



**2018**

## **Dates to Remember**

### **Term 2**

#### **May**

##### **Week 2**

Tuesday 8th	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 11th May	Mother's Day Mass 9.15am St Patrick's Cathedral Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn after recess (approx. 11.30am) Mother's Day Evening 7.30pm

##### **Week 3**

Tuesday 15th	NAPLAN Lang/Writing
Wednesday 16th	NAPLAN Reading
Thursday 17th	NAPLAN Numeracy
Friday 18th	NAPLAN Catch up Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm—School Hall

##### **Week 4**

Thursday 24th	Family Fun afternoon
Friday 25th	Primary Assembly—Yr 5 2.15pm—School Hall

##### **Week 5**

Tuesday 29th	Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day
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# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

3rd May 2018 Term 2 Week 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable time with your family during the term break. We have another very busy term coming up, and wish Ms Fabri a wonderful break as she spends some special time with her family.

On Monday 30th April, the staff gathered for a Staff Development Day at Aengus Kavanagh Centre in Mt Druitt. The day consisted of activities which explored the key ideas relating to geometric and spatial reasoning through the use of 'hands on' activities with practical implications for the classroom. Teachers found themselves back in the classroom and were challenged to develop their use of spatial language and visualisation. All staff are excited to share what they have been learning with their students throughout the term.

On Tuesday 8th May the school will be undergoing the process of Peer Review. All schools in the Diocese of Parramatta undertake Peer Review every year. The school was informed last month of the date and was later informed of the key sample areas to be audited. This year, the curriculum documents the school will be presenting are, Religious Education and Creative Arts with the focus on Stage 1, Year 1 and Year 2.

By way of further explanation:

**Peer Review** is a key part of the School Compliance audit process which allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum presented by the school being reviewed.

This model of **Peer Review** has been approved by the **NSW Education Standards Authority ( NESA )** in 2014 for the registration period (2015-2019) and is unique to Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) in the current form and structure of implementation.

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Other areas audited during this period include; Attendance, timetables, Working with Children Checks, Child Protection matters, Teacher Accreditation and Complaints and Grievances management.

The staff representing the school for Peer Review this year are: Mrs Masfield, Ms Onorato, Ms Azar and Mrs Daou. They will be accompanied by Mrs Standing in her capacity as Acting Assistant Principal and myself.

God bless you and your family  
Elly Benkovich  
Acting Principal

<b>St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 92.3%</b>	
K = 91.2%	3 = 93.5%
1 = 94.9%	4 = 96.7%
<b>2 = 87.6%</b>	5 = 95.0%
	<b>6 = 86.7%</b>

## CONGRATULATIONS - TERM ONE 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following boys and girls who were able to attain 100% attendance In Term 1, 2018.

First Name	Last Name
Phillip	Ayoub
Rafaella	Bautista
Jessica	Bechara
Josh	Blanquera Pangan
Angelina	Bounassif
Jake	Buxton
Vincent	Camenzuli
Carl	Cauan
Ray	Chen
Isabella	Dang
Troy	Daniel
Alessandra	De Guzman
Tara	DiChio
Callum	Donaldson
Christian	Donaldson
Lucia	El Hani
Sebastian	El Hani
Crista-Nicole	Gahdmar
Sophie	Gahdmar
Daniella	Gereige
Christian	Golossian
Mia	Golossian
Sienna	Golossian
Cedric	Guino
Zachary	Haddad
Alexandriya	Izmestyeva
Araminta	Jackson
Liam	Jocson
Adam	Jurisic
Daniel	Jurisic

First Name	Last Name
Talia	Kalouch
Christiana	Kalouche
Gabriel	Kalouche
Alisha	Katafono
Mia	Kerr
Matthew	Khreich
Anthony	Malek
Zachariah	McPherson
Eimear	Mitchell
Lachlan	Moore
Isabella	Moses
Evangeline	Polintan
Alicia	Remaili
Nicholas	Reyes-Mangabat
Noah	Reyes-Mangabat
Jasmine	Rizk
Brandon	Roque
Olivia	Saab
Christian	Sarkis
Elijah	Skaf
Germain	Toledo
Alberto Joshua	Ty
Gabriella	Volante
Katerina	Yannakis
Panayioti	Yannakis
Isabella	Younes
Ethan	Zaiter
Kenneth	Zhang
Olivia	Zhang

100%

### ATTENDANCE LETTERS (<90%)

Dear Parents

Next week the office will be sending out the attendance information alerts to parents of children whose attendance data is <90%. This includes children whose absence is due to illness or leave for example. As explained previously the school understands that some leave cannot be helped especially when children are sick. The school appreciates parents not sending sick children to school as this is an important aspect of health management. The school is however obliged to keep parents informed of their child's attendance data, especially when it reaches the under 90% mark. If you have any questions regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards  
Elly Benkovich



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:**

Gabriel Rahme &  
Christiana Kalouche

## **Birthday Song Acknowledged Fridays**

As we are now only having limited Friday afternoon assemblies it has come to our notice that some students are missing out on having their birthday acknowledged through the Birthday Song. In order to rectify this we will start singing the Birthday song for all students who have celebrated their birthday in a particular week at Friday morning assembly.

