



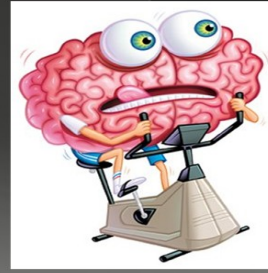
St Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

9th June 2016

Term 2 Issue 7

EFFORT IS ESSENTIAL!



**Brains Don't
Grow Neural
Connections
Magically; They
Grow Them By
Hard Work and
Not Giving Up!**

Dear Parents

We are currently in Wk 7 of Term 2 and the children are well and truly into their units of work and have completed many activities to build their knowledge and skills. Teachers are currently completing their mid year reports and you would have received a booking sheet for Parent/ teacher/student interviews today.

If you have visited the classes recently you may have noticed the terminology 'Learning Intent' and 'Success Criteria' up around the rooms. The Learning Intent is the goal of the learning eg being able to write a short descriptive passage or to be able to learn to play soccer. The success criteria are the indicators that you are achieving your learning goal, such as being able to write sentences about a character using adjectives and adjectival phrases or successfully coordinating the ball skills required. ---The use of this strategy helps the students to focus and assess if they are achieving success and on most occasions the teachers and students develop these statements together.

One area of interest to me is that of a student's attitude to learning and goal setting. One of my favourite educational authors Dr Carol Dweck talks about the difference between people with a Fixed Mindset and those with a more desirable Growth Mindset.

Fixed Mindset people usually set performance goals. Children and indeed people who focus predominately on performance (eg E to A) often undermine the potential they have for learning. The characteristics of this type of learner are as follows:

They believe that

- a person's **POTENTIAL** can be **MEASURED** and that this measurement is set from birth.
- They aim to receive continual validation from others.
- Receiving low marks mean that they are not smart.
- Both success and failure cause **ANXIETY**.

People with a Growth Mindset, usually set learning goals. Children who focus predominately on Learning goals often can achieve the same or even a better level of performance, especially over time. The characteristics of these types of learners are:

- The goal is **MASTERY** and **COMPETENCE**.
- Scores and marks reflect how people are doing **NOW** and do not measure a person's potential.
- Creating goals for learning has shown to **INCREASE PERFORMANCE** and enjoyment and decrease negative emotion

There are also differences in their attitude to Effort and in the use of Strategies for Learning. Here are a few examples

Those with a Fixed Mindset

- view effort as a reflection of low intelligence.
- Hard work means 'I don't get it', 'I'm unintelligent'
- Effort = lack of ability

Those with a Growth Mindset

- see effort as a necessary part of success.
- They try harder when faced with a setback.
- Effort = success.
- They use effort to overcome difficulty.
- They are more likely to develop resilience

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Carol Dweck has also found that students with a Fixed Mindset had these characteristics when using strategies. They:

- keep using the wrong strategy when faced with a problem.
- Then they disengage from the problem.
- Finally, they give up.

People adopting a Growth Mindset, on the other hand

- tend to generate other, and new, ways to do things.
- If one route doesn't work they will try others.
- They will think 'outside of the box' to solve problems because they believe that they 'can'.

The way we manage the learning of our children has a huge influence on whether we are developing children to have a Fixed Mindset or a Growth Mindset. I invite you to read the characteristics again to see if you can identify any traits your children may already be demonstrating. Are they mainly Fixed or Growth? Next week I will write a little about how we can encourage a Growth Mindset in children especially when viewing their reports.

God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal



*A message from our World Youth Day Pilgrim,
Miss Azar.
"What is Prayer?"*

Dear Parents,

In our WYD formation night this week, Sr Lucy taught us a dance for our WYD Theme Song 'Blessed be the Merciful'. We will be showcasing this dance on our journey to the Philippines and Poland throughout our pilgrimage.

Fr Andrew, a Chapin who will be coming to WYD with us then spoke about the importance of prayer. A biblical reference that he quoted which spoke to me was; "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (Thessalonians 5:16-18).

