

Newsletter

10th June, 2021 Term 2 Week 8

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Sunday, children from our school received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time - their First Holy Communion, at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. This is the first group of children from our school to receive this very important sacrament this year. It is always wonderful to see all the children and their families, including their extended family, making this a priority on Sunday. For many children this will be a day they will never forget.

One of the many blessings about working in a Catholic School is the honour of seeing thousands of children receive their First Holy Communion. You can imagine after nearly 41 years in education the many ceremonies I have attended, each one as special as each other. I know for many Catholic adults this time assists us to remember our own First Holy Communion. I certainly do. Like these children I was just 7 or 8 years old at St Anthony's Girraween and unlike today our lessons were solely held within the school day with very little parent involvement regarding extra catechesis.

Looking back I feel I was so lucky that our mother regularly embedded our faith into our daily lives. Attending mass every weekend it was just natural that one day it was to be our turn to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. We witnessed our parents and older siblings receive communion every week, regularly received the sacrament of Reconciliation and enjoyed the gathering of family and friends outside the church every Sunday. In those days family tended to live in the same suburb. It is my belief that faith that is only experienced at the school level cannot possibly have the same impact as that which is lived and spoken about daily at home. The catholic school plays a very important part in faith development however for faith to be sustainable, resilient and enduring it is best nurtured in the home first. I have often repeated an idea shared by a parish priest years ago when he surmised: 'if faith is only experienced at school then there is the likely danger that the student takes off their faith when they take off their uniform'. It is this key principle which recommends that children's learning about the sacraments is best achieved through a Parish Based, Family Centred approach.

I know that all parents want their children to one day grow up to be kind, forgiving, generous, compassionate adults who will behave as good citizens in the service of the community. They want their children to be happy and have a love of God and one day, God willing, to have their own beautiful families. Who knows they may even send them to St Patrick's Parramatta.

Children are learning to become these adults, now, from you, their parents and family. If we wish them to attend church regularly and receive the Eucharist every Sunday we need to be demonstrating that now by taking them to Mass and by showing them what it looks like to be an adult Catholic who is active in their faith.

Can I ask you all to keep in your prayers the children who have made and are yet to make their First Holy Communion, this year, and to pray that their families will continue to gift them with a faith that is resilient; inspired by the Catholic tradition and open to the world of today. May God continue to bless you in your role as parents and caregivers and continue to grant you wisdom and grace.

God bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

Reminder tomorrow Friday 11th June is a Staff Development Day. No children attend school on this day.



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.

Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday 6 June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta:

Quintus Feng,
Melinda Malkoun,
Joshua Day,
Mariah Jreij,
Scarlett Jaitani,
Jayden Blazek,
Vincent Camenzuli,
Olivia Zhang,
Zachariah McPherson,
Patrick Saab,
Mia Golossian,

Sofia Bousimon,
Daniel Jurisic,
Logan Munro,
Kayla Amaral,
Olivier Touche,
Anastasia Naudi,
Elaine Xue,
Araminta Jackson,
Audrey El Bayeh,
Frank Malkoun,
Erick Granados-Gavito,



Nathan Nguyen,
Kenzie Murphy,
Callum Donaldson,
Mateo Barroso,
Isaiah Abu-Ali,
Ethan Xue.

Please keep all these children in your prayers as they continue their Sacramental journey.

Let us also think of all the boys and girls who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral Harris Park. Due to restricted numbers the school was unable to be represented this year. We look forward to seeing some photos you the children's special day

Thank you for your continued support.

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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 5 and Year 1	Thursday 17.6.21		Year 4	Wednesday 23.6.21

Please note the change of date for our Year 4 students

GUESS WHO?



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

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.



SAFETY NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Can I ask you to be mindful of safety when dropping of children in the mornings. Please instruct them to walk along the building side and not near the road so that they do not mistakenly get too close to cars. Supervision on the road before school is the responsibility of the family.



The St Patrick's A-MATH-ZING Race

On Monday 21st June (Primary students) and Tuesday 22nd June (Infants students) all children at St Patrick's will be participating in the

'St Patrick's A-math-zing Race'.

They will be solving a range of maths problems as they travel to different countries around the playground.

Who will set new records for each of our challenges?

Wear your sports uniform and be ready to race!

Megan and Adam

STEM LEADERS



Hello Parents,

It is with great excitement that Mr Younis and the NLSC team announce the upcoming Next Level Sports holiday clinic dates.

Dates:

Clinic 1: **1st, and 2nd July.** (Thursday - Friday)

Clinic 2: **5th, 6th and 7th July.** (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Location: St Patrick's Primary School, Parramatta.

After COVID, the same measures implemented in NSW schools will be taken to ensure our holiday clinic is fun, safe and hygienic above all.

If you're interested in sending your child to the clinic, please email us at nextlevelsports@live.com.au or contact us through our **Facebook** page.

Thank you and stay safe.

Mr Younis



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.

To book an appointment go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Simply enter the code qde33 for all classes other than 2M. and press "Go".

The code for 2M only is cayef

eSafetyparents



eSafetyCommissioner

NOTES FROM THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER.

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

Let your child know they won't be in trouble if they ask for help

Talking with children about what they watch and do during screen time is key to their online safety. Remind them you are always there if they need help with anything. Reassure toddlers and preschoolers they will not be in trouble if they ask you for help about anything they encounter online.

