



9th March 2017

Term 1 Week 7

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 89.7%**

*Dear Parents*

*I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and visitors who attended the school this week for the Catholic School's Week Celebrations (CSW). CSW runs from 5 to 11 March and all 79 schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate this special event with a variety of activities. Our theme for 2017 is **'Learning Connected'** and provides all school communities an opportunity to focus on how learning is connected; across key learning areas, across cultures, across faiths, across generations, across cyberspace and across the vast diversity of individuals which make up our community. On entering the school you may have noticed a very attractive banner that has been constructed from jigsaw pieces from all the classrooms. Each jigsaw piece is individual and in its interpretation of this year's theme. Each piece adding that 'something special' to the entire composition which would have not been quite as beautiful without all the pieces - just like our community!*

*We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school.*

*Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms and learning spaces every day, as well as the contribution our school and other Catholic Schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community.*

*It was good to see so many of you on Monday and Tuesday where you took up the invitation to see what a Triskills lesson looked like. Yesterday we held our first Welcoming Ceremony and although a little crowded up in the hall the children were just marvellous! Children prayed and spoke about their experiences at school and what they valued in their learning. Again it was so good to see the classes filled with interested adults patiently viewing workbooks and displays. As expressed in my concluding address the school perfectly understands that not all parents can take time off work or home and caring duties to come to the school and we encourage every child to be grateful that you, their parents, have made the choice to send your child to a catholic school - St Patrick's Parramatta.*

*I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your contributions to the St Patrick's Parramatta community and I ask God to bless you and your family always.*

*Bernadette Fabri*

*Principal*



# Catholic Schools Week— Learning Connected





## Honour Award

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

3L	Ashintha Joseph
3T	Jiajie Weng
4B	Evelyn Gereige
4G	Dante Dagostino
5C	Josef Chedid
5T	Liam Abdallah
6P	Annabelle Younes
6W	Prince Gyan



## st patrick's award

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

3L	Isabella Kozlowska
3T	Shanelle Wambeek
4B	Aiden Kalathil
4G	Sheridan Achie
5C	Isabella Younes
5T	Wytske Lubbers
6P	Amelia Lathouras-Beacroft
6W	Gabriella Cruz

## Parent Events Committee Update

Thank you to the wonderful group of parents who joined me for the first Parent Event Committee meeting last Thursday to begin preparations for the exciting social and fundraising events for 2017.

Thanks to Ellen Khama (KM), Diane Jaitani (KA), Nelly Azizi (1S), Vivien Feng (2M), Elizabeth Johnson (3T, KM), Annette Romanos (5T, 4G), Zana Rahme (5T, 3L), Julie Sabat (5C, 5T), Marietta Maroun (6W, 5T), Josie Wakim (6W, 4G), Zeinab Takchi (6P, 5C) for attending and to Lorraine Saab (5T, 2M), Shanika Joseph (3L), Monique Wehbe (6W, 4B, 2M, KM), Aifric Giron (5C, 3T) and Yulia Daniel (1C) who sent in their apologies as well as Nina Wehbe & Belinda Barakat who were nominated by their friends. All grades were represented.

Our first event will be our celebration of St Patrick's Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Some of the parents have organized for the children to purchase pizza or a hotdog or both on the day through a pre-order system. While the committee will be working behind the scenes before then, they will be asking for volunteers on the day.

Two of the most popular fundraisers are the raffles for both Mother's Day and Father's Day. If you are in a position to donate or are able to solicit prizes for these raffles we would love to hear from you.

All this sounds very exciting so please continue to support our committee members in any way you can.

Elly Benkovich  
On behalf of the Parent Committee



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:**

**Darcy Fraser, Catherine Said, Sienna Golossian, Richard Do, Joseph Pellew, Oisin Ryan, Elliana Coles, James Agostino**



### ICE BLOCKS !!

We are selling ice blocks every Friday until the end of term. Each child may buy **ONE** ice block at \$1.00 each. If you are able to spare 1 hr between 1pm and 2pm over the next 5 weeks please contact Mrs Jones in the office on 9630 1421.

