



**2018**

## Dates to Remember

### Term 2

### June

#### Week 9

Thursday 28th Year 4 Celebration of Learning—2.15pm

### July

#### Week 10

Tuesday 3rd WALKATHON - PJ'S  
Friday 6th LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Students will return to school for Term 3 on the Monday 23rd July.

### Upcoming events in Term 3

- Life Education
- Grandparents Mass/  
Morning Tea
- School Dentist

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

28th June 2018 Term 2 Week 9

Dear Parents,

*Last Sunday at my local parish mass I was inspired by a beautiful homily delivered by our priest on the Nativity of St John the Baptist. He spoke about the mystery of God's involvement in the birth of three key biblical figures: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lady, Mary his mother and St John the Baptist. Father reminded us that just like God had a hand in the lives of these special people he was instrumental in our birth also. He commented on how, with love and through love, all people are made in God's image and how he knows us intimately by name.*

*Names are so very important and as many of us have experienced we feel a sense of relationship and closeness when someone knows our name and refers to us using it, which is critical to our identity. The various names people call us is often an indicator to the level and nature of our association with them. Sometimes people have to earn the right to call us by certain names, through the special relationship we have developed with them over time. God has known us all our lives, even before we were born. God **knows** us, with all our gifts and our challenges. God loves us unconditionally, a state which is very hard for humans to fully understand.*

*Sometimes it is difficult for us to conceptualise that God loves all God's creation without judgement and urges us to do the same. It was very special to be reminded that through this intimate relationship God has with us that we have all been created for a purpose; we are special and intentionally born to be of service in this world. Sometimes when people lose that sense of purpose they fall into a deep sadness in their lives. Remembering that God fully trusts us and is ready to support us simply by turning back to God, is worth remembering.*

*Last Saturday I met many families who are looking to enrol their children at St Patrick's Parramatta. After spending the day meeting them I could not help but marvel at these very precious young individuals who are just beginning to show signs of their personalities. My thinking is that it is not a fluke that we are gathered together in this community in Parramatta but that we have been called together for a reason; to create the Kingdom of God in this small space, at the corner of Ross and Villiers Streets. Growing a community together which embodies love and compassion, forgiveness and patience, trust and hope is not an easy task. Just as God intended, we are all very different and at times this difference may confuse and frustrate us. Our journey together asks that we work hard to recognise what is common between all members, that is the love of our children and the dream that they experience the best education possible in a community rich in Gospel Values.*

*Please keep in your prayers all families that are about to commence the educational journey with their little ones.*

God Bless you and your family

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 94.2%			
K = 91.2%	2 = 91.1%	4 = 95.0%	6 = 93.3%
1 = 94.9%	3 = 95.2%	5 = 98.3%	

## URGENT "Drive Through" Reminders

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- **No parking** in Ross St and Trott St before 3pm
- Start to line up in Trott St **from 3pm**
- If there is no space in Trott St please **DO NOT** stop in Grose St
- Circle the block until there is room to join the queue in Trott St
- Consider coming later - we offer the service until 3.30pm
- **NO lining up in Grose St at any time** as this street is a busy through road from Church St to O'Connell St. When we block Grose St cars have no alternative but to drive up the wrong side of the road.
- Please consider parking and walking if the weather permits.
- Please continue to follow the road rules.

## "Wear Your Best Pyjamas"

### 2018 Walkathon Fundraising Event

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that on **Tuesday 3rd July 2018** (Week 10) our school will be holding its annual **Walkathon** to help raise funds to support our student's learning.

This event will be held in Parramatta Park, in and around Old King's Oval, from 9:30am-12:30pm.

The course will be set up to allow the students to walk safely around and enjoy the sun and have fun with their friends and teachers. Supervised checkpoints will be set up around the course so students can have their sponsor sheet marked to confirm how many laps they have walked. At the completion of the event, students will return to school where they will be receiving an ice block.

We will also be having a sausage sizzle on the day with the students being given the opportunity to pre-order. **Please make sure that your orders are in by tomorrow.**

We are positive that thanks to your help and support our 2018 walkathon will be just as successful as last years.

### School Dentist

Please return the completed form for the School Dentist by Friday 6th July. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Baird who is coordinating this service.

