



Dear Parents

Today you will be receiving your child's mid-year Report. We thought we would send it earlier than advertised as some parents will be having their mid-year interviews on Monday and it is important that they have been able to see the report before this meeting.

St Patrick's has now joined the majority of Catholic Systemic Primary Schools in the diocese, in that we are now using the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta Online Report. You will notice that there are some similarities and a few changes to the previous ones. These features are listed below:

- The reports follow the A – E common grade scale for the 7 Key Learning Areas for Grades 1 to 6 (The Common Grade Scale developed with the Board of Studies contains descriptions and associated grades A-E or equivalent words. The scale describes; the depth of **knowledge and understanding** and the **range of skills** that students working at that standard typically show. In line with the National Curriculum the strands within the subject in this report are not reported separately. Knowledge and skills are seen as fully integrated, for example in English a student uses the skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing and representing when communicating, making meaning, thinking, expressing themselves, learning and reflecting. Computer skills and the use of the Library have been replaced by Information and Research Skills and are also not seen as separate from the key areas of learning, but rather integral tools with associated skills within each of the subjects.
- Each report indicates the **effort** demonstrated by the students in each Key Learning Area. This can often be a difficult area to assess so the standard for reporting for effort is based on what behaviours, attitudes and learning habits the student **demonstrates**.
- Information about the distribution of grades across the year – that is, how many students were awarded an A, how many a B and so on, is indicated for Years 1 - 6.
- Comments have been included for the three key areas of Religious Education, English and Mathematics.
- A grading is given for Personal and Social Development and Learning Behaviours
- A general comment is given at the end of the report.
- In keeping with Government guidelines, Kindergarten reports do not use an A – E common grade scale as they are still emerging as learners.
- A record of Absences and Partial Absences is given at the end of the report. It is worthy of note that significant absences and/or partial absences can have a significant impact on a child's learning and thus the report results.

When looking at your child's report it is important that this is seen as a snapshot of how your child is doing at this point in time. It needs to be read in conjunction with the other important tools which includes: student portfolios, teacher comment, parent teacher interviews and information about student effort. **It is also important to note that mid-year reports are statements of progress so far in the year and provide steps towards improvement.**

I have included as part of this newsletter a useful graphic aimed to assist parents to see the A-E scale in light of the position of the learner. You will see for example that the E grade is represented by the Learner Plates because this learner, at this stage in their learning, still needs to be heavily supported by a teacher for most activities. Without this support these learners have experienced difficulties. It is worth keeping in mind however that just like learning to drive, most of us eventually get our license, but the length of time in attaining this is many and varied, sometimes requiring a variety of approaches. I encourage you to think about this in relation to your children also.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri



PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A few reminders for the Athletics Carnival tomorrow, Friday 13th June 2014.

Location: Old King's Oval, Parramatta Park.

Time: Children will walk with their teacher. The carnival will commence approx. 9.30am

Dismissal: Once the carnival has been announced as concluded the children will be organised back to their classes. Should you be taking your child home you will be required to sign the class roll. If you wish for your child to go home with another parent as previously advised you need to complete the absentee request on the skool bag app. It will need to state " I am (name of parent) give permission for (name of child) to leave with (name of parent picking up child) from the athletics carnival"

This requirement needs to be completed NO later than Thursday 12th June to ensure the teacher has the correct paperwork to release your child.

TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE CARNIVAL PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION.

Dress: All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to wear their sports uniform. The children that are participating in the carnival, Year 3 to 6 and Year 2 (8 yr olds) can wear a coloured t-shirt to represent their house colour.

What to bring: Children will need to carry their bags down to the oval so a small bag or plastic bag is sufficient.
Hat and money for the sausage sizzle and treats.
Children are permitted streamers however NO instruments are allowed.

The following will be for sale:

Sausage sizzle	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00
Jelly/cupcakes/lollies	\$1.00 per item

It is a fun day for the children and they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities.

The infants will be joining the Primary students for a sausage sizzle lunch at approx. 1pm.

Student of the Week and St Patricks Award

Due to the Athletics carnival on Friday 13th June, there will be NO awards or assembly.

The next assembly will be on Friday 20th June where the awards will be presented.



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

Monday to Friday	6.45am 12.30pm
Public Holidays	8.00am

Pastoral Team

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP
Rev Fr Andrew Bass
Rev Fr Robert William
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Save the date!

On Friday 25th July St Patrick's is celebrating the gift of grandparents with a Liturgy beginning at 9am, followed by class visits and morning tea.

We hope you and your parents are able to join us.

Judith Kerr—REC teacher

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolments

We are currently conducting interviews for Kindergarten 2015, if you have forgotten to put in your application for a sibling please do so ASAP.



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

Laurice Behan, Clara Glinski, Liam Jocson, Matthew Kahwaji, Adrian Jabbour, John Weng



The walk-a-thon is only 2 weeks away !!!

Don't forget to collect your sponsors so we can make this a worthy cause. Ask Mum, Dad, Nan, Pop, Aunties and Uncles, no-one is safe...

Have you thought about what you are going to wear? Try and be as crazy and creative as possible. You can colour your hair, wear odd socks but don't forget you need to wear your joggers.

IT'S WACKY WEDNESDAY

There will be hot dogs available on the day for lunch. These need to be prepaid and are now due.



Sacraments

Please remember in your prayers the following children who are receiving the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Sunday. Mass is at 11 am at Our Lady of Lebanon, Harris Park.