# St Patricks Day 2017



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. This year we have had to change from our previous venue at the Old Kings Oval due to access restrictions around the new developments taking place in Parramatta. In order to still provide the children with a special day we have made the following arrangements:

10:15am Liturgy in the school hall

11:45am Games in the park.

1:00pm Lunch at school.

2:00pm St Patrick's Jig in the playground (time permitting).

Families can join us for the Liturgy and afterwards head down to the park adjacent to the Old King's School where you can meet up with your children and join in the games or sit and watch. This is an opportunity for the children to have some well-deserved play time on real GRASS.

At around 12.45pm the students will start returning to school to pick up their pre-ordered lunch or eat their own. Parents may join the children back at school and after lunch the children can purchase the usual Friday ice blocks.

Once this is done the children will be returning to class with their teachers and prepare for the St Patrick's Jig (*an impromptu Irish dance of sorts*).

***The children may wear green mufti for the day but must wear joggers and bring their school hat for safety reasons in the park. A water bottle should also be available to take to the park.***

Children can bring extra props to wear for the afternoon jig and will be free to go home once all the festivities are completed.

We look forward to seeing as many of you on the day for either part of the day or all the celebrations starting with the liturgy at 10.15am.

The St Patrick's Day Committee

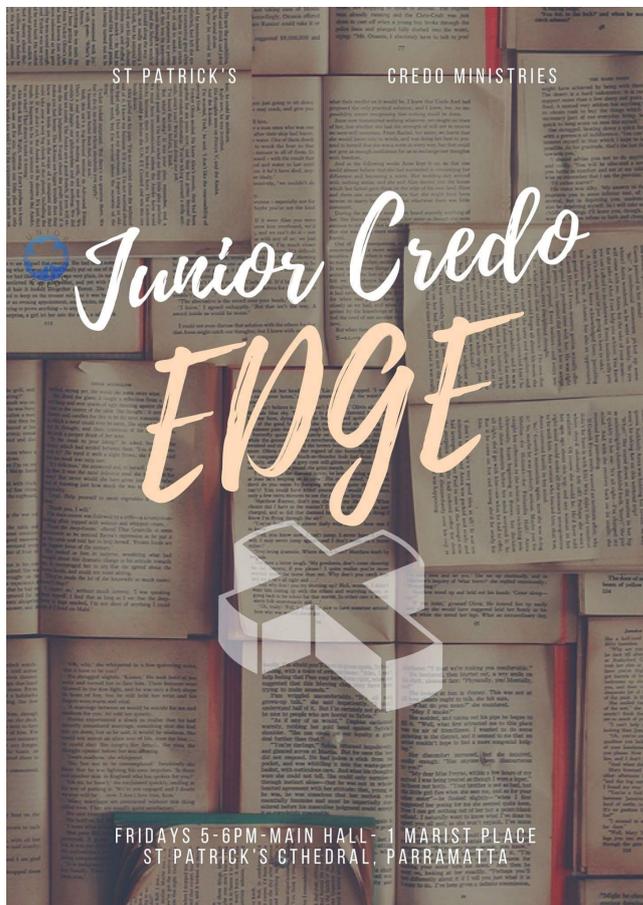
## AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

*Dear Parents*

*Can I ask you to be mindful of our neighbours and local businesses when picking up the children in the afternoon using the drive thru service. I believe our drive thru is definitely improving and with the assistance of OLMC staff monitoring both crossings both teachers and traffic wardens have commented on how well the traffic is moving on most days. This of course can only happen when you, the parents, assist us by remembering the guidelines, such as displaying a large, clear sign and showing patience and cooperation to other drivers and the staff on duty. Can all parents please be vigilant about not lining up and waiting in Trott street before 3.00pm and not blocking driveways which prevent residents and visitors to businesses from leaving and entering their property. I am sure you can empathize how frustrating it must be for them if they need to leave to pick up their children from school at this time. I am confident that you are doing your best and that together we can continue to improve our system.*

*With Appreciation.  
Bernadette Fabri*





All Welcome to join Ms Azar at the Junior Credo Edge every Friday.



