

# St Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

21st September 2017 Term 3 Week 10

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin my newsletter this week with a HUGE thank you and congratulations to the organisers of this year's Movie Night and to those who attended and supported this event. It is always so encouraging when I see that families value spending time together with their school communities. I also know that so many of you have 'other' things to do, especially on a Friday night, but you demonstrated from your attendance, that you view coming and supporting the school and strengthening your relationship with other families, as a priority.

For those of you who were not able to attend, all I can say is that the night was just perfect. Imagine this scene; a large movie screen inflated under the COLA, with a steady stream of chairs, bean bags and blankets being placed in strategic positions, for the best view of course. The exciting atmosphere was palatable as soon as you entered the gates, encouraging children to take advantage of the balmy evening air and space. Some could not resist the tempting aroma wafting from the pizza ovens and cajoled their parents into buying food before they had even located a spot to sit, whilst others chose to enjoy the company of their friends by playing. All the teachers were very happy with the wonderful behaviour of the children who all remembered our 'Safe and Appropriate' rules and this meant that parents and teachers enjoyed the night also.

The Disney movie Moana, seemed to be a great hit with both children and adults. According to popular movie website IMDb the storyline goes as follows.

An adventurous teenager sails out on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana meets the once-mighty demigod Maui, who guides her in her quest to become a master way-finder. Together they sail across the open ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering enormous monsters and impossible odds. Along the way, Moana fulfills the ancient quest of her ancestors and discovers the one thing she always sought: her own identity.

The best view 'in the house' was won by the Camenzuli family who took up prime position, right in the centre of the viewing area, on their 'Gold Class' seats, which entitled them to complementary pizza, popcorn and drinks. What a great prize!

Over near the canteen and under the cave our organizing mothers and fathers worked tirelessly; making coffee, selling an assortment of treats which included slices, fairy floss, corn on the cob and fresh popcorn. Who could resist! It is fair to say that without these parents this event just could not take place and I want them to know that their efforts are so sincerely appreciated by myself, the staff and the rest of our community. I know many parents assisted with the preparations, the organisation on the day and with the clean up at the end of the night. Such amazing generosity of spirit and time was visible well past the finished time and this included many of the children. Special mention must be made to Marietta Maroun, Belinda Barakat, Julia Gittany, Julie Sabat, Diane Jaitani, Josie Romanos, Lydia Doumit, Vivien Feng, Zeinab Takchi, Claire Moujalli, Annette Romanos, Jackie Wehbe, Zana Rahme and Diana Elzahoul for their commitment to ensuring that all families that came to this event left feeling very happy and satisfied. Although the primary purpose is the strengthening of our school community at St Patrick's Parramatta I am also pleased to report that a total of \$5200 approx was raised through the sale of food and on gate takings.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday break. The parents that I have spoken with have all commented on how very fast time seems to be going and it is hard to believe that Term 4 is almost upon us. Please enjoy the possibility of quality family time that holidays bring and try to relax and rest.

God bless you and your family.  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal

<u>Scholastic</u>	<u>Sch Yr</u>
<u>Year</u>	<u>Attendance Level %</u>
K	91.0%
01	81.6%
02	85.2%
03	86.2%
04	87.9%
05	90.4%
06	81.8%

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 86.4%**




## Honour Award

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

KA	Phillip Said
KM	Sarah Loader
1C	Noah Younan
1S	Sophia Semaan
2M	Ellen Nikolakopoulos
2Y	Emma Barrientos Salazar

## st patrick's award



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

KA	Rose Rizk
KM	Joshua Jaitani
1C	Gabrielle Vella
1S	Joel Lahoud
2M	Matthew Tocher
2Y	Jake Doueih

As Kindergarten will be at their excursion tomorrow their awards will be given out at the next Infants Assembly

### Afternoon Car Pick Up

Thank you to all the parents who are continuing to support the safety procedures for the afternoon pick-up at the school. In a recent conversation with Parramatta Council the traffic engineer explained that they are still receiving some complaints from our neighbours and local businesses with regard to drivers blocking Trott and surrounding streets, well before the commencement of the pick-up at 3.00pm. The council and the highway police have been extremely supportive of our community and overall have been very happy with the traffic flow, however parents continuing to line up too early is causing a high level of frustration in others. In order to alleviate driver frustrations and congestion can I ask you to follow the guidelines below. It is critical for everyone's benefit and for the future of our pick-up service that we work together to show cooperation and patience. The school is doing its utmost not to have to ask for all parents to have to find parking or for the pickup to have to return to Villiers St as was a possible recommendation if the complaints continue to council.



