

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

14th December 2018 Term 4 Week 10

Dear Parents,

I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for all you have contributed to the school this year. I still cannot believe that Term 4 is almost over and I know you all feel the same.

We have achieved much together and the staff really appreciate your support and assistance. It doesn't matter how you have helped at the school for each gift you have shared is very much appreciated and valued. I know that you all do what you can and some years families find they have more spare time than other years. It all adds up in the long run. I know how difficult it is for working mums and dads but just knowing that you are interested and care is more than enough.

The staff would also like to thank all the parents and children for their expressions of gratitude over the last few weeks. May you all have a very safe and restful holiday away from the routines of school and may the joys, hopes, peace and blessings of the Christmas season be with you and your family in the weeks to come and may the New Year 2018 bring your good health and much happiness.



Kindest Regards  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal

## St Patrick's Swimming Carnival 2018 Congratulations to **CHAMPIONS & RUNNER-UPS**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Junior Girl Champion</b>    | Elisa Daher      |
| <b>Junior Girl Runner-Up</b>   | Claire Scanlon   |
| <b>Junior Boy Champion</b>     | Daniel Saleh     |
| <b>Junior Boy Runner-Up</b>    | Michael Ayoub    |
| <b>11 Years Girl Champion</b>  | Mikayla Saleh    |
| <b>11 Years Girl Runner-Up</b> | Dunya Grudic     |
| <b>11 Years Boy Champion</b>   | John Paul Wehbe  |
| <b>11 Years Boy Runner-Up</b>  | Christian Sarkis |
| <b>Senior Girl Champion</b>    | Valerie Liu      |
| <b>Senior Girl Runner-Up</b>   | Isabella Younes  |
| <b>Senior Boy Champion</b>     | Andre Eltakchi   |
| <b>Senior Boy Runner-Up</b>    | Daniel Takchi    |

At the end of every year it is with great sadness that we say farewell to some of our families. Some of these families have had a long association with St Patrick's Parramatta and I know that they are probably feeling that this is significant time for them as well. Can I sincerely thank them for their support and loyalty and wish them all the best for the future. Good bye and good luck to the following families:

Aqabani (Joshua & Angelina), Barakat (Joya), Cruz (Gabriella), Davino (Joanna), Eltakchi (Andre), Fernandez (Cyarra), Fong (Zara), Issa (Alanah), Janczewski (Anna), Kassis (Jarrod), Kim (Siwoo), Lathouras-Beacroft (Amelia & Lucas), Liang (Matthew), Liu (Valerie), Livia Maharani (Kalysta), Motilal (Daniel), Mundanmany Babu (Afia), Nader (Chanel), Onono (Pierre), Pellew (Joseph), Sabat (Simone), Sawant (Annamika & Nikhil), Simon (Jasmine), Sonido (Mark), Tannous (Antonios), Tolentino (Lucienne), Wehbe (Ray).

# St Patrick's Parramatta

## STAFF

### 2018



#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

|                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Principal                       | Ms Bernadette Fabri  |
| Assistant Principal             | Mrs Elly Benkovich   |
| Religious Education Coordinator | Mrs Leanda Standring |
| Coordinator 2 (Maths/Science)   | Mrs Jenny Barclay    |
| Coordinator 2                   | Mr Mark Baird        |
| Coordinator 1 (Literacy)        | TBC                  |

#### CLASS TEACHERS

|             |                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| K Matilda   | Ms Elizabeth Brown                  |
| K Alexander | Mrs Bernadette Stojanovski          |
| 1 Clancy    | Mrs Louisa Daou                     |
| 1 Sebastian | Ms Chantal Azar                     |
| 2 Mackellar | Mrs Tanya Masefield                 |
| 2 Young     | Ms Alyssa Onorato                   |
| 3 Lindsay   | Mrs Jennifer Warn                   |
| 3 Thiele    | Ms Julia Hagi                       |
| 4 Brinsmead | Mrs Anne Fardell                    |
| 4 Greenwood | Mr Mark Baird/Mrs Michelle Mannino  |
| 5 Coorong   | Mrs Bernadette Carroll              |
| 5 Timara    | Mrs Viviana Williams                |
| 6 Park      | Ms Cara-Lyn Kelly                   |
| 6 Wrightson | Mrs Leanda Standring/Mrs Rita Milic |

