

Dear Parents and Carers

With mid-year reports and interviews just around the corner I would like to share with you once again some information that may be of some assistance. The structure of the mid-year report divides that student's learning into the seven key learning areas under the categories of: Working Deeply, Working Beyond, Working At, Working Towards and Working with Assistance. The report for the key learning areas of Religious Education, Literacy and Mathematics are also supported by comments around areas the student is displaying well, and concepts or skills that provide a 'next step' for the student.

Other elements of the report include Personal and Learning Traits and a general comment. With the school's overall aim being learning growth it is very satisfying to see students, at all ability levels, improving in their learning. Parents must be mindful that this improvement in growth is not always evident in the report as improvement does not always mean that the child has jumped into the next category for example from Learning At to Learning Beyond. If this does not happen it does not mean that no improvement has taken place. Other evidence needs to be considered such as the students' learning logs. In some cases students have not improved and there are a multitude of reasons why this can happen. The teachers take this very seriously and often investigate what may be happening for this child. Often parents can be very helpful in providing added information or perspectives.

Over the next few weeks I invite you to speak to your child(ren) about their learning. Even the youngest of children have the ability to express the answers to some of the following questions:

- What areas or topics do you enjoy learning about?
- What areas of topics are you good at? How do you know?
- What do you find the most challenging and why?
- How do you like to learn?
- How have you improved in your learning and how do you know?
- What are your best learning habits?
- What are your best personal traits?
- What would you like to learn more about?

God bless you and your families

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



May- Month of Mary



To celebrate May being the **Month of Mary**, we are asking all students to bring in their Rosary Beads to school and place them on their classroom prayer space over the next coming week. Our Year 6 leaders will be leading children in prayer throughout this month. Please note: If your child does not have Rosary Beads at home, we will have some for them at school.

Thank you for your encouragement and support.

Religious Education Committee.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A number of our boys and girls will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday 6th June at St Patrick's Cathedral. This is a very important and special event in the life of every Catholic and one many never forget. Please keep these children and their families in you prayers.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration for Confirmation through St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is now open for children 10 yrs or older who have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist. While this is the minimum age for children to join in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important to note that there is no maximum age for children who have been baptised as infants to complete their Initiation into the Faith Community.

The online registration form can be found on St Patrick's Cathedral website <https://stpatscathedral.com.au>. Go to the "Sacraments" tab in the section titled "Confirmation". Alternatively, please contact St Patrick's sacramental coordinator Meg Gale at sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au.

The calendar of mandatory preparation sessions is as follows:

Confirmation 1: Tuesday 13 July, 7:30pm - Parent Session

Confirmation 2: Tuesday 27 July, 7:30pm - Parent Session

Confirmation 3: Saturday 7 August, 4:30pm - Parent and Children Session

Confirmation 4: Saturday 14 August, 4.30pm - Parent and Children Session

Practice for Confirmation: Saturday 21 August, 4:00pm followed by the 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Parents and Children

Ceremony for Confirmation: Saturday 28 August 3:00pm

Please see below our **Grade Mass** timetable for the term. Parents and visitors are welcome to join the students in mass at **12:30** at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta total numbers permitting. This is set by the Cathedral.



Grade	Day/Date		Grade	Day/Date
Year 2	Tuesday 1.6.21		Year 5 and Year 1	Thursday 17.6.21
Year 6 and Kindy	Thursday 10.6.21		Year 4	Wednesday 23.6.21

Please not the change of date for our Year 4 students

Living Life to the Full: our Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education

For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. This draft new curriculum for Religious Education will be known as [Living Life to the Full](#) and is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more.

Faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition, Catholic Teaching and Values, Living Life to the Full is designed to be age-appropriate for children and young people. When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years.

An alert with a letter from Executive Director, Mr Greg Whitby will be sent this afternoon.

WORLD REFUGEE WEEK- BLANKET DRIVE -

Thank you for your kind donations thus far this term



In preparation for Refugee week in week 10 of this term, we are inviting children to contribute to the **Jesuit Refugee Services**. To do this, we are encouraging families to either purchase a new blanket to donate to JRS for distribution to families in need or make a financial contribution through our school office, which we will give to JRS to buy blankets.

As blankets can be quite expensive we encourage families to join together for the purchase of a blanket if willing. JRS have not specified any required size. Blankets can be dropped off at the school office. Stage 2 (yrs 3/4) this time will be doing the dropping off, with their teachers.

For monetary donations please send to the school office in an envelope/zip lock bag, with the child's name and title Blanket Appeal. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Donations will be collected throughout the remainder of this term until June 24.

So as to try to highlight this appeal and by way of culmination a Pyjama Day will be organised for the children on **Friday 25th June - the last day of term. On this day children can come to school wearing their pyjamas and dressing gowns. PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WEAR SUITABLE FOOTWEAR SUCH AS JOGGERS. As donations have been already called for over these coming weeks there is no need to send a gold coin on this day.**

Thank you as always for your compassion and generosity towards those in need in our local community.