### Light Up Cathedral Art Display

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the students who entered the Light Up St Pats Competition. Your creativity and artistic skills are outstanding and you should all feel very proud of your beautiful pieces of work. Unfortunately the major sponsor for the Light Up feature has withdrawn and Father Bob has made the decision to cancel the event for this year.

Mrs Azar and Mrs Standring have decided to hold a special exhibition of the artwork in week 2 of next term, to coincide with the Grandparents' Mass. It is hoped the exhibition will be held in the hall and will allow students, parents and grandparents to visit and view the beautiful pieces of work.

Thank you once again for your efforts and we look forward to sharing the pieces with your community early next term.

Mrs Standring and Mrs Azar.



## **VISITING AUTHOR– JACQUELINE HARVEY**

Last Tuesday, 25th June, Years 4 and 5 will be treated to a presentation by well known children's author Jacqueline Harvey. This presentation was organised and offered for free by WestWords, Western Sydney's Literature Development Organisation for Young People, based in Parramatta. Jacqueline Harvey is the author of the Clementine Rose and Alice-Miranda books, and most recently of Kensy and Max. Jacqueline was such an engaging speaker and demonstrated to the children the wonder of storytelling and how she gathered ideas for her stories and characters from her own life experiences. If you are interested in taking your children to a writing workshop on the 10th July at the centre in Grose Street please see the details included in this newsletter or collect a flyer from the front office

Last Tuesday, the wonderful bestselling author Jacqueline Harvey visited our school and Years 4 & 5 met her in our school hall. She shared with us funny stories from her childhood and how she became an author.

She told us all about her latest book series, Kensy and Max and showed us the book trailer her publisher's team made for it.

We even got to play a "test your spy skills" game! Overall both grades enjoyed this special experience and I'm sure many students will definitely read more and more of this inspiring author's books and one day maybe be inspired to become an author just like Jacqueline too!!

Daniel Pinto



## **NEXT LEVEL** **SPORTS CLINIC**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! REGISTER NOW!**

[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au)

### **Why Choose Us?**

Next Level Sports Clinic will be running a clinic in the first week of the upcoming July school holidays. Join us for a week of fun with plenty of activities, games exercises & a free lunch on Friday!

### **DATES**

**Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th July.**

Students are welcome to attend all week or selected days.

**Act now**, as spots are limited!

**For more information (dates, location and other enquiries)**

Contact David Younis at:

[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au)

(Emails returned promptly)

**Like us on Facebook! Search for "Next Level Sports Clinic"**



## Year 6 Excursion

On Tuesday the 26th of June year six travelled into the city to learn more about the NSW government. We first went to NSW's State Parliament house and went into two chambers the upper and lower chambers. We went to the lower chamber and learnt how a bill (proposed law) is made, our example was school on Saturday (which we hope will never happen). We role played the debate and we learned that these debates could go on for hours! We then made our way to the upper chamber where we had the president (leader of the room) make the final decision to this bill. Once we finished in the State Parliament house we made our way to the beautiful Botanical gardens where we ate our recess and lunch and played on the beautiful green grass. Lots of students played touch, soccer, volleyball or just catch in general. Overall year six had a memorable trip to the city and everyone loved the experience.

~Isla Giron



On Tuesday the 26th of June some of our St Patrick's Stage 2 girls went out to Penrith to participate in a Soccer Gala Day. We were lucky that it was sunny and not raining like the week before. We were a friendly group of girls who had fun playing together and supporting each other. We played against groups of girls from other schools in our Diocese and won 2 games, drew 2 games and lost 3 games. It was a fantastic and enjoyable experience. We used our skills and worked together, trying our best to play as a team and encourage each other. Even though we didn't win all of our games we were very proud and happy with our performance and effort. We would like to thank Mr Baird and the parents who supported us on the day and Mr Younis for training us at school and preparing us for the day by teaching us the skills and rules we needed to know.

Catherine Said, Christina Elzahoul and Elisa Daher

## Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day



On Tuesday 26th we had our soccer gala day. It was great !!

It all started when I arrived at the field with Carl. We found our team and played the first game. We won the first game 3-0. The second game we won as well, same with the third, fourth, five and sixth. When we won the last game the team were thrilled because we were the pool winner. It was a great day.

Liam Jocson



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:** Sebastian Mayonado, Sharbel Georges, Dylan Amaral, Ryan Day, Anthony Ghostine Maaraoui, Jade Takchi



# NAIDOC Family Day 2018

Join us as we celebrate NAIDOC at Blacktown Showgrounds on Tuesday 10 July from 11 am – 4 pm!

