

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

22nd June 2017 Term 2 Week 9

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 92.9%**

Dear Parents,

*Over the last few weeks I have had the pleasure of conducting enrolment interviews for Kindergarten for 2018. It was wonderful meeting so many new families wishing to become members of our community here at St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta. When I asked them why they had chosen St Pat's for their children the overwhelming response I received was the importance placed on finding a school that can support and enrich the Catholic values that are important to the family. It was critical that the school taught about the Catholic faith and prayer, that the children had the opportunity to attend mass and receive the sacraments and that the school had a robust Religious Education Program.*

*Other commonly articulated reasons included; the outstanding reputation the school holds amongst the local and extended communities, the high standard of education, the good behaviour expected from and displayed by the students, the valued history and connection they may have had with the school and the friendly, hospitable and close community the school is renowned for. The comment was often, "We hear so many good things about the school and we want our child to be part of a school such as this." As principal it was gratifying to hear all these positives associated with the school from new and existing parents and for this I thank the staff, children and you the parents who have always been extremely supportive, give valuable feedback and suggestions and value education.*

*What I particularly enjoyed throughout the interviews was meeting the little ones who delighted me with their creative colouring in, drawings or construction of towers, houses and even dinosaurs out of large lego. Some were very shy at first but after a short period of time they 'warmed up' and started telling me little stories or answering my questions. I could see on the parents' faces how watching their child interact gave them such joy and wonderment.*

*It is important that as children get older that we still celebrate this learning with the same confidence and enthusiasm that I see in parents who are beginning their school journey with their children for the first time. The reality is that children learn in significantly different ways and at different rates. Although in education we are called to give comparative data between students, each child has the right to progress in their own time, slowly disclosing the gifts that they possess. As already expressed, the school report is dependant on what the learner is willing to show the teacher. The more confident and comfortable the child is in taking risks in learning and in articulating their own learning needs, the more accurate the report becomes. For some children this takes time and a key factor in assisting in this process is for the adults around them to show unrelenting confidence that the child will continue to grow and improve with the right strategies and attitudes. If we cannot be confident how can we expect them to be.*

*As we continue to undertake student/parent/teacher learning conferences let us endeavour to give our children what they deserve; adults that are focussed on learning not performance, adults that are confident in their child's ability to improve and manage feedback, adults that understand that children can and will progress at their own rate, adults that understand the importance of encouragement so that the children can continue to work towards achieving their goals and adults that recognise that fearing failure leads to a fixed mindset which in turn disables progress. Let us continue to work together in this very important collaboration.*

God bless you and your family  
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## Honour Award

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

3L	Liam Jocson
3T	Josh Blanquera Pangan
4B	Diana Granados Gavito
4G	Savannah Chiha
5C	Eddie Batti
5T	Darcy Fraser
6P	Joshua Romanos
6W	Elise Sassen

## st patrick's award



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

3L	Zoe Samar
3T	Renee Kougelis
4B	Camran Nasrulla
4G	Charlie Romanos
5C	Laurice Behan
5T	Elliana Coles
6P	Alissa Banzato
6W	Simone Tanna



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:** Lucienne Tolentino, Aidan Connolly, Matthew Khreich, Annabelle Younes, Zara Moussa, Nathan Nguyen, Sebastian Mayonado

### **SAFETY ALERT - NEW ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Dear Parents,

Late last week we received a safety alert from our head office. The Police had advised us that there has been a higher than usual number of 'stranger danger' alerts recently, involving young children; in particularly one CEDP COSCH. Whilst there was no specific reference to the Parramatta area we feel it is best to adjust our arrival and dismissal arrangements slightly to add more security.

In response to this alert we will be keeping the Villier's Street gate locked in the morning and afternoon and only open the Ross Street entrance. In this way we can add extra security and are better placed to monitor who enters and leaves the school grounds. We understand that this will cause some inconvenience as parents and students will have to walk further.

We will review how this procedure goes and make a decision for future dismissals and drop offs. We will keep you informed if any new information comes to light.

Thanking you for your cooperation and understanding

### **School Finance Office CLOSED Friday 30th June 2017**

Due to the change over to the new Tech One Finance System we will be unable to accept payments in the School office on Friday 30th June 2017. All payments will be required to be completed by Thursday 29th June in preparation for the change over. We apologise for any inconvenience.

***Please note it is only the Finance side of the school office that will not be available.***

# Infants Fun Afternoon!



On Tuesday, June 27th, Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be walking to Old King's Oval, 3 Marist Place Parramatta, to enjoy a fun afternoon of games.

