

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

1st June 2017 Term 2 Week 6

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 91.2%**

Dear Parents

*At the end of the term you will be receiving your child's mid-year report. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet with your child(rens) class teacher for up to 15 mins to see how they are travelling in their learning journey. Some grades will ask the children to come to the interview to be a part of the discussion around the learning and maybe to set goals for the next semester. You will be informed by letter if the children are required at the meeting. Meetings will be booked online and these will be available soon.*

*For those who are new to school reports, reports follow the A – E common grade scale for the 7 Key Learning Areas for Grades 1 to 6. The scale describes; The depth of **knowledge and understanding** and the **range of skills** that students working at that standard typically show. In line with the National Curriculum the strands within the subject are not reported separately. Knowledge and skills are seen as fully integrated eg, a student uses the skills of talking/listening, reading and writing in composing and responding to text within the English Curriculum. Computer skills and the use of the Library are also not seen as separate from the key areas of learning but rather integral tools with associated skills within each of them.*

*Other features of the report include;*

- *a report on effort*
- *information about the distribution of grades across the year - that is how many students achieved A, B, C etc*
- *comments have been included for the three key areas of Religious Education, English and Mathematics*
- *a grading for Personal and Social Behaviours and Learning Habits*
- *a general comment.*

*In keeping with Government guidelines, Kindergarten reports do not use an A – E common grade scale as they are still emerging as learners. There are however three brief descriptors; Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond for each Key Learning Area.*

*A record of absences and partial absences is given at the end of the report. It is worthy of note that significant absences and/or partial absences can have a significant impact on a child's learning and thus the report results.*

*In next week's newsletter I will be writing about how children are assessed and the changes to assessment in the contemporary educational arena. This includes the use of daily work samples to replace student portfolios which are now outdated and often restricts the learning/teaching process.*

*God bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri  
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## Honour Award

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

3L	Christian Barakat
3T	Michael Aboumelhem
4B	Ella Abdallah
4G	Nyagua Koima
5C	Hamish McGlinn
5T	Wytske Lubbers
6P	Aidan Khreich
6W	Ethan Lao

## st patrick's award



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

3L	Anthony Wehbe
3T	Biaggio Volante
4B	Daniel Pinto
4G	Lorenzo De Guzman
5C	Chelsea Lima
5T	Allen Soso
6P	Marcus-Adam El-Chaar
6W	Sara-Maree Wakim



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:** Daniel Motilal, Zachary Aguilera, Elias Nakhle, Jake Doueihi, Laura Scanlon, Michael Farah, Christian Donaldson, Hamish McGlinn, Isobel Rahme, Lara Samar, Geshua Toledo, Sophia Semaan

## 100% INTRODUCING NEW ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES

Improving student attendance has been a focus for Term One with some pleasing results for many students. Tomorrow will see the end of the first 5 week block. Children will receive a (Silver Level) Attendance Certificate if they have had 100% attendance. We currently have 178 students eligible for the Silver certificate. This is a great effort even with all the sickness that has been in the school.

For those who are able to attain 100% attendance for the entire term they will also get a Gold Level Attendance Certificate. 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.



## ROAD SAFETY

Dear Parents

Can I once again alert you to the importance of crossing your children at the crossing. I understand that you may be in a rush to get to work or to get them in the gates on time however the cost of one of our children or adults getting hurt for the sake of a few metres does not make sense. It is also very good role modelling for the children for when they need to be crossing independently.

Let us continue to work together to keep our children safe.



## Religious Education News / Choir Practice

Currently some of our students are preparing for their First Holy Communion. The parents and students have been attending sessions where they have enjoyed learning about their faith. The candidates will be receiving their First Holy Communion on 18th of June at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our faith. You are welcome to join the students and families on this special day. **The choir will be having a practice tomorrow at 8.20am in the hall with Mrs Rodricks.**

## Athletics Carnival Permission & Volunteers

Thank you to all parents who have signed and returned permission slips for their child to attend the Athletics Carnival on Friday 9 June. It is **compulsory** for all primary students and those turning 8 in year 2 to attend.

