



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

6th April 2017 Term 1 Week 11

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 90.5%

Dear Parents

I know that as parents you take the responsibility of caring for your children's physical well being very seriously. You ensure that they have nutritious food to eat, get enough sleep and exercise, and get regular checks with their doctor. Emotionally you show them love and how to be good communicators. You role model what it is like to be a good citizen, friend and community member and demonstrate how to solve problems and demonstrate forgiveness in a calm and effective way. Intellectually you support their learning by being involved and interested in what they are doing at school, assist them with their homework and provide them with rich experiences and discussions on the weekends or during holiday time. One vital aspect of parenting in our fast and information rich world which is sometimes neglected is their spiritual needs. One of the main reasons for sending your child to a Catholic school is to ensure that the child will grow spiritually as well as physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally. The school endeavours to support parents in this journey with their children.

Lent is a wonderful time for the family to stop and reflect on life and what is really important. Even during the time of Lent many of us are still getting caught up trying to manage life's daily demands. We might attend mass and listen to the words of scripture but often our hearts and thoughts are with our family worries, the decisions we have to make and other distractions. What we often forget however is that even in these times God is with us, supporting us, gently calling us to stop, be calm, and feel God's peace-filled presence. Prayer and meditation is a family 'habit' worth establishing. The school teaches the children about the importance of prayer but if they never experience prayer in the home it becomes a 'school' experience rather than an authentic real life application for them. I have heard it said that "faith which is only experienced at school will eventually be taken off with one's school uniform at the end of a child's schooling". I think there is real truth in this saying.

Tomorrow we will be ceasing school for a time for the Easter Holidays. I know for many children it is a time for Easter Eggs and the Easter Show however amongst all the celebrations let us remember the importance of attending the Holy Week Celebrations. St Patrick's Cathedral have a number of opportunities at which you can join, in community, to remember the Easter story. Let us show what we truly value by ensuring our spiritual needs and that of our children are met and strengthened by spending sometime in prayer.

*Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son*

*May God bless you and your families
Bernadette Fabri*



Honour Award

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

KA	Owen Abraham
KM	Benjamin Aitkins
1C	Sebastian El Hani
1S	Jacinta Azizi
2M	Olivia Saab
2Y	Isabella Bousimon

st patrick's award



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

KA	Madeleine Talbot
KM	Joanne Kevin
1C	Joshua Manago
1S	Steven Abraham
2M	Daniella Gereige
2Y	Jacob Semaan



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week and over the school holidays:

Brian Chen, Madeleine Talbot, Luke Wehbe, Shavene Perera, Anthony Wehbe, April Soh, Marcelino ElHalabi, Isaac Wehbe, Celine Joachim, Tara DiChio, Raymond Wehbe, Troy Daniel, Christian Golossian, Pauline Said, Joshua Romanos, Sophia Lorenzo, Takeshi Liu, Joseph Romanos, Frank Malkoun, Ivanka Markovic, Sienna Volante, Fleur Perrett, Kalysta Livia Maharani,

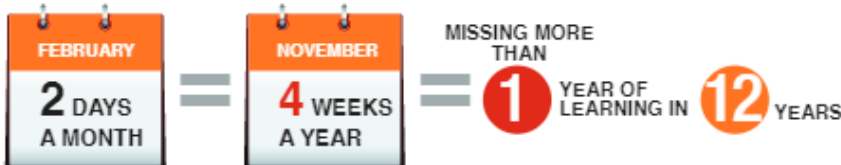


Congratulations to the Matta Family on the birth of their baby boy, Evan, a new little brother for Abbey (1S)

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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

SAFETY ALERT-AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Dear Parents

In the interest of the children's safety can I ask you to always cross at the crossing. We have of late received a number of phone calls from concerned parents from both schools regarding parents crossing their children across busy roads in what they perceived were under very dangerous conditions. The question one might need to ask is , "if you child found themselves by themselves on the street and needed to cross the road, what do you think they would do - based on your role modelling for them?" Children are often unable to discriminate the difference between, this is what I do with mummy or daddy but if on my own I will do this. Teach them right the first way is my best advice.



Thanking you as always for your consideration of this important message.

Bernadette Fabri

2017 School Terms

Term 2	24th April—Staff Development Day—No school for students
	Term 2 will commence on the 26th April for students and conclude on the 30th June
Term 3	17th July to 22nd September
Term 4	9th October to 15th December

** Please note Staff Development days may affect commencement & concluding dates. Please refer to our weekly newsletter in 2017.

Sports Report

On Wednesday the 26th March, some of our students went to the Cross Country event held at Parramatta Park to compete in either a 3km race for the older children or 2km for the younger children. Congratulations to all the students who competed and especially those who made it onto the Zone team, which will compete early next term at Eastern Creek Raceway.

Thank you to all the parent helpers for making the day run smoothly and also a special thank you to Mr Younis and Mr Baird for making this event happen.

Written By The Sport Leaders

Footsteps Dance Presents



Family Disco 'Dancing Under the Stars' Friday 5 May 6-9pm (gates opening at 5pm)



Why not have a night off cooking and grab dinner at the disco?

