

st patrick's primary school parramatter patter



3rd December 2015 Term 4 No.9

Dear Parents

This Monday you will be receiving your child's Semester 2 Report. The report that St Patrick's Parramatta is using is the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, Online Report. The majority of schools in the Parramatta Diocese are now using this report. Below is a summary of the key features.

- 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 are not reported separately. Knowledge and skills are seen as fully integrated eg, a student uses the skills of talking/ listening, reading and writing in composing and responding to text within the English Curriculum. digital skills and the use of the Library are also not seen as separate from the key areas of learning but rather integral tools with associated skills within each of them.
- 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.
- Comments have been included for the three key areas of Religious Education, English and Mathematics.
- A general comment is given at the end of the report.
- A grading is given for Personal and Social Behaviours and Learning Habits
- 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.
- Information regarding NAPLAN results can be found on the cover of Year 3 and 5 reports.

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 other important tracking information. Some of these include: student portfolios, teacher comments, parent teacher interviews throughout the year, student work samples, student personal reflections, general indicators of progress and improvement and information about student effort. It is also important to note that in order for the children to be confident about making further progress they need to be encouraged to 'own' their progress or lack of desirable growth. Dr Carol Dweck, author of 'Mindset How You Can Fulfil Your Potential' encourages parents and teachers to focus on a growth mindset by not looking solely at performance. She reminds us that "Every word and action from parent to child sends a message. When you speak to your child about their report, ... tune in to the messages you are sending. Are they messages that say: 'You have permanent traits and I am judging them?' Or are they messages that say 'You're a developing person and I'm interested in you development?'"

Questions that you can use with your children that may assist include:

- What is this report telling you about what you learned this year?
- What does it tell you about how you managed making mistakes and learning from them?
- What is it saying about how hard you tried?
- What is the report telling you about what you enjoy doing?
- What is the report telling you about what you don't enjoy?
- What is the report telling you about how you embraced the opportunities for learning and growth given to you?
- When, where and how will you embark on your plan to continue to improve?
- Is this report a true reflection of your ability and if not why have you not shown your teacher what you can really think and do? How can you change this next year?

If you have any questions about your child's report please feel welcome to contact your child's classroom teacher.

God bless you and your family
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ST PATRICK'S PARENT EVENTS COMMITTEE

Parents I would like to thank all the members of the St Patrick's Parent's Event Committee for 2015. We have had such a successful year in terms of events; the morning teas, the movie night, athletics carnival BBQ, the food treat days, raffles and breakfast. Although when events run so smoothly it is easy to assume that not a lot of preparation was needed, most of us are experienced enough to know how hard these parents have worked behind the scenes. The wonderful social opportunities they have organized have benefited all children and I am very grateful for all their efforts. Speaking of behind the scenes I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Mrs Fardell (Year 4 teacher) who ensured that the parents were kept informed, that communication was effective and that all their questions were answered swiftly. She is a very experienced organizer and I know the committee valued her practical advice.

Thank you to: Monique Wehbe, Jossie Haub, Maria Gittany, Elizabeth Johnson, Margaret Abdallah, Annette Romanos, Claire Moujalli, Zana Rahme, Marietta Maroun, Belinda Barakat, Denise Gebrael, Samia-Marie Baysari, Rhonda El-Tobbagi and Josephine Romanos

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who helped the Events Committee in some way. Whilst the organizing may have been absorbed by these parent representatives I know they truly appreciated all the helpers on the day and the very generous donations. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Miss Fabri

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

Amelia Tannous, Jaxson Rahme, Daniel Pinto, Magdalena Gilchrist, Claire Guatlo, Jacky Zhao, Grace Doumit, Wendy Chen, Mark Sonido, Rosa Itaoui, Jonah Freifer, Christopher Konstantas, Frank Agostino, Jessica Liang, Alanah Maroun, Luca Gittany, Lucas Lathouras-Beacroft

The Pope Francis 'To Do' List

Find happiness in simple things: get-togethers, helping others, honing a talent, enjoying art and music, praying. (223-224, 226)



School Banking

School Banking Update

Thank you to the many children and parents who were involved in the student banking program for 2015. Next Tuesday (8th December) will be our last banking day for the year. School banking will be returning next year in week 3 on Tuesday 9th February. Should you wish to join our program for next year visit your local Commonwealth Bank during the holidays and setup a dollarmite account, on your return next year I can allocate you a student number.

