



Newsletter

30th May, 2019 Term 2 Week 5

2019 Dates to

Remember

Term 2

Week 5

Friday 31st May

Infants Assembly—
Kindy

Week 6

Friday 7th June

Primary Assembly—
Year 5

Week 7

Monday 10th June

Public Holiday —
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 12th June

Athletics Carnival

Friday 14th June

Year 3 excursion—
Taronga Zoo

Week 8

Wednesday 19th June

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala
Day

Thursday 20th June

Year 3 Celebration of
Learning

Week 9

Parent Teacher
Interviews commence

Monday 24th June

Reports to Parents

Wednesday 26th June

Stage 2 Boys & Girls
Soccer Gala Day

Dear Parents,

In a few weeks time teachers will be meeting with you, or you and your child, regarding their learning progress for this Semester. For those who have had a long association with schools and reporting you will have noticed a shift in the way schools provide evidence of their child's learning.

When we think of school we often think about how school was in our day and for many of us the only assessment we experienced was in the form of tests at the end of a unit of work. Sometimes we had a test at the beginning of a unit to see what we knew already but this was not common practice. The end of unit or summative assessment usually focuses the learner on performance, that is how they have remembered certain aspects of the unit, rather than the important aspect of the LEARNING. The word test usually fills learners with fear and trepidation. This is not to say that tests have no place in the learning cycle but it is important to remember that tests assess a particular type of learning only.

According to the Department of Education definition on assessment,

“The central purpose of assessment is to provide information on student achievement and progress and set the direction for ongoing teaching and learning.”

This occurs through both formal and informal activities.

Much research has been undertaken on Assessment and as per the definition the key purpose of Assessment is to gather data on the student's learning. Contemporary practice requires teachers to plan what they call Assessment 'for', 'as' and 'of' learning. In other words every piece of work or learning expression has the potential to inform the teacher about how the student is travelling with regard to knowledge, skills and understandings.

It also has the potential to inform the learner about how they are going? This is indeed the most powerful of information. Schools still have formal assessment events such as; NAPLAN, Early Years Assessment (EYA), Mathematics Assessment Instrument (MAI), Progressive Achievement Tests in Reading (PAT-R) and some speciality assessments for children undertaking intervention programs. and these are undertaken every year. Assessment at the end of the unit **only** vary rarely enables the learner to work on strategies to improve. Teachers are becoming adept at creating learning intentions and success criteria and children use these and anchor charts to assist them to monitor their own progress - a very important skill.

For the reasons above teachers will be using many types of evidence of learning at the student/parent/teacher or parent/teacher learning conferences. These will include: workbooks, tests, photos, work samples, self reflections/evaluations or learning journals, videos, group and individual creative projects such as design and make. These types of learning examples, allow the learner to express their learning in a variety of ways. Children's work will be made available for children and parents to keep throughout the year.

Another important aspect of the Assessment and Reporting process which staff have been working on is the **quality** of Feedback and Assessment. Over the last few years staff have developed a shared practice and refinement of their understanding on how to design assessment tasks that allow for the wide diversity of learning levels and styles. Continual teacher learning is critical to great educational opportunities in a school and the staff at St Patrick's are both enthusiastic and passionate about their own learning by combining well tried and tested methods and new ideas.

We look forward to meeting with you during the weeks to come at the learning conferences.

God bless you and your family.

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



Honour Award

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

KA	Anthony El-Sabbagh	Joline El-Hani
KM	Mary Roumanus	Tony Karam
1C	Patrick Semaan	Isaiah Maroon
1S	Andrew Batti	Charbella Chedid
2M	Celine Joachim	Ray Chen
2Y	Timana Gutierrez Caceres	Olivia Moussa



st patrick's award

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

KA	Xavier Bayssari	Isaiah Zaiter
KM	James Said	Melinda Malkoun
1C	Anton Bayssari	Grace Talbot
1S	Daniel Jurisic	Nour Kahwaji
2M	Antonia Romanos	Isaac Wehbe
2Y	Alessandra De Guzman	Nathan Nguyen

Its a Boy!!

Congratulations to the Hudson Family (Jude KA) on the birth of their baby boy, Alvie.

Congratulations to the Cauan Family (Carl 5C) on the birth of their baby boy, Chris Zachary.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Angelique Saliba, Zachary Aguilera, Jake Doueih, Elias Nakhle, Christian Donaldson

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS NOW Chatterbox Live event with Greg Whitby

Free tickets are now available to reserve your seats for the upcoming Chatterbox Live event with Greg Whitby.

