



# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

27th April 2017 Term 2 Week 1

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 92.4%**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break with the family and during that time was able to spend some time at the various beautiful liturgies during Holy Week at St Patrick's Cathedral or another parish. This week, on return to school, Mrs Standring and her committee organised a Post Easter Liturgy. Some of you may remember that before the break, the Easter story, enacted by the children, finished at Good Friday with Jesus dying on the cross. We commenced this term with a recall of these events but this time concluded with the Resurrection. The children and teachers did such a wonderful job of reminding us of the Easter story; a story of hope and joy and of confidence in God's love for us. For Catholics this message goes beyond the Easter Season. What a wonderful message to live our lives remembering.

On Monday 24th April, the staff gathered for a Staff Development Day. The topic of this professional development included work from educationalist John Hattie on learning effects and the study of the importance of **learning intentions and success criteria**. The theory behind this work and why it is so effective in improving learning outcomes is the idea that if the learner and teacher have a clear understanding of what they are trying to learn/teach and how this learning looks, they will be more likely to be engaged, take ownership, seek feedback and be able to assess how they are going. In fact when the staff go on learning walks we will often ask the children these questions, which I encourage you to ask as home:

What are you learning?      How are you going?      How do you know?  
How can you improve?      Where can you go for help?

On a recent visit to one of the grades we had a discussion on the fact that one key feature that defines successful learners from those that are not, is the sense of ownership the learner has of the learning. I speak about this concept often because over my years in education I notice that success seems to come for children when the learning becomes important to **them**. Often this happens before high school but sometimes after Year 7. Teachers have been working really hard to explain to the children why they are learning certain concepts and skills and how this learning will assist across key learning areas. Knowing what learning looks like, that is the success criteria, thus enables the children to know how they are going. The success criteria often begins with - I know I am successful when I can, know or understand... This success criteria is then often used for Assessment of and for the learning. When visiting the classrooms you will notice that the learning intentions and the success criteria are visible and accessible to the children in the learning spaces and are accompanied by what we call 'anchor charts'. These anchor charts are summaries of the key ideas, explanations of 'how to', diagrams, exemplars of excellent learning etc. These are displayed in the classroom and are usually co-constructed with the children.

It would be very interesting to hear what the children think about these ideas so I recommend you take some time to discuss some of these concepts with them.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri  
Principal



## Honour Award

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

3L	Sienna Golossian
3T	Andrew Doumit
4B	Crystella Geagea
4G	Brooklyn Munro
5C	Erica Jurisic
5T	Gabrielle Sabat
6P	Arwen-Cady Firmeza
6W	Joanna Davino

## st patrick's award



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

3L	Catherine Said
3T	Malcolm Nasr
4B	Anthony Khouri
4G	Christian Sarkis
5C	Rafael Buitizon
5T	Arabella Gittany
6P	Nikhil Sawant
6W	Adrian Pangan

# 100%

## INTRODUCING NEW ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES



Improving student attendance has been a focus for Term One with some pleasing results for many students. This term, commencing in Week 2 children who have been able to attain 100% attendance for 5 weeks will receive a (Silver Level) Attendance Certificate. We have chosen 5 weeks as a benchmark as we know sometimes children will get sick and need to be absent from school for their wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. For those who are able to attain 100% attendance for the entire term however they will also get a Gold Level Attendance Certificate. We are hoping that we will be giving away hundreds of certificates at the end of each 5 week block and end of term. 100% Attendance means no sick days, leave or unexplained absences. School business such as attending CEDP gala days and CAPTIVATE is always regarded as attendance.



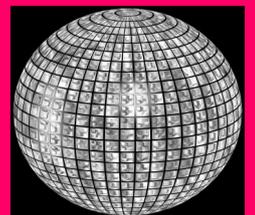
### Footsteps Dance Presents

### Family Disco 'Dancing Under the Stars'

Friday 5 May 6-9pm (gates opening at 5pm)

Why not have a night off cooking and grab dinner at the disco?

Food will be available from 5pm.



**Outback Steakhouse Steak & Chicken Burgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, ice-creams, tea, coffee, water and drinks**

**Glo-sticks on sale to help light up the dance floor.**

We are asking for any drink donations to be dropped off at the office prior to the night. Any donations will be gratefully accepted.