NAIDOC is a special event in Blacktown, which is home to the largest urban Aboriginal population in Australia. It is a day of music, and celebration; a day to remember Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contributions to the wider nation.

## NAIDOC Family Day 2018 will feature performances by:

- Emma Donovan
- Glenn Skuthorpe
- Marlene Cummins
- Shanell Dargan
- Sharon Carpenter
- Wagana Dancers
- Minning Minni Kaiwarrine
- Zelden Bell (winner of the 2017 'Blakfullas Got Talent, So You Mob Think You Can Dance Idol Competition')

Young performers from the Blacktown area are invited to showcase their skills and bravely take to the stage to vie for prizes in our talent competition – 'Blakfullas Got Talent, So You Mob Think You Can Dance Idol Competition' hosted by Jackson McBain.

There will be face-painting and activities for young people, or browse stalls selling Aboriginal goods including jewellery, clothing and art.

Event wet weather hotline 9839 6577.

For more information, call 9839 6167.

This is a drug, alcohol and smoke free event.



# NAIDOC WEEK: BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the rich history of our nation. This year's theme, 'Because of her, we can!', recognises the invaluable contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make – to our communities, families and our culture.

Throughout the week there will be a range of free activities taking place including the famous [Burramatta NAIDOC](#) on Sunday 15 July 2018.

## PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

### BURRAMATTA NAIDOC

The community is invited to the [Burramatta NAIDOC](#) festivities in the picturesque surrounds of Parramatta Park. On the day, there will be a full program of free family-friendly activities and special performances. This year's program will feature:

- Singer-songwriter Casey Donovan
- Performances by Evie J Willie and Rebecca Hatch
- Food Stalls and a free BBQ
- Open corroboree sand circle
- GWS Giants activities
- Traditional dance and music
- Arts, craft and games
- Heritage tours
- Aboriginal astronomy
- A spectacular fireworks finale

### Parish Youth Group

### Junior Credo: EDGE

- for children in Yrs 4-6  
Fortnightly on Fridays - 5pm-6pm (school terms only) at St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall.

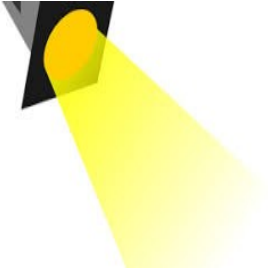
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Junior Credo Edge is a Parish based Ministry run by

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

## Spotlight on Rafael, Laurice and Zoe



### Rafael

#### What do you do in your spare time?

I like to read fictional novels and when I'm bored I like to play video games.

#### If you could have any superpower what would it be?

To open portals to other places so I can get there early and easily like to school and really wouldn't have to travel much.

#### What is your ideal job?

My dream job would be to work at a game company which I would develop and create adventurous video games.

#### If you were a animal would it be?

If I was an animal a monkey because I am very sneaky at times and playful just like a monkey.

#### If you had \$1,000,000 to spend in a day, what would you spend it on?

I would spend it on video games and an enormous amount of food so I can stay in my house and play.

### Zoe

#### If you had \$1,000,000 to spend in a day, what would you spend it on?

If I had this amount of money to spend in a day, I wouldn't necessarily spend it all I would save some of it and put the money in the bank. With the money I still have I would purchase three Cavalier dogs.

#### Your least favourite foods?

My least favourite food is honey soy chicken chips because they are just not nice in general.

#### If you had any superpower what would it be?

If I had any superpower it would be telekinesis like Matilda, which allows you to move things with your mind.

#### What's your favourite place?

My favourite place is London because of my experience there I noticed there was always a place to go and something to do.

### Laurice

#### If you had \$1,000,000 to spend in a day what would you spend it on

If I had to spend 1,000,000 in a day I would spend it on, firstly to install equipment for a gymnasium in my house. Then I would give 10,000 to my education \$2,000 to the cancer foundation & the poor and the rest I would put in the bank for my family and I to spend.

#### What is your favourite show/ movie of all time?

At the moment I am obsessed with Miraculous Tales of Ladybug and Chat Noir. It is meant for children my age but seems like a cartoon for little kids, it is hilarious and I am always watching it.