This is a terrific opportunity for you to ask our Executive Director questions which you may have been waiting to ask or to listen to the questions of other parents.

Please follow the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/chatterbox-live-qa-with-greg-whitby-tickets-59149834748>

Regards
Bernadette Fabri

CHATTERBOX LIVE FOR PARENTS WITH GREG WHITBY
(Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta)

Date: Thursday, 13 June
Venue: St Andrews College Marayong
Time: 7.00pm.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey (27 May-14 June)

From this week we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey during the survey period. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Patrick's Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below from this week.

<https://tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/3t6xd>

2019 COMPLIANCE SPOT CHECK

Last week a panel from the Catholic Education Office came to the school to undertake a Compliance Spot Check. Compliance Audit Spot checks are conducted as part of the risk management processes by the School Compliance and Improvement Team to complement the Compliance Audits program in schools.

The curriculum areas that were checked were Science and Technology and English in Years 1 and 2 and the Non-curriculum areas looked at were; Risk Assessments, Parent Communication and Road Safety.

Feedback from the panel was extremely positive. These included:

- the thorough and detailed documentation presented and the high quality of documentation
- excellent communication avenues with parents/caregivers including newsletters, website, skoolbag.
- excellent communication with the community regarding road safety issues.
- That the school follows CEDP guidelines for on-site / off-site activities and was able to provide examples of risk assessment forms.

The school received excellent commendation in both areas of the curriculum and the panel congratulated the teachers on the quality of their work stating that 'the student work samples are extremely impressive with detailed teacher feedback to assist students in their learning and planning for future directions. They show excellent differentiation as well as quality teaching and student engagement in the learning.'

We are very proud to present to you the panels final comment.

FINAL COMMENTS REGARDING COMPLIANCE

The team would like to sincerely thank St Patrick's Primary School and staff for its hospitality, warm welcome and engagement in the process of Spot check. It is clear that the school has the students at the centre of everything that occurs each and every day. We would like to commend the Stage 1 teachers who are obviously devoted to their profession and their students. It is clear that each one is extremely diligent and dedicated to their school and the students. Their professionalism in presenting the curriculum materials is to be commended. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to meet and know each outstanding teacher.

Spot Check Compliance Panel

Personal Plans- Diversity

Philosophy: Schools have the responsibility for maximising the learning outcomes and wellbeing of all students and for providing access to a high-quality education that is free from discrimination. All children are entitled to quality educational experiences and the staff at St Patrick's Parramatta continually endeavours to ensure this quality.

The staff at St Patrick's Parramatta believe that all students should feel that they are included in an environment of high expectation where they are both able and enabled to learn. This belief sometimes requires staff to make the necessary adjustments so that all students can access the curriculum at the point of need.

Personal Plans: A Personal plan is one mechanism to enable an enhanced focus on the individual needs of each student by focusing on the level of educational support provided to them in the school context. Personalised learning requires attention to the unique needs of individual students of all abilities, acknowledging the different learning needs of each student. A personal plan aims to fulfil the diverse capabilities of each student to ensure they meet educational standards.

All schools are **mandated by law** to provide a record of adjustments, if required, through a Personal Plan.

Parents of children who have a personal plan may have already received communication about their child's personal plan last week or this week. We ask parents to review the personal plans that have been sent home and sign to acknowledge that they have received it. **Thank you to the parents who have already completed this and sent them back.**

If you have any questions please make an appointment to speak to your child's classroom teacher.

St Patrick's Parramatta - Do You Have Talent?

We are searching for talented members of St Patrick's Primary School to be part of a talent quest.

Whether you are a singer, dancer, acrobat, juggler or have a talent that doesn't fit any of the areas listed we want to see you!

The SRC will be running a talent question at the end of the term to raise money for St Vincent de Paul Society 'Winter Appeal'. **A note is available from the office, where a group is performing only one note per group is required. The children can enter as a group or individually, each entry requires \$1.00 donation per child.**

Protocols for choosing and rehearsing:

Group:

- Use the gifts of all members of the group - some may be gifted with organisation, design, composing while others may be gifted with the ability to perform.
- Include all members of your group.
- Once your group has been decided you cannot change who is in it.
- No more than six people per group.
- There can be a leader but a leader does not boss people around. They encourage them to use their gifts.
- The act must be safe and appropriate for school.

Solo:

- Use your gift to entertain the audience.
- The act must be safe and appropriate for school.

Protocols for entering:

- You can enter a maximum of two times.
- Entry fee is \$1 per person. If entering as a group it is \$1.00 entry per group member.
- Entry fee will be charged for every event you are in.
- Each item cannot exceed 3-4 minutes duration.

