

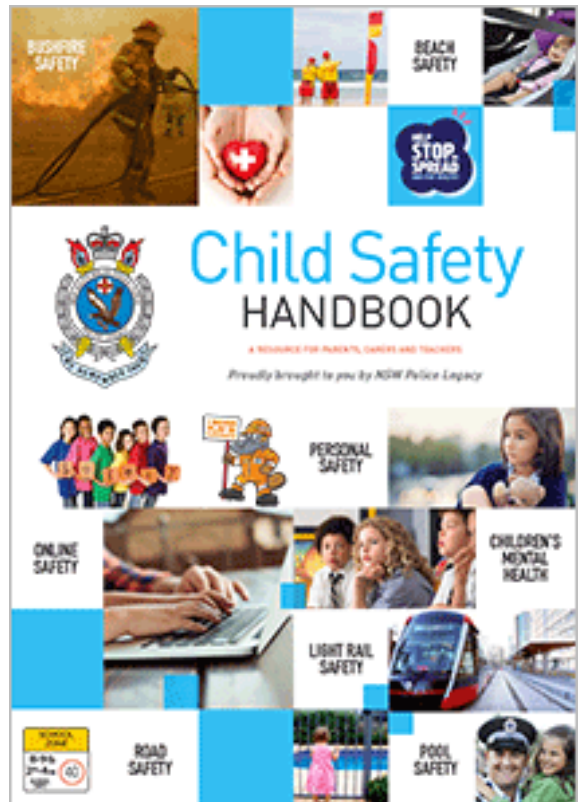
Dear Parents and Caregivers

The safety of children, both at school and in their personal lives, must always take precedence over any other aspect of their lives. Sometimes it is challenging to predict what will become unsafe for children and in schools this is assisted by undertaking risk assessments which guide schools to go through the process of anticipating potential hazards and preparing actions to mitigate against these hazards. Of course there will always be the unexpected which will require schools to 'act on the spot' or to change practice if needed.

This year's Child Safety Handbook is a wonderful resource for parents, carers and teachers and presents a multitude of topics relating to child safety. A digital version is available through this [link](#). This handbook is free to download. Produced by NSW Police Legacy, in consultation with The Protective Behaviours Consultancy Group of NSW this handbook is fully supported by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC Governor of NSW.

This resource aims to raise awareness about the risks to children and the steps that can be taken to protect them and keep them safe. Topics covered are extensive and extremely useful. Some topics which may be of interest to you include:

- USEFUL CONTACTS INCLUDING PHONE NO AND EMAILS
- PERSONAL SAFETY
 - Child Abuse
 - Mandatory Reporting
- SAFETY AT SCHOOL
 - Student Wellbeing
 - Bullying
- SAFETY AT HOME
 - Online Safety
 - Blind and Curtain Cord Safety
 - toppling furniture
 - Button Battery Safety
 - Falls from windows and balconies
 - Home Pool Safety
 - Basic First Aid
- GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
- FLOOD, FIRE AND STORM SAFETY
- BEING STREET SMART
- OUTDOOR SAFETY
- AND TOPICS FOR CHILDREN AGED 15 - 17



Embedded in this document are numerous links to other resources which you may find helpful.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS

Thank you to all the parents who assisted the children and teachers at the Tenpin Bowling Event last week. They had a wonderful time and without your help we could not have undertaken this event. Your efforts were very much appreciated, especially when walking children over to the venue. Congratulations to all the children who demonstrated a good balance between healthy competition and enjoyment. We have some very good bowlers amongst them!



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Rodricks and her choir for their contribution to the singing/recording/and filming of the video for the 200 Year Anniversary of Catholic Education by National Catholic Education Commission.



Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday over the next week: Bailey Grohs, Isla-Rose Eid, Phillip Boutros, Timana Gutierrez Caceres, Audrey El Bayeh, Anton Bayssari, Hannah Wehbe, Phillip Ayoub, Grace Wehbe, Logan Munro, Danielle Tannous, Charbel Elia, Jessica Izmestyeva, Olivia Sahyoun



Cross Country Reminder

There will be No Cross Country training this afternoon for students.