Together we can make a difference.

Religious Education Committee.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to all the boys and girls for their outstanding performances at this year's Primary Athletics Carnival at Barton Park. The area of Physical Education is a highlight for some students who excel in these very important sport's skills and ones that they get such enjoyment from.

Thank you once again to Mrs Bernadette Carroll and her committee of teachers for weeks and weeks of organisation and to the OLMC students for their assistance also. Thank you to the PDHPE leaders and committee members who helped set up and pack up for this event. Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with lunch and for the generous donations that made this service possible. And lastly, thank you to Sound Agents. for the excellent sound system, which was a great help when directing student groups to their activities.

Congratulations to the winning team

1st	Wattle	799 points
2nd	Melaleuca	753 points
3rd	Boronia	741 points
4th	Waratah	705 points



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Primary Athletics Carnival Committee as well as all staff and students at St Patrick's, I would like to sincerely thank the parents involved in helping to organise and prepare the BBQ lunch.

A HUGE thank you to the Year 6 parent committee: **Michelle and Jason Tamaro, Monique Wehbe, Carol Wehbe, Anastasia Stolbova, Josephine Romanos, Gizel Thomas, Denise Tannous, Nina Wehbe and Simone Khoury** for volunteering their time to attend meetings, respond to emails, organise and prepare food prior to the event and of course preparing the BBQ on the day. It is a big responsibility that requires a lot of planning and organisation in the weeks leading up to as well as on the day of the event. Without the support from our wonderful parents, activities such as this could not go ahead. The sausage sizzle was delicious.

An EXTRA BIG thankyou to **Mr El Bayeh (John's Quality Meat Shop) for donating the delicious sausages for the event and to Carol Wehbe, Monique Wehbe and Michelle and Jason Tamaro** who donated chips, sauces, packaging, napkins and all of the water bottles needed for the meal deals. Your generosity and compassion is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to **Anastasia Stolbova, Carol Wehbe, Josephine Romanos** for assisting Mrs Carroll, Mrs Pope, Mrs Baaini and myself to pre-pack the meal deal bags. We made a great team and our production line flowed perfectly. Thank you also for helping to transport the crates to the classrooms for distribution to the students. **Monique Wehbe**, thank you for cutting up all of the onions needed for the sausage sizzle and **Anastasia Stolbova** for picking up the sausages. AMAZING!!!!

Thank you also to **Carol Wehbe and Michelle Tamaro for transporting the BBQ foods and equipment to the park and to Monique Wehbe, Carol Wehbe and Janette Bounasiff** for returning to school after a hard day of work and helping to unpack and clean up.

Thank you to our great office staff **Fiona Mitterer, Jenny Jones and Samantha Baaini** for helping to record student orders, purchase products needed and receive and check deliveries. Thank you for your help and vigilance, especially as this was an extra job.

The BBQ was a success thanks to all of your hard efforts and commitment to ensuring the lunch ran smoothly and all were fed, including us teachers. You are all wonderful and we really appreciate you and your dedication to volunteering.

Yours Thankfully

Mrs Anne Fardell

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Last Monday, after school, Mr Sampaio held a coaching session for the Stage 3 boys soccer teams in preparation for the Gala Day. He will be holding two more sessions on Monday 7th and 21st June from 3.15 to 4.15pm. These sessions are not compulsory, but they do help to build team unity, confidence and skill. I would like to thank Mr Sampaio for generously donating his time and coaching skills to help the teams.





FROM THE LEARNING PIT

At St Patrick's Primary we acknowledge the valuable role parents play in supporting their child's learning at and beyond school. We believe parents are key stakeholders in their child's education, because of this we understand the importance of providing meaningful information about their progress and achievements in relation to the New South Wales Syllabus.

This year we have changed the language of the five point scale, used from Year 1-6, so it gives parents a deeper understanding of their child's level of achievement. The graphic below shows the new terminology we will be using.

Grade Distribution				
Working Deeply	Working Beyond	Working At	Working Towards	Working with Assistance

These terms are unpacked below to help you understand the meaning and develop a deeper understanding of where your child is in relation to the syllabus outcomes.

Working With Assistance: Students are working with the teacher on most occasions in order to access the learning tasks. They find it difficult to complete any tasks without it being broken down into achievable chunks and need to work with the teacher or teacher assistant throughout the lesson. **Working With Assistance** was previously known as an **E**.

Working Towards: Students at this level are working below the outcome for this *grade level*. The student needs support in the form of clarification, achievable chunks which can be completed independently or access enabling prompt before completing the core tasks. To receive this grade the student needs this level of the support most of the time. **Working Towards** was previously known as a **D**.

