



# Newsletter

22nd August, 2019 Term 3 Week 5

## 2019 Dates to

## Remember

## Term 3

### Week 5

**Friday 23rd August**

Diocesan Athletics  
Carnival

Infants Assembly—  
Year 2 at 2.15pm

### Week 6

**Monday 26th August**

Year 6 Voice of Youth  
Cluster Round

**Tuesday 27th August**

Fathers Day Stall

**Friday 30th August**

Fathers Day Breakfast  
and Mass

Primary Assembly—  
Year 3 at 2.15pm

### Week 7

**Friday 6th September**

**Staff Development Day**

**NO CHILDREN AT  
SCHOOL**

### Week 8

**Friday 13th September**

Stage 2 Boys & Girls  
Touch Gala Day

Dear Parents

This week we celebrated Book Week. As previously advertised the theme of this year's Book Week is "**Reading is my Secret Power**" and it demonstrates the importance that reading has in the lives of people, especially children. The idea of a secret power suggests that reading enables people or the characters they come to meet, to do extraordinary things.

The obvious secret power reading gives us is the ability to **travel** to many places around the world, sometimes crossing time, through history and into the future, without even leaving our houses. We can even visit places that do not exist except in the imagination of the author.

Reading can provide us with the secret power of being able to **relax and improve our well being**. There is nothing better than reading a few chapters of a novel you cannot put down before going to bed and this can be done anytime we are feeling in need of relaxation. That is why we see so many people reading next to pools and on the beach. Imagine if someone told you that you can be given a secret power to **meet thousands of friends** of all ages and cultures. Reading can give you this secret power through the many wonderful characters you come to know.

Depending on the types of books reading can **inspire and motivate** us. Reading scripture is the ultimate inspiration and often assists us through the toughest times in our lives.

The secret power of learning how to **do things** we do not know how to do can be gained by reading.

At this year's book parade it was wonderful reflecting on the hundreds of characters that demonstrate secret powers in their stories. Besides the obvious superhero type characters who possess superhuman powers or magical characters who possess the ability to cast spells, there are characters whose secret powers are more subtle - but perhaps even more powerful.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imagination</li> <li>• Compassion</li> <li>• Positivity</li> <li>• Strength and endurance</li> <li>• Wisdom</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courage</li> <li>• Intuition</li> <li>• Empathy</li> <li>• Daring and determination</li> <li>• And love</li> </ul> |
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All these secret powers can change people's lives and have the potential to ultimately change the world.

**WHAT A SECRET POWER!**

See if your children can match any characters they know to these secret powers.

God bless you and your family  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal



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## st patrick's award



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

KA	Olivia Rizk	Alyssa Vella
KM	Zavier Skaf	Sebastian Vella
1C	Mia Freifer	Mary Gilchrist
1S	Sophia Khoury	Mika Liu
2M	Fleur Perrett	Eimear Mitchell
2Y	Sonia Sitoa	Panayioti Yannakis



## Honour Award

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

KA	Edward McCloskey	Esperanza Thompson
KM	Gabriella Norman	Charlie El Khoury
1C	Ava Boutros	John Bardetta
1S	Patrick Katar	Araminta Jackson
2M	Joshua Jaitani	Nicholas Reyes-Mangabat
2Y	Levi Jaitani	Shaneli Perera

### STUDY LEAVE : MISS FABRI

Dear Parents,

I have been invited by the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta to undertake some study at the *Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies of the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium (KU Leuven)*. ***I will be going on Study Leave from Friday 6th September to Monday the 23rd September. I will be joining 5 others from the Parramatta Diocese and a number of travellers from South Australia.***

*“The Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies of the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium (KU Leuven) has been developing a new empirical methodology to frame, assess and enhance the identity structure of Catholic educational organisations. This methodology (quantitative as well as qualitative) allows us to investigate in detail the kind(s) of Catholic institutional identity and the level(s) of Catholicity present in an organisation, today and towards the future.” (ECSI website)*

In my absence Mrs Benkovich will be Acting Principal with Mrs Standing appointed to Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Barclay, Acting Religious Education Coordinator. I look forward to telling you all about my learning on my return.

Regards  
Bernadette Fabri



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

Lorenzo De Guzman, Sonia Sitoa, Elaine Xue, Elias Kazzaz, Zara Diuco, Annabelle Johnson, Josephine Behan, Amariah Tamaro, Amyllia Maneze, Shanelle Wambeek, Ashton Grohs, Justin Makhoul

### FOR YOUR DIARY: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - 6th September.

The next Staff Development Day will take place on **Friday 6th September**. The staff will be working with Mr Scott Carrol (Teacher Educator in Religious Education) and exploring the new Religious Education Framework by preparing learning cycles for the students in their class. It is a great opportunity for the staff to build on the work we have been participating in throughout this year as part of the curriculum development team.

## MOBILE PHONES

Dear Parents,

With the convenience of communication afforded to us by mobile phones we understand the importance for some parents to issue their children these devices. Most children are now used to logging these phones in the office, in the morning, and collecting them in the afternoon.