#### Guidelines

- Please drive around the block until the commencement of the After School Pick-Up.
- Please do not block driveways and let neighbours in and out if possible.
- Arrive after 3.00pm. The pick-up service runs from 3.00pm and 3.30pm. It is much easier later in this time slot.
- Ensure that your family name is clearly visible from the street so that teachers on duty can easily call your child's name from the corner and keep the movement of traffic effective.
- Remember teachers are not traffic wardens so please follow the road rules.
- Do not make U Turns illegally.
- Finally please always show good manners and courtesy to our staff, who have been so willing to assist your children get home safely, as well as provide parents with the convenience of not having to exit their cars. Under no circumstances is it appropriate for our staff be subjected to harassment, intimidation or expressions of anger when they are undertaking this duty.

As always I am available for feedback with practical solutions to this extremely complex situation. Thanking you for your consideration of this matter  
Bernadette Fabri

## THANK YOU FOR THE BOOK WEEK/LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK BOOK DONATIONS

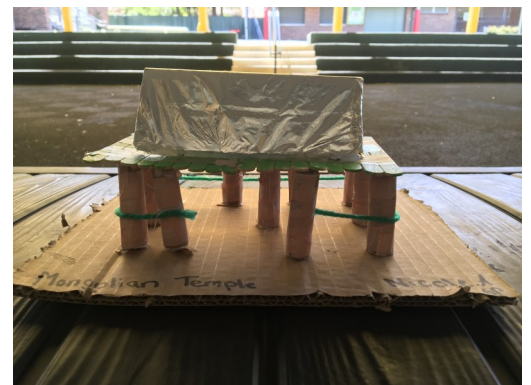
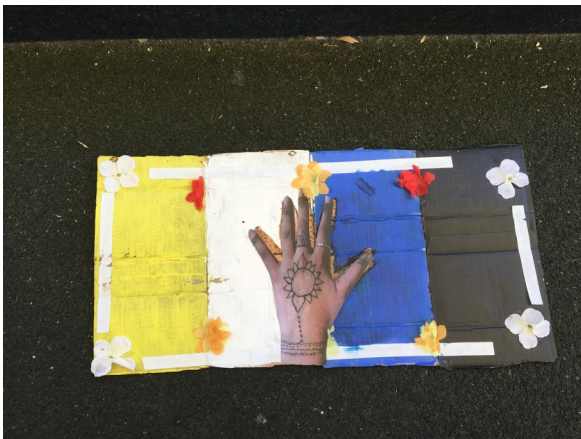
Thank you to all the parents and visitors who generously donated books to our school library. Research into what makes students successful readers is always connected to the how often and long children read and purchasing books that continue to engage our children is critical. Thank you again.

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## MUSEUM OPENING THANK YOU

Thank you very much to all the parents who visited the Year Six Museum. The students and teachers appreciate your support. It was a great way to showcase the work the students completed around their Project Based Learning - A Globally Connected World.

Throughout the term the students researched an Asian country and collaboratively devised a multimedia presentation persuading the viewer of their opinion around the statement, *'Our Global connections affect our everyday lives.'* They also had the opportunity to create an artefact highlighting a cultural aspect of their chosen country. We have included some of the photos for you to enjoy.



## Farewell

Best wishes is also extended to Bonnie Sallee who has decided to take up a position with the Department of Education as a Teacher specialist for children with Hearing Impairment. This position is in the Mid North Coast Region much closer to where Bonnie lives. We wish her all the best!!



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week and over the school holidays:** Ethan-Jordan Firmeza, Lauren Polintan, Sheridan Achie, Joya Barakat, Daniel Takchi, Joseph Maroon, Elio Layoun, Angelina Bounassif, Alexandra Elphinstone, Daniella Gereige, Gabriella Volante, Jerome Santos, Nyagua Koima, Isaac Bechara, Anna Janczewski, Gabrielle Sabat, Jesse Sabat, Joshua Nasr, Daniel Moussa, Meagan Erive, Emma Barrientos Salazar, Christian Jreij

## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

We are still counting the stickers that have just come in but I can report that our target of 30,000 was reached and Mrs Barclay will be eagerly awaiting the total so we can purchase some awesome resources for our school. We have approx. 34000 points to date.



## Sports Days for Term 4

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 3:-

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

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