#### What one country would you like to travel to most and why?

I would love to travel to Paris, because ever since I was really really little it has been my dream to go there. There is always something to do in Paris like going to the Eiffel Tower and visiting the Louvre. Paris is the city of love and fashion and I would love to go there one day.

#### What is your favourite song?

At the moment my favourite song is Youngblood by 5 Seconds Of Summer. I love the vibe it spreads and it is super upbeat. The Chorus is really strong and has a nice rhythm.

#### What is your favourite line from a book/movie?

"Your off to great places today is your day your mountain is waiting so get on your way." Dr Seuss.





OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

## College Open Morning Tour

### Wednesday July 25, 2018

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*

#### OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, July 25 2018.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2020.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl



*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)

## Future Care Mobile Dental Services

### Information for Parents

#### What service is offered?

Future Care Mobile Dental Services is a unique initiative that provides high quality, on-site, general dental care to children aged 2-17. Under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), funded by the Australian Federal Government, our service for eligible\* students comes at no cost to the school or the parents.

#### Who are the dentists?

Future Care Mobile Dental Services comprises of a team of accredited and experienced dentists with a keen desire to provide the essential dental care to your child.

#### What sort of services are provided?

After receiving written consent from you as their parent/guardian, your child will be provided the following services:

- Dental health education
- Comprehensive oral examination and treatment plan
- Cleaning of teeth and fluoride application
- If applicable (and with further parental consent) on our return visit to your school x-ray, fillings, fissure seals, extractions if required.

#### What does it cost?

**Eligible students:** \*For eligible students the total benefit is capped at \$1000.00 over a two calendar year period. We confirm eligibility with Medicare prior to your child's consultation with our dentist.

**Ineligible students:** For students not covered under the CDBS we can provide the same level of preventative care for \$59.00 per student.

Should X-Rays/fillings/fissure seals/extractions, etc. be required such will be detailed on the Treatment Plan that will be provided to your child. We normally return to the school to undertake this restorative work and contact all parents to explain what work is required and if agreed the child is booked into our clinic for our next visit. For students who are ineligible to be Bulk Billed we provide the parent with a quote as per the CDBS bulk billed fee schedule. Payment is available via EFT/Credit Card/PayPal for your convenience.

#### How can my child participate in the program?

Your child can participate in the program after filling in our consent form and medical questionnaire. We need these returned prior to your child being seen by our dentist.

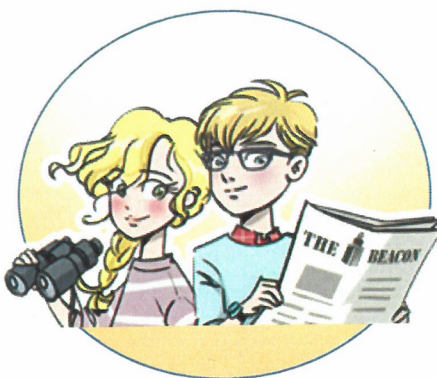
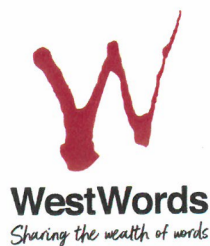
#### Where can I go for more information?

To learn about the CDBS, head to the Medicare website at:  
[www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/child-dental-benefits-schedule/](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/child-dental-benefits-schedule/)

Call our team on 9723 0333  
for more information

[www.fcmdental.com.au](http://www.fcmdental.com.au) | [admin@fcmdental.com.au](mailto:admin@fcmdental.com.au)





## JACQUELINE HARVEY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Do you like to write? Do you dream of seeing a book with your name on the cover? Do you just want to write great stories that people will enjoy reading?

Jacqueline Harvey, the popular author of the Alice-Miranda and Clementine Rose series, and the new series Kensy and Max, is delivering a full-day workshop for kids aged 8-12 during the term 2 holidays!

The workshop will cover finding and developing ideas; creating believable characters; using place and setting to spark ideas; using dialogue effectively; and much more!

You can access more information at [www.westwords.com.au](http://www.westwords.com.au). Please bring a packed lunch!

Cost:

\$50 full price  
\$30 concession

Tuesday 10th July  
10AM-4PM:

91B Grose St, North  
Parramatta NSW 2151

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Bookings

[www.westwords.com.au](http://www.westwords.com.au)  
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