We are very excited to hear and see the amazing talents our students have so get together with your friends or family and start preparing now.

On behalf of the SRC committee

Online Permission and Newsletters

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

After trialling online notes using the Skoolbag App and with consideration to parent feedback we have decided to continue the use of this method for all permission notes eg excursions, sporting events, community events and general notifications.

As these events often require the booking of buses and the notification of final numbers we ask you to please respond as soon as possible.

If you still require hard copy notes or newsletters please let the office know by phoning them on 8832 4600, email stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au or through Skoolbag and we will put this on record for future reference.

Kind Regards
Mrs Jones



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents

Parent teacher interviews will be held from Tuesday 25th June to Friday 5th July 2019.

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 21st June at 4pm.

A letter was sent home earlier this week with instructions. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **u484u** and follow the simple instructions.

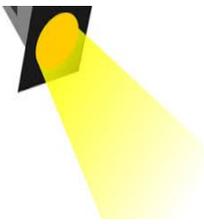


FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Benkovich (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au, or through Skoolbag App. The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy. <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

We are collection Earn & Learn stickers again this year!!

Ask your family and friends and drop them into the box in the office. Our target this year is 40,000 stickers



Spotlight Year 5 Teachers and Blue House Colour Captains

Today we are focusing on our St Patrick's Year 5 teachers, Mrs Carroll and Mrs Williams and our Melaleuca House Captains Zachery Khattar and Jazmyne Grech.

Zachery Khattar

If you could have any job what would it be?

I would be a rugby league player because it's what I love.

What are you looking forward to the most at High School?

I am looking forward to new opportunities, new friends and a change.

What is your favorite subject?

My favourite subject is creative arts because you can use your own imagination

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is getting caught in a rip at the beach.

What is your least favourite dish?

My least favourite dish is avocado and olives.

Jazmyne Grech

What's your favourite line from a book or movie?

"Long Live the King" from the movie 'Lion King'.

If you were an animal, what would you be?

I would be a puppy because there cute and snug-gly.

What country would you like to travel to the most and why?

I would travel to France because when I was little I had dreamed about going there.

What is your ideal job?

I would be an archaeologist because I want to discover the secrets of the world and the past.

What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time I watch tv.

Mrs Carroll

How do you want to help the world become a better place?

By trying to live a good life.

What is your favourite movie/tv show ever? Why?

My favourite TV show is Game of Thrones, I love fantasy and period dramas.

Which three people (in the whole world) would you invite to dinner and why?

Mrs Williams - for entertainment
Kit Harrington - he can tell me all the backstage gossip from Game of Thrones
Gough Whitlam - for his political and clever wit

If there was an emergency, apart from being with your family what would be the thing you grab first?

My box of special treasures and memories I keep in my wardrobe at home.

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

I would like to go back to Ireland. My family originated from there and I think the history is fascinating.

Mrs Williams

What's your favourite line from any book/poem or movie?

I carry your heart. I carry it in my heart

If you were a animal would it be?

I wouldn't mind being a sea lion. I think it might be great to lie in the sun on a sea-side jetty all day while people throw hot chips at me...bliss.

Your least favourite dish?

Tripe...as much as I loved my Nonna, I could never stomach the texture.

Favourite celebrity/sport icon?

Roger Federer - he is a true sportsman, athletic, determined, humble, a true gentleman of the game I love.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear would definitely be losing a child. I couldn't think of anything else that would be as hard as that.



Junior Credo, part of Credo Youth Ministries, is a youth group for **primary school students**. The group aims to bring young people closer to their **Catholic faith**.

TERM 2 SESSIONS

FRIDAY 10TH MAY
FRIDAY 24TH MAY
FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL HALL
5PM – 6PM

Credo Youth Mass: Every 3rd Sunday at 6pm

FUN EXPERIENCES GAMES PRAYER MUSIC

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 Credo St Pats
 credo_youth_parramatta







ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP

Murphy House, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Wide range of religious gifts and cards to celebrate any special occasion.

Open 10am to 4pm on opening day
Drop in and have a look

My First Communion





St Patrick's Gift Shop *(located in Murphy House)*

Children are now preparing for their First Holy Communion. Get in early to buy your card and gift. Many beautiful items to choose from.

Hours of Operation
 Tues 10am-2pm Wed-Fri - 10.00am-4pm
 Sun 9am-2pm Closed Mon & Sat Email: giftshop@stpatscathedral.com.au



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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 Christopher Del Rosario Rev Deacon Willy Limjap
Meg Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst) Mindy Mercado (Youth Co-ord)
Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary) Donna Missio (Receptionist)

HOW TO RAISE HAPPY AND RESILIENT CHILDREN

Join the PRC to hear one of Australia's leading Psychologists talk about the journey from childhood through to young adulthood, as it seems to have become so much harder to navigate.