Date Friday 26th of March, 2021

Time: 9.30am – 11.00am Cross Country for RUNNERS ONLY

Venue: Cattle Paddock, Parramatta Park

Wear: School sports uniform, running shoes, water bottle and hat

NAPLAN

This year students in Year 3, 5 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN online. The following pdf outlines important information regarding NAPLAN. More information can be found at the NAPLAN Parent support page - <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

NAPLAN Frequently Asked Questions

[Can students use paper to work out or plan answers?](#)

Students can use paper to work out or plan their answers for the conventions of language, writing and numeracy tests. This paper is collected by a test administrator at the end of the test.

[If a student is sick, can they complete the tests online at home?](#)

As with the paper NAPLAN, students who are sick cannot complete NAPLAN at home. Students who are absent on the day of testing may be able to complete catch-up tests if they return to school within the NAPLAN test window.

[Will students with limited keyboard skills be disadvantaged in the writing test?](#)

The writing test is not about handwriting skills and NAPLAN Online is not about keyboarding skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type, just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand.

ACARA research shows that online writing is similar to handwriting in terms of the quality of writing produced by students at each year level. It also shows that students generally appreciate the use of online features such as editing tools (noting that online features such as grammar and spell-check are disabled during NAPLAN testing).

Students do not have to be able to touch type to successfully complete the test.



Honour Award

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

KA	Joseph Maroun	Nicholas Chu	KM	Clara Badr	Liam Buenaventura
1C	Mahalia Jackson	Jude Rahme	1S	Angela Bracks	Alessia Agostino
2M	George Rizk	Miami Calumpiano	2Y	Sofia Barroso	Melinda Malkoun



ST PATRICK'S AWARD

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

KA	Joshua Sahyoun	Athena Valencia	KM	Pierre El Bayeh	Marcus Wijesuriya
1C	Maroun Abraham	Gabriella Semaan	1S	Saria-Jo Eid	Noah Naudi
2M	Leah Wahbe	Jude Hudson	2Y	Zavier Skaf	Ian Mason

Special mention to Michael Agostino in 2Y who's name was left off in last weeks Newsletter.





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3L	Audrey El Bayeh	Vincent Camenzuli	3T	Araminta Jackson	Mia Gebrael
4B	Isaiah Abu-Ali	Callum Donaldson	4G	Nathan Nguyen	Anthony Malek
5C	Liam Stojkovski	Phillip Ayoub	5T	Benjamin Maroon	Gabrielle Vella
6P	Matthew Draybi	Emma Barrientos-Salazar	6W	Lauren Polintan	Matthew Tocher



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3L	Kayla Amaral	Ethan Zaiter	3T	Elijah Vella	Andrew Batti
4B	Sara Lorenzo	Michel Kazzaz	4G	Celine Joachim	Lawrence Wahbe
5C	Rhys Bautista	Christian Jreij	5T	Marcelino El Halabi	Lachlan Moore
6P	Oscar Morgan	Jubran Sayegh	6W	James Sitoa	Isabella Bousimon



NOTES FROM THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

How to help your child manage their online time

Use the available technology

- Parental controls are software tools that allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. But be honest and open with your children about why and how you want to use these technologies.
- There are also apps and software to measure online time as well as set time limits on device use or internet access.
- Find out more information about parental controls in taming the technology.

Closing Wednesday 31st March

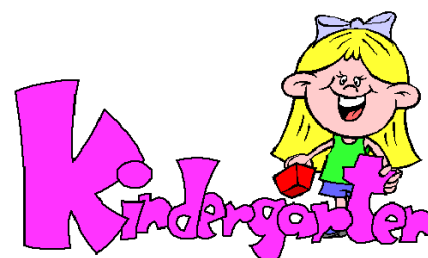
ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 KINDERGARTEN ARE NOW OPEN

Enrolment packs for Kindergarten 2022 are available from the school between the hours of 9am -3pm Monday to Friday or alternatively the enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website

<https://www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au>

As we are still working under COVID restrictions you are able to email the application through to us at stpatriksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au , along with any supporting documents. Please retain the original application form as you will be required to submit that at a later date.