We do understand however that children being children may be tempted to access sites that may be inappropriate for them. Mobile devices do not have the screening checks that school devices have as they do not use the school wifi and we are unable to track what children are viewing whilst waiting for their parents - unless we see them.

**If your child is bringing a mobile phone to school I strongly recommend that you have a conversation with them with regard to cyber safety and the appropriate use of these smartphones. If you have the facility perhaps you can regularly check, through the history, what your children are viewing. May I suggest that at these young ages there is no place for privacy when it comes to what sites your children are accessing. Children often share their viewing with other children and so there is an added responsibility for them to do the right thing.**

If you feel that your child is not able to manage this responsibility perhaps they are not ready to have a phone yet. Good training is essential and the best way to do this is by having clear guidelines and good role modelling.

Happy to hear your feedback as always.

Regards  
Bernadette Fabri

## After School 'Drive Through'

In order for our afternoon 'Drive Through' to run as efficiently as possible we need your assistance by following these guidelines. Please:

- Have a clear label displayed in your front windscreen in **bold black text** (highlighter and biro are impossible to read)
- Have children enter the car from the **footpath only**
- Avoid having children put **bags in the boot** (if another car accidentally accelerated your child could be crushed)
- Remain in your car as it is **illegal to leave your vehicle** in this area as it is 'NO PARKING'
- Make sure that your child/ren can fasten their own seatbelts (this is a requirement if using the 'Drive Through' service)
- Use the designated crossings around the school rather than crossing in between the traffic.

Please note that if you park outside the school or in Trott Street before 3 pm the parking officers have the right to ask you to move as this area is a **NO PARKING AREA FROM 2.30PM—4.00PM.**

We ask that you please follow the road signs and cooperate with our parking officers as we would prefer our parent community do not receive any parking fines.

Mrs Benkovich

## SCHOOL FEES

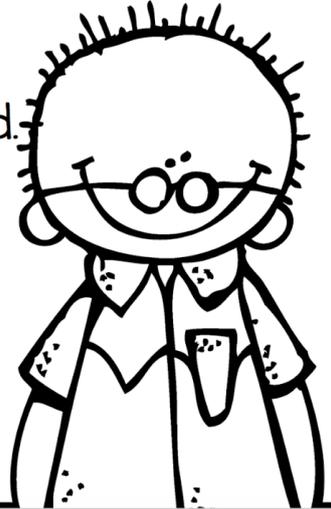
A friendly reminder that Term 3 school fees are now due. There was a second mail out of invoices. If you have paid your school fees please disregard the second invoice. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused. If you have not received an Invoice at all for school fees, please contact the school Finance Officer Fiona Mitterer Ph:8832 4600.

## **IS YOUR CHILD NOT RETURNING TO ST PATRICK'S IN 2020?**

**If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2020 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 2020. This does not apply to year 6 students**

# HOW TO READ WITH A BEGINNING READER

- Complete a picture walk BEFORE reading.
- Predict what may happen in the book.
- Model and encourage your child to track print.
- Read a word or sentence and have your child repeat it.
- Take turns reading each page.
- Talk about the story as you read.  
What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of?
- Read the story again! Repeated readings build fluency and confidence!



Created By Deana Kahlenberg

## SCHOOL WELL-BEING COUNSELLING SERVICE

The wellbeing of children and young people in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools is of paramount importance. A sense of well-being and connectedness in schools promotes optimal development of the person and contributes to academic success.

Access to counselling services can be made by contacting your child's classroom teacher or Ms Fabri, who will then put forward a referral. Mrs Ricketts will then contact you for further information. Further details can be found in previous newsletters.



## Condolences

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Azizi (Jacinta 3T) family on the passing of her Great Grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## CHOIR FOR CONFIRMATION

Father Bob has invited our school to provide the choir to lead the congregation in singing at the Confirmation Liturgy. Choir students from Year Two to Six are asked to consider accepting this honour and privilege by sharing their gift of singing to all. Thank you to the students who have already volunteered their time and will be supporting our school and parish community by attending this important liturgy.

We understand it is difficult to balance family commitments however if your child is able to or is attending the liturgy we encourage them to sit with the choir and add volume to the beautiful voices. This year, Confirmation will be held on 30 August at 7.00pm.

There are 2 practise sessions remaining beginning at 8.20am on the following Wednesday and Fridays, 23 and 28 August.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and its mission.

