



23rd March 2017

Term 1 Week 9

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 93.4%

Dear Parents

QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY 20th March to Friday 31th March

This week and next week all students in Years 5 and 6, Years 3 and 4 and 60 parents from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be invited to give the school feedback through the **Quality Catholic School's (QCS) Survey**. The selection of parents is organised randomly by the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) and given to the school for distribution. These families will be given a paper version of the survey as well as the facility to complete the survey online if desired. Parents selected need only complete the survey once. The instructions to the survey is included in the package which has been sent home with the children. The children will be completing their survey at school online. Staff responses also form part of the data and when compiled gives the school an indication on how various members of our community think about aspects of:

1. cultural behaviour
2. Relationships
3. learning community

The topics within these aspects include;

- Social Justice
- Catholic Parish Involvement Learning Focus,
- Extra-Curricular activities such as Triskills, involvement of the choir in CAPTIVATE, Footsteps dance, Life Education, Moran Photographic Workshop for Primary Students, Science Incursions, events at the Riverside Theatre etc
- Homework
- General Satisfaction
- School Improvement
- Approachability
- Teacher Morale
- Parent Input
- Stimulating Learning
- Behaviour Management
- Reporting

- Transitions
- Student Safety
- Classroom Behaviour
- Connectedness to Peers
- Student Motivation
- Social Skills
- Connectedness to School
- Opportunity for Parents
- Behaviour of Staff
- The extent to which parents believe their children are developing effective social skills
- The extent to which parents believe their children have positive relationships with other students
- The extent to which parents see their children wanting to be at school

As you can imagine obtaining information/feedback on all of these topics is of great interest to the staff at St Patrick's as it can indicate to us what we are doing well and what areas of development need to have greater focus. **It is also important to reinforce that all responses are completely confidential and that individual responses will never be released to the school, CEDP or any other third party.**

I know that completing surveys can be time consuming but I do make a special appeal to any parents who received a package last Monday to participate in this survey, as your contributions are very important to us and are used to represent the wider parent community. A summary of the results of the survey will be communicated to all parents when they are collated and analyzed. All schools in the Parramatta Diocese are involved in the QCS Survey and trends across schools analyzed and workshopped.

If you need any assistance or you need access to devices to complete the survey please contact the school office.

God bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri



Honour Award

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

KA	Wren Chua
KM	Ray Chen
1C	Christian Kalouche
1S	Benjamin Maroon
2M	Zara Diuco
2Y	Oscar Morgan

st patrick's award



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

KA	Beth Roumanus
KM	Gabriella Sta Rosa
1C	Mia Wehbe
1S	Joshua Aqabani
2M	Remon Wehbe
2Y	Jo Harb

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Partial absences = missed learning.
Let students know that every day counts by recognising punctuality, good and improved attendance.

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every learner every day



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:
Carl Cauan, Bailey Grohs, Phillip Boutros, Jeremy Moussa, Phillip Ayoub, Christina Elzahoul

OLMC Guitar lessons TOMORROW

As OLMC have a staff development day on Friday 24th March there will be no Guitar Lessons on this day.

Please make alternate arrangements for collection of your children with normal dismissal time (3.00pm)

2017 School Terms

Term 1 30th January to 7th April

Term 2 24th April—Staff Development Day—No school for students

Term 2 will commence on the 26th April for students and conclude on the 30th June

Term 3 17th July to 22nd September

Term 4 9th October to 15th December

**** Please note Staff Development days may affect commencement & concluding dates. Please refer to our weekly newsletter in 2017.**



ICE BLOCKS !! We are selling ice blocks every Friday until the end of term. Each child may buy ONE ice block at \$1.00 each.

In the last week of term the ice blocks will be sold on Wednesday 5th April, instead of Friday.

ART COMPETITION

Students are invited to participate in the Aurora Art Competition which is open to all primary school students in Australia. Entries are to be submitted in two sections Years K-2 and Years 3-6 in four categories Portrait (or People), Landscape (or Cityscape), Still Life and Open. Entry is Free. Artworks are to have an Australian theme or influence. All entries must be submitted to school by Wednesday 26th April. For more information and an entry form please see Mrs Jones in the office.



**School Banking for next week (Week 10)
will be on Wednesday.**



Save the Date

School Disco Term 2

Friday 5th May

More information to come

I would like to sincerely thank every parent and visitor for their contributions in making our St Patrick's Day celebrations such a success. Although the weather was not ideal it did not seem to impact significantly on the children who really enjoyed the jig up in the hall and the scrumptious lunch with their family. The highlight of the day was the beautiful liturgy prepared by Mrs Standring (REC) and her committee of teachers. We appreciated the special efforts parents and visitors made to join the community and although the planned 'fun in the park' did not eventuate due to the rain, it did not dampen our spirits (Excuse the pun!)

As always the lunch took a special group of parents who gave up their time to get all the hot dogs, pizzas and ice blocks organised. Thank you so much to the parents who helped serve and distribute the lunches.

With continued appreciation!
Miss Fabri

St Patrick's Day 2017



Sport Report



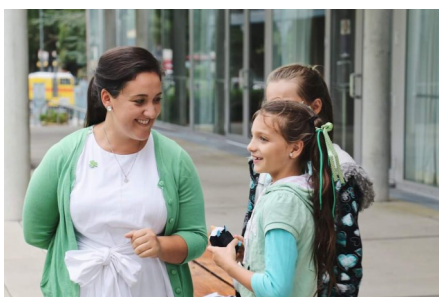
On Wednesday 23rd March, Mr McIntosh was lucky enough to be present at the NSWCPs Swimming Championship at Homebush Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. He reported on our super fish in Year 5, Mikayla Saleh.