Students are required to wear their sports uniform. Students will be arriving at the park at approximately 1:00pm for a picnic lunch. They will be asked to bring down their own lunch and water bottle in a small bag (such as their library bag) clearly marked with their name. We ask that no take away food be brought to the fun day.

Students will have the opportunity to play a range of games with their parents and friends before walking back to school at approximately 2:20pm. Normal dismissal procedures will apply.

We look forward to spending the afternoon with you and your family.



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**\*\* YOU ARE INVITED \*\***

**FRI 29 JUNE - SUN 9 JULY**

**6PM-10PM WEEKDAYS**

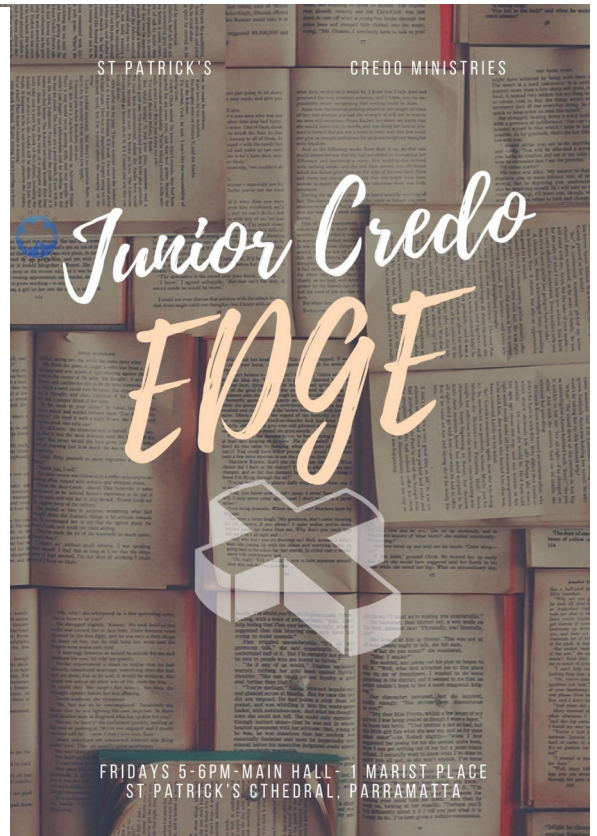
**6PM-11PM WEEKENDS**

Come and see the lights at St Patrick's Cathedral - similar to the Christmas lights at St Mary's Cathedral. The event will run in conjunction with Parramatta City Council's Winterlight in the park opposite. Entertainment and stalls include:

- ⇒ Exhibition of Shroud of Turin (*copy*) - Cathedral Hall
- ⇒ Organ Recital and Concert in the Cathedral (*donation entry*)
- ⇒ Live Entertainment
- ⇒ BBQ & Drinks
- ⇒ Coffee Cart
- ⇒ Food Van

**Opening Night  
Friday 30 June 6pm**

An example of images to be projected.



**Join the Junior Credo Edge youth group this Friday from 5—6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral for some great fun games and activities.**

## Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Abraham Family (Steven 1S) on the passing of Steven's grandmother. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## Year 4 Excursion: Kamay Botany Bay

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of June, Year 4 students, teachers and parent helpers went on an excursion to Kamay Botany Bay to consolidate our knowledge and understanding about how our Indigenous Australians lived prior to the arrival of the First Fleet and also explored some of the impact British settlement had on the Indigenous people and the land.

The students were given the opportunity to eat morning tea and lunch in a big park not far from the beautiful waters of Botany Bay and engaged in learning experiences with Ranger Nat and Ranger Toni such as analysing and learning about tools and materials the Aboriginals made and used for hunting, gathering, shelter and everyday chores and exploring plants they used for food supply and medical cures. Did you know from one type of tree the Indigenous Australians received food, could make bowls for eating and use the sap to numb pain and help with infections.

We discovered just how clever they were to use only what nature offered to live and survive.

It was amazing to see what they did without electricity or shops and how many of our natural native plants are actually a food source and chemist!!!! Boy do we have it easy today!!!!. We went on a bushwalk and explored the memorial of Joseph Banks who was the botanist on the First Fleet and got to name all the plants he found including the beautiful Banksia. We also saw the very spot where the first European stepped foot onto the land now known as Botany Bay. We visited the museum and explored many artefacts and had a facts relay to recall interesting information we had learnt throughout the day. It was an amazing day and Year 4 had a lot of fun as well as learnt a lot of interesting information. It was great to see and explore some of the things we had been learning about in our History Unit 'First Contacts'. If you get the chance to go to Kamay Botany Bay we recommend you do. It's a great place for a picnic and to explore and learn all about our past and our wonderful Indigenous culture.