Nicole Aboumelhem
Andre Eltakchi
Alanah Issa
Daniel Takchi
Ray Wehbe

Joya Barakat
Luca Gittany
Chanel Nader
Sara-Maree Wakim
Annabelle Younes



Term 2 School fees

Term 2 school fees are now overdue, reminder letters have been sent out by the Catholic Education Office. If you are having difficulties making these payments please contact Mrs Nutter in the office.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will commence on Monday 16th June, 2014. If you have not organised this please see your child's teacher ASAP.

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NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The preferred method of payment is to make the payment online directly to scholastic. If paying by cheque please make the CHEQUE out to Scholastic Australia.

Remember to fill out Order Forms correctly and place in a sealed envelope clearly marked with;

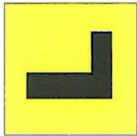




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Infants Fun Day

This year our Infant's Fun Day will be held on Friday 20th June 2014 at Old King's Oval, Parramatta Park. It is a fun day for the children and they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities. All of the students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be participating in the activities, even those who have already attended the Primary Athletics Carnival. The Fun Day will commence at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 11:30am. The children will be walking to and from the park.

REPORT GRADING SCALE

Kindergarten	Experiencing Difficulty	Working Towards	Achieved	Working Beyond
Years 1-6	E	D	C	B
Formal Terms	<p style="text-align: center;">Elementary achievement</p> <p>The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in a few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Basic achievement</p> <p>The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sound achievement</p> <p>The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">High achievement</p> <p>The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.</p>
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Descriptors	<p style="text-align: center;">Experienced difficulty</p> <p>A person on their Lplates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Still Developing</p> <p>A person on their Pplates drives independently but is still learning and developing their skills.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Celebrate this work</p> <p>A person who has their full driver's licence is independent to drive on their own without restrictions.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Beyond expectations</p> <p>An advanced driver can navigate through many obstacles and has extra skills.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
Looking at this like a driving licence.				<p style="text-align: center;">Amazing achievement</p> <p>A Formula One driver strives for excellence - conquering one challenge and then moving on to the next and even bigger challenge.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Spirit of life

ALL: Fill our emptiness with your fullness

Spirit of power

ALL: Stir our hearts afresh

Spirit of love

ALL: Touch us, and through us, our neighbour

Spirit of Creativity

ALL: Enable and empower the gifts you have given

Spirit of Eternity

ALL: Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom



Faith and Worship - Christian Prayers and Resources



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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

TERM TWO – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Seven

Thursday 12th June

Friday 13th June

Reports home to parents

Primary Athletics carnival

Infants to join sausage sizzle at 1.00pm

No assembly

Week Eight

Monday 16th June

Thursday 19th June

Friday 20th June

Parent Teacher Interviews Commence

Captivate Performance 7.00pm

Youth Group Yr 5 & 6

Infants Fun day

Infants Assembly Kinder School Hall 2.15pm

Week Nine

Wednesday 25th June

Thursday 26th June

Friday 27th June

Walk-a-thon

Youth Group Yr 5 & 6

Last day of Term 2

Whole School Assembly Yr 3 School Hall 1.30pm

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Monday 14th July

Students return to school

Week Two

Friday 25th July

Grandparents day

Do you have a doll similar to this?

Catholic Mission is running an appeal to collect 1100 dolls which represent the 1100 children who are in detention in Australia and offshore. They will be placed in a large cage installation outside the QVB in the city to highlight the plight of these children. This action will send a message to politicians that children should be released from detention. All dolls will be reused.

Please bring any unwanted dolls to the office who are collecting them on behalf of Catholic Mission.



Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta 125 Years Anniversary Concert – June 5 & 6, 2014

You are invited to join with the OLMC Parramatta community in celebrating our 125th anniversary at a special concert at Riverside Theatres, Parramatta, on Thursday June 5 and Friday June 6, 2014. Visit olmc.nsw.edu.au/125years for details and to book your tickets.

Win a share of the sunken Treasure from the Lost City Of savings Here's how to win.

If you have a Youthsaver account and are aged between 5-13 years, simply make three or more School Banking deposits between 21 April and 4 July 2014 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition. See the website for a list of prizes



NSWCPS GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Individual Entries Invited to Register
(Conducted in conjunction with JNGF)
MONDAY 28TH JULY, 2014
ENTRY CLOSING DATE 26TH JUNE 2014
Registrations MUST be completed online –
www.csss.nsw.edu.au Go to GOLF - REGISTRATIONS.
(NB: You must have a CSSS Online account to register - Go to HELP to create an account)
18 Hole handicap players hit off 9.00am, players MUST be at the course by 8.30am.
18 hole players must have a Golf Australia Handicap and be able to provide a Golf Link number
9 Hole non-handicap players Hit off at 9.30am, players must be at the course by 9.00am.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

If you have been separated or divorced and would benefit from regular shared discussion evenings with others who are in a similar situation to you, come along to STEPPING BEYOND on the last Tuesday of each month at CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, at 7.30pm! You are very likely to be supported and helped through the sharing of experiences on matters such as *“How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond? What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?”*
Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown.
Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: \$5.00. Registration: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205



**Catherine McAuley Westmead
School Open Morning
9.15 – 11am
Tuesday 12th June 2014**

If you missed out on our Open Day or would like to come back and see the school on a normal school day please take this opportunity to come along to our School Open Morning. Tour around our school grounds, view our facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome. School tours will leave from Mercy Square at 9.15am. Car parking is available after 9am on site via Gate 3 (opposite Westmead Private Hospital) in our bus bay area. Morning tea will be served following the school tour.
Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend.