



# Newsletter

12th September, 2019 Term 3 Week 8

## 2019 Dates to

### Remember

### Term 3

#### Week 8

##### Friday 13th Sept

Stage 2 Boys & Girls

Touch Gala Day

#### Week 9

##### Monday 16th Sept

Cricket Aust—Year 3

##### Tuesday 17th Sept

Cricket Aust—Year 4

##### Friday 20th Sept

Celebration of

Learning—Kindy 2.30pm

School Disco—gates

open at 5pm

#### Week 10

##### Wednesday 25th Sept

Celebration of

Learning—Year 4 2.15pm

##### Thursday 26th Sept

Celebration of

Learning—Year 6

##### Friday 27th Sept

Stage 3 Boys & Girls

Touch Gala Day

### **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

**Children return to school for Term 4 on 14th October.**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Friday 30th August a number of our children joined students from other local parishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. The Confirmation Celebrant was Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen with Father Bob Bossini and Father Christopher del Rosario concelebrating. Deacon Roderick Pirotta was also present.

In his homily Bishop Vincent congratulated all the children for reaching this part of their faith journey. He reminded them that they had now journeyed from their spiritual childhood to a state of fully fledged Christian lives. Bishop emphasized that this significant step - the receiving of the Sacrament of Confirmation - is not one that is a mere 1 hour service but one that lasts a lifetime. It requires a life of service in which we are called to accompany others on their journeys.

He related this journey to the same journey that Jesus took; a journey of service, commitment and mission.

He asked us to reflect on what type of lives do we wish to live; that of self indulgence, self centred, greedy, miserable lives OR Spirit filled and inspired lives filled with hope, joy, truthfulness, peace and love.

Bishop Vincent called on the children to remember that the world is in desperate need of the fruits of the Spirit which they have now received and that we can make a difference in our world - like a light on the hilltop. We have the potential to live Spirit lead lives; lives we are meant to produce.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the members of the choir who came to support the children making Confirmation and my deepest thanks to their parents in making this a priority on what I know was a very busy Friday. Your support of the school has not gone unnoticed and we very much appreciate your efforts. Thank you also to Mrs Rodricks for the time spent preparing the children and to Mrs Standing for her involvement with the Parish Sacramental Committee. Thank you to the staff for their support as always.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to continue to bless our School Community of St Patrick's Parramatta, especially the children who have recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

God Bless you and your families

Mrs Elly Benkovich

Acting Principal

### St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 86.1%

K = 83.9%

3 = 86.8%

5 = 89.4%

1 = 70.2%

4 = 90.3%

6 = 90.0%

2 = 91.7%

## CONGRATULATIONS

*To all newly Confirmed members of our Parish Community*

✎ Frank Anthony  
Agostino

✎ Benjamin Alfonso  
Aguilera

✎ Chiara Sofia Banzato

✎ Jake Hugo Buxton

✎ Brian Chen

✎ Alexandra Tiare  
Elphinstone

✎ Ethan-Jordan Firmeza

✎ James Emilio Fraser

✎ Finn Patrick Manuel  
Giron

✎ Cedric Francis Guino

✎ Liam Rafael Jocson

✎ Emily Johnson

✎ Aiden Thomas Kalathil

✎ Aoife Reese Mitchell

✎ Carmela Jean Poblete

✎ Zoe Isabella Samar

✎ Christian James Sta  
Rosa

*To those already Confirmed who have participated in the  
program and completed preparation*

✎ Isabella Chivers



## Condolences

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the El-Sabbagh (Anthony KA & Mary-Jo 6W) family on the passing of their Grandmother. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## Pedestrian Safety Before & After School

Just a reminder that we have a designated Pedestrian Crossing outside our school. We have noticed a number of parents crossing their children outside the school gate from the OLMC side of Ross St, often opening the car door into traffic. Please take a minute or two extra and cross your child at the crossing to ensure their safety. We encourage the students to enter and leave their cars from the curb side. We all learnt these safety measures when we were at school so please re-enforce them with the most important people in your life - YOUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN.