All School Uniform items available from

**Oz Fashions**  
**115-127 Parramatta Road**  
**Granville NSW 2142**  
**Phone 9897 3121**  
**[www.ozfashions.com.au](http://www.ozfashions.com.au)**

### **Girls' Summer Uniform**

Tartan School Dress  
Short White above ankle Socks  
Black Shoes  
Green Hair Ribbon  
Green School Hat

### **Girls' Winter Uniform**

Tartan Pinafore  
White Long Sleeve Blouse (Peter Pan collar)  
Tartan School Tie  
Green above ankle Socks or Tights  
Black Shoes  
Green School Jumper  
Green Jacket with Emblem  
Green School Hat

### **Girls' Sports Uniform**

Green Shorts  
Sport Shirt with School Emblem  
White above ankle Socks  
White Sports Shoes  
Track Suit with School Emblem

School Back Pack

### **Boys' Summer Uniform**

Grey Shorts  
Grey Short Sleeve Shirt  
Grey above ankle Socks

Black Shoes  
Green School Hat

### **Boy's Winter Uniform**

Grey Long Trousers  
Grey Long Sleeve Shirt  
Green Tie  
Grey above ankle Socks  
Black Shoes  
Grey School Jumper  
Green Jacket with Emblem  
Green School Hat

### **Boys' Sports Uniform**

Green Sports Shorts  
Sports Shirt with School Emblem  
White above ankle Socks  
White Sports Shoes  
Track Suit with School Emblem  
School Back Pack

## **Winter Uniform Changeover**

The children can continue to wear their summer uniforms. At this stage we will be changing to winter uniform at the beginning of **Week 4, 21st May**, however with such unpredictable weather winter uniform can be worn prior to this date. When wearing either winter or summer uniform, it requires students to be in full school uniform eg boys winter long pants, long sleeve shirt and tie.

## **Save the date: Family Day**

Bishop Vincent recently announced the inaugural 'Family Day' for the Diocese of Parramatta. The emphasis of the day is to acknowledge the importance of family and raise fund for CatholicCare, the organisation in our diocese which offers many services in support of families.

On 24 May, we are hosting a 'Family Fun Afternoon' where all families are invited to enjoy a picnic lunch followed by an afternoon of playing your favourite family board game. Students are invited to wear mufti clothes (casual clothing, including in closed shoes) for a gold coin donation. All donations will go towards raising funds for CatholicCare. Lunch will start at 1:30, followed by board games from 2:00. More information will be provided closer to the day.

We are looking forward to celebrating this special day with you.



Dear Parents,

Have you ever wanted to try Maths tug-o-war? Do you know how to structure and restructure a collection? Can you use the bead string to show difference? Are you a 'number buster'?

If you would like to experience some of these activities and see how the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students are challenged in Mathematics then please attend our 'St Patrick's Infants Maths Information Evening'.

**Date: Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Time : 7:00 -8:00pm**

**Venue: TBA ( depending on numbers)**

We kindly request that the students do not attend the evening as the information is designed for parents who wish to know more about how Mathematics is taught at St Patricks.

Mrs Barclay  
Numeracy Coordinator

## CONGRATULATIONS JOSEPH!!

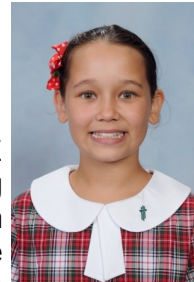


On the 2nd of May I trialled for the boys and girls opens rugby union team. This was a fun day trying my hardest across 4, 15 minute games. But having experience from last year playing union and making reps for club, I made the cut and now I'm going to Forbes for the MacKillop trials. This is a two day event and I'm looking forward to it. I also really recommend everyone who plays a sport to try out for it and give it your best!!! Thank you Joseph Romanos 6P



## From our Leaders

Hello there parents and students, I am Isla; your PDHPE leader for 2018. I hope you all had a great and exciting holiday and participated in sports or kept healthy. This term students in primary will have the opportunity to trial for the soccer gala day, Mr Younis has been training us so we can have as best of an opportunity to get selected. Also on Tuesday 1st May, 37 students participated in cross country unfortunately none of us made it in any further.