Working At: Students at this level have achieved the outcomes prescribed for their *grade level*. The student independently completes the majority of tasks and expresses their understanding through verbal and/or written tasks. Most students will achieve this grade level. **Working At** was previously known as a **C**.

Working Beyond: Students at this level are working beyond grade expectations and starting to demonstrate higher order thinking skills when completing many tasks. They articulate a comprehensive understanding of key concepts and consistently apply the skills needed at this grade level. The student independently completes tasks and provides detailed verbal and written responses that include justification and multiple solutions, most of the time. **Working Beyond** was previously known as a **B**.

Working Deeply: Students at this level are working beyond the outcomes prescribed for their grade level, for most to all tasks. They show a deep understanding of the majority of key concepts and skills and transfer their understanding to new contexts for learning. Students independently complete tasks and provide detailed verbal and written responses, most of the time. **Working Deeply** was previously known as an **A**.



SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

During Week 9 and 10 teachers will be undertaking teacher/parent interviews. These will be 10-15 mins in duration.

This is an 'official meeting time' set aside for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. At this meeting the teacher will also explain your child's half yearly report and how the grades are determined based on work samples and assessments. Of course, parents are always welcome to make an appointment at any time throughout the year to meet with the class teacher/s, just as teachers can contact parents to organize meetings.

[Information on how to book will be coming out shortly.](#)

ATTENDANCE LETTERS (< 90% attendance)

Dear Parents

As you are aware, every day of attendance at school adds to your child's chances of success and achievement from Kindergarten and through to high school. Parents play a key role in making sure their child attends school every day. As previously explained the school, through our system, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP), is well equipped to track children's attendance and this data enables the school to alert parents to their child's attendance level. This information can sometimes be surprising to parents who may not realise that the attendance of their child is getting to an undesirable level. Even the odd day here and there eg a total of 10 days a term, is equal to a day a week. We fully understand that some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances however we also know that when students miss too much school, no matter the reason, it can cause them to fall behind academically. **In an effort to keep parents informed of their child's attendance data, a letter will be sent home when a child's attendance percentage falls below 90%. This will include children whose absence is due to illness or leave for example. This information is for your attention as a way to assist you to monitor attendance levels. The only exceptions to this rule will be if there has been significant consultation with the school regarding attendance, be it health matters or other circumstances and in these circumstances other support or accommodations have been implemented.**

In this way not only is the school keeping open communication with families but the school is fulfilling the process of tracking attendance in accordance with CEDP policies. If you have any questions regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Bernadette Fabri

eSafetyparents



eSafetyCommissioner

NOTES FROM THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER.

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

Teach your child when to ask for help

As you explore and play online alongside your child, teach them to ask for help. Let them know they should always tell a trusted adult, like a parent, grandparent or their educator. They should ask for help if they are contacted by anyone online (including people they know), if they encounter a pop-up, if they are unsure about anything, or if they see or hear something that makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset.



Emmanuel Missak - School Captain

What sport or music do you play?

I love to play soccer because I have a passion for it and have played it ever since I was young.

Who is your favourite celebrity?

My favourite celebrity would be Messi and Neymar because they are both outstanding soccer players and I love their style of play.

What are you looking forward to the most at high school?

I'm looking forward to the new environment, new teachers, new classmates and school sports.

If you had \$1 000 000 what would you spend it on?

I would buy a house for my family, soccer equipment and after covid 19, I would buy a ticket to Spain and watch a Barcelona game.

What is your favourite subject in school?

My favourite subject would be Math because I love learning new things in Multiplication and I also love PDHPE because I'm always very active and outside all the time.

St Patrick's Infants Carnival 2021

Our Infants Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 23rd June, 2021 at Barton Park, Parramatta. It is an enjoyable day for the children where they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities. All of the students from Years K-2 will be participating in carnival activities. The Carnival will commence at 10:00am and conclude at approximately 2:15pm. The children will be catching a bus to and from the carnival unless parents are taking them home from Barton Park **at the conclusion of the carnival.**

As a special treat, the children will be able to **pre-order their lunch.** The students will be able to select from the following two options.

Meal Deal: \$5

BBQ sausage in a roll (sauce optional), bottle of water and a snack size chip packet.

Sausage Sizzle Only: \$4

BBQ sausage in a roll (sauce optional)

Additional bottles of water will be available on the day for \$2.

Please complete the order form and send it in with payment no later than Friday 4 June 2021. As you can appreciate, pre-ordering is essential as we need to know how many students to cater for when ordering the food.

School Sport Uniform or t-shirt in their house colour may be worn.

Waratah - Red

Wattle - Yellow

Boronia - Green

Melaleuca - White or Blue

The buses will be leaving school at 9 am sharp

Understanding School Talk ???