What does this mean for us? It means that we are to simply stand before Christ, particularly during adoration with open arms and experience the moment where the divinity meets humanity. It is through the Eucharist we experience our heavenly father and therefore we are called to build that continuous relation with him throughout our lives.

So therefore, as a time of reflection as a family, I encourage you to gather together and discuss these three powerful questions:

- 1. What does prayer mean to me?*
- 2. Why do I pray?*
- 3. When do I make time to pray?*

Prayer helps us to build our faith, it guides us to knowing who Jesus and allows us to simply have a conversation with the Lord our God.

Miss Azar.



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

Emmaline Didic, Marcus Grohs, Raymond Wehbe (5C), Elisa Daher, Christopher Alarcon, Sophie Morgan, Isabella Bousimon, Laurice Behan, Liam Jocson, Clare Camenzuli, Aiden Ebrahim

Year 6 & OLMC Public Speaking

This week our Year 6 students participated in a series of public speaking workshops facilitated by a number of very talented girls from Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta. These senior girls volunteered three sessions of their learning time to come and coach the children on the key elements of public speaking which culminated in a presentation of seven to eight of the best speeches. We are sincerely grateful to all the girls who visited our school and to Mr Christopher Ostrowski, Public Speaking coordinator, without which we could not have given our students this opportunity. Special thanks to Public Speaking Leaders Bethany and Josephine as well as Year 11 students Sydney, Jasmina, Sophie D, Emily, Amishi, Sophia K, Samantha and Gabby. Special thanks is also extended to Year 7 student Yasmine, who contributed to Session 1 last week by role modelling excellent presentation and writing skills. We hope to be able to continue to build this inter school relationship and offer this opportunity to future Year 6 classes.



Thank you OLMC!



First Communion Our Lady of Lebanon



Please keep in your prayers the children who will be receiving Christ for the first time in Eucharist at Our Lady of Lebanon. Some children will be making their First

Communion this Sunday at 2pm and others on Sunday 26 June at 2pm.

God bless them and their families.

Jude Kerr REC



Congratulations to the Kalouch Family Talia (2Y) & Makayla (KA) on the birth of their little boy, Joseph.

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.

Spare Clothes Reminder

A kindly reminder to all parents of Infant students, please pack a spare change of underwear, socks or stockings 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.

Stage 3 Girls & Boys Soccer Gala Day

On Thursday 26th May, 14 girls from Year 6 went to represent our school at the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day. They tried to score as many goals as they could, but in the end they all had fun. Thank you to all the parent helpers that came to help and support our team to do our very best. Also a BIG thank you to Mr Younis for training the girls, taking us to the gala day and supporting us.

Kayla Teklic & Kristiana Stevanja



Last Thursday some boys from Stage 3 went to the soccer gala day. We all had lots of fun during the day. Our school had 3 loses, 2 wins and 2 draws. Thank you to our parent helpers Mr Stevanja and Mr Younes for coming and helping throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who were able to help with the transport and making sure all our team were able to get there. Thank you to Mr Younis for organising the event for us.

Adrian Stevanja



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Choosing your Lunch Pack

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

Single Pack
From \$5.95



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From \$7.95



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From \$9.95



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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

2016 CAPTIVATE Showcase

16-27 June
2016

The annual CAPTIVATE Showcase presents the culmination of the work of the various combined Paramatta 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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to create healthy take away.

Get the kids inspired about cooking with a healthy, homemade take away-style meal. Find full recipes at: eatittobeatit.com.au.



Sausage rolls:

Using beef, lamb, chicken, turkey or pork mince, with lots of grated or finely diced veg mixed in. Or add some tinned kidney beans to the mix.

Hamburgers:

Make a meat, lentil or veggie patty, pile on the salad and serve on a crusty wholegrain roll.



Fish and chips:

Crumb your own fish fillets and oven bake. Serve with oven-baked chunky chips or sweet potato wedges.

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.