#### SPECIALIST AND SUPPORT STAFF

|                                  |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Teacher Librarian                | Mrs Debra O'Dwyer                   |
| Music Specialist                 | Ms Elizabeth Issa                   |
| Physical Education Specialist    | Mr David Younis                     |
| Reading Recovery                 | Mrs Lorraine Veljkovic              |
| Numeracy Specialist/Lead Teacher | Mrs Jenny Barclay                   |
| Literacy/Learning support        | TBC                                 |
| Leadership Team Release          | Mrs Michelle Mannino/Mrs Rita Milic |
| Teacher Assistant/Admin          | Mrs Elaine Yuen                     |
|                                  | Mrs Dianne Attard                   |
|                                  | Mrs Vicki Baiada                    |

#### ADMINISTRATION

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Senior Finance Secretary              | Mrs Sharon Nutter |
| Administration Officer (Front Office) | Mrs Jenny Jones   |
| Site Manager and Maintenance          | Mr Sean McIntosh  |



## **FAREWELL AND WELCOME**

May I take this opportunity to update you on the following staff changes:

### **FAREWELL**

#### **Mrs Linda Graham**

Good bye and Good Luck to Mrs Linda Graham. Mrs Graham has been on leave since 2015. She first started working at St Patrick's in 2002 and mainly taught children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Mrs Graham has decided to retire from full time teaching and will pursue her career in a casual capacity closer to her home. I would like to thank Mrs Graham for her many years of service to the students and families at the school and wish her all the very best for the future.

#### **Ms Sasha Nederpelt**

Good Bye and Good Luck to Ms Nederpelt who has decided to resign from her position at St Patrick's Parramatta. Ms Nederpelt decided to take 12 months leave this year since moving to the mountains late 2016. I would like to thank Ms Nederpelt for all she contributed to the school and for her work with the students in the younger grades and in Year 6 when she first arrived. Best Wishes Ms Nederpelt!

#### **Mr Jacob Colantonio**

Good Bye and Good Luck to Mr Colantonio who will be leaving St Patrick's Parramatta at the end of this year. Jacob commenced his work as an IT specialist in 2015 as part of the CEDP 2 year, Trainee Program. He has been a great asset to the staff and students who have all benefited from his expertise in Information and Communication Technology. We wish him all the very best as he commences the next stage in his career. Best Wishes Jacob!

#### **Mrs Venitia Rodricks**

After a significant time at the school, being of service to the community through her passion for Music and her 'babies' in the choir, Mrs Rodricks will be taking 12 months leave. We wish her all the very best for 2018 and look forward to her return in 2019.

#### **Mrs Sam Pope**

In 2018 Mrs Pope will be taking 12 months leave. We wish her all the very best for 2018 and look forward to her return in 2019.

#### **Ms Terry Loo**

After only a very short time with us at St Patrick's Parramatta, we say goodbye and good luck to Ms Terry Loo who has secured a full time position at St Felix's Bankstown. I would like to thank Ms Loo for all she has done for the students in 2M. She has bonded very well with her students and will be missed by the whole community. All the best Ms Loo!

### **WELCOME**

#### **Elizabeth Issa**

The school would like to welcome Ms Elizabeth Issa who will be teaching Music in 2018. Ms Issa is an experienced Music teacher especially as a vocal specialist. She brings with her great energy and enthusiasm for singing and performance. Welcome to St Patrick's Parramatta Ms Issa!

#### **Mrs Vicki Biada**

The school would like to welcome teacher assistant, Mrs Vicki Biada. Mrs Biada, who is well known by the younger children, will be working on Thursdays and Fridays commencing Semester 1 2018.