Hear about the latest news from the science of positive psychology and how its applied to bringing up children and teenagers.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
Adolescent and Child Psychologist

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au



Monday, 3rd June 2019

Doors open: 6:15 pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker
John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

www.prc.catholic.edu.au



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You're invited...

The WIZARD of OZ

Presented by OLMC Parramatta

Tuesday 4 June, Wednesday 5 June
and Thursday 6 June

6.30pm

Edith Angel Hall, OLMC Parramatta

Come early and make a night of it with
Food Trucks and Snack Stalls available from 5pm

Tickets: \$20 Ground Floor | \$25 Mezzanine
Tickets can be purchased at www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Celebrating 130 Years of Mercy Education

Sandwiches & Salad Meal Pack

- Sandwiches (GF) \$4.00 (+\$1.50)
 - Wraps (GF) \$6.00 (+\$1.50)
 - Garden Salad (GF) \$5.50
- Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

Basic Sandwiches (Smooth Wholemeal or GF)

- Vegemite, Ham, Cheese or Jam

Wraps

- (White, Wholegrain or GF)
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato
- Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo
- Tuna Mayo & Salad
- Cheese & Salad



Kids Garden Salad (GF)

(Lettuce, carrot, tomato and corn)

- Add: Pasta or Cheese (+\$1.00)
- Add: Chicken or Tuna (+\$1.50)



Weekly Specials R: \$7.00 (L: +\$2)

Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

MON & TUES ONLY Mild Beef Nachos (GF)

Nachos with a gentle spice mix that even the fussiest of eaters will love. Serve with corn nachos and let the hungry hordes dig in!



CHICKEE Bites (GF)

Fried fresh chicken marinated in our secret soy and honey sauce with crunchy coating, served with rice.

Add Sauce: Tomato (GF), BBQ or Mayo (GF) (+\$0.50)



THURS & FRI ONLY

Seasonal Special R: \$5.00 (L: +\$2)

Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

WED ONLY Pork Sausage Roll Bites

The classic freshly made from scratch with Irish pork and pastry in easy to eat bite sizes.

Add Sauce: Tomato (GF), BBQ (+\$0.50)



Lunch Meal Box R: \$7.00 (L: +\$2)

Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

Baked Penne Bolognese

Penne Bolognese with vegetable mix. Topped with cheese baked till golden brown - YUM! (GF Available)



Chicken Fried Rice

A delicious Asian-inspired dish packed with flavour. Delicious sweet soy marinated chicken fried rice with vegetable mix. (GF Available)



Meatball Bolognese

Delicious meatball pasta loved by all; juicy meatballs in a rich Bolognese sauce served over penne for easy eating. (GF Available)



Mini Sushi Roll Pack

Healthily balanced sushi pack with teriyaki chicken, tuna mayo, avocado and cucumber rolls (2 of each kind). Perfect finger-sized meal. (GF Available)



Mild Butter Chicken (GF)

'Best butter chicken ever!' Dairy free, Gluten free, grain and starch free... Served on a bed of rice - Hungry yet?



Snack Bag \$4.00

Includes in-house fruit jelly cup!

Crunchy Vege Mix (GF)

Wellcomeasy Mixed Berry Yoghurt Cup (GF)

Baked Mini Pretzels ★★

NEW Roasted Fav-va Beans Snack (GF)

Crunchy Rice Bites

Fresh Muffins (Blueberry OR Cocoa Choc)

Creation*Fresh Organic Popcorn (GF)

Drinks (Served chilled)

Pure Spring Mini Bottled Water \$1.90

Milk

Full Cream, Chocolate, Strawberry \$1.90

Soy Drink

Original, Chocolate \$2.50

Organic 100% Juice

Apple, Orange, Apple & B'currant, Tropical \$2.50

Watermelon Water \$2.50

Coconut Water \$2.50

Healthy communities through meals

SAVE up to 30% with a 3-day or 5-day

meal, drink & snack plan subscription

Please check our website for allergens and dietary details of what's inside all meals.

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Wellcomeasy

To clarify Wellcomeasy will now have 1 delivery time— **12.50pm** for the hot food orders. Please be mindful to pack the children fruit break and recess. Any child that has order a snack will need to wait until lunch time to eat this. The children that have ordered this week give the hot food two thumbs up and say it is DELICIOUS!!! To order go to www.welcomeasy.com.au