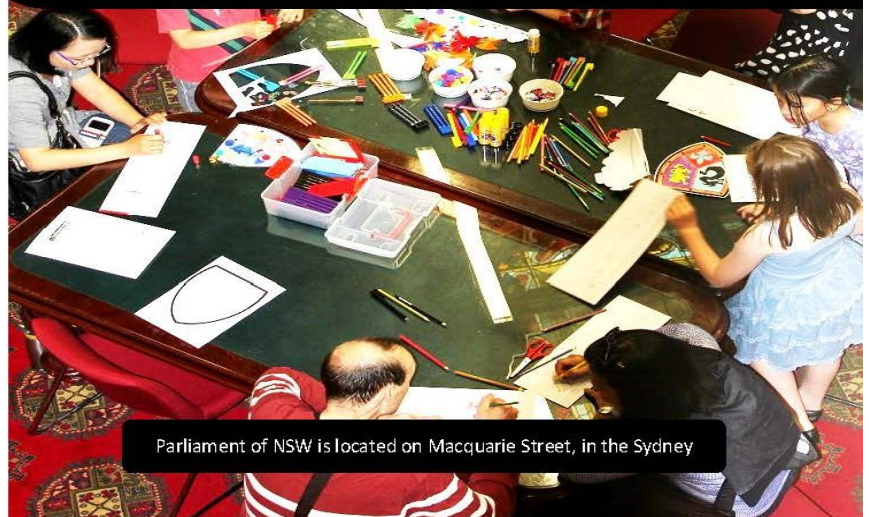
Celebrate NAIDOC Week with the Parliament of NSW

Children from 5 to 12 years
Tuesday 5 July 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fun activities exploring this year's NAIDOC theme, 'Songlines' include storytelling and learning Dharawal Language, Aboriginal art & crafts, playing didgeridoo, and making Johnny cakes and damper in our supervised workshop. Sausage sizzle on the day - \$2.00 per child/adult

Enquiries: (02) 9230 2047 & dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Free Event organised by NSW AECG in association with Parliamentary Education.



Parliament of NSW is located on Macquarie Street, in the Sydney

2016

Important Dates

Term 2

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

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 18th July Return to school
 Friday 22nd July NO Assembly

Week 2

Friday 29th July Grandparents Mass & Morning Tea
 Primary Assembly—Year 5—2.15pm

Week 3

Tuesday 2nd August ICAS English Competition—7.40am
 Friday 5th August Year 3 Excursion to Featherdale Farm
 Infants Assembly—Kindergarten—2.15pm

Staff Development Day

**This term's Staff Development Day is on Tuesday 14th June.
 Please be aware that there will be NO school on this day.**



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)

SRC Shout Out

Reasons why I like being an SRC

I like being an SRC because the SRC meetings are fun. They teach me how to be responsible and how to communicate new ideas to be used at school. Being an SRC makes me feel proud.

Talia Kalouch 2Y

I felt being an SRC was fun because I liked going to the meetings. I liked collecting the office bag at the end of the day. Being voted an SRC makes me feel important. I enjoyed working with Miss Azar.

Michael Aboumelhem 2M

Being an SRC is special. We get to do lots of fun jobs! I enjoyed running the Lunchtime Reading Club with the other Year Two SRC's. I loved being an SRC this semester. I hope everybody has an opportunity like me.

Olivia Gebrael 2M

I liked being an SRC member. If you want to be an SRC try to be like our school mascots. You get to do lots of different things and take on many jobs, showing independence and responsibility.

Jake Buxton 2Y



Just for a laugh...

What goes up and doesn't come down?

Answer: Your age

What belongs to you but is used more by other people?

Answer: Your name

What runs across the floor without legs?

Answer: Water

Cynthia Daher & Steven Abraham KM

Christian Kalouch & Makayla Kalouch KA

Marvellous

Intelligent

Super

Spectacular

Amazing

Zealous

Artistic

Reader

Estelle Perrett & Noah Reyes-Mangabat 1C

Emma Barrientos Salazar & Carl Ong Chua 1S



Lunch Time Reading Club

This term at St Patrick's a Lunch Time Reading Club has been established. The aim of this reading club is to allow children to be exposed to different types of texts and to provide them with an opportunity to read for enjoyment at lunch time. Our Year 6 ARTS leaders run the session for our Primary students and our Year 2 SRC students run the session for our infant's children. A 'Lunch Time Reading Club' pass is given out to a student from each class who is showing Respect, Resilience and Compassion. Thank you Mrs O'Dwyer for allowing us to read these wonderful books in our Lunch Time Reading Club. We hope to see more of you joining us here.