#### **Mr Mitchell Gale**

We would like to welcome the school's new IT trainee Mr Mitchell Gale. Mitchell is employed as part of the CEDP support for schools program and will be assisting the staff and students in ensuring that all devices are secure and working at optimum condition for learning. Welcome Mitchell!

***The school community will be officially thanking and farewelling these teachers this week. Mrs Graham and Ms Nederpelt are unable to attend the Thanksgiving Mass but we will be ensuring that they know our appreciation for their service to the school in an appropriate way.***

# School Leaders 2018

## School Captains

Erica Jurisic  
Joshua Lorenzo

## Vice Captains

Christian Moujalli  
Jade Takchi

## ARTS Leaders

Gabrielle Sabat  
Andre Elzahoul

## PDHPE Leaders

Luke Takchi  
Isla Giron

## STEM Leaders

Stephanie Saab  
Liam Abdallah



### **“Keep this date free” Opening School Mass**

The Opening School Mass will be held on Friday 9 February at 9.15am, it is a special time for our new school student leaders as they will be receiving their badges during the Mass. They will receive a blessing from the school community which we hope will remain with them for the year and inspire them to encourage others to follow our school values of Resilience, Respect and Compassion.

The parents of the incoming Leaders are invited to attend the Mass and a morning tea to celebrate the occasion.

### **Medical Updates for 2018**

As we are nearing the end of the school year a reminder to parents with children who have a medical condition ie Anaphylaxis, Asthma that we require an updated plan before the new school year. The plan is to be dated by the doctor with the new date (not just a copy of last year's). This is an annual requirement.



### **Scholastic**

### **Year**

### **Sch Yr**

### **Attendance Level %**

|    |       |
|----|-------|
| K  | 98.3% |
| 01 | 85.3% |
| 02 | 86.9% |
| 03 | 93.1% |
| 04 | 89.7% |
| 05 | 88.8% |
| 06 | 87.3% |

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target

Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance**

**Level = 90.0%**



## THANK YOU YEAR 5 PARENTS

Last Friday our Year 6 students graduated from 7 years of primary school. This is a big step in their educational life and as I said in my Principal's Address it is a new beginning for them. After mass the children received their Graduation Certificates from the Dean of the Cathedral, Father Bob Bossini who blessed them for their journey to high school. The Year 6 students, parents and visitors were then invited to the parish hall where a feast awaited them. This morning tea was prepared by the parents of the 2018 school leaders who really outdid themselves with not only the food but the decorating and posters. On behalf of the Year 6 families i wish to thank the following parents for doing such a great job. Deep appreciation to Mrs Elzahoul, Mrs Romanos, Mrs Z Takchi, Mrs Saab, Mrs H Takchi, Mrs Gittany, Mrs Lorenzo, Mrs Giron, Mrs Jurisic, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Volante, Mrs Abdallah, Mrs Z Rahme and Mrs El Bayeh.

Finally on behalf of the school community I wish all our Year 6 students and their families all the very best as they leave St Patrick's to continue their schooling in high schools, mainly in the local area. Congratulations!!



## Hundreds of activities and games for the holidays

The ABC Splash site has loads of magnificent resources to keep kids busy until they return in 2018, including [educational games](#), [science experiments](#) and half-hour [holiday viewing](#). Enjoy!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

OZ FASHIONS your uniform supplier is now selling all uniforms required for 2018. We are open 6 days a week Monday-Friday 9.00-5.30pm Saturday 9.00-4.00pm.

Please purchase your uniforms before the new year to avoid long queues and to guarantee we have all the sizes you require.

We also sell CLARKS black leather school shoes and CLARKS white leather sports shoes at very competitive prices.

Thank you  
Oz Fashions

# 2017 School Captains Speech—Joanna Davino

7 years at St Patrick's - a time of laughs, learning, making friends, making memories and realization that making mistakes is ok!

