



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

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Term 2 Issue 6



Dear Parents

On Tuesday 14th June there is a Staff Development Day for all staff. On this day they will be participating in an inservice on the new K to 10 Geography syllabus which is soon to be implemented at our school (Semester 2). For most of us the study of Geography was confined to Years 7 to 12 and needed to be selected as an elective, but the new curriculum acknowledges that even children as young as those in Kindergarten can begin to learn about basic Geographical concepts. So what is Geography? Geography is the study of people and places and their interactions. There are two dimensions through which we study Geography:

Spatial Dimension

- Where things are and why they are there for example why rainforests are positioned where they are.

Ecological dimension

- Human interaction with environments, for example the clearing of rainforests for agriculture

As you can imagine the study of geography integrates very well with the other key learning areas of Religious Education, Mathematics, Science and Technology and English. The children will also learn about the use of Geographical tools which are used by geographers during an inquiry to acquire, process and communicate geographical information. Some of these tools will include the use of: maps, fieldwork, graphs and statistics, special technologies such as virtual maps and satellite images and visual representations such as photographs, paintings and illustrations. Sounds sophisticated but the reality is that these tools are already part of the children's world. Many of them are already exposed to Global Positioning Systems (GPS) in your cars.

Some of you may be wondering, 'what will now happen the Key Learning Area of HSIE ie Human Society and its Environment?' HSIE has now been replaced by a syllabus for History K to 10 and a syllabus for Geography K to 10. For your information, in relation to Geography here are the main changes.

GEOGRAPHY WHAT IS SIMILAR?

Students will continue to:

- investigate environments and communities across local to global scales
- develop an understanding of being informed, responsible and active citizens
- undertake inquiry-based learning to explore and understand the world.

GEOGRAPHY WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

- Key inquiry questions provide a focus for learning.
- An emphasis on contemporary geographical concepts such as place and sustainability.
- A more specific focus on geographical skills and tools, for example maps and spatial technologies.
- More emphasis on the role of fieldwork in geographical inquiry.

I know the staff are really looking forward to preparing wonderful geography learning experiences and programs, for your children, for use in Terms 3 and 4.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

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A message from our World Youth Day Pilgrim, Miss Azar.

Dear Parents, each week I will be writing a short reflection on my journey towards my pilgrimage to the Philippines and World Youth Day.



My journey so far has truly been an amazing experience. Every week I have been attending formation nights, where all pilgrims from the Parramatta Diocese gather together. These nights allow each of us to prepare for our journey together and most importantly our journey towards Christ. We have had the privilege of listening to two inspirational guest speakers by the names of Steve Angrisano and Jason Evert who both shared their spiritual journey with us. Something that I have learnt by attending these nights is that my pilgrimage starts here and now. Once again I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continuous effort and support. I am truly grateful and I look forward to sharing my journey with the St Patrick's community.



Miss Azar



Honour Award

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

3L	John Paul Wehbe
3T	Jeremy Moussa
4B	Darcy Fraser
4G	Jethro Cauan
5C	Annamika Sawant
5T	Alexander Sicurella
6P	Wendy Chen
6W	Lauren Buxton

st patrick's award

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

3L	Brooklyn Munro
3T	Kenneth Zhang
4B	Jesse Sabat
4G	Eddie Batti
5C	Kalysta Livia Maharani
5T	Simone Sabat
6P	Serene Mawad
6W	Oscar Gray



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

Elias Nakhle, Jake Doueihy, Laura Scanlon, Michael Farah, Christian Donaldson, Cristelle Ong Chua, Hamish McGlinn, Isobel Rahme, Lara Samar, Geshua Toledo, Sophia Semaan, Joseph Chiha

LEAVE

Mrs Sharon Nutter (Senior Financial Secretary) is currently on leave. I would like to welcome Mrs Maryanne Grewcock who will be fulfilling Mrs Nutter's duties for the next 9 weeks, From all accounts Mrs Nutter is enjoying her holiday in Europe.