The NSWCPs Swimming Championship is the third level of competitive school swimming made up of the best swimmers across every Catholic Primary School in the state of NSW. So as you could appreciate this is a huge achievement for Mikayla. At this point I would like to remind our students and our parents that the medals don't just find their way around Mikayla's neck. Mikayla has put in the hard yards to achieve such success, 6am daily training before school rain, hail and shine. All the hard work has and is paying off with Mikayla representing herself and St Patrick's Primary in five different events, earning a gold medal in breaststroke and a bronze medal in the 200m individual medley. We don't call her the superfish for nothing!

The whole St Patrick's Parramatta community would like to wish Mikayla all the very best at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championship on the 6th May; we know you will make yourself and us proud.

I would like to give a huge thank you to Mr McIntosh for all his help with the report and remind students that next Wednesday is our Cross country event for runners only. Get Ready !!

Mr Younis



2017 School Calendar

Term 1

Week 9

Friday 24th March	Year 2 Excursion to Elizabeth Farm
	Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Year 1

Week 10

Monday 27th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Tuesday 28th March	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Wednesday 29th March	Primary Cross Country
	Runners only
Friday 31st March	Primary Assembly—2.15pm—Year 3
Tuesday 4th April	Tri-skills—Gymnastics
Friday 7th April	Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Kinder
	LAST DAY FOR TERM 1

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 24th April	Staff Development Day—No students
Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC DAY—No students
Wednesday 26th April	Students returned to school for Term 2
Friday 28th April	Primary Assembly—2.15pm—Year 4

Week 2

Tuesday 2nd May	Diocesan Cross Country
Friday 5th May	Year 5 Excursion to Hyde Park Barracks
	Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Year 1
	School Disco—more details to follow

Week 3

Tuesday 9th May	NAPLAN—Language/Writing—Years 3 & 5 only
	Mother's Day Stall
Wednesday 10th May	NAPLAN—Reading—Years 3 & 5 only
Thursday 11th May	NAPLAN—Numeracy—Years 3 & 5 only
Friday 12th May	Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea
	More details to follow
	NO ASSEMBLY



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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	6.45am, 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 George Azhakath

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)



TUCKSHOP2U

will now be serving
HOT FOOD
on Tuesday and Thursday ONLY.

Please visit
tuckshop2u.com.au
to view our
updated menu.



Please note that our Banana Bread and Choc Vanilla
Blueberry Slice are no longer gluten free.

Shoe Sale—OZ Fashions

Clark shoe sale coming to an end at the end of March to allow one final chance to take advantage of the huge savings.

We have one of our very own students in this production and it would be great if you got along to support Aoife Mitchell (3T) in the school holidays. Good luck Aoife!!!



RASCALS MUSICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS
Seussical JR.

THE INDEPENDENT THEATRE, NORTH SYDNEY

APRIL 2017

THU 13TH @ 2PM
SAT 15TH @ 2PM
SAT 15TH @ 7PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WWW.THEINDEPENDENT.ORG.AU

RASCALSMUSICALSOCIETY.COM.AU



1-DAY POP-UP WORKSHOPS - APRIL 2017

Big Sing Thursday April 20, 2017 - 9am-3pm

Attention all singers! If you love singing, would like to try singing, or would like to improve your singing, then this is the workshop for you. The Big Sing will explore vocal skills and refresh singing techniques through a range of exercises and songs which are designed to explore and develop vocal production, breathing, pitch and tone.
Bookings are essential - bookings close Wednesday March 29, 2017.

Big Bash Friday April 21, 2017 - 9am-3pm

Attention drummers and percussionists! If you're a young and inspired drummer/percussionist, then this workshop is not to be missed. Students will learn about origins of drumming, technique, reading, hand drumming, the drum kit, orchestral percussion and even create their very own original piece of music. The 1-day course caters for the beginner to intermediate skill levels so if you're interested please get in contact to book your place!
Bookings are essential - bookings close Wednesday March 29, 2017.

Autumn Strings Friday April 21, 2017 - 9.30am-3.30pm

Join leading instrumental practitioners in this 1-day workshop for student musicians who play Orchestral String instruments at the following approximate levels:

Violin - AMEB Grade 1-5
Cello - AMEB Grade 1-4

Viola - AMEB Grade 1-3
Double Bass - AMEB Grade 1-3

The focus of the workshop will be ensemble technique, small ensembles and performance technique, culminating in a short concert showcasing the pieces that have been developed throughout the day.
Bookings are essential - bookings close Wednesday April 5, 2017.

Venue: Christina Creede Music Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Ross St, North Parramatta (Enter via Gate 3)

Ages: Year 3 - Year 12

Cost: \$75 per workshop (current OLMC students) or \$75 plus GST per workshop (non OLMC students)

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Book online at: olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now

Enquiries: music@olmc.nsw.edu.au or 02 8838 1288



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Information for Newsletter
MindQuest 2017
 Glenwood HS
 Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave
 Glenwood 2768
 Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 May 2017 9.30am-3.30pm

The 83rd *MindQuest* program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$195 (including GST). Send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. It is 20 mins Beecroft, 35 mins North Sydney, 25mins Strathfield, 30 mins from Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4232 2494
 Closing Date: Last day of Term1 Friday 7 April 2017

Applications for MindQuest can be picked up from the office




JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - juniorscienceacademy.com.au

At the Junior Science Academy, children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.

The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
 We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.

We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent. The Junior Science Academy is for children in years 1-6 in primary school.



Drop Off	8:30am-9:30 am
Activities	9:30am-4:30pm
Pick-Up	4:30pm-5:30pm
Cost	\$120