Now to end with a joke,  
Why did Cinderella not make it to the soccer team?  
Because she kept on running away from the ball!

Good luck and goodbye  
Isla Giron, PDHPE leader



On the 1st May some students went to the diocesan cross country to participate in either a 2 km or 3 km race versing against over 100 other students from different schools. They all tried their hardest and we all showed great team spirit supporting each other. We thank all the parent helpers and teachers who went and helped, we couldn't have done it without you guys. We had a great time and would love to go again next year and make it to the next level.



Luke Takchi, PDHPE leader

## Sports Days for Term 2

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term :-

KA	Thursday	1S	Friday	3L	Thursday	4G	Wednesday	6P	Wednesday
KM	Friday	2M	Wednesday	3T	Thursday	5C	Friday	6W	Wednesday
1C	Thursday	2Y	Thursday	4B	Wednesday	5T	Friday		





## MOTHERS DAY STALL

On Tuesday 8th May 2018 the children will be able to purchase gifts with prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$7.00. Please note that while we have endeavoured to have a mix of gifts, numbers are limited; each child will be able to purchase 2 gifts and receive 1 complimentary bag. Should there be gifts left over at the end children will be invited to purchase additional gifts. Please send small denominations of money (to assist with change) and make sure your child's money is in a secure wallet or zip lock bag with their name on it.

## MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS INVITATION

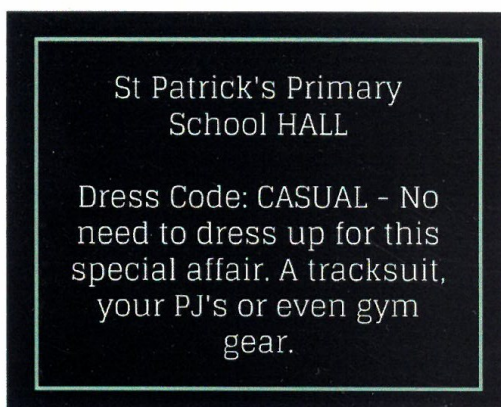
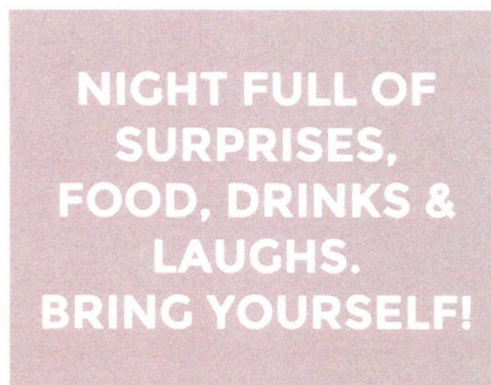
A special invitation is sent to all mothers and mother figures to join us on 11 May at 9.30am as we celebrate the beautiful gift of mothers. It is a wonderful opportunity for our community to praise and thank our God for these special women whose nurturing, motherly love shows us a glimpse of the great love God has for us all. It is also a beautiful way to acknowledge all the things our mothers do for our school community. We look forward to celebrating with you.

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

This week and next week some of our Yr 6 students will be selling raffle tickets for our much anticipated Mother's Day Raffle. This is an exciting event for our students and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 11 May after recess. We have some mums sourcing more prizes and are always willing to accept donations from anyone who is in a position to contribute. Tickets will be sold before and after school for 50c each or 3 for a dollar.

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**Year 2 Parents are hosting a special 'Ladies Night In' to celebrate all our wonderful Mothers and Carers. The night will be filled with lots of surprises. Please find the details below and make sure you return your RSVP slip that you should have received this week.**



## **MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT**

Dear Friends,

In February 2017, Bishop Vincent announced that the print version of *Catholic Outlook* (the official publication for the Diocese of Parramatta) will cease print publication and shift online instead to [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) and our various social media channels.

At the time, Bishop Vincent also said, "Moving forward, I will also give consideration to the publication of a periodical in magazine format."

As it has now been over 12 months since that announcement, Bishop Vincent would like your feedback, via the below online survey, on how you think *Catholic Outlook* is progressing. Bishop Vincent would like to better understand what changes, if any, you would like to see to *Catholic Outlook*. How can it be improved? Would you like to see a periodical print magazine? What other changes should be made?

**The *Catholic Outlook* survey can be found here:** [www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

This survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete. It is available from today and will be closed at 5pm on Monday 21 May 2018. All responses are anonymous and confidential, unless you wish to be identified.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact myself on [joseph.younes@parracatholic.org](mailto:joseph.younes@parracatholic.org) or 02 8838 3435.