On Wednesday 8th June, Mrs Elly Benkovich will be taking some leave to attend a family wedding overseas. Whilst she is away the following staff will be fulfilling higher duties. Congratulations to the following staff:

- Jude Kerr (Acting Assistant Principal)
- Jenny Barclay (Acting Religious Education Coordinator)
- Sasha Nederpelt (Acting Coordinator 2 - no change to current position)
- Chantal Azar (Acting Coordinator 2) higher duties from Special teacher 1
- Mrs Turkington will be teaching 2Y on Fridays during the period of Mrs Benkovich's leave (8th June to 1st July)

We wish Mrs Benkovich all the very best for a safe and happy holiday with her family.

Military repatriation welcomes home Australians

Today our Year 6 students represented the school and showed their respect at a special procession to welcome home 33 Australian service personnel and dependents, including 22 Vietnam War veterans, in one of the largest, single military repatriations in this country's history. The Terendak Repatriation procession passed through the Parramatta CBD on its route from Richmond RAAF to Rookwood. This was an important opportunity for our students to engage with Australia's military history and current military operations, and reflect on the sacrifices of our defence personnel.

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

Children are required by legislation to attend school each day, and we are required by law to keep records of each child's absences from school. For this reason if your child is unable to attend school, a note must be sent the day the child returns to school giving the reason for the absence. This can be done by letter or by using the school's Skoolbag App.

The absence needs to be explained within 7 days of the absence or it will be changed to unexplained and cannot be altered if the note is received after that time. All absences are shown on the child's report.

Every Friday a report is generated to list the outstanding absences from the previous week. A letter will be sent to parents requesting an explanation for the absence. Even if you have sent the absence through our Skoolbag app sometimes you may still receive a letter because the app may not be functioning correctly and the absence is still marked outstanding. We will do our best to fix the problem however we ask that you sign the note and return it to the office when your child next returns to school.

Radical Funding Freeze proposal

Government and non-government schools deserve to be appropriately funded to ensure they achieve high quality outcomes for every student in every school.

The Centre for Policy Development's radical proposal to freeze funding for low fee Catholic schools would threaten parents' right to choose a faith-based education for their child.

Every student deserves a base level of educational funding in Australia. A funding freeze would put pressure on school fees at a time when many families in western Sydney are already struggling to make ends meet. Many parents who send their child to a Catholic school in western Sydney make big sacrifices to pay school fees because it is the best fit for their child's educational needs and religious preferences.

Catholic schools receive government funding because they play an integral role in providing education in the community. In western Sydney, Catholic schools educate one in four students. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is one of the largest employers in western Sydney with over 5,000 staff. A funding freeze for low fee Catholic schools would not only have an adverse affect on our students and their families, but also our teachers and staff, local business and wider community. It would also put more pressure on the State government to cater for new public school places.

Students and families should not be disadvantaged for choosing a Catholic education for their child. We need to stop pitting non-government and government schools against each other and allow diversity and choice for families in the type of education they want for their children.

Mr Greg Whitby
Executive Director of Schools
Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta

Recent Changes to Sport Days

Here at St Patrick's we have been trying to provide a variety of extra-curricular activities for our students. Some of these have included an Infants and a Primary Captivate Choir, Stage 3 Soccer Gala Days with Stage 2 still to come and sport lessons organized through some of the OLMC students as part of their learning in High school.

In order to accommodate these extras we have had to reschedule some of our PE (Mr Younis) and Music (Mrs Rodricks) lessons so that our students are not disadvantaged by missing out on their lessons. Many of our choir rehearsals and gala Days are often scheduled on the same days of the week. To ensure that your child does not continually miss out on their PE and music lessons we have rescheduled our timetable.

Unfortunately this means changes to your child's sport day and a requirement is that they wear their sport uniform and sport shoes. We apologise for the inconvenience to parents, but on most occasions we have tried to give parents some notice of these changes. For the remainder of the term there will be changes in most weeks so please check your Skoolbag app.

PE days for next week are as follows:

- **Wednesday PE:** Year 6, Year 5, 3L & Year 1
- **Thursday PE:** Year 4, 3T, Year 2 & Kinder

All children will be wearing their sport uniform on Friday 10 June for the Athletics Carnival and Fun Day.