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



Honour Award

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

KA	Danny Fayad	Louie Dauwalder	KM	Lara Alphonse	Liam Buenaventura
1C	Sienna Sousou	Juana Boby	1S	Emily Lin	Fareeda Daher
2M	Esperanza Thompson	Olivia Pijaca	2Y	Nadia Maroon	Michael Remaili



ST PATRICK'S AWARD

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

KA	Natalie Kahwaji	Marylyn Lahoud	KM	Matilda Miranda	Anyce Ibrahim
1C	Mila Moses	Christian Jaitani	1S	Louis Wehbe	Noah Naudi
2M	Miami Calumpiano	Jessica Lim	2Y	Melinda Malkoun	Ian Mason





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3L	Ashton Grohs	Catherina Kwa	3T	Araminta Jackson	Sophia Khoury
4B	Kenzie Murphy	Timana Gutierrez Caceres	4G	Jonah Shehadie	Isaac Wehbe
5C	Phillip Boutros	Joseph Maroon	5T	Gabrielle Vella	Leon Sampaio
6P	Zara Diuco	Jacob Wehbe	6W	Jacob Semaan	Sophie Gahdmar



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3L	Audrey El Bayeh	Charlene Wambeek	3T	Anton Bayssari	Andrew Batti
4B	Sonia Sitoa	Olivia Moussa	4G	Celine Joachim	Eva Jakopovic
5C	Isaac Loulach	Roselle Ghostine	5T	Stephanie Jabbour	Anabelle Tudberry
6P	Jake Doueihy	Dylan Amaral	6W	Clio Encarnacao	Alexander Markovic





Maria Khoury: Sports Leader (6W)

Name 5 words describing you?

I would describe myself as sporty, enthusiastic, crazy, energetic, friendly.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

Super speed.

What's your favorite place in the world?

I would love to take a trip to Lebanon or Spain, because I Spanish and Lebanese heritage.

What do you do in your spare time?

I practise my soccer and netball skills and do my homework.

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

I would be a cheetah because they are fast and I love their fur pattern.

Alexander Markovic - Sport captain

What is your biggest inspiration in life?

My biggest inspiration in life is God because he leads by example and I try to follow in his footsteps.

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is 'Spider Man Far From Home' because I watched it with my friend and that made the movie even better, and I love the actors in the movie and it was very funny.

Who is your favourite celebrity?

My favourite celebrity is Leo Messi because he is the greatest of all time. He is not arrogant and he inspires me to do my best.

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

I'm looking forward to learning new things and meeting new people.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

My superpower would be to live an amazing life and achieve everything God wants me to.

Estelle Perrett - Arts Leader (6P)

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My parents inspire me, because they teach me how we need to live the best life possible.

What is your ideal job?

I would love to be a zoologist or an artist.

What hobbies do you have?

My hobbies are gymnastics, soccer, football and drawing.

What sport (s) or music do you play?

I play piano and do gymnastics and swimming as after school activities.

What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subjects are art and literacy.

Meagan Erive - Stem Captain

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

The first thing I would grab would be a phone or an electronic device so that i could call and get in contact with an emergency helpline.

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

The country I would like to travel to the most would be Japan because I would be given the opportunity to see all of the breathtaking sights there and it would be such a memorable experience.

When you leave this earth what do you want people to remember you by?

When I leave this world, I would want people to remember me for being a big hearted person with good intentions only.

What's your favorite place in the world?

My favourite place in the world is the Philippines because it is where I am from and I have a lot of my family there so I could visit them sometime.

If you could turn any activity to an Olympic sport, what would it be?

If I could turn any activity into an Olympic sport I would choose eating because it would be really fun to be involved in it and it would be really funny to watch people stuff their mouth to win.



Adam Jurisic - STEM Captain

Who is your favourite celebrity/sport icon?

My favourite sport celebrity would be Messi as he is the best soccer player of all time and he is humble and not arrogant.

What's your favorite line from any book or movie?

My favourite line from a movie is "Mr Stark, I don't feel so good, Mr Stark I don't want to go" - Spiderman

What is the most annoying thing that you find most people do?

What I find the most annoying thing that people do is them being arrogant and obnoxious.

What would you like to be when you grow up?

When I grow up I would like to be a professional soccer player because I love playing it and I am very passionate about it.

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

The best thing I have ever achieved that I never thought I would achieve was getting into one of the best soccer teams in NSW

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 2:00pm. 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 ???

Mufti Day

A day where children
come to school in
casual clothing

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



Jamie Chiha, Mateo Barroso, Oskar Tudberry, Isabella Bousimon, Joshua Jaitani, Clare Camenzuli, Raymond Wehbe, Makayla Abdou, Aiden Ebrahim, Thomas Aguilera, Remon Wehbe, Jacob Wehbe



Join Council's National Tree Day celebrations

This year to celebrate National Tree Day, Council will host a series of seven community-planting events, where you are invited to plant native trees, shrubs and groundcovers.

Events will take place at Upjohn Park North - Reserve at 71 Ulm Street in Ermington on the below dates.

- **Saturday 5 June, World Environment Day**
Event 1: 9.30-11am
- **Monday 21 June**
Event 2: 9.30-11am
Event 3: 11.30am-1pm
- **Monday 5 July**
Event 4: 9.30-11am
Event 5: 11.30am-1pm
- **Sunday 1 August, Official National Tree Day**
Event 6: 9.30-11am
Event 7: 11.30am-1pm



**CITY OF
PARRAMATTA**



For more information and to register visit:
cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/nationaltreeday



"How do we help our young people not to see a university degree as synonymous with higher status, with more money or social prestige? It is not synonymous with that. How can we help make their education a mark of greater responsibility in the face of today's problems, the needs of the poor, concern for the environment?"

Pope Francis

FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

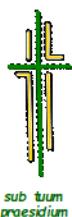
St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Standring (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address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