Learning Pit

A position where optimum learning takes place



Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday next week:

Julian Badr, Lara Samar, Cienna Joachim, Maryam Thomas, Christian Donaldson, Sophia Semaan, Liam Buenaventura



Dylan Amaral - Vice Captain

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

My favorite t.v show is Haikyuu because it is very entertaining and very funny. Also it is about volleyball and is very action packed.

What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time I play soccer in the backyard and mostly I play on my PS4. And if I'm not doing those things I usually play with my sister.

What is your favourite dish?

My favorite dish is chicken tenders because they taste delicious and there are no bones to get in my way of eating it.

What are you most excited for currently?

I am most excited for the soccer gala day because I get to represent my school in something that I love to do now and in the future.

What is your favourite book?

My favourite book is the new dog man book Mothering Heights because it is full of meaning and at the same time it is very humorous.

Takeshi Liu - Arts Captain

What famous person can you relate to the most?

I can relate myself to David Attenborough because I love animals and I care for the world.

Favourite movie?

My favourite movie is Dr Dollittle because it is about animals and is a funny movie.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is cockroaches because they might crawl everywhere and they are really creepy.

What are you looking forward to most at high school?

I am looking forward to this new environment. I will enjoy playing with my friends, constructing things and participating in carnivals.

What is your biggest inspiration in life?

My biggest inspiration is Jesus and God because they help people in times of need and is part of my catholic faith.

Alexandriya Izmestyeva - Vice Captain

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My biggest inspiration is my mother because she is so hardworking and she is friends with everyone. She can also do so many things, including baking dazzling cakes, sewing gorgeous leotards and clothing, and so much more. I wish I could be just as awesome as my mother.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you travel?

If I could live and travel anywhere in the world, I would visit either Russia, as that is my home country and all my relatives are there or a country like Hawaii or Bora Bora as it is stunning and so warm there.

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?

If I were to win a million dollars, I would buy a mansion, and a pet with half of it and give the rest to my family to pay them back for everything.

What are 5 words describing you?

If I were to describe myself in 5 words, I would say optimistic, organised, thoughtful, smart and hard working.

If you could time travel, when would you go to?

If I could time travel back to a certain time, I would travel to the past because the future is a surprise and I don't want to spoil it, so I would go to the 1980's not too long ago because their fashion back then was so bright and colourful and iconic.

Amariah Tamaro - School Captain

What is your ideal job?

I am very interested in anything science related, so I would enjoy studying the environment, meteorology or astronomy for a living.

How do you want to make the world a better place?

I believe that it is our job to protect our planet and everything on it, so if I were to improve the world, I would try to find more ways to reduce climate change and carbon emissions.

Name 5 words describing you.

I would describe myself as being cheerful, confident, adventurous, funny and an enthusiastic learner.

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

If I were to choose a superpower, it would be the ability to fly, because it would be incredible to see Australia from high up in the sky.

If you were to name an island, what would you name it?

I would name my island Paradise, because it would convince tourists to go there for relaxing holidays.



Honour Award

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

KA	Christabel Azzi	Caterina Boulos	KM	Olivia Sahyoun	Nicholas Nassif
1C	Maroun Abraham	Vittorio Lo Surdo	1S	Evie Grohs	Julian Badr
2M	Sophia Khoury	Allen Elias	2Y	Sofia Barroso	Isla-Rose Eid



ST PATRICK'S AWARD

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

KA	Francis Rahme	Charles Nasr	KM	Zoe Aguilera	Chris Layoun
1C	Mahalia Jackson	Trey St John Tannous	1S	William Gebrael	Charlize Malkoun
2M	Charlie El Khoury	Ava Takchi	2Y	Victoria Adaymy	Christopher Hanna





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3L	Kayla Amaral	Ethan Zaiter	3T	Jacinta Malkoun	John Bardetta
4B	Gabriella Sta Rosa	Wren Chua	4G	Benjamin Aitkins	Marcus Moses
5C	Phillip Ayoub	Joshua Manago	5T	Joshua Nasr	Gabriella Volante
6P	Daniella Gereige	Remon Wehbe	6W	Jo Harb	Alex El Khoury



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3L	Elaine Xue	Ethan Sivashanmugam	3T	Anastasia Naudi	Liza Navasardyan
4B	Chloe Vella	Karabo Khama	4G	Daniel Semaan	Angelique Saliba
5C	Sienna Khattar	Richard Do	5T	Troy Daniel	Aiden Ebrahim
6P	Weyata Lamin	Emma Barrientos Salazar	6W	Matthew Tocker	Tara Di Chio





Term Dates

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



Congratulations to the Wakim Family (Natalya KA & Chanel 2Y) on the birth of their baby boy, Sarkis.



"Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason."

Pope Francis

FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

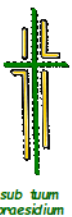
St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Standing (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address 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 CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

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