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2020	Nominations Open in 2020	Registration via CSSS in 2020
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Netball	Open girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby League	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby League	11 yrs boys & girls NB: No State team selected for 11 yrs	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby Union	Open boys	May 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Softball	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Tennis	Open boys & girls	22nd November 2019	Open 28 Oct 2019	Monday 11th November 2019
Touch	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportpara.catholic.edu.au - Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

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

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child 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.

\$10.00 trialling fee is payable **to your school if your child has been approved and confirmed to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.**

Parents

Don't make your children scared of the police

Please don't tell your children that the police will "Arrest them if they are naughty" or "Take them away to Gaol". We want the children to come to us if they are scared, lost or in danger. Not run away from us.

Let your children know we are the good guys and will protect them.

Children

The police will keep you safe

If you are in trouble, lost or scared, the police can help you. We're here to catch the baddies and to protect you. Please don't be scared of us. If you see us in the street give us a wave!

www.police.nsw.gov.au

NSW Police Force

Parents Representative Council

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CYBER SAFETY CHALLENGING TODAY'S YOUTH

Our Speaker will help parents understand the modern day challenges facing our young people within the digital world. Everything that they write, post and send can be traced and will remain there forever. Learn how parents can protect their kids from online risks. Sexts, Texts and Selfies are a concern for any parent. Learn how to give your child the skills, knowledge and strategies to use the internet in a safe, smart and responsible way.

Cyber safety, Sexts, Texts, Selfies, Pornography, Bullying and Online Predators.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

School Liaison Officer NSW Police

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

SEATS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED TO 100 SO REGISTER EARLY!!

Monday, 18th November 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)

(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker)

Institute of Mission (downstairs meeting room)

Flushcombe Rd & Marion St, Blacktown NSW 2148

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

www.prc.catholic.edu.au f @preparra @preparra

THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SPONSOR

Floral Expressions

For details on the School fundraising program
Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116

2020 school travel applications now open

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.



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



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praesidium*

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)