## Uniforms/ Haircuts

Dear Parents

As the weather starts getting warmer we thought it was a perfect time to remind our school community about the school's protocols around hair cuts and appropriate hair attire. As is outlined below boy's hair should be of an even and regular cut and girls hair ribbons should be green. Please be mindful of this protocol when attending the hairdresser or barber shop. I know it is difficult to go against what is currently trending, however by enrolling in our school you have also agreed to the protocols outlined below.

Please have the conversation with your child if you believe their current hairstyle does not conform to our school's outlines, than adjust the cut or style as needed, over the weekend. Next week, parents will be contacted by the student's classroom teacher if we deem the haircut to be unsuitable.

Thanking you for your continued support regarding this area.

## UNIFORM

- Full school uniform is to be worn at all times.
- Uniforms and shoes should be clean and neat.
- School hats are to be worn when outside buildings.
- Girls hair ribbons should be green.
- Girls long hair must be plaited or tied back.
- Boys are to have hair cut neatly, above the collar, and of an even and regular cut.
- The use of hair gel or hair dye is not permitted.
- No nail polish is to be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted apart from a wristwatch, sleepers or small plain studs in pierced ears.

## CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

**Dear Kindergarten Parents! Next Friday at 2.30pm Kindergarten will be having their celebration of learning. They will be presenting posters about a specific animal or plant they have researched in groups. Please come and join us! Thank you.**

The Parents of year 4 are invited to visit the classrooms, on Wednesday 25 September for their child's Celebration of Learning. The children will showcase the work that they have been doing this term including; writing based on our author visit from Jess Black, our Religion work on saints and our Geography research. We hope to start at 2:15 and would like to see as many parents there as possible.

Year 6 will be having a Celebration of Learning this term on Thursday 26 September. They are very excited to share with you their understanding of 'How we are globally connected and how it affects our everyday lives'. The students will be presenting a multimodal presentation where it hoped they will inform and persuade their audience of our connections with Asia and if they agree or disagree it has an affect on our lives in Australia. Our celebration of learning will take place at 2pm in the Year 6 learning space.



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

Alisha Katafono, Elijah Vella,  
Sara Lorenzo, Olivia Saab, Isabella  
Moses, Jubran Sayegh, Hannah Nasr,  
Ashintha Joseph, Aaliya Ebrahim

### 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. Please note that a term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or 10 week's fees will be payable. This does not apply to year 6 students

### 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.

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

### 8. MOVING WITH MATHS

These ideas use movement of the body to experience counting:

- » Count each toss of the ball as you play a game.
- » Estimate how many jumps it will take to get to... Then count how many jumps it takes to get to...
- » Count with your child as you climb steps or walk from the park bench to the slide.
- » Ask your child to find ways to balance their weight with a friend on the see-saw.
- » Sing rhymes and songs that involve counting while skipping.

## VOICE of YOUTH

On Monday, the ninth of September I represented the school at the Eastern division cluster final for the VOY.

It was really scary standing up on the stage with hundreds of pairs of eyes staring at me and I didn't know where to look. So I just pretended that no one was watching and I was just in my bedroom practising.

I was second last to present my speech and I also had to answer unprepared questions and I'm a more planned person. I am very thankful to my mum and dad for supporting me in this big challenge and I'm very proud that I made it to this level. A big thank you to my teachers for encouraging me and thank you to my classmates for the many times they listened to my speech and never appeared tired of hearing the same thing.



Brooklyn Munro

## PAPER PLANE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following primary students who competed in our 2019 'St Pat's Flyers'. The following students achieved great results:

### Boys Final

First Place - Andrew Doumit 13.1m

Second Place - Christian Barakat 12.5m

Third Place - James Kerr 10.5m

### Girls Final

First Place - Olivia Saab - 8.3mjth

Second place - Gabriella Mendoza - 7.3m

Tied third place - Danielle Tannous and Joetta Maria Khoury - 6.9m

Thank you to all our participants for joining us in this lunchtime challenge!