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who helped supervise and ensured that Year 4 had a safe journey and learning experience. We couldn't do it without your help... Thank you Mrs Wehbe, Mrs Haddad, Mrs Achie and Mrs Bechara.



# CONGRATULATIONS

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to a number of children who made their First Holy Communion at St Patrick's Cathedral and Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral at Harris Park last Sunday. The weather held up for both ceremonies with even some sunshine successfully breaking through. Congratulations to the following children:

### St Patrick's Cathedral

Sienna Golossian  
Frank Agostino  
Ethan-Jordan Firmeza  
Anthony Wehbe  
Zoe Samar  
Jake Buxton  
Carl Cauan  
Liam Jocson  
Cedric Guino  
Emily Johnson  
Jiajie Weng  
Alexandra Elphinstone  
Jacob Manago

Aiofe Mitchell  
Biaggio Volante  
James Fraser  
Alani Grohs  
Sebastian Mayonado  
Annette Francis  
Camran Nasrulla  
Lacey Bond  
Isabella Moses  
Jazmyne Grech  
Kenneth Zhang  
Brandon Roque  
Kennen Rosauero

### Our Lady of Lebanon

Catherine Said  
Anthony Nakhoul  
Nyah Khalil  
Isobel Rahme  
James Loader  
Ruby Younan  
Joseph Sassen  
Maria Wahbe  
Ava Salloum  
Andrew Doumit  
Malcolm Nasr  
Madison Younes

Please continue to keep all these children in your prayers as they now join their parish community in the reception of the Eucharist.

When we are able to obtain a group photo of the OLOL communicants we will publish.



*A weary traveller,*

*Homeward bound*

*Will leave a case on our play ground*

*Full of treasures from near and far*

*From beneath the sea to beyond the stars*

*Will you then, accept your quest?*

*To write about this covert chest?*

*In week 9 you will find the clues,*

*For our travellers tale to continue...*



All students are invited to compose a piece of writing based on the traveller's chest which will be installed in the playground during Week 9. All published pieces of work are to be submitted with the student's name and class to Miss Kashian by Wednesday of Week 10. Keep your eye on the Author's Corner in the library to see some of the work submitted!

Happy Writing!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE - FOOD DONATIONS FOR REFUGEE CENTRE

### Pyjama Day

This week marks Refugee Week in Australia. It is a special time when we raise awareness and remember the significant contributions refugees have made to our nation. The RE committee have organised a pyjama day / food drive in support of Refugee Week and the Jesuit Refugee Centre. It will take place on Thursday 3rd August.

Below is a message from the student RE committee about the day.

Next term St Patrick's will be having a pyjama day!!! We want this pyjama day to be the best pyjama day in the history of St Patrick's. The students will be invited to wear pyjamas and donate non-perishable food items on this special day. We would really appreciate the effort of you all bringing in the food items from the list included in this newsletter, as it is for a good cause. Please purchase food from the following list:-

Basmati Rice	Pasta (Spaghetti or Penne)	Cooking Oil (Olive, Vegetable 500ml/1 Litre)
Instant Noodles	Long life UHT milk ( 1L)	Tinned Tuna (smaller tins preferred)
Tinned Fruit	Tinned Corn	Tinned Vegetables
Tinned Chickpeas	Red Kidney beans	Dried lentils
Black and green tea bags	Instant Coffee	Biscuits
Curry powder and spices	Salt/ Sugar/Flour	Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Shampoo/Conditioner	Razors and Shaving Foam	Sanitary pads or napkins (not tampons)
Deodorant: male & female	Soap	

Please remember you will have to wear sandshoes (no slippers, thongs, etc) so we are kept safe on the playground.

Thank you for your continued support By Raymond Wehbe, Claire Guatlo and the RE committee

### 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.

### 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.

# 2017 School Calendar

## Term 2

### Week 9

Friday 23rd June

**Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.00pm**

Parent Teacher Interviews

### Week 10

Tuesday 27th June

Infants Fun day from 1pm

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

Life Education Parent Session 9.00am—9.45am

Primary Assembly—Year 5—2.15pm

Semester 2 SRC Presentation

### Week 2

Monday 24th July

Life Education



Parents Representative Council  
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## PRC INFORMATION

The Term 3 PRC Meeting will be between 7-9pm on Monday 21 August at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School - Villiers St, Parramatta.

