



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

8th June 2017 Term 2 Week 7

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 92.5%

Dear Parents

Last week I summarized our current reporting system which follows the national guidelines for reporting in New South Wales schools. This week I would like to continue the topic of reporting by looking at how students are assessed.

When we think of school we often think about how school was in our day and for many of us the only assessment we experienced was in the form of tests at the end of a unit of work. Sometimes we had a test at the beginning of a unit to see what we knew already but this was not common practice. This form of assessment sometimes focused the learner on performance rather than the important aspect of the LEARNING and is often described in terms of fear and trepidation.

According to the Department of Education definition ,

"The central purpose of assessment is to provide information on student achievement and progress and set the direction for ongoing teaching and learning."

This occurs through both formal and informal activities

*Much research has been done on Assessment and as per the definition the key purpose of Assessment is to gather data on the student's learning. Contemporary practice requires teachers to plan what they call Assessment 'for', 'as' and 'of' learning. In other words every piece of work or learning expression has the potential to inform the teacher about how the student is travelling with regard to knowledge, skills and understandings. It also has the potential to inform the learner about how they are going? This is not to say that tests have no place in the learning cycle but it is important to remember that tests assess a particular type of learning. Schools still have formal assessment events such as NAPLAN, Early Years Assessment (EYA), Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI), Progressive Achievement Tests in Reading (PAT-R) are a few examples undertaken every year. Assessment at the end of the unit **only** very rarely enables the learner to work on strategies to improve. Teachers are becoming adept at creating learning intentions and success criteria and children use these and anchor charts to assist them to monitor their own progress - a very important skill.*

For the reasons above teachers will be using many types of evidence of learning at the student/parent/teacher or parent/teacher learning conferences. These will include: workbooks, tests, photos, work samples, self reflections/evaluations or learning journals, videos, group and individual creative projects such as design and make. Due to the range of possible examples, portfolios will not longer be used as this method can be limiting as they exclude non paper evidence. Children's work will be made available for children and parents to keep throughout the year.

*Another important aspect of the Assessment and Reporting process which staff have been working on is the **quality** of Feedback and Assessment. Over the year staff will be continuing to develop shared practice and refine their understanding on how to design assessment tasks that allow for the wide diversity of learning levels and styles. Continual teacher learning is critical to great educational opportunities in a school and the staff at St Patrick's are both enthusiastic and passionate about their own learning by combining well tried and tested methods with new ideas.*

We look forward to meeting with you during the weeks to come at the learning conferences.

God bless you and your family.

Bernadette Fabri

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the students who were able to attain a Silver Attendance Certificate for 100% attendance. By way of clarification Partial absences are regarded as Leave. We look forward to handing out the next group of Silver Certificates for 100% attendance for the next 5 weeks. NB 100% Attendance means no sick days, **leave** or unexplained absences.

Congratulations to:-



KA

Angelina Bounassif, Wren Matthew Chua, Celine Joachim, Anthony Malek, Nathan Nguyen, Fleur Perrett, Antonia Romanos, Jonah Shehadie, Luke Wehbe, Raymond Wehbe, Panayioti Yannakis.

KM

Ray Chen, Eva Jakopovic, Kenzie Murphy, Joseph Norman, Hannah Scanlon, Elijah Skaf, Gabriella StaRosa, Joanthony Tannous, Lawrence Wahbe, Isaac Wehbe.

1C

Phillip Boutros, Troy Daniel, Sebastian El Hani, Christian Jreij, Elio Layoun, Isaac Loulach, James Morson, Joshua Nasr, Anthony Sassen, Germain Toledo, Noah Younan.

1S

Aidan Connolly, Marcelino ElHalabi, Gabriel Kalouche, Paul Khouri, Barbie Koima, Joel Lahoud, Tiffany McCloskey, Sophie Salloum, Sophia Semaan, Julia Vytingco.

2M

Tara DiChio, Alex El Khoury, Meagan Erive, Alexandriya Izmestyeva, Adam Jurisic, Aireen Kwa, Antonio Moussa, Olivia Saab, Jubran Sayegh, Remon Wehbe.

2Y

Emma Barrientos Salazar, Isabella Bousimon, Ysabel Daelo, Lucia El Hani, Baxter Gittany, Maria Khoury, Noah Romanos, Danielle Tannous, Louis Wehbe, Ethan Xue,

3L

Michael Ayoub, Christian Barakat, Ethan Bechara, Jake Buxton, Carl Cauan, Christina Elzahoul, Ethan-Jordan Firmeza, Olivia Gebrael, Sharbel Georges, Sienna Golossian, Liam Jocson, Ashintha Joseph, Feima Koima, Oliver Kougellis, Talia Lahoud, Sophia Lorenzo, Christian Sta Rosa, Anthony Wehbe.