If you have already volunteered please be mindful that you are required to have your current Child Protection screening up to date. If you are not sure please contact the office early next week and they can check for you. If you have not done this yet please go to:

**Volunteers** – please access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering. Please be aware there are 2 sections to be completed.

We are always happy to take on more volunteers, the more the merrier.

Volunteers will be notified closer to the day of the specific job allocated to them at the carnival.

Thank you all for your continued support  
Athletics Committee

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

I would again like to thank the parent community for their recent support of the Mother's Day Celebrations and Term Two Fundraising. I thought you would be interested in the following amounts raised.

Mother's Day Stall \$593.72  
Mother's Day Raffle \$1580.60  
Dancing Under the Stars Disco \$4286.20

These funds raised could not be possible without the generous donation of goods and the volunteering of time from our parents. It also requires a parent or group of parents willing to coordinate the events which I know takes time and effort. On behalf of the all at St Patrick's Parramatta - THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Monies raised is going towards the payment of our new TVs in every classroom enabling the children to explain their thinking in an interactive way and the purchase of technology in Kindergarten. We have recently outfitted Years 1,3,4 and 6 with other devices. These funds will be augmented through the school budget.

# Photography Day Year 5

On Thursday the 25th of May a selection of 30 lucky students of year 5 were 'drawn out of a hat' to participate in the Moran Photography Workshop with prize winning photographer Louise Whelan. We were taught how to use the digital cameras and how to use the different settings. She taught us the different parts to a photo as well as giving us fantastic examples. Later that day we headed to the park and took amazing photos with Mrs Rayess, our parent helpers and Louise Whelan.

When we finished we choose 5 photos to print and submit to enter in the competition to be judged with other schools.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

## College Open Morning Tour

### Wednesday June 7, 2017

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*

#### **SEMINAR - DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

Each year Solo Parent Services offer a Seminar for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how the Legal system works. Questions addressed on the night include: How to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees, how to protect your rights regarding family assets and Estates/ Wills. **This seminar will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Venue:** 38 Prince St, Blacktown (cnr First Ave). **Presenter:** Mr Richard Brading, (Solicitor) **Time:** 6.45pm for a 7pm Start to 9pm. **Registration Essential:** Contact Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

# CHILD PROTECTION

Dear Parents

On some occasions your child may come home or speak to you on the playground regarding an incident that may have occurred between them and another child(ren). This is not unusual in a school of 412 children as many boys and girls are still learning the skills of negotiation, conflict resolution, compromise, effective communication and emotional regulation. If this happens and you feel that this is beyond the capacity of your child to manage or is of a nature that needs to be referred to the school, please contact your child's classroom teacher, Mrs Benkovich or myself. **Under no circumstances is it appropriate or acceptable for you to approach a child, other than your own, to inquire about what happened - even in a manner you feel is non threatening.** Adults can be unintentionally threatening to a little boy or girl of primary school age and children can become frightened or nervous. Child Protection legislation in a school is very strict regarding these issues. I am sure that no parents would wish another parent or member of another family to approach their child(ren). The school is committed to ensuring that all matters reported are followed up within a reasonable period of time and feedback communicated. Thanking you for your cooperation in this very important safety matter.

Bernadette Fabri

## RECENT CHANGES TO EXTENDED LEAVE (APPLICATIONS NEEDED FOR 5 DAYS OR MORE)

The Catholic Education Office have made recent changes to the application for extended leave from 10 days or more to **5 days or more.**

- Parents or carers may approach the school to seek permission for extended leave during the school term. Extended leave is now considered to be 5 or more days.
- Parents/Carers must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave **prior** to commencing leave OR apply for extended leave in writing to the principal directly.
- Please note that if the child does not return to school on the specified date in the application the school must be notified. If the family is not contactable the Department of Education and Training must be informed.
- On most occasions it is in the child's best interest for all holidays to be scheduled in gazetted holiday times.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