Thank you for your support in this matter!
Elly Benkovich

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Can I ask that parents DO NOT order Za'atar Pizza and Hummus & carrot & Cucumber Snack. If you order the above your child will NOT be given either.

Choosing your Lunch Pack

Different Packs. Different Appetites.
Tuckshop2U has five Lunch Packs to choose from:

Single Pack From \$5.95	Mini Pack From \$7.95	Lite Pack From \$9.95	Tucker Pack From \$11.95	Mighty Pack From \$12.95

TUCKSHOP2U – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES NOW AVAILABLE FOR SINGLE PACKS!!

- Online availability for ordering (cash free)
- Delivery to the school with minimal fuss & convenient staff handling
- Monday to Friday
- Nutritious meals for children prepared by paediatric nutritionist
- Nutfree
- School Incentives
- Orders can be made up to 4 weeks in advanced
- Wide variety



St Patrick's First Holy Communion

Last Sunday, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, about 800 people gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the First Communion of 23 of our children and a total of 39 from the parish. It was a beautiful occasion with much of the music provided by the specially formed First Communion choir led by Mrs Rodricks. Our school captains and members of the Religious Education team were welcomers and readers. A number of staff attended to share this occasion with our students.

A special thank you to parents who have devoted so much time and energy to preparing your children to receive this special sacrament. As Fr Bob reminded the children, it is important that this is the first of many communions and not their last communion.

This was a truly a Church family celebration driven by the vision of Fr Bob who is so keen to encourage Parish, family, school links. We are blessed to have a priest with such wisdom guiding our parish.

Our prayers and best wishes are with the First Communicants.



FIRST COMMUNICANTS FROM ST PATRICKS PRIMARY

Benjamin Aguilera	Ella Abdallah
Mark Abraham	Chiara Banzato
Jessica Bechara	Jose Deo Cerillo
Ryan Day	Syrus Dig
Eliza El Bayeh	Aiden Kalathil
Diana Granados Gavito	Valerie Liu
Brooklyn Griffiths (ex-std)	Daniel Pinto
Michelle Joseph	Daniel Motilal
Isabella Kozlowska	Jacob Tamaro
Gabriella Mendoza	Brooklyn Munro
Mikaela Barrientos Salazar	Geshua Toledo

Lost Property

Please label ALL clothing with your child's name and class. This will enable us to return lost property to your child. Can we also ask that you check your children's hats and jumpers that belong to them and return to school if they are not your child's. As you can appreciate uniforms are costly and we have had parents contacting us regarding this problem.

We also have these glasses to the right in lost property. Do they belong to you? We have several watches in the lost property. If you are missing any of these items please come into the office and speak with Mrs Jones.



Year 5 excursion to Bathurst

Our trip to Bathurst was amazing! Everybody had enjoyed spending time at Bathurst together. We learnt new things and participated in numerous activities.



Claire Guatlo

My trip to Bathurst was enjoyable! I learnt new things that I had not know before about the Gold Rush. Another thing that I liked was how cold it was in Bathurst. I love the cold by the way! I participated in various activities such as tent building, making mud bricks, playing olden day games and baking/eating damper. At the end of the day I got to go and take a look around the souvenir shop but sadly I did not buy anything. I loved my trip to Bathurst !!



Arwen Firmeza

I absolutely loved my trip to Bathurst! I got to walk around and see how machines back in the day worked. One of my favourite parts of the excursion was when I went gold panning. Even though I did not get any gold, I still had a lot of fun trying. Another favourite part of the excursion for me was the bus trip to Bathurst! I really enjoyed the excursion!!

Anna Janczewski & Marcus Grohs

On Friday 24th May, Year 5 went on a excursion to Bathurst for our history unit. We had to get up very early and arrive at school at 5.30am. It was quite chilly but once the sun rose it got warmer. We got to ride in a double decker bus that had 2 TV's and a warm air con. We arrived at Katoomba around 9.30am. We had a freezing breeze and once we were outside we wished we were back on the bus. Finally we arrived at Bathurst around 10.30am and drove through the racecourse and parked at the Gold Rush site. We had snacks and went on the first half of the trip. We learnt a lot about the mines and the goldfields. The whole grade went gold mining in the freezing water but we were rewarded with specks of gold. We then had a mouth watering lunch and brought some things from the souvenir shop. After that we got to listen to Molly and Barry's story of the Gold Rush and then we got to do some fun activities such as cooking damper, making tents. And played some games. We played with horse shoes and played a game where you had to roll a steel ball and try to get the closest to the tree stump. Everyone was tired and the end of the day and some slept on the homeward trip. We had an amazing experience.