3T

Josh Blanquera Pangan, Brian Chen, Finn Giron, Christine Kahwaji, Renee Kougellis, Jacob Manago, Tyler Morson, Malcolm Nasr, Jerome Santos, Joseph Sassen, Biaggio Volante, Jiajie Weng, Ruby Younan,

4B

Ella Abdallah, Evelyn Gereige, Diana Granados Gavito, Alani Grohs, Kiara Haddad, Anthony Khouri, Alex Layoun, Daniel Pinto, John-Paul Wehbe,

4G

Crista-Nicole Gahdmar, Christiana Kalouche, Scarlett Khoury, Nyagua Koima, Thomas Kougellis, Justin Makhoul, Gabriella Mendoza, Elias Nakhle, Brandon Roque, Alberto Joshua Ty, Kenneth Zhang.

5C

Mikaela Barrientos Salazar, Rafael Buitizon, Elaria Fayad, Isla Giron, Christian Golossian, Mia Kerr, Matthew Khreich, Joshua Lorenzo, Aaron Neroy, Jim Rizk, Jesse Sabat, Jade Takchi, Luke Takchi, Isabella Younes,

5T

Liam Abdallah, Jethro Cauan, Isabella Dang, Syrus Dig, Andre Elzahoul, Arabella Gittany, Clyde Guatlo, Caitlin Maroun, Sandra Moussa, Tharuki Randeniya, Joseph Romanos, Christian Stojkovski, Sienna Volante.

6P

Nicole Aboumelhem, Arwen-Cady Firmeza, Jonah Freifer, Isabella Ghostine Maaraoui, Aidan Khreich, Kalysta Livia Maharani, Simone Sabat, Joshua Santos, Nikhil Sawant, Daniel Takchi, Lucienne Tolentino, Annabelle Younes.

6W

Gabriella Cruz, Natalia Gebrael, Prince Gyan, Alanah Issa, Daniel Motilal, Chanel Nader, Adrian Pangan, Joseph Pellew, Elise Sassen, Annamika Sawant, Mark Sonido, Raymond Wehbe.

100%

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Due to the weather we have had to postpone the Athletics Carnival until next term. The new date for the carnival is:

Friday 28th July

A new permission note will go home at the beginning of Term 3 and we will once again ask for parent volunteers. We do apologise for the inconvenience but as you can appreciate the weather is out of our control.

The proposed BBQ will still go ahead this Friday 9th June at school for lunch so the children can buy a hot lunch at school instead of at the oval. Sausage and chicken rolls as well as drinks will be available to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. A separate note will come home today with more details.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week: Joseph Chiha, Marcus Grohs, Raymond Wehbe (6P), Elisa Daher, Isabella Bousimon, Mateo Barroso, Laurice Behan, Liam Jocson, Joshua Jaitani, Antonios Tannous, Clare Camenzuli, Raymond Wehbe (KA)

NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

Starting Term Three St Patrick's Primary School will be migrating to a new system for our school finances – **Technology One**. Over the past 7 weeks Mrs Sharon Nutter and Mrs Jenny Jones have been attending training courses to enable a smooth transition onto this new system.

One of the changes that will occur is the emailing of all receipts to families. We will no longer print receipts at the time of over the counter payments. A letter will be sent home asking all families to supply an up to date email address which will be entered onto the system to enable us to email you your receipt. When this letter arrives home we ask that you print clearly your preferred email address and return it as soon as possible to enable us to update your details before the Tech1 migration.

As this is a completely new system and very different to our previous eSchool Finance System we ask for your patience when you come to the office to pay over the counter.

Religious Education News

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.

Communion practice will be held this Saturday 10 June for all students making their communion at St Patrick's Cathedral. Practice will begin at 4pm. Please ensure your child arrives at the earlier time so we have ample time to practice how to receive communion and the hymns prior to the Vigil Mass.

Thanking you for your continued support,
Leanda Standing
(Religious Education Coordinator)



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.

SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Last Friday 2nd June Years 2 and 3 had the pleasure of seeing a performance from the Sydney Youth Orchestra. Under the leadership of the inspiring John Ockwell, the children had the opportunity to learn a little about the various instruments including how they are played and what makes them the same and different. They were treated to listening to a number of compositions and best of all saw an orchestra at work, 'up close and personal.' We could see that the children really enjoyed the presentation with many budding conductors amongst the audience waving their arms around whilst the young adults played their tunes. A wonderful opportunity. Thank you to all those parents who sent in the \$2 donation to assist the school in paying for this learning experience.



