



# Newsletter

17th October, 2019 Term 4 Week 1

## 2019 Dates to Remember

### Term 4

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

6TH December 2019

**NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL**

### CHANGE OF DATE FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Thursday 12th December 2019 (Evening)**

#### Week 1

Friday 18th October

'Sports Superstars' Walkathon

#### Week 2

Tuesday 22nd October

Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 25th October

Kinder excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm

#### Week 3

Tuesday 29nd October

Footsteps Dance continues

Wednesday 29nd Oct

Year 2 excursion to Rouse Hill Farm

Friday 1st November

Infants Assembly—Kinder—  
2.15pm

#### Week 4

Tuesday 5th November

Footsteps Dance continues

2020 Kindergarten

Orientation 9.15am

Tues 5th Nov, Wed 6th Nov &  
Thurs 7th Nov 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4 of the school year. I am hoping that you and the children have had a restful and renewing holiday break.

I know that many of you would still be feeling the deep sadness resulting from the passing of one of our dear fathers, Ray, last week. I, like you, have been touched by this loss and have been thinking and praying for this family since hearing of his passing. For some of you, this sadness is all too familiar, having had your own experiences of grief over recent years.

It certainly has been a week filled with emotions with more sad news of the passing of Judith Soso. Some of you may remember Judith who helped out in the library and in the classrooms for many years. Judith lived with her father John and brother Allen who was a student at the school. Judith passed away in her country of birth Fiji with her family.

It is at times like this that I am grateful and confident that our community has the power and strength to be supportive of each other, especially when prayers and support are required. Faith is such an important feature of our Catholic School and the belief that our loved ones will be with God in heaven when they pass is both consoling and reassuring. As Pope Francis says; "Christians can find hope even at the hour of death, which faith teaches is not a closed door but a wide-open passage to a new life with Christ."

Can I ask you to continue to keep the Malkoun family and the Soso family in your prayers. The staff of St Patrick's Parramatta extend their sincere condolences to all families who have suffered the loss of family and friends.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri  
(Principal)

*Eternal Rest*

*Eternal rest, grant unto him/her O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.*

*May s/he rest in peace.  
Amen.*

## 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 boys 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 holidays. 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.

**From the start of term 4 all students will be wearing their full summer uniform including their school hat.**

### SUMMER UNIFORM

All children are required to be in their Summer Uniform. Parents can you please note that as per school uniform guidelines, joggers for sport are to be mainly white.

<u>Girls' Summer Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Summer Uniform</u>
Tartan School Dress	Grey Shorts
Short White above ankle Socks	Grey Short Sleeve Shirt
Black Shoes	Grey above ankle Socks
Green Hair Ribbon	Black Shoes
Green School Hat	Green School Hat
<u>Girls' Sports Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Sports Uniform</u>
Green Shorts	Green Sports Shorts
Sport Shirt with School Emblem	Sports Shirt with School Emblem
White above ankle Socks	White above ankle Socks
White Sports Shoes	White Sports Shoes
Track Suit with School Emblem	Track Suit with School Emblem

All School Uniform items available from Oz Fashions 115-127 Parramatta Road Granville NSW 2142 Phone 9897 3121  
[www.ozfashions.com.au](http://www.ozfashions.com.au)

Thanking you for your cooperation in ensuring that the school uniform code is upheld.

**Remember to label ALL clothing and NO HAT PLAY IN THE SHADE ONLY**

## Walkathon - 'Sport Superstars' - Friday 18 October

Just a reminder that tomorrow is our much anticipated walkathon. Children will be walking to the Old Kings Oval behind Bankwest Stadium with their classes.

Please remember to:

- Come dressed as your favourite sport superstar
- Make sure your permission note has been returned to school
- Make sure you have your sponsorship card at school (if you have already sent it to school, your teacher will hand it to you in the morning).
- Bring plenty of water
- Bring your puffer and/or epipen if you have one
- Wear appropriate sport shoes, a sun hat and sunscreen

Children will return to school after they have completed their walk and be given an ice block.

Thank you to all the parents who have offered their support on the day.

Walkathon Committee

### Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Malkoun family (Frank 1S and Melinda KM) on the passing of their Father Raymond; The Soso family (Allen ex-student) on the passing of his Sister Judith, ex-volunteer; and Mrs Daou on the passing of her Great Grandmother. Please keep these families in your prayers.

### Sports Days for Term 4

Children are required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days:

**Wednesday:**

5C 5T KA 1S 6P

**Thursday:**

4G 4B 2Y 2M 6W

**Friday:**

1C KM 3T 3L

### 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.

### 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



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Rose Rizk, Alani Grohs, Baxter Gittany, Liza Navasardyan, George Draybi, Kaylani Elphinstone, Catherine Kwa, Mark Abraham, Jake Buxton

### Stage 3 Touch Football Gala day

On Friday 27th of September 2019 girls and boys from Years 5 and 6 participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Football Stage 3 Gala Day.