Food will be available from 5pm.

Outback Steakhouse Steak & Chicken Burgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, ice-creams, tea, coffee, water and drinks

Glo-sticks on sale to help light up the dance floor.

We are asking for for any drink donations to be dropped off at the office prior to the night. Any donations will be gratefully accepted.

Tickets on sale **NOW** through the office at \$3 per person (pre schoolers free)

On Wednesday afternoon Year Five visited the nursing home. It was a great experience for most of Year Five to get out of their comfort zone by singing, dancing and entertaining the patients there. We gave them comforting company and not only made their day or week but we also made their month. We had a jig with some of the patients and gave them Easter gifts to brighten their day. As the day passed we enjoyed their company and we're sure they enjoyed ours.

Written by Isabella Younes and Stephanie Saab
Year Five Students



Please be aware OZ Fashions will be closed on the below listed dates. Sorry for any inconvenience caused in advance!

Friday 14th April

Monday 17th April

Tuesday 25th April

Saturday 29th April



On behalf of all the staff of St Patrick's I would like to wish you and your family all of God's blessing this Easter season. With much appreciation for all you have contributed to St Patrick's Parramatta.

Bernadette Fabri (Principal)

Winter Uniform Changeover

Dear Parents,

With such unpredictable weather of late the start of Winter Uniform will be advised next term. Last year we had a long spell of hot weather and found that many of our students were uncomfortable in their winter uniform. Summer uniform will be worn from the beginning of next term and we will keep you posted. There will be a three week change period for those needing lead up time.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.

St Patrick's Cathedral

Holy Week Timetable 2017

Date	Time	Service	Presider
Palm Sunday 8 April	6.00pm (Vigil)	Holy Mass with Simple Procession from Cloister	Fr Robert Bossini
Palm Sunday 9 April	8.00am & 9.30am	Holy Mass with Simple Procession from Cloister	Bp Kevin Manning & Fr George Azhakath
	11.00am	Solemn Holy Mass with Solemn Procession from Cloister	Bishop Vincent
	Procession commencing at 5.15pm	Holy Mass with Procession from Town Hall	Bishop Vincent
Monday of Holy Week 10 April	7.30pm	Office of Tenebrae	Bishop Vincent
Wed of Holy Week 12 April	7.30pm	Chrism Mass	Bishop Vincent
Holy Thursday 13 April	6.45am	Office of Readings & Lauds (Morning Prayer)	Fr George
	11.15am - 12.20pm	Exposition, Reconciliation, Angelus & Rosary	
	7.00pm	Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper with the 'Mandatum' (washing of the feet) Adoration until Midnight	Bishop Vincent
	11.00pm	Office of Compline (Night Prayer)	Fr Robert Bossini
Good Friday 14 April	9.00am 9.30am	Office of Readings Solemn Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)	Fr George Azhakath
	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	Fr Robert Bossini
	10.30am-12.00pm	1st Rite of Reconciliation	Fr Bob & Fr George
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion	Bishop Vincent
Holy Saturday 15 April	5.30am (appx)	Arrival of Diocesan Youth	
	9.00am	Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)	Fr Robert Bossini
	7.00pm	Easter Vigil	Bishop Vincent
Easter Sunday 16 April	8.00am	Holy Mass (said Mass)	Bp Kevin Manning
	9.30am	Holy Mass with Reception of Candidate into full Communion	Fr Robert Bossini
	11.00am	Solemn Holy Mass (music by Cathedral Choir)	Bishop Vincent
	6.00pm	Holy Mass (singing led by cantor)	Fr George Azhakath

5 April 2017

Dear Parents and Teachers

Measles outbreak in western Sydney

There is currently an outbreak of measles in South Western and Western Sydney, with at least 9 people having acquired the disease in the region during March.

The reported cases include children and infants who have attended childcare centres and secondary schools. There is potential for the measles outbreak to spread further as the infected young people have large social networks both within and outside of their schools, and some have travelled on public transport whilst infectious. Measles is highly infectious and anyone who isn't vaccinated is at risk of infection if they have had contact with an infectious case.


Immunisation is effective in preventing measles. It is important for everyone to ensure that they have received at least two doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR). Infants and young children are vaccinated with measles containing vaccine at 12 months and 18 months of age. Older children and adults born during or after 1966 should ensure that they have been vaccinated with two doses of vaccine. Unless people are certain they have had two doses of measles vaccine, they should visit their GP as soon as possible for **free** measles vaccination.

The first sign of measles is usually a high fever, a runny nose, cough, and red, watery eyes. The rash usually starts on the face and upper neck and spreads over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days.

People with measles symptoms should seek medical advice as soon as possible phoning the emergency department or GP beforehand, stay home from work or school, and limit other activities to avoid exposing other vulnerable people, such as infants, to the infection.

Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at:
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html>

Yours sincerely,



Dr Stephen Corbett
Director, Public Health

We have one of our very own students in this production and it would be great if you got along to support Aoife Mitchell (3T) in the school holidays. Good luck Aoife!!!