Year Six Excursion—Parliament House

On Friday the Year Six students spent a day in Sydney gathering information to inform their learning about 'Australia as a Nation' and 'The History of the Catholic Church in Australia'. Some students have written brief recounts of the day, they can be found below.

On Friday the 2nd of June Year 6 went to the Parliament Of NSW. We explored the upper house and the lower house and even got to act out a Legislative Assembly and a Legislative Council. After the Parliament House we went and had lunch at the most beautiful park in Sydney, Hyde Park. We then caught the bus and went to St Patrick's Church, it was very beautiful with amazing statues and a beautiful altar, we even got to look at the old tabernacle left by Jeremiah O'Flynn who was an illegal priest teaching families about God. We learnt the history of St Patrick's Church and discovered old buildings that the priest used to live in. Year 6 got to even look at the coffee shop where a priest used to live. We all had a amazing time and we hope to visit it again.

Simone Sabat 6P



Our Year 6 Excursion to Parliament House in the city and St Patrick's Cathedral was so much fun! It was a great learning experience where we learnt how our state Parliament works and the History of our Religion. In Parliament, some students were lucky enough to play a role- they were given a script and re-enacted a role in Parliament, The Government side, Opposition side, Madame/Mr Speaker, The Greens and many other parties. We were given a debate "Children should go to school on Saturdays" and we argued between whether children should or shouldn't! We were lucky enough to debate this argument in both legislative Assembly (The lower room) and the Legislative Council (the upper house). And at the Cathedral we got to say a prayer and learn all the History Behind Catholicism in Australia! It was such a beautiful Church and is one of the oldest in Australia! On behalf of Year 6, I would like to thank all the parent helpers, Mrs Sabat, Mrs Wehbe and Mrs Barakat for joining us on our wonderful day and the 3 teachers, Ms Kelly, Mrs Standing and Mrs Millic for making this day possible!

Joanna Davino 6W

CHILD PROTECTION

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

Year 4 Performance

On Thursday 8th of June the Year Four students performed song called 'Rocket Sam' for their teachers and parents. The students were taught by the talented Mrs Rodricks during Music lessons this Term and integrated Music, Drama, Visual Arts and Dance to compose a routine to the song. The students were able to demonstrate skills such as rhythm, tone, singing, improvisation and movement to music. They also used their creative visual arts skills and designed and made their own costumes to represent their character in the song. AMAZING!!!!



Four areas of learning integrated into one performance. The students had a lot of fun rehearsing and consolidating their skills for the performance over the past few weeks and enjoyed designing and making their costumes using recycled materials. We have such clever and creative students at St Patrick's. Thank you to Mrs Rodricks for teaching the students and allowing them to have an authentic, purposeful and exciting learning experience. She always puts a lot of passion and dedication into her lessons and ensuring the students have the opportunity to participate and develop their creative gifts and talents. The students were so proud to show off their new skills for an audience. Well done Year 4. Your performance was outstanding. The audience couldn't help but sing and move along with you.

Mrs Fardell & Ms Takchi



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.

ST PATRICK'S CREDO MINISTRIES

Junior Credo
EDGE

FRIDAYS 5-6PM-MAIN HALL- 1 MARIST PLACE
ST PATRICK'S CTHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

2017 School Calendar

Term 2

Week 7

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

Monday 12th June	Public Holiday—No school for students
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 Last day of Term 2

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
Thursday 20th July	Life Education
Friday 21st July	Life Education 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)



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 K-6 in primary school.



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



INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE FOR
Youth Futures



BRIGHT FUTURES School holiday program at UTS

Bright Futures is for primary and early secondary students who are curious about the world, passionate about learning and starting to think about the paths they will take in the years ahead. The program offers a unique combination of eye-opening experiences based around subjects studied at UTS. All workshops are open to Year 4 - 8 students.

10 – 13 July 2017

Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year groups	Fee	Venue
1 STEM workshop: Exploring the universe	Monday 10 July	Years 5 - 6	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
2 Robotics workshop: Maze Runner	Tuesday 11 July	Years 4 - 8		
3 Creativity workshop: Curious Creatives	Wednesday 12 July			
4 Becoming a true detective: Inside the world of forensics	Thursday 13 July			

3 – 6 October 2017

Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year groups	Fee	Venue
5 ABC for young entrepreneurs	Tuesday 3 October	Years 4 - 8	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
6 Engineering workshop: Reach for the Skies!	Wednesday 4 October			
7 Music workshop: Composition, Percussion, Creativity	Thursday 5 October			
8 Becoming a master in communication	Friday 6 October			

UTS staff have exclusive 5% discount. Please request the promotion code via rcyf@uts.edu.au.

Full program and registration:
www.bit.do/brightfutures17

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.

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 13th 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