Sometimes school feels like our second home and it's funny how day to day we think nothing changes, but when we have a chance to look back and reflect we discover that everything is different.

Flashback to **2011** - our first day at "big" school, with a backpack that was bigger than me and my dress almost down to my ankles. A teary mum & dad walked me in with 3 older, already experienced-at-school siblings. I was nervous & excited. Butterflies had made a home deep down in my stomach. I was lucky to already know 2 familiar, friendly faces in the playground.... Simone S from pre-school and Sara-Maree from dancing so that made things easier. Miss Rouggos & Mrs Salami were the teachers who guided us through maths, literacy, HSIE, art and so much more. We were all so good we got a promotion to year 1 at the end of the year!

In **2012** our year 1 teachers were Mrs Williams & Mrs Tondini. Although it was a great year of learning and growing - the highlight (or should I say the low light) was when I got chicken pox in December. While my classmates were enjoying a wonderful excursion to the aquarium and fun Christmas art and end of year concerts - I was at home scratching.

Mrs Benkovich came on board that year as our Assistant Principal and has been guiding and supporting us ever since.

**2013** came and we were starting to really find our feet and place at St Patrick's as the oldest infant's class. Our teachers Mrs Wallace, Mrs Youssef & Mrs Mills helped us to take on more responsibility at school. We learned about the olden days & Thailand. We got to have a Thai food party & enter a cake decorating contest that pushed us to be as creative as possible. I managed to squash 100 different lollies and chocolates on top of the cake I decorated!

In **2014** we finally made it into the primary years. In year 3, Mrs Jadrabieb & Mrs Carroll taught us all about Korea, colonisation & our native flora and fauna. The highlight of that year was when an emu pecked Joshua Santos's school hat at our Featherdale Farm excursion. Even to this day we still look at that hole in his hat & have a laugh about it.

That year we were so lucky to welcome Miss Fabri as our new principal. She has been the driving force of our St Patrick's family since then.

In **2015** we were in Year 4 with Mrs Fardell & Mrs Pope. We were so lucky to get 2 of the longest serving & most experienced teachers at St Pat's. Great teachers and great friends who loved to tell us all about the Kiss concert they went to together that year.

In **2016** we were in year 5. Mrs Carroll was lucky enough to get our grade again and was joined by Miss Onorato. Our day trip to Bathurst was a high point - we had a great time panning for gold despite the freezing weather. Our year's obsession with dabbing reached it's peak and we all started to get leadership fever - knowing that the next year was going to be huge!

Now we are at the end of **2017** & what a year it's been! At times it felt like a rollercoaster of emotions, laughs, lows, highs and learning lots of new and wonderful things. We have challenged ourselves to leave our fixed mindsets behind and to develop and embrace our growth mindsets. We have learned that if we don't like how we are doing something we have the power to change it - or if it can't be changed then we can change our attitude instead.

Along our journey this year we have celebrated each other's success & supported each other's lows. How lucky were we to be the first grade for many, many years to go on camp! We have become so close as a group and have learned so much from this bonding experience. One of the things we will never forget is how Kalysta faced her fear of heights on the gliding possum activity. As we pulled the ropes from one side, we supported her with our combined strength and then encouraged her with our words and cheers. She was flung safely in her harness out of her comfort zone - her facial expressions changing from fear and anxiety to happiness, pure joy and pride in her achievement

I can't help but think that this is like a metaphor for our lives. All of us need to continue to try new things that scare and challenge us because we will always be safe and supported. God is like our safety harness always protecting us and our family. Friends, school peers and teachers will be there to surround, guide and encourage us!

Mrs Standing, Mrs Milic and Ms Kelly - thank you for accompanying us on our educational and spiritual journey to year 7. Your never-ending patience, care and dedication to your job has helped us to achieve our goals this year. We will never forget the love and support you have given us.