Enrolment forms are required to be returned by 31st March 2021.



Term Dates

Term 1 - Thursday 1st April

Term 2 - Monday 19th April - Friday 25th June

Term 3 - Monday 12th July - 17th September

Term 4 - Tuesday 5th Oct - Friday 17th Dec

** Please note: Every year the NSW Government allocates 6 days to each school to be used for Staff Professional Development. These can be used for the gathering of essential data on students

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Children do not attend school on these days.

Term 2 - 11th June, 2021

Term 3 - 17th September, 2021

Term 4 - 16th & 17th December, 2021

**Understanding School
Talk ???**

EMU

**Extending Mathematical
Understanding**

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY activities

Early Bird Art 7am-9am Additional \$20

AGE: 5 - 14 YRS | TIME: 9AM - 4PM
COST: \$35 PER CHILD PER DAY
USE YOUR CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER TO SAVE \$100

MONDAY 5 APRIL 2021 | WE ARE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY

TUES 6 APRIL 2021 | CRICKET | BOXING | FACE PAINTING | TABLE TENNIS

WEDS 7 APRIL 2021 | AUSSIE FOOTY | KICKBOXING | JIU JITSU | YOUTH HUB

THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2021 | SOCCER | ARTS & CRAFTS | KARATE | HIP HOP

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2021 | BASKETBALL | BOXING | TAEKWONDO | TABLE TENNIS

MONDAY 12 APRIL 2021 | SOCCER | KICKBOXING | KARATE | HIP HOP

TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021 | CRICKET | BOXING | FACE PAINTING | TABLE TENNIS

WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2021 | WILDLIFE ANIMAL VISIT | KICKBOX | J/J | YOUTH H

THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2021 | LASER TAG | SCIENCE | TAEKWONDO | TABLE TENNIS

FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2021 | WILDLIFE ANIMAL VISIT | BOXING | J/J | HIP HOP

MONDAY 19 APRIL 2021 | SOCCER | ARTS & CRAFTS | MINI OLYMPICS | YOUTH HUB

BOOK ONLINE
WWW.PCYNSW.ORG.AU/PARRAMATTA/SCHOOL-HOLIDAYS

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS (\$10 ANNUAL FEE)
CHILD MUST BRING MORNING TEA, LUNCH, AFTERNOON TEA, WATER BOTTLE AND HAT

107 GEORGE STREET, PARRAMATTA
(02) 9635-6242 | PARRAMATTA@PCYNSW.ORG.AU

The Sydney Children's Hospital Network
an abc healthcare business

OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED

The Children's Emergency Department at Parramatta has moved to the Westmead Health Precinct. When travelling down the highway, read the signs for the Children's Emergency Department. You will also see a sign for the Children's Emergency Department from inside the Westmead parking lot. It is located underneath the building as well as a 30m sign on top of the building located inside the Westmead.




Walking route from the current entrance to the new wing



ST PATRICK'S GIFTSHOP

EASTER SALE

- 30% of all Easter decorations
- 25% of all Easter books
- 25% of all crosses

Visit us in Murphy House next to the Cathedral at 1 Marist Place, Parramatta or via our website

<https://www.stpatricksgiftshop.com/>
Call us on 0419 133 195 .
Find us on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/StPatricksGiftShop>

**Show your instructions in actions as
much as you can.**



Catherine McAuley

FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

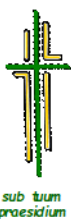
St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Standring (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address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

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

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.



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 CATHEDRALPARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am (Family), 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm, 7.15pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri 6.30am, 12.30pm Public Hol 8.00am

Pastoral Team

Dean & Administrator:

Very Rev Fr Robert Riedling

Assistant Priests:

Rev Chris del Rosario, Rev Chadi Ibrahim SDB

Parish Secretary:

Pat Preca

Sacramental Coordinator:

Meg Gale