See you in the Lunch Time Reading Club

Semester One 2016 SRC

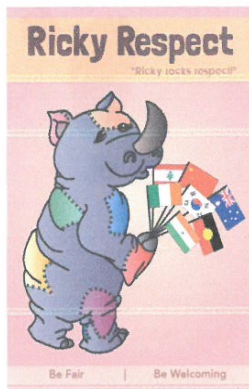
Special Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Student Council Representatives for Semester One, on all their efforts, hard work and dedication. They have demonstrated excellent leadership qualities and have displayed great enthusiasm in carrying out their role. It has been an absolute delight working closely with these children this semester.

Miss Azar

Respectful
Intelligent
Cool
Kind
Young

Right
Enthusiastic
Special
Positive
Encouraging
Caring
Talented



Christina Kalouche & Alex Layoun 3T

Coolio Compassion

Coolio Compassion is a mascot who wants us to always show compassion. He has great fashion and to love, is his great passion. So, come on and follow Coolio Compassion. He's a mascot you should know. Coolio is always on the go, go, go!



Jazmyne Grech & Anthony Khouri 3L

GUESS WHO ?

1)

- This person is always working hard to improve our learning at St Patrick's Parramatta.
- This person shows great leadership.
- This person is very intelligent.
- This person shows the qualities of all our mascots.

Who am I? ☺ _____

2)

- This person helps Ms Fabri lead St Patrick's Parramatta.
- This person helps students with Maths.
- This person enjoys helping children at St Patrick's Parramatta.

Who am I? ☺ _____

2. Mrs Benkovich

1. Ms Fabri

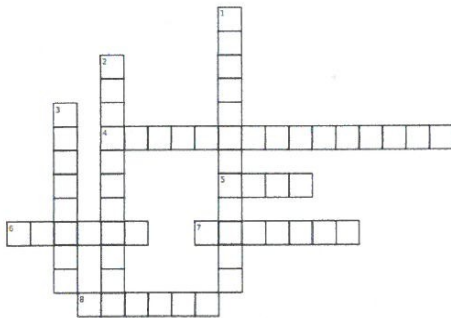
Answers:

Annabelle Younis & Ray Wehbe 5C

Isabelle Ghostine-Maoraoui & Joseph Chiha 5T

Cross Word

Our Mascots and their Values

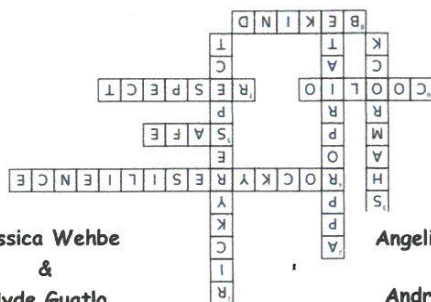


Down:

- He's fair and respectful.
- We need to play this way on the playground.
- Students at Saint Patrick's receive this when acting like our school mascots.

Across:

- He is very determined.
- To play on the playground.
- This person is very thoughtful.
- We must show this to our teachers.
- To care for other people.



Jessica Wehbe
&
Clyde Guatlo

Angelina Aqabani
&
Andre Elzahoul

4G

Answers:

4B

Find a word

St Patrick's Primary Parramatta

G U L T Y D O S Z P H T N T W
G N R E S O B I Y F O B S C J
E B O A L K Y L L X P N G E L
K K C C L P C I H O E H U P W
H U K H O E V P B O O E B S Z
R E Y E E M R Y E N Y C R E Y
D M I R P C P A K U Y W E R F
Q K I G F F L A C H S A S I A
B D Y K T O L D S T S K I C I
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MERCY

Kristiana Števanja 6P & Adrian Števanja 6W