Thank you

Mrs Jones



St Patrick's Christmas Concert

Peace on Earth

directed by Michael Mangan



On Wednesday 9th December 2015, St Patrick's Primary is excited to welcome Michael Mangan to our school. The talented and widely acclaimed musician will be holding workshops with the children throughout the day developing our 2015 Christmas Concert '**Peace on Earth**'.

Michael will be working with the children until approximately 12.30pm with each year group and whole school to put the finishing touches to our concert, '**Peace on Earth**'.

The concert will begin at 1.30pm in the Our Lady of Mercy College Hall and we would like to extend an invitation to our Parents to come along and enjoy the afternoon with us.

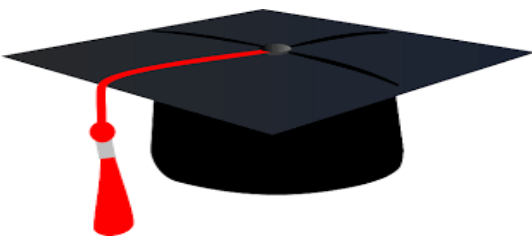
- Date:** Wednesday 9th December 2015
- Venue:** Our Lady of Mercy College Hall
- Clothing:** Christmas Mufti

**Please return to your child's class teacher the permission note along with the \$6.00 payment
Michael will be selling autographed CDs of his 'Peace on Earth' concert for \$10.00**

Friday's Graduation Mass

Please note the morning bell will sound at 8.45am on Friday to enable the children to get to the Cathedral for a 9.15am start. If you arrive after 9.00am you will need to take your child to the cathedral and take them to their teacher.

Year 6 2015 Graduation



Tomorrow, the Year 6 students will be graduating. The Graduation Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.15am and the whole school Kindergarten to Year 6 will be attending. After the mass Year 6 students will be presented with their Graduation certificates and the school captains and Miss Fabri will deliver their address.

This will be followed by a morning tea in the hall for Year 6 and their special guests. Thank you to the Year 5 parents for organising this special treat.



New drop off safety reminders

It has been brought to our attention that the school driveway on Ross Street is being used by parents as a drop off point for their children. Pulling into this driveway poses a **danger** to all students coming in and out of the school. This driveway is out of bounds and should not be used by parents. Thank you to the parents using the new drop off zone correctly.

2016 Return to School Dates

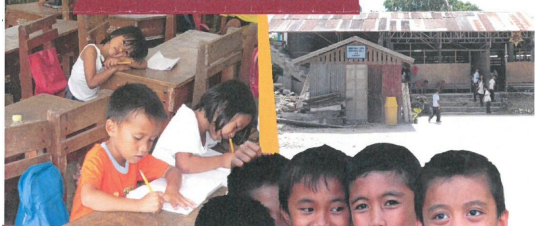
Students Year 1 to Year 6 return to school in 2016 on Friday 29th January. MAI testing will be over 2 days 27th and 28th January. Kindergarten will commence on Monday 1st February, 2016



Pilgrims from the Diocese of Parramatta will be involved in a mission experience in the Diocese of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines on their way to Poland for WYD 2016



Meet the challenge of Pope Francis in helping and caring for those in need.



Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy Mt 5:7



World Youth Day - Help the Philippines

Just to let you know that raffle tickets for the Filipino Appeal will finish tomorrow. Prizes will be drawn on Monday 7th December.

Raffle tickets will be sold every morning before school. The tickets are 50c each or 3 for \$1.00.