The STEM leaders,  
Jacob and Scarlett

## National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

On Thursday 26th September (week 10) the students will be celebrating the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day in conjunction with Harmony Day. The focus of the morning will be on creating a deeper understanding of our Indigenous culture and reflecting on how the Dreamtime stories carry the knowledge of the Aboriginal culture and faith.



# Footsteps Dance Presents

## Family Disco 'Dancing Under the Stars'

Dear Parents,

On **Friday 20th September, 2019** St Patrick's will be holding our annual '**Dancing Under the Stars' Family Disco**, weather permitting. It is a great opportunity to meet up with families who have joined St Patrick's this year. The evening will be led by one of the FOOTSTEPS Dance Instructors who work with the students each year teaching them dance and movement throughout Term 4. The disco will begin at 6pm and conclude at 8.30pm. Gates will be open from 5pm.

Why not have a night off cooking and grab dinner at the disco? Food will be available from 5pm. We will have **the Outback Steak House BBQ and other delights (to be advised) as well as tea, coffee, water and drinks for sale on the night.** Parents are more than welcome to bring their own picnic supper. Students will also be able to purchase glo-sticks from the canteen to help light up the dance floor.

As this is one of our school Fundraising events we would like to ask any family who is in a position to **donate drinks** (water bottles, poppas, soft drink cans) cakes, slices or donuts etc for this event, to drop them in at the school office by Wednesday 18th September. If anyone is able to donate any of the mentioned items please contact Dianne Loulach on 0477 767 350. Any donations will be gratefully accepted.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please send the permission slip and money to the office by Thursday 19th September. **Pre-school aged children will have free entry**, however adults and older siblings will have to pay admission.

Please remember that **no alcohol is to be consumed on the premises, the school site is a smoke free zone and parents are required to supervise their children for the duration of the event.** N.B The children do not need to know the dance steps to come along.

## FREEDOM OF ENTRY PARADE | 14 SEP



### Freedom of Entry parade Saturday 14 September 2019

An opportunity for our community to honour the men and women of the Royal Australian Navy and our city's namesake, HMAS Parramatta.

**10.30am – 12pm**  
Performances at Lennox Bridge, Church Street

**12pm – 12.30pm**  
Freedom of Entry parade will commence at the Cenotaph, Prince Alfred Square including the 'Challenge' on Lennox Bridge, and conclude at Parramatta Town Hall.

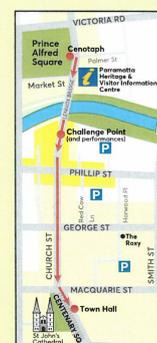
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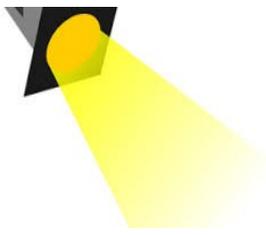
For more information visit  
[cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/freedomofentry](http://cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/freedomofentry)

### HMAS Parramatta Exhibition

9am – 5pm | 2 – 15 September 2019  
Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre  
346A Church Street, Parramatta

Explore the history of Parramatta's special connection with HMAS Parramatta. See the 1961 brass bell, inscribed with the names of babies born to crew members, discover the history of the HMAS Parramatta I including the Memorial at Queen's Wharf Reserve, as well as the history of HMAS Parramatta II, III and IV.





## Spotlight on... Kindy—Src's

Today we are focusing on our Kindy SRC's-

KA — Melissa Black & Anthony El-Sabbagh

KM — Quintus Feng & Chanel Wakim

### Anthony El- Sabbagh

If you could ask anyone one Question that they must answer who would you ask and what would you ask?

I would ask my mum, what she wanted to be when she grew up?

If you could have a super power what would it be?

I would want to go through walls.

What is the best thing you've ever achieved that you thought you never would?