How to keep your child safe online

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Here are some tips for parents to keep your child safe online

BE SAFE

- * Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them
- * **Set rules and monitor** to make sure your child knows what information they can share or post online and which websites they can visit
- * Teach your child to **tell a trusted adult** if they feel uncomfortable about something they have found on the internet or received in an email
- * Discuss with your child the importance of keeping **personal information private**. This sort of information can be used to identify or locate where they live, go to school or activities in which they are involved

BE RESPECTFUL

- * Talk to your children about **cyberbullying**. Online communication should be responsible and respectful
- * Children and adolescents who are being cyberbullied sometimes change their behaviour. If you are concerned they might be a victim of cyberbullying, talk to them and tell them you are concerned. Arrange to talk to a teacher or school counsellor
- * Advise your child **not to respond** to any negative messages and to **keep evidence**. Tell them to **report** any negative messages they receive to you or another trusted
- * Children and their parents can contact social media companies and ask for defamatory material to be taken down. If the material is not gone within 48 hours, a complaint can be lodged with the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at www.esafety.gov.au

BE RESPONSIBLE

- * Consider using inbuilt **filters** and controls on your digital devices and home network to manage your children's online access. Keep your **virus protection** up to date
- * Talk with your child about being careful when downloading files or clicking on links. Some files or links may be harmful viruses or trying to obtain personal information
- * **Certain online activities** (downloading illegal videos or music, plagiarism, sexting, identity theft, 'hacking' networks) are illegal and can result in criminal charges

For more information visit: www.esafety.gov.au
<http://cnadigitalcitizenship.weebly.com/for-parents.html>



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CYBERWISE: BE SAFE | BE RESPECTFUL | BE RESPONSIBLE

Come and see an
Exact Full Sized
copy of the famous cloth

The Shroud of Turin



Date Sun 2 April to Sat 8 April
Time Open daily 10.00am - 5.00pm
Venue St Patrick's Cathedral Hall
 (1 Marist Pl. Parramatta)
Entry Free



1-DAY POP-UP WORKSHOPS - APRIL 2017

Big Sing Thursday April 20, 2017 - 9am-3pm

Attention all singers! If you love singing, would like to try singing, or would like to improve your singing, then this is the workshop for you. The Big Sing will explore vocal skills and refresh singing techniques through a range of exercises and songs which are designed to explore and develop vocal production, breathing, pitch and tone.
Bookings are essential - bookings close Wednesday March 29, 2017.

Big Bash Friday April 21, 2017 - 9am-3pm

Attention drummers and percussionists! If you're a young and inspired drummer/percussionist, then this workshop is not to be missed. Students will learn about origins of drumming, technique, reading, hand drumming, the drum kit, orchestral percussion and even create their very own original piece of music. The 1-day course caters for the beginner to intermediate skill levels so if you're interested please get in contact to book your place!
Bookings are essential - bookings close Wednesday March 29, 2017.

Autumn Strings Friday April 21, 2017 - 9.30am-3.30pm

Join leading instrumental practitioners in this 1-day workshop for student musicians who play Orchestral String instruments at the following approximate levels:

Violin - AMEB Grade 1-5
Cello - AEMB Grade 1-4
Viola - AMEB Grade 1-3
Double Bass - AMEB Grade 1-3

The focus of the workshop will be ensemble technique, small ensembles and performance technique, culminating in a short concert showcasing the pieces that have been developed throughout the day.
Bookings are essential - bookings close Wednesday April 5, 2017.

Venue: Christina Creede Music Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Ross St, North Parramatta (Enter via Gate 3)

Ages: Year 3 - Year 12

Cost: \$75 per workshop (current OLMC students) or \$75 plus GST per workshop (non OLMC students)

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Book online at: olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now

Enquiries: music@olmc.nsw.edu.au or 02 8838 1288



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2017 School Calendar

Term 1

Week 11

Friday 7th April

Pre Easter Whole School Assembly—2.00pm—
Kinder
LAST DAY FOR TERM 1

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 24th April

Staff Development Day—No students

Tuesday 25th April

ANZAC DAY—No students

Wednesday 26th April

Students returned to school for Term 2
Post Easter Liturgy—9am

Friday 28th April

Primary Assembly—2.15pm—Year 4

Week 2

Tuesday 2nd May

Diocesan Cross Country

Friday 5th May

Year 5 Excursion to Hyde Park Barracks
Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Year 1
School Disco— 6pm—9pm (Gates open 5pm)

Week 3

Tuesday 9th May

NAPLAN—Language/Writing—Years 3 & 5 only
Mother's Day Stall

Wednesday 10th May

NAPLAN—Reading—Years 3 & 5 only

Thursday 11th May

NAPLAN—Numeracy—Years 3 & 5 only

Friday 12th May

Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea
More details to follow

NO ASSEMBLY

Week 4

Friday 19th May

Primary Assembly—2.15pm—Year 5



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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
Fr George Azhakath
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap
Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)
Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)
Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)