Miss Fabri and Mrs Benkovich - thank you for all you do. You have guided and advised us with your wisdom. You have spent numerous hours listening to us and helped us to recalibrate when we have gone off course. So many other teachers and staff members have helped to lead us through our primary school adventure: The musical Mrs Rodricks, The sporty Mr Younes, The well-read Mrs O'Dwyer as well as Mrs Yuen, Mrs Attard, Mrs Nutter & Mrs Jones to mention just a few.

Father Bob - you have led our liturgies and masses and helped us as our faith continues to grow in our daily lives.

We all have so many plans and dreams for the future:

Arwen - we all hope you get to meet BTS one day & live out your KPop dreams with Lucienne, Alexander - you might actually get to meet the real Mr Bean one day, Natalia - you may (or may not) actually become a unicorn, Anna - I hope I get to fly Emirates one day and feel comfort in knowing you are the pilot and Ray (from 6P) - I hope you get to be the doctor you dream to be

Good luck to us all! One chapter of our lives has now been completed. Let's not cry because it's over - Let's smile because it happened.

To end - I'd like to quote the legendary Dr Seuss:

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so get on your way!"

# 2017 School Captains Speech—Daniel Takchi

“Leadership is practised not so much in words, but in attitude and actions”

This quote was presented by Harold S. Geneen and I use it as the drive of my everyday life, as your school captain of 2017..

Wow, what an amazing journey it has been here, for us for the past 7 years at St Patrick’s!

Throughout this journey we have developed many friendships with both our peers and our teachers. Like every great journey, mine came with many ups and downs and challenges. I have had many achievements and have made many errors, but this has all taught me the message of one of our great Mascots, which is ROCKY RESILIENCE!

I just can’t believe that this amazing journey is coming to a close, but as this one comes to a close a new one begins for us as we progress to High School.

Like the great saying “When God closes the door, he always opens a window!”

I still remember very clearly, the first day that I walked through the gates in Kindergarten. To be honest I was nervous, but as everyone here knows our school is like one big family, therefore the nerves disappeared very quickly with all the welcoming faces and friendly teachers, and nothing has changed. I can say that from every year since kindy, myself and my fellow peers have enjoyed learning and making great friendships along the way. This, I am sure will go on through to High School and hopefully for the rest of our lives. It goes without saying that the teachers and learning in OUR school has been the best there is.

Another great thing about our school is having the opportunity to be at school with our siblings. When I began Kindergarten my brother was also here, and I hold many fond memories of sharing special occasions such as swimming and sports carnivals, mufti days, and other fun days together.

Year 1 was a time when my youngest brother, Luke started school. We were then together as part of the St Patrick’s school community. Most of our grade began to branch out and start new friendships and create special bonds. This was the time that I started to build up courage, and learned to make friendships and work on my own confidence.

In year 2 I started to feel like a real leader as the teachers would remind us that we were seniors of the infants. I am sure all of Year 6 would like to thank them for teaching and guiding us in leadership skills from such a young age. This is why our SRC program is so good, and I encourage all students from all grades to take pride in this role when you are elected.

Now the fun stuff. In Year 3 we felt like the coolest and biggest guys out! I classified myself as the biggest mainly because that was the time I grew taller than most of the people in my grade along with Anna. I felt pretty big until the day as Year 3 students we joined the Primary classes at recess and lunch. The playground became very crowded with bigger, older students. Especially, Year 6’s! And look! Now we are those students!

The primary years continued which were full of fun learning and growing, all thanks to the help and encouragement of our fellow peers and great teachers, principal and vice principal. During these years we all really began to mature.

In Year 5, my leadership skills were tested when I was nominated as the Semester 2 SRC. During this time myself, Raymond, Nicole and Claire had to display one of the biggest values of leadership... Courage! And then it was time for the leadership nominations. Soon myself, Raymond, Claire and Joanna had the honour and pleasure of being nominated for school or vice captain. And as you all know I was voted for school captain along with Joanna, and what an honour that has been!