I never thought that I would get SRC but I ended up getting it which was really exciting.

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

I would invite my three best friends, who are Isla-Rose, Esperenza and Victoria

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

I would grab my my favourite colouring book and my ipad.

### Chanel Wakim

If you were an animal what would you be?

I would be a koala, because they are so cute and can climb.

What's your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is *Monsters Inc.* because there's a cute girl who befriends a monster.

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My family helps me to be a good person and be kind.

What's your favourite place in the world?

My favourite place in the world is Queensland, because I loved to swim there, and there were many activities.

If you could have any job what would it be? Why?

When I'm older I want to be either a hairdresser or a doctor because I can help people with their hair and/or health.

### Melissa Black

What are you most excited for currently?

I'm excited for the holidays but I don't know what I am doing yet.

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My parents are my biggest inspiration as they give me so much and are always teaching me.

What is your ideal job?

I want to be an artist and a mum

What hobbies do you have?

I like drawing and painting and I like playing and kicking the ball

What sport (s) or music do you play?

I do swimming after school but I don't play any other sports or music.

### Quintus Feng

If you had \$1000000 to spend in a day what would you spend it on?

I would spend it all on yummy Subway Subs.

What country would you like to travel to and why?

I'd like to travel to China, because I'm from China, and I'd really like to see how it is.

Your least favourite dish?

I hate broccoli so much, because it is a yucky green vegetable that has no taste.

What are you currently excited for?

I'm so excited for my brother's upcoming birthday party, because of the yummy cake.

Name 5 words describing you

Smart, kind, musical, sporty, and quiet.

# Sacraments of Initiation Information Evening

## Reconciliation & First Eucharist

The next program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for children already Baptised will commence in School Term 4.

There will be an **INFORMATION EVENING** on

**Tuesday 24th September**  
**7.30pm**  
**Cloister Function Room (Hall)**

1 Marist Pl. Parramatta

This is for *parents only* who are interested in registering their child/ren for the upcoming program and would like to learn more about the process in St Patrick's Cathedral Parish. Please note that children must be 7 years or older to be eligible for the program at this time.

For more information regarding the upcoming program for Reconciliation and Eucharist or any other enquires about the Sacraments of Initiation at St Patrick's Cathedral please contact Meg Gale: [sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au)



*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 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)



# Free hearing test for schoolchildren.



**An estimated 1 in 10 school children suffer from hearing loss, which left undetected can lead to speech, learning and behavioural problems.**

The Sound Scouts hearing check is a simple way to identify if a child has a hearing issue, including listening difficulties in noise. The test incorporates the science of a hearing test in a fun interactive game. Evidence based, accessible and delivering immediate results, it's the perfect screening solution.

*"All children should have their hearing tested when they start school"* World Health Organisation. If children can't hear the teacher properly they will struggle to learn.

The Sound Scouts App is now free to test all Australian school-aged children. Download it today.



### Potential consequences of undetected hearing loss:

- Speech & language issues
- Difficulty reading
- Trouble in social situations
- Increased risk of academic failure
- Disruptive behaviour
- Depression

### Signs of hearing loss in a child:

- Speaks louder than others
- Turns the TV up too loud
- Frequently say 'what' or 'huh'
- Has trouble pronouncing words
- Struggles at school
- Has trouble hearing in noisy places
- Loses focus in noisy places



## Junior SCIENCE ACADEMY

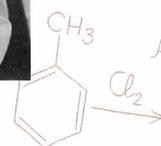
# BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

**Join our exciting science programs for Years K-6 during the school holidays**

**Science classes offered at Blair Wark VC Community Centre, West Lindfield.**

**Robotics classes offered at Cheltenham Girls' High School.**

- Class topics include learning about dinosaurs, volcanic eruptions, DNA, how to analyse blood for diseases & why animal poop is so fascinating!
- Our courses are designed to teach scientific concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
- New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.



**Creative Kids vouchers (value \$100) can be claimed for any robotics class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher.**

Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50

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