2016 CAPTIVATE Showcase

16-27 June
2016 The annual CAPTIVATE Showcase presents the culmination of the work of the various combined Parramatta Diocesan Catholic schools' ensembles in music, dance and drama.

SHOWCASE

Dance Showcase THURSDAY 16 JUNE 7.00PM
Drama Showcase FRIDAY 17 JUNE 7.00PM
 MONDAY 20 JUNE 7.00PM
Music Showcase TUESDAY 21 JUNE 7.00PM
 WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 7.00PM
 THURSDAY 23 JUNE 7.00PM

VENUE: NAGLE COLLEGE 58A Orwell Street Blacktown Sth



Description

Annual presentation of the combined schools Music, Dance and Drama programs

To buy a Showcase Season Pass which gives entry to all Showcase events, including the Best Of at The Joan, [click here first](#), and then return to this site to book your tickets.

Venue

Nagle College - Presentation Hall
 58a Orwell Street
 Blacktown, NSW 2145

Tickets for the Best Of Showcase on Monday June 27th at The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, Penrith are available through their box office at 02-4723-7600 or online at www.thejoan.com.au. Season passes cannot be redeemed for tickets on their online system, however.

Contact Details:

CAPTIVATE Team (02) 9840 5649 captivate@parra.catholic.edu.au

2016 Year 6 Farewell Dinner Tickets

One of the Year 6 Mum's, Paula Michael will be available at Villiers Street Café every Friday between 2-3 to purchase tickets for the Farewell Dinner alternatively you can contact Paula to make other arrangements on 0417 901 919. The details are as follows:-

- Date: Friday 18th November 2016
- Time: 6.00pm (for 6.30pm start)
- Venue: Renaissance Function Centre, 3 New St East, Lidcombe
- Cost: \$50 per adult and children under 12 — \$20

The simplest way

...to use leftovers in lunch boxes.

Cooking extra for dinner and using leftovers for lunches is a great way to save time, money and add extra veg to the midday meal.



Here are some great lunch box-ready meals:

- Noodles, pasta, stir fry or fried rice.
- Homemade pizza.
- Cottage pie or spaghetti bolognaise (added to a bread roll).
- Frittata or veggie slice.
- Baked veg (roast pumpkin or sweet potato on wraps and sandwiches), corn on the cob.
- Homemade potato salad or coleslaw (on a sandwich with home-cooked meat, chicken or tinned tuna).

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

College Open Morning Tour
Monday
June 6, 2016

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for Life at our Open Morning Tour on June 6, 2016.

Tour the College and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team and get a sense of the rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta.

The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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Important Dates

Term 2

Week 6

Friday 3rd June Primary Assembly—Year 3 - 2.15pm

Week 7

Friday 10th June Primary Athletics Carnival

Infants Fun Day

NO ASSEMBLY

Week 8

Monday 13th June PUBLIC HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 14th June STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO SCHOOL

Friday 17th June Assembly—Choir - 2.15pm

Week 9

Tuesday 21st June Walk-a-thon

Thursday 23rd June Captivate Performance

Friday 24th June Primary Assembly—Year 6 - 2.15pm

Week 10

Thursday 30th June Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Friday 1st July Infants Assembly—Year 2 - 2.00pm

SRC Presentation Assembly

LAST DAY OF TERM 2



A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis

A culture That's Lost Its Memory

A people who don't protect their elderly, who don't take care of their young, are a people without a future, a people without hope. (The) young—the children, the youth— and the old carry history forward. The children, the young, rightly have their biological strength. The elderly offer their memory. But when a community loses its memory, it's over, it's over. It's awful to see a community , a people, a culture that's lost its memory.

Address to the Sant'Egidio Community, June 15, 2014



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

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