We met at school at 7am, collected our jerseys and headed off on the bus to St Mary's. Our school had four teams. A Year 5 Girls team, a Year 5 Boys team, a Year 6 Girls team and Year 6 boys team. We were so excited to participate in this fun day and have the opportunity to play sport, support each other and interact with students from other schools.

When we arrived we found a spot under a big shady tree as well as putting up the marquee to protect us from the hot sun that was starting to heat up quite early. The teachers and parents made sure we had our hats and sunscreen and lots of water to drink. All teams competed in several games throughout the day. Some games we won, some we lost and some we drew but the things that were consistent were our positive sportsmanship and attitude, our support for each other and lots of fun throughout the day. Even with the sun burning down on us and sweat dripping down our red faces we were eager to play and had a fantastic time. An extra congratulations to the Year 6 Boys team who played all day with only one reserve and persevered even though they were tired, managing to win second place overall in their Group.

We especially loved the canteen and cherished our break in between games where we had a chance to rehydrate and refuel with food.

All teams supported and encouraged each other and everyone tried their best. We would like to give a huge shout out and thank all of the parents who attended and supported us on the day, especially our teach managers Mrs Rahme, Mrs Elzahoul, Mrs Ayoub, Mrs Romanos, Mrs Munro and Ms Norris who coached us throughout every game we played and made sure that all players were safe and had a fair go. Thank you also to Mrs Tamaro and Mrs Johnson for taking home our jerseys and washing them. And last but not least thank you to Mr Younis and Mrs Fardell for supervising us and encouraging us on the day. Thank you also to Mr Younis for giving up his time after school to coach and prepare us for the day. Without the support of our parents and teachers these wonderful experiences could not happen.

Scarlett Khoury and Jeremy Saliba





## Spotlight on our Year 6 class Members

### Jeremy Saliba

#### Who is your biggest inspiration in your life?

My mum and dad as they influence me to do the right things and be the best person that i can be.

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

I would go to Greece because I know a lot about Greek mythology and I'd like to see how they portray it.

#### Favourite movie?

My favourite movie is Fast and Furious because it involves aspects that I love, cars and action.

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

I would be a lion because I would be the top of the predators and the king of the jungle

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

In my spare time I play NRL, do hip hop and breaking, swim, practice guitar and watch my favourite show All American.

Today we are focusing our Spotlight On our Year 6 class members - Christiana Kalouche,

### Christiana Kalouche

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

My favourite movie is Tall Girl because it is funny but also it teaches me to not judge people for how they look.

#### Name 5 words describing you?

Funny, Crazy, Sporty, Positive, Passionate

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

Play with my friends or siblings soccer and swimming. Watch movies on netflix.

#### What are you most excited for currently?

Going to high school next year and making new friends!!

#### What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be either an actor or doctor as i like to entertain my friends as well as helping others.

### Kenneth Zhang

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

I would have telekinesis because I would be able to move things with my mind.

#### Name 5 words describing you?

Funny, smart, happy, lazy and friendly.

#### What is your ideal job?

My ideal job would be to become a coder because I love coding and I am good at it.

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

"Whoever finds a friend finds treasure" - Geronimo Stilton

#### What hobbies do you have?

Coding and Piano are my two main hobbies.

### Savannah Chiha

#### Least favourite dish?

Fish

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

Probably modern family because it's really funny and relatable.

#### What is your ideal job?

My ideal job would be an actor

#### Favourite Book?

The land of stories

#### What is your biggest fear?

Bugs, heights, clowns, darkness, public speech

## NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6

Family participation in learning is one of the most accurate predictors of a child's success in school and beyond. Providing opportunities to discuss and engage in mathematics supports your child's learning in and out of school. Your child will also begin to connect the importance of maths with their everyday activities, such as navigating public transport, comparing and choosing the best item to buy in stores, setting a budget, and cooking. Talk positively about maths so your child also values it. If your experiences in maths at school were less than ideal, avoid making comments like "I was bad at maths at school," or "I didn't like maths because it was too hard." Comments like these can lower your child's expectations of themselves, and can perpetuate myths about people being naturally bad or good at maths. Conversely, if you did well at maths in school, avoid jumping in with answers or solutions.

Encourage your child to talk about how they might work out maths problems. This helps boost their confidence and deepens their understanding. Regardless of your own school experiences in maths, be reassured that maths today is not about learning by rote. Today, the focus is on recognising that there are multiple ways to get an answer, and being able to explain how and why you chose the approach you did. There are many activities you can do at home to help explore maths with your child. We will feature some of these activities in our newsletter each week.

When participating in these activities, avoid associating them with speed. Expecting your child to work quickly on maths can cause maths anxiety. Try to focus on the process and not the outcome.



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Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.



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praesidium*

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)