Tickets on sale **NOW** through the office at \$3 per person (pre schoolers free)

## Sports Days for Term 2

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 2:-

<b>KA Friday</b>	<b>3L Friday</b>
<b>KM Wednesday</b>	<b>3T Friday</b>
<b>1C Wednesday</b>	<b>4B Thursday</b>
<b>1S Friday</b>	<b>4G Thursday</b>
<b>2M Wednesday</b>	<b>5C Thursday</b>
<b>2Y Wednesday</b>	<b>5T Thursday</b>
	<b>6P Wednesday</b>
	<b>6W Thursday</b>



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:**

**Mikaela Barrientos Salazar,  
Angelina Aqabani, Jethro Cauan,  
Adam Jurisic, Christina Kalouche,  
Ava Lao, Dunya Grudic, Kyah Rahme**

## **PARRAMATTA TALKS AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE**

Dear Parents

Last term I was invited to speak at a meeting held by the North Parramatta Resident Action Group (NPRAG) regarding the need for the council to consider keeping Parramatta Memorial Pool open. As many of you know that pool has now been closed however both local and state governments are working together and planning on building a 'World Class Aquatic Centre'. The president of the NPRAG Suzette Meade recently sent me the following invitation for our community to be part of a poll to enable community voice. I encourage you to have a say.

"We are holding a poll amongst the community to make sure your voice is represented as part of Parramatta City Councils plans to deliver the proposed new LIKE for LIKE world class Aquatic Centre. Please take this poll and encourage your friends to do the same."

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5HY6FMB>

Suzette

## **2017 School Terms**

<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Concludes on the 30th June</b>
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.



## **Reminder to Parents—Lunch Utensils**

**Just a reminder that if your child requires a spoon or fork to eat their recess or lunch we would appreciate you putting a plastic fork or spoon in their lunch box. No knives please.**

## **Winter Uniform Changeover**

Dear Parents,

With such unpredictable weather of late we have delayed the start of the Winter Uniform. Last year we had a long spell of hot weather and found that many of our students were uncomfortable in their winter uniform. Summer uniform can be worn until week 4 but maybe extended if we have a change back to warm weather. Please use your discretion regarding the changeover to winter uniform the weeks leading to week 4 (Monday 15th May)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.

# Easter Celebrations







JUNIOR CREDO: EDGE

# WELCOME BACK

EASTER SPECIAL  
FRIDAY: APRIL 28, 2017




**TUCKSHOP 2U**  
will now be serving  
**HOT FOOD**  
on Tuesday and Thursday ONLY.

Please visit  
[tuckshop2u.com.au](http://tuckshop2u.com.au)  
to view our  
updated menu.



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



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open  
Morning Tour  
Monday May 8, 2017**

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*

# Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.  
*Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.*

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?  Item No.

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

**SCHOLASTIC**



**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:

15th May 2017

If you need any help with ordering online please drop into the office or call Mrs Jones on 9630 1421.

## Spare Clothes Reminder

A kindly reminder to all parents of Infant students, please pack a spare change of underwear, socks and boys pants inside your child's bag. Whilst we do have spare clothes it is not always possible to find sizes for every child. Little accidents do happen and if we can keep the child at school it is in the best interest of the child.

# 2017 School Calendar

## Term 2

### Week 1

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— 6pm—9pm (Gates open 5pm)

### 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  
Nursing home visit—Year 6  
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

### Week 4

Friday 19th May Primary Assembly—2.15pm—Year 5

### Week 5

Tuesday 23rd May ICAS—Digital Tech 7.40am  
Friday 26th May Choir Assembly—2.15pm

### Week 6

Monday 29th May Captivate Rehearsal  
Tuesday 30th May ICAS—Science 7.40am  
Friday 2nd June Primary Assembly—2.15pm—Year 3

### Week 7

Friday 9th June NO ASSEMBLY

### Week 8

**Monday 12th June Public Holiday—No school for students**  
Tuesday 14th June ICAS—Writing 7.40am  
Captivate Rehearsal  
Friday 16th June Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Kinder



*sub tuum praesidium*

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)