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| \$100 Oatlands Village Fresh Produce | \$50 City Extra |
| 3 x \$50 Parramatta Leagues Club | 2 x VIP Bondi Pizza Voucher |
| 2 x \$50 Parramatta Park Café | \$50 Blacktown Workers Club |
| \$100 Lachlan's Old Govt House | |
| 2 x \$30 Porters Liquor Oatlands | |

Footsteps Dance Demonstration

Due to popular demand, the children have requested an opportunity to show the 'hip moves' that they have been learning this term with Michelle from FOOTSTEPS. Although our 'Dancing Under the Stars' disco has been postponed to 12th February next year, we will be holding a short dance display at 11.30 to 1.00 on Monday, 14th December to which you are warmly invited. This event will be somewhat informal and hopefully a lot of fun. If in the case of inclement or extremely hot weather we will holding the display in the school hall, however due to seating restriction visitors will be unable to attend. We apologise for this condition imposed, if necessary and will notify you by a skoolbag alert.



World Youth Day

At lunch time on Friday our generous band of mothers are selling zooper doopers to raise money to help Miss Azar attend World Youth Day. Ice blocks cost \$1.00 each and each child may buy **one** ice block.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Kerr (REC)

2016 Travel Passes

Changes have been made to the travel passes for 2016. If you have never held a pass previously or your child is moving from year 2 to year 3 in 2016 you are required to apply online. Please send your child into the school office to pick up a brochure.





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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

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Holidays 8.00am

Pastoral Team

Fr Peter Williams elected Diocesan Administrator
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap
Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Straight from the Parent Handbook...

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Each term the children are involved in emergency drill procedures, so that they are prepared in the event of a critical incident e.g. fire, lock down. The safety of the children is enhanced if they learn to keep calm and follow procedures that have been repeatedly practised.

CUSTODY OF CHILDREN

Please advise us, in writing, of any special custody or access arrangements concerning your children at school. Copies of court orders should be provided where appropriate. All matters of custody are treated confidentially by school staff on a 'need to know' basis.

2015

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Nine

Friday 4th December Year 6 Graduation Mass—9.15am
Morning Tea to follow Mass
(Normal school day for Year 6)
No assembly

Week Ten

Tuesday 8th December Footsteps Dance continues
Wednesday 9th December Peace on Earth Christmas Concert—
1.30pm
Thursday 10th December Swimming Carnival Yr 2—Yr 6
Friday 11th December Whole School Farewell Assembly -
Year 6 - 2.00pm

Week Eleven

Monday 14th December Footsteps Dance continues
Footsteps dance presentation
11.30am—1.00pm - COLA area
(weather permitting)
Tuesday 15th December Year 6 Fun day at Arcadia
Wednesday 16th December Last Day for students for Term 4

2016

TERM ONE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Wednesday 27th January MAI Testing days
Thursday 28th January MAI Testing days
Friday 29th January Students Yr 1—6 return to school

Week Two

Monday 1st February 2016 Kindergarten commences



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2016 Diocesan Tuition Fees

The 2014 Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES		1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%	4 th + Child
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1098.00	\$825.00	\$549.00	nil
	Years 1 – 6	\$1419.00	\$1065.00	\$711.00	nil
Secondary	Years 7-8	\$1968.00	\$1476.00	\$984.00	nil
	Years 9-10	\$2184.00	\$1638.00	\$1092.00	nil
	Years 11-12	\$2790.00	\$2094.00	\$1395.00	Nil
Temporary Residence	Years K-12	\$1815.00	\$1815.00	\$1815.00	\$1815.00

The 2014 term rate for each of the first three terms is as follows:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$366.00	\$275.00	\$183.00
	Years 1 -6	\$473.00	\$355.00	\$237.00
Secondary	Years 7-8	\$656.00	\$492.00	\$328.00
	Years 9-10	\$728.00	\$546.00	\$364.00
	Years 11-12	\$930.00	\$698.00	\$465.00
Temporary Residence	Years K-12	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00

Diocesan Building Levy

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan School or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools).