The PRC meets once a term providing an opportunity for all caregivers (parents, guardians, grandparents) to attend, network and contribute to discussions of interest. Meetings also assist parents to develop as educators through discussion and training, often delivered by guest speakers. Guest speakers present on a range of educational, parental and spiritual topics.

Our Guest Speaker for this event is to be confirmed.

For further information contact the PRC at the details below.

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*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)



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - [juniorscienceacademy.com.au](http://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.

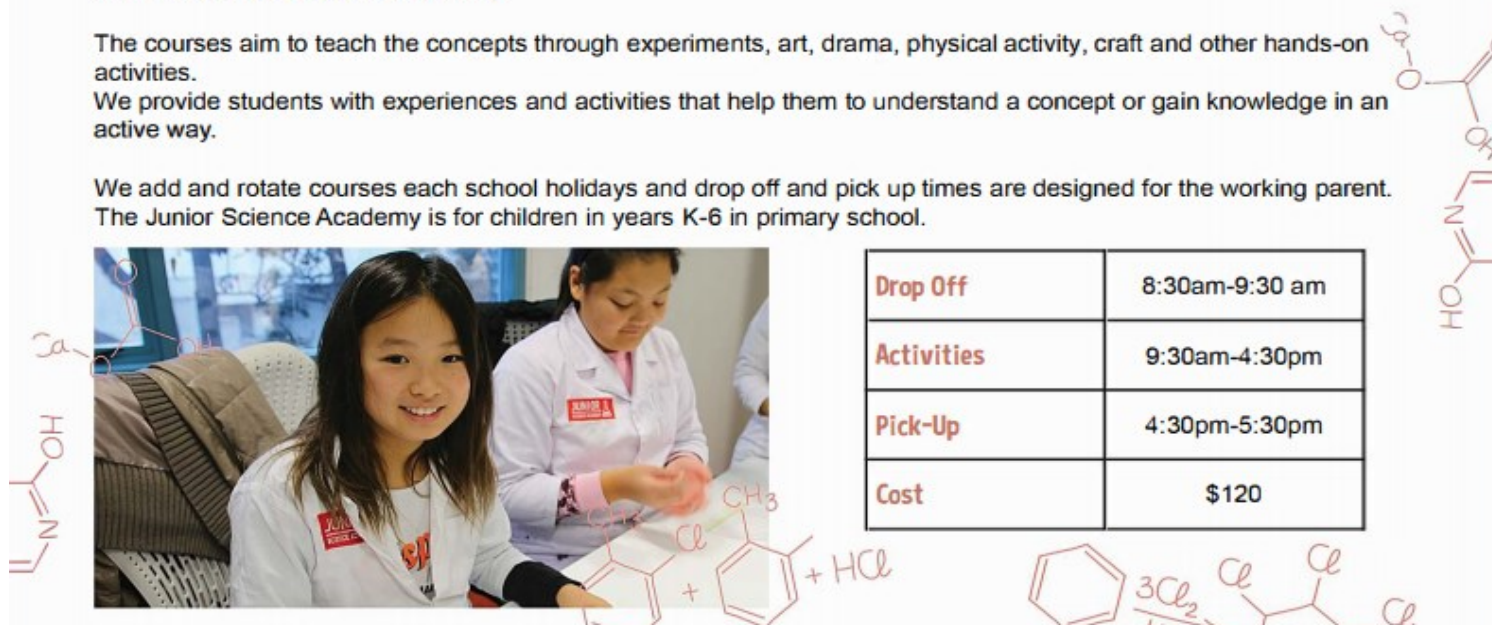
The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.

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



# FUTURE MAKERS

**Spark your child's imagination this winter school holidays** with Future Makers, a series of art classes exploring different themes and materials for budding artists aged 10–14.

Future Makers is an incubator of ideas designed to encourage creativity and exploration, as well as a fostering lifelong interest in the arts by introducing students to the exciting world of contemporary art.

Presenting engaging modules covering sculpture, painting and drawing, Future Makers is led by experienced arts educators at the historic National Art School campus in Darlinghurst.

### Future Makers: winter school holiday workshops

Monday to Friday, 3–7 July 2017

Cost: per day \$130, or entire five-day program \$550

Bookings essential

### Special family discount offer

Treat your family to a week of creativity at the National Art School. Book into Future Makers, and receive a 15% discount on a Winter School Short Course. To book please contact 9339 8633 or [shortcourses@nas.edu.au](mailto:shortcourses@nas.edu.au)