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### **UPDATE REGARDING ICAS**

Dear Parents,

After much discussion and discernment the school has decided that we will no longer be participating in the ICAS competitions for the following reasons:

- Each year the cost of children participating in ICAS is increasing.
- Only a small number of children participate each year.
- The reports given do not give staff any significant information on children's learning and how to assist them to improve or be challenged
- The method of testing is not in line with the school's preferred strategies that promote higher order thinking.

### **iPARENT**

Parents please find below the link for the Australian Government site iParent. This is where parents can learn about the digital environment and how to help your child have safe and enjoyable online experiences. Some of the key features include: Information about the Office of eSafety Commissioner, complaints and reporting, e-Safety information, education resources, social media regulation and a wellbeing hub. It is well worth the browse.

**iParent Link: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>**



## BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

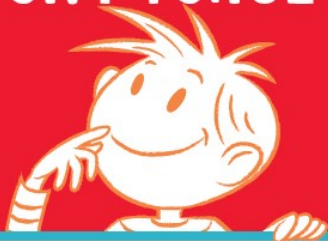
- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

### UPDATE: PARRAMATTA AQUATIC CENTRE

Please follow the link below to access an update of the proposed Parramatta Aquatic Centre.  
[www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate](http://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate) [www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate](http://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate).

# DON'T FORGET!



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
**11th May**

As of 2018 we will no longer accept cash/cheque for Book Club in the office. All orders will need to be processed through the LOOP platform. Please see instructions included in this newsletter. If you require help completing this order please contact Mrs Jones in the office.



*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)



## ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



**WALK SAFELY  
TO SCHOOL DAY**

**FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018**



**Until they're ten, children must always hold  
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

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**2** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

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Item No.

**FIND**

**3** Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

**4** All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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## Essential Safety Equipment

### KNEE/ELBOW GUARDS

Designed to protect vulnerable points that research has shown are common points of contact in falls

#### Very important for

- Skateboarding — boarders commonly land on their knees
- Rollerbladers — land on knees and elbows
- Scooter riders — most prone to falls

### WRIST GUARDS

- Designed to strengthen the wrist area so that a child falling and putting out a hand to break the fall is less likely to damage or break a wrist.
- Wrist injuries are very common for skateboard, rollerblade, scooter and micro-scooter riders.

### VISIBILITY

- Wheeled devices should not be used in poor light or near traffic.

#### Items useful to increase visibility to pedestrians and vehicles are:

- Bright coloured clothing
- Reflective tape
- Reflectors
- Visibility Flags



## Safety tips to help our kids on their wheels

### SAFE LEARNING/SAFE USE

It is important that children learn to use wheeled vehicles under adult supervision in safe environments, particularly learning to stop and to steer. This means areas away from uneven surfaces, slopes and other users. Road authorities advise that child users of all wheeled toys should be accompanied by an adult until age 9 or 10, depending on the child's individual development.

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# KIDS ON WHEELS

## Safety tips to help our kids on their wheels



**P**opular presents with wheels include tricycles, bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates, rollerblades and the fads of the moment, micro-scooters, surfing and mega-scooters.

## KEY SAFETY MESSAGES

### TRICYCLES

- Ensure the product is the right size for the child.
- Ensure that it is stable.
- Provide a safe area to use it — away from slopes, stairs and changes in level.
- Both the child's feet should be able to touch the ground when they are seated

### BICYCLES

#### Size

Most bicycle injuries are the result of the child losing control of the bike (about 85%), so getting the right size is vitally important.

A child should be able to touch the ground with both feet while seated in the saddle.

#### Safety equipment on the bicycle is critical:

- Brakes
- Lights
- Reflectors
- Bells
- Visibility devices (reflective tape, flags, etc)

### SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLERBLADES

- The most common injuries result from falls, although there have been injuries and deaths associated with running into vehicles and pedestrians.
- The rollerblades need to be a comfortable, firm fit on the child's feet.

### MICRO-SCOOTERS

- These relatively new devices are associated with fall injuries.
- 66% of those injured are under 14 years.
- There are reports of injuries associated with collisions with vehicles and pedestrians.
- Watch out for unsafe construction, with sharp objects and finger-tightened mechanisms.
- Can be very unstable due to small wheels.
- Braking system can be inadequate at the speeds that can be generated.



## Essential Safety Equipment

### HELMETS

- Helmets are the most important piece of safety equipment and are intended to protect children's heads in the event of a fall.
- Studies on cyclists show that a helmet reduces the risk of brain injury by around 90%.
- In order to be effective, the helmet has to be well fitting. A good test is to put the helmet on and then push gently with the heel of the hand against the front of the helmet. If it easily moves around, then it does not fit.
- To be effective, a helmet also has to be used!
- Parents need to make it clear to children that helmets are to be used every time.

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