**Oakhill College Gala Day  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Oakhill College, Old Northern Road, Castle  
Hill  
9.00am – 4.00pm  
Rugby, Soccer, Tennis and  
Hats, Scarves, Candles,  
Jewellery, Food stalls & More  
Jumping Castle, Obstacle C  
Movies, Bucking Bull, Chocolate Wheel  
& Raffles prizes  
All welcome!  
<http://www.galaday.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/>**

## 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.

## **Create It, Name It, What Does It Do?**

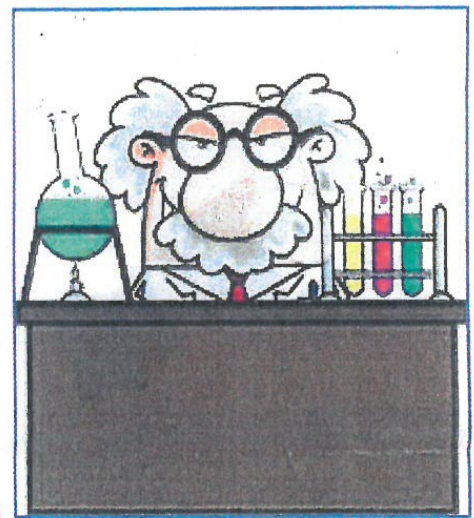
The STEM Committee and leaders are proud to announce that we are holding a Science Fair!

In the list below, there are 12 items. You have to use these items to create something and give it a marketable name. A minimum of 5 items must be used. You do not have to use the entire quantity. You can use all 12 items if you choose. You have 25 words or less to explain the purpose of your 'creation' and state its name. You must submit a photograph of the creation along with the entry form.

You will be judged on the 'originality' of your creation, its name and its purpose.

### **Items that can be used:**

- Up to 10 toothpicks
- 2 pipe cleaners
- 1 to 6 drinking straws
- 1 ping pong ball
- 50cms of foil (standard width)
- 50cms string
- 1 to 6 paper clips
- 1 small recycled plastic drink bottle
- 1 to 4 paper plates
- 50cms crepe paper (standard width)
- Up to 3 sheets of A4 paper
- 1 rubber band



**Not included in the list but may be used in small quantities: glue, sticky or masking tape. Scissors can also be used.**

The creation must be made at home. You have a choice to work with a partner or to work individually. Both Infants and Primary will be allowed to participate and there will be 3 finalists from Infants and 3 finalists from Primary. The Creation is due in Week 7 of this term and finalists must bring their creation in on Week 9 of this term. Please fill in the entry form below and return it to the school office if you would like to participate.

**Please note that there will be an entry fee of \$1 per person.**

# Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day



A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year / 20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner  
every day



# 2017 School Calendar

## Term 2

### Week 6

Friday 2nd June	Year 6 Excursion—State Parliament & St Patrick's Church
	Primary Assembly—2.15pm—Year 3

### Week 7

Friday 9th June	NO ASSEMBLY
	Primary Athletics Carnival & 8yrs olds (Year 2)
	Barton Park, Parramatta

### Week 8

<b>Monday 12th June</b>	<b>Public Holiday—No school for students</b>
Wednesday 14th June	Captivate Rehearsal
Friday 16th June	Year 4 Excursion—Two Cultures
	Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Kinder
	Captivate Evening Performance

### Week 9

Monday 19th June	Parent Teacher Interviews commence
Tuesday 20th June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 21st June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 22nd June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 23rd June	Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.15pm
	Parent Teacher Interviews

### Week 10

Tuesday 27th June	Infants Fun day from 1pm—More details to follow
Thursday 29th June	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday 30th June	Infants Assembly—Year 2—2.15pm
	<b>Last day of Term 2</b>

## Term 3

### Week 1

Monday 17th July	Term 3 commences—Children return to school
Tuesday 18th July	Life Education commences
Wednesday 19th July	Life Education



*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)