Year 6! Wow what a year! This year was one of, if not the greatest years in my primary school days. And on top of that we have been all very privileged in what we have experienced this year. One of which being our Reflection Camp to Vision Valley. As Joanna mentioned we were the first grade in about 20 years to go on an overnight stay. And we also had the very famous word presented by our teachers. I am sure you know the word, but I will tell you again anyway. “LEADERSHIP!”

I would like to say thankyou to Ms Kelly, Mrs Standring and Mrs Milic for guiding us through our Year 6 journey. I would also like to say a BIG thankyou to ALL of the teachers we have had over the past seven years. A very special thankyou to Miss Fabri and Mrs Benkovich. Thank you to all the students and teachers for believing in us. I have enjoyed being your school captain, a memory I am sure Joanna would agree, that we will have forever. I would also like to say thankyou to our other leaders Our Vice Captains Claire and Raymond: You have both been such a huge help and have made a great impact as RE leaders. I would also like to say thankyou to all of our Year 6 leaders. And as our teachers have said many times this year, “Just because you are not wearing a badge doesn’t mean that you aren’t a leader” This is some good, sound advice that we would leave with the 2018 Year 6 class.

Now, I would like to say thankyou to the students and our peers for making this school such a great place. Of course St Pat’s won’t be the same without the great 2017, Year 6’s!

As a representative of this year’s, Year 6 group, we wish all of the 2018 leaders the best of luck and to all of the students who will be continuing their learning journey at St Patrick’s next year, carry out our school’s name in pride! And remember our three mascots Ricky Respect, Coolio Compassion and Rocky Resilience. Carry our Mascots wherever you go, and know that that when I did I was always a better person. I have a quote to teach you all some resilience, ‘Push yourself, because no one is going to do it for you!’

Last, but definitely not least, we cannot forget our parents. You have been there for us through every day, watching us grow from your babies to the young adults that we have developed into. We all know that whatever we need you will provide. At times we may slip and as Miss Fabri states, our ‘teenage brain’ takes over, but we know that between our teachers and our parents who love us dearly, you are sure to put us back on track.

Thankyou all for a wonderful year and I wish you all the best in years to come.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Congratulations to all the boys and girls and their teachers for the fabulous Christmas Concert last Monday afternoon. The teachers were so impressed with the number of parents and friends who were able to attend especially at such a busy time of year and I know that the children were delighted to see you. For those who could not attend - and we perfectly understand - we have included some photographs that may assist you to get a sense of the concert. Special thanks to the Christmas Concert Committee of teachers ( Mrs Standing, Mrs Fardell, Mrs Daou, Ms Kelly, Mrs Veljkovic, Ms Onorato) The beautiful artwork is credited to Mrs Carroll and Mrs Williams.







**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the coming week and over the school holidays:** Jessica Wehbe, Noah Romanos, Nathan Romanos, Annabella Remaili, Steven Abraham, Elie Wehbe, Christian Sarkis, Donnacha Ryan, Clio Encarnacao, Aiden Kalathil, Oscar Morgan, Deo Cerillo, Jessica Bechara, Joseph Sassen, Simone Sabat, Rafaella Bautista, Nicholas Rahme, Joel Lahoud, Michael Ayoub, Sophie Gahdmar, James Sitoa, Benjamin Maroon, Antonia Romanos, Ruby Younan, Cedric Guino, Chelsea Lima, Jeremy Saliba, Emmanuel Missak, Benjamin Aitkins, Benjamin Aguilera, Talia Lahoud, Arabella Gittany, Victoria Nassif, Norm Shidiak, Antonio Moussa, Mia Kerr, Madison Younes, Dominic Coles, Charlie Romanos, Claire Scanlon, Liam Abdallah, Sarah Loader, Lewis Khalil, Juliette Khoury, Tyler Morson, Gabriel Kalouche, Sebastian El Hani, Finn Giron, Jo Harb, Aoife Mitchell

## DANCE PRESENTATION

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this year's Footsteps Dance Presentation. The children really enjoyed having an audience to present to. Thank you to Ms Miriam Youseff from 'Footsteps' for her excellent instruction.