### Reminder to Parents—Lunch Utensils

Just a reminder that if your child requires a spoon or fork to eat their recess or lunch we would appreciate you putting a plastic fork or spoon in their lunch box. No knives please.

### Spare Clothes Reminder

A kindly reminder to all parents of Infant students, please pack a spare change of underwear, socks and boys pants inside your child's bag. Whilst we do have spare clothes it is not always possible to find sizes for every child. Little accidents do happen and if we can keep the child at school it is in the best interest of the child.

### Sick Children



We know that it can sometimes be difficult to determine whether your child is too sick to attend school. In the interests of the wellbeing of our whole school community we ask you to take a moment to review the "Too Sick To Go To School?" chart created by NSW Health which is accessible from the following webpage - <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

This chart reminds parents of the advisable periods of time children should be away from school during and after an illness. *When your child is sent to school unwell it is impossible for them to focus on their learning. If your child becomes distressed, due to being unwell, we will be making a phone call to ask you to collect your child.* We appreciate your co-operation with keeping our school healthy and happy.



## School Photos –16th March 2017

School Photographs will be taken on Thursday **16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Please ensure that your child is neatly dressed in **full Summer School Uniform**.

**We encourage you to pay online for both individual photos and sibling photos.** 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 has received a separate school photograph envelope, which if paying by cash or cheque must be returned to school with the correct payment (no change is able to be given) by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Please ensure that you read the instructions on the envelope carefully and complete the envelope in full.



## 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 – AMEB 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](http://olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now)

Enquiries: [music@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@olmc.nsw.edu.au) or 02 8838 1288

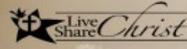


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1 MARIST PLACE, PARRAMATTA

PH: 8839 8400



SATURDAY, 18TH MARCH  
2.00 - 5.00PM

# ST. PATRICK'S *Family Festival*



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# 2017 School Calendar

## Term 1

### Week 7

### Catholic Schools Week

Friday 10th March	Sydney Symphony Orchestra Yrs 4-6 Riverside Theatre Primary Assembly—2.15pm –Year 4
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### Week 8

Monday 13th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Tuesday 14th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Thursday 16th March	School Photos—Full Summer Uniform
Friday 17th March	St Patricks Day Mass & Picnic 10.15am Liturgy in the school hall 11.45am Games in the park 1.00pm preordered lunch/picnic at school 2.00pm St Patrick's Jig in the playground (time permitting).

### Week 9

Monday 20th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics Captivate Rehearsal for Choir children only
Tuesday 21st March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Friday 24th March	Year 2 Excursion to Elizabeth Farm Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Year 1

### Week 10

Monday 27th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Tuesday 28th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Wednesday 29th March	Primary Cross Country
Friday 31st March	Primary Assembly—2.15pm—Year 3

### Week 11

Monday 3rd April	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Tuesday 4th April	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Friday 7th April	Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Kinder LAST DAY FOR TERM 1



*sub tuum praesidium*

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

Our **MISSION** is to –  
Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership  
Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential  
Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all Experience belonging.

### ***Opportunity for all***

#### **MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA**

##### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

##### **Weekday Masses**

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

##### **Pastoral Team**

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

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

**Bishop of Parramatta, Vincent Long Van Nguyen  
& Dean Of St Patrick's Cathedral  
Fr Robert Bossini invite you to  
Join us for the  
St Patrick's Day Business Breakfast**

Friday 17th of March,  
6:30 am to 8:30am  
1 Marist Place, Parking off Victoria Road  
RSVP 10 of March 2017  
To RSVP please call -8839 8411  
or email [events@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:events@stpatscathedral.com.au)



Keynote Speaker  
Former Premier of NSW  
John Fahey



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*Educating young women for the future*

**OPEN NIGHT Tuesday 14th March 2017  
4.00pm - 7.00pm**

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

**CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK.  
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31ST MARCH 2017**

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)



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