The levy for 2014 is **\$735.00 per family**, payable in **three equal instalments of \$245 payable in terms 1, 2 and 3.**

Temporary Resident Fee

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2016 is **\$1815.00 per student**, payable in **three equal installments of \$605 in terms one, two and three.**

School Based Fee 2016

Each child attending St Patrick's Primary is charged a **School Based Fees per year**. These fees cover a range of activities and resources that the children will use throughout the year.

As of 2016 the Catholic Education Office has asked that all fees be placed onto our school fee statements. The benefits to our families are:

- costs will be spread over three terms
- Children will not be required to carry money to school for excursions
- Fees are set by year groups

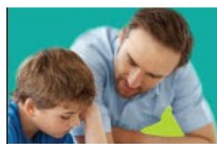
Specialty programs such as those involving representing the school for example Sporting Events, CAPTIVATE and optional extra curriculum opportunities will not be covered in the fees charged on statements. Permission slips and costings will be sent home separately to the children who are representing the school in that particular activity.

A maintenance fee has been introduced to help with the ever increasing maintenance requirements of our school. The fee will be charged per family (not per child) and is charged to the youngest child.

The School Based Fee breakdown is as listed below:

- **SCHOOL RESOURCE FEES Years K – 6 2016**
\$108 payable in three equal instalments of **\$36.00 in terms one, two & three**.
The fee covers a range of activities and resources such as a Report and Portfolio Folder, folders, exercise books, stationery, some mathematics equipment, class reading books, craft materials Library & computer.
- **SCHOOL SPECIALIST PROGRAMS FEES Years K – 6 2016**
\$87.00 - Life Education, TriSkills (Gymnastics) and Dance payable in three equal instalments of **\$29.00 in terms one, two & three**.
- **EXCURSION FEE Year kinder , One & Two**
\$48.00 – excursions by bus and local excursions - payable in three equal instalments of **\$16.00 in terms one, two & three**.
- **EXCURSION FEE Year Three & Four**
\$81.00 - excursions by bus and local excursions - payable in three equal instalments of **\$27.00 in terms one, two & three**.
- **EXCURSION FEE Year Five & Six**
\$144.00 - excursions by bus and local excursions - payable in three equal instalments of **\$48.00 in terms one, two & three**.
- **MAINTENANCE FEE per Family**
\$30.00 – This fee is charged to the youngest child at St Patrick's to help with the ever increasing maintenance of the school grounds and buildings payable in three equal instalments of **\$10.00 in terms one, two & three**.

Please be aware that we have endeavored to keep our fees as cost effective as possible.



Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting & Term 1, 2016 General Meeting - Mon 29 Feb 2016: Topic TBA

Patrician Learning Centre, Patrician Brothers' College, 100 Flushcombe Rd Blacktown
17/11/2015 07:00 PM until 29/2/2016

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



Notes went out this week requesting your support for the Vinnies Christmas hamper appeal. As usual we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of your responses. Thank you for your support. We hope to finalise the hampers by Wed 9 December so that Vinnies volunteers are able to deliver them well before Christmas.

Expand your imagination by reading this summer and you could **win an iPad mini**

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of four iPad minis. The more books you read, the more chances you have to win*.

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 5 February 2016.

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge





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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add veg to a barbecue.

The weather is warming up and so are the backyard barbecues. But it need not be an entirely meat affair. Here are some ideas for adding healthy veg to the barbie:

Kebabs - capsicum, zucchini, eggplant and mushrooms work well. Add to pork, chicken or lamb.

Chips - slice potato or sweet potato, and grill on the hotplate.

Salad - grab some green leaves and toss in tomato, cucumber, carrot, beans, capsicum or whatever takes your fancy!

Veggie sticks and dip - chop up carrot, cucumber, and celery sticks to dip in yummy hummus, or an eggplant or beetroot dip.



For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.