## SCHOOL ZONE - ADVICE TO PARENTS

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the Christmas holiday break at the end of Term 4 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

For most NSW Catholic schools, school zones operate as normal until (and include) Tuesday 19 December 2017 and resume on Monday 29 January 2017. Note: even though some schools will elect to have some of these days as pupil free days, school zones will be in operation on all gazetted school days, whether students are present or not.

## DIGITAL CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK – SUMMER EDITION 2017/18

Over the last 5 years many children and parents would have received hard copies of the *NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook*. This valuable safety resource is now available in digital format with expanded safety and content videos. The **summer edition** of this valuable safety resource is now available online with updated safety content.

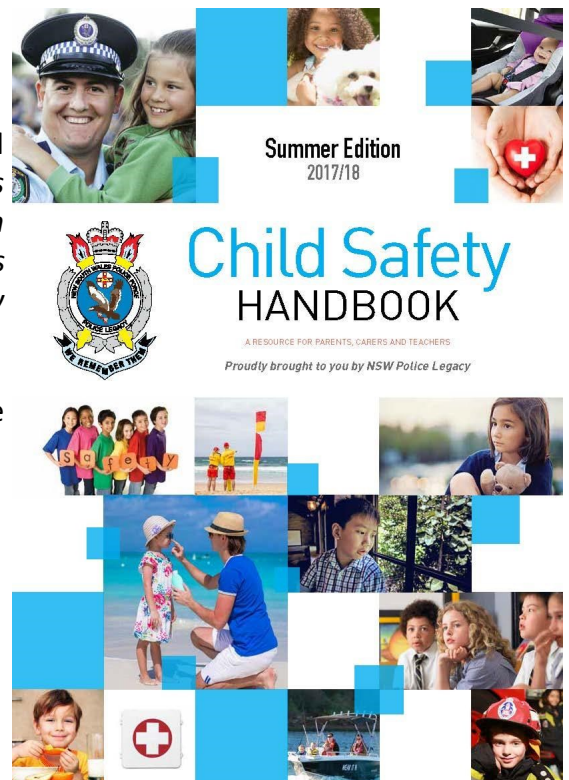
All parents are urged to download this handbook and discuss the safety content with your children.

The safety content will be updated each July and January and is now available across 3 digital platforms.

[Digital Handbook](#)

[IOS App](#) / [Android App](#)

[childsafetyhub.com.au](http://childsafetyhub.com.au)



# 2017 School Calendar

## Term 4

### Week 10

Friday 15th December

Thanksgiving Mass—9.15am St Patricks Cathedral

Farewell Assembly—2.15pm

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2017

| St Patrick's Parramatta<br>RETURN TO SCHOOL 2018 DATES   |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Monday</b><br>29th January 2018   | <b>Tuesday</b><br>30th January 2018  | <b>Wednesday</b><br>31st January 2018   |
| Staff Development Day –<br><br>Yrs K-6<br>Individual<br>Maths<br>Assessments   | Staff Development Day –<br><br>Yrs K-6<br>Individual<br>Maths<br>Assessments | <b>All students<br/>commence the<br/>2018 school year.</b><br><br><b>Kindergarten<br/>to Year 6</b> |
| Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 2 days. |  |   |



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK  
**SCHOOL  
INTERVIEWS**

### Individual Maths Assessment Interviews

To assist us in providing teaching and learning experiences that are specific to your child's needs in numeracy the teachers will be conducting Individual Math Assessments on the following Staff Development Days:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 & Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the following codes to book your spot:

**Kindergarten tkdwh  
Years 1—6 fp8zr**

Children are asked to be brought to and picked up from the classrooms at their scheduled time. At drop off parents may then leave and make use of their free time.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we conduct these assessments as early as possible to minimize disruption to the first few weeks of school.



*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

Fr George Azhakath

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale ( Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)