



**2018**

**Dates to Remember**

**Term 4**

**October**

**Week 2**

Friday 26th            World Teachers Day  
                                 Primary Assembly—Year 6  
                                 2.15pm—School Hall

**Week 3**

Tuesday 30th        Footsteps Dance  
Friday 2nd Nov        Infants Assembly—Kindy  
                                 2.15pm—School Hall

**November**

**Week 4**

Tuesday 6th            Footsteps Dance  
                                 2019 Kindy Orientation  
Wednesday 7th        2019 Kindy Orientation  
Thursday 8th            2019 Kindy Orientation  
Friday 9th                Primary Assembly—Year 3  
                                 2.15pm—School Hall

**Week 5**

Tuesday 13th         Footsteps Dance  
Wednesday 14th       2019 Kinder  
                                 Parent Information Night  
Friday 16th             Family Fun Night  
                                 (more details to come)

**Week 6**

Tuesday 20th         Footsteps Dance  
Thursday 22nd         Year 6 Camp  
Friday 23rd             Year 6 Camp  
                                 Infants Assembly—Year 1  
                                 2.15pm—School Hall

**Week 7**

Friday 30th            Swimming Carnival  
                                 Year 2—6

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

25th October 2018 Term 4 Week 2

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Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is World Teacher's Day. It is an opportunity for students and families to acknowledge the wonderful work teachers do all around the world. The vocation of teaching is a special one indeed. It is very difficult to describe exactly what a teacher does in a clear role description. Whilst the body of the work undertaken by teachers is in the area of education - primarily in the seven Key Learning Areas set by the government, every teacher and anyone related to a teacher, knows that it is so much more.

Great teachers possess skills that go beyond understanding their subjects and how to teach it. They understand people, especially children, and how to encourage the very best from them. It is a highly relational job and takes much energy and dedication. Popular teachers are often described as kind and fair. Children appreciate clear instructions and a calm learning environment; they love teachers who make learning fun. Great teachers demonstrate an ability to know exactly what a student needs - sometimes challenging and sometimes supporting. Children sometimes say, "I like Ms/Mr ... because he/she gets me" What a marvellous gift - to 'get' individuals and for those individuals to recognise this. You may recall a teacher who 'got you' and how special this was. Perhaps it was because that teacher believed in you.

Last week, after that shockingly wet afternoon, I received a beautiful email from one of our parents acknowledging, with gratitude, the efforts staff on 'pick up duty', demonstrated, to assist the children to get into cars safely. They held up umbrellas, carried soaking bags, opened doors and held frightened children's hands - all whilst getting absolutely saturated. She rightly described these actions as that, 'far beyond the call of duty' and felt compelled to contact me. I thank her for this gesture. Whilst the actions demonstrated on this stormy afternoon are not always possible, especially when the situation becomes a work health and safety issue for staff and students, I agreed with her sentiments and felt very proud that they cared so much.

Teachers love receiving such positive feedback so thank you !!

So, let us remember our teachers on World Teachers Day by keeping our wonderful staff in your nightly prayers. Let us pray that they continue to feel nourished by the very important work that they do for our young generation and pray that they find satisfaction and energy to continue to make a difference in our world, in the lives of children and their families.

God bless you and your families.  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal

## Honour Award

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

<b>3L</b>	Noah Reyes-Mangabat	Raymond Joe Khoury
<b>3T</b>	Ellen Nikolakopoulos	Jake Doueih
<b>4B</b>	James Fraser	Anthony Nakhoul
<b>4G</b>	Alexandra Elphinstone	Sophia Lorenzo
<b>5C</b>	Julian Tanna	Angelina Wakim
<b>5T</b>	Kenneth Zhang	Georgia Wright
<b>6P</b>	Joseph Romanos	Arabella Gittany
<b>6W</b>	Jesse Sabat	Wyske Lubbers

## st patrick's award

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

<b>3L</b>	Antonio Moussa	Nathan Romanos
<b>3T</b>	Daniel Saleh	Rafaella Bautista
<b>4B</b>	Olivia Takchi	Ashintha Joseph
<b>4G</b>	Nyah Khalil	Joseph Sassen
<b>5C</b>	Scarlett Khoury	Brandon Roque
<b>5T</b>	Ryan Day	Jazmyne Grech
<b>6P</b>	Andre Elzahoul	Jessica Wehbe
<b>6W</b>	Luke Takchi	Elaria Fayad

## Condolences

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Miss Hagi (3T) and her family— on the passing of her Mother, Maria. Mrs Hagi has suffered a long term illness however her passing was sudden. Flowers has been sent to her from the school community.

Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

## New afternoon procedure

Dear Parents

Afternoon pick up from the COLA seems to be going very well. Some of the feedback from parents so far are as follows:

- Less congested
- Can easily find the children
- Children have more room and are more comfortable
- It is not so noisy
- Easier access out the gate
- More room to stop and have a chat with other parents

We will continue to trial this procedure so if you have any more feedback please see the teacher on duty. Thank you for your cooperation.

## St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 88.0%

<b>K = 86.0%</b>	<b>2 = 89.3%</b>	<b>4 = 86.7%</b>	<b>6 = 80.0%</b>
<b>1 = 91.7%</b>	<b>3 = 87.1%</b>	<b>5 = 95.0%</b>	

# JWS Research

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week you would have received an email from research company JWS Research asking you to complete a short survey about the reasons for sending your child to a Catholic school. Thank you to those who have responded to this. There has been a good response rate so far but we are hopeful of getting as many replies as possible.

If you haven't already done so, could you please click on the link in your email and complete the survey. It will take only about 15 minutes to do. **The closing date for the survey is 26 October.**

If you did not receive an email inviting you to participate in the survey, please email Jacqui Lowe from JWS Research at [jlouw@jwsresearch.com](mailto:jlouw@jwsresearch.com).

Thank you for your support of this important project.

## Sports Days for Term 4

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 4:-

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



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

Renee Kougellis, Oliver Kougellis, Julian Tanna, Stephanie Jabbour, Kenneth Zhang, Weyata Lamin, Annette Francis, Germain Toledo, Alex El Khoury, Alessandra De Guzman, Scarlett Khoury, Christian Chivers

St Patrick's Parramatta					
RETURN TO SCHOOL 2019 DATES					
Week One 2019	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	28th January 2019	29th January 2019	30th January 2019	31st January 2019	1st February 2019
	Public Holiday	Staff Development Day –  Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments	Staff Development Day –  Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments	Years 1 to Year 6 Commence school	Kindergarten commence school (full day)
		Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 2 days.			

## Not Returning to St Patrick's in 2019

Thank you to the parents who have informed the office that their child will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2019. If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2019 please send a letter to Ms Fabri stating the last day of attendance at St Patrick's and which school they will be moving onto in 2019. This does not apply to year 6 students.

## 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.

Email Mindy for more info:

[credo@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:credo@stpatscathedral.com.au)

Junior Credo Edge is a Parish based Ministry run by St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
**31st October**

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 follow the instructions to the right. If you require help completing your order please contact Mrs Jones in the office on 8832 4600.

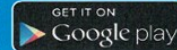
# Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or

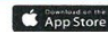


Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 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**.  
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?  Item No.

- 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.

**SCHOLASTIC**



*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	6.30am, 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 Michael Gitau

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale ( Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)

Donna Missio (Receptionist)