Mrs Standing and Mrs Rodricks

## Father's Day Mass and breakfast -

*Please join us on Friday 30 August as we celebrate our fathers, grandfathers and those who are like fathers to us. Through the love and goodness of God, who is like a loving father, we can see how fathers can be models of strength and gentleness, justice and compassion, and mercy and kindness. Celebrations will begin at 7.00am with a hearty barbeque breakfast followed by a whole school Mass at 9.15am.*

*We look forward to seeing you all here and know your children will enjoy sharing this special morning with you.*

# SAVE THE DATE



**Father's Day**  
**Hi-Tea Breakfast**  
Friday 30 August 2019  
7am – 8:30am

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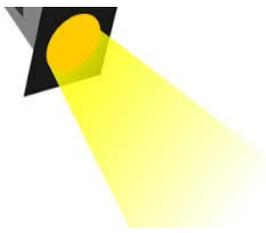
## NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY K to Yr 2

### 5. MORE GAMES

Playing games Making maths fun and interactive by playing games will help engage your child. Here are some ideas:

- » Play 'I Spy' or other games to help your child identify shapes, numbers and patterns.
- » Board games are a fun way to involve the whole family with maths. Help your child when rolling dice to count, move, and stop after moving the number shown on the dice.
- » When using dice your child may count all the dots on the die face to determine the total number. Over time they will begin to recognise automatically the value on the die face without counting.
- » Play number games online with your child. Here is a short list of good websites to help begin your online search for resources:

- <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au> (select Early Childhood or Primary Students tabs)
- <http://education.abc.net.au>
- <http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>



## Spotlight on... Year 3 Src's

Today we are focusing on our Year 3 SRC's-

3L — Anthony Sassen and April Soh

3T— James Agostino and Sienna Khattar

### James Agostino

**If you could have any job (that might not even be possible in real life e.g. a koala driving instructor?) what would it be?**

Opening a restaurant

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

My own pets

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

Picking up any rubbish

**If you were an animal what would you be?**

A koala

**Name 5 words describing you?**

Nice kind careful generous and smart

### Sienna Khattar

**What is your biggest fear?**

Clowns

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

Flying

**If you were an animal would it be?**

A dog

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

A car and charity

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

Dubai because it's a nice place and it has a lot of good things there

### April Soh

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

I would buy a new car and give money to a charity.

**Who is your biggest inspiration?**

My biggest inspiration is Roald Dahl because he inspired me to read and write text.

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

If I had a superpower I would want to fly.

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

Korea because it was where my mum came from.

**Favourite book?**

The witches because it is by Roald Dahl and he is my biggest inspiration.

### Anthony Sassen

**What would you do with \$1,000,000?**

Give some to the poor and get a job

**If you were an animal, what would it be and why?**

I would be a monkey because I can eat bananas all the time and climb trees

**Who is your biggest inspiration?**

Spiderman because I read books about the avengers and I like what Spiderman does

**What is your least favourite food?**

Pasta

**What is your ideal job?**

I want to work at McDonalds because I can make burgers and I can eat them



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 3 SESSIONS

FRIDAY 2ND AUG  
FRIDAY 16TH AUG  
FRIDAY 6TH SEPT  
FRIDAY 20TH SEPT

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

FUN EXPERIENCES GAMES PRAYER MUSIC

 [credo@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:credo@stpatscathedral.com.au)  Credo St Pats  [credo\\_youth\\_parramatta](https://www.instagram.com/credo_youth_parramatta)



### Absences from School

All absences from school are required to be explained within 7 days of the absence, as per CEDP guidelines.

The quickest and easiest way to do this is, is to complete an online absence form through the Skoolbag app or alternatively an email to the school : [stpattricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpattricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au).

On occasions this form of communication may not make it to us. In this instance the office will send home with your child an unexplained absence letter, as the absence remains unexplained. It would be greatly appreciated if you receive this letter that it is returned immediately.

Safety is always paramount here at St Patricks and children that are dropped at school after 8.50am are required to be walked into the office and signed in by a parent or carer. Unfortunately we cannot see what is happening out on the street and do not know that your child has been dropped off. If they do come in unaccompanied after 8.50am this is also recorded as an unexplained partial attendance.

Mrs Jones

### St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 85.6%

**K = 83.9%**

4 = 90.3%

**1 = 70.2%**

**5 = 89.4%**

2 = 91.7%

**6 = 88.3%**

**3 = 84.9%**

## Building Young People to Face Modern Day Challenges

James will speak to the modern day challenges facing our young people as revealed through a number of recent national and local surveys, Diocesan student forums and countless candid conversations with young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. James presentation will explore a culture of belonging, Wellbeing and positive engagement. He will outline what and how his team is able to assist young people to face these modern day challenges.



High school aged students are invited to attend with a caregiver or parent.



Our guest speaker for the evening is:

### JAMES CAMDEN

Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta

Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)



Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)  
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker  
St Andrews Primary School,  
36 Breakfast Rd, Marayong, NSW 2148



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

[www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)



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## Floral Expressions

For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



## SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION

Sacraments of Initiation program continues with the preparation of our students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The dates for session times are below. If you are interested in your child preparing for this Sacrament and have yet to register your interest, please contact Margaret Gale through the St Patrick's Parish Office. The Parish Office is open from 9.00am to 4.30 daily.

Confirmation 2019

Practice for Confirmation	4:00pm Saturday 24 August followed by 6:00pm Mass	Parents & children
Order of Confirmation	7:00pm Friday 30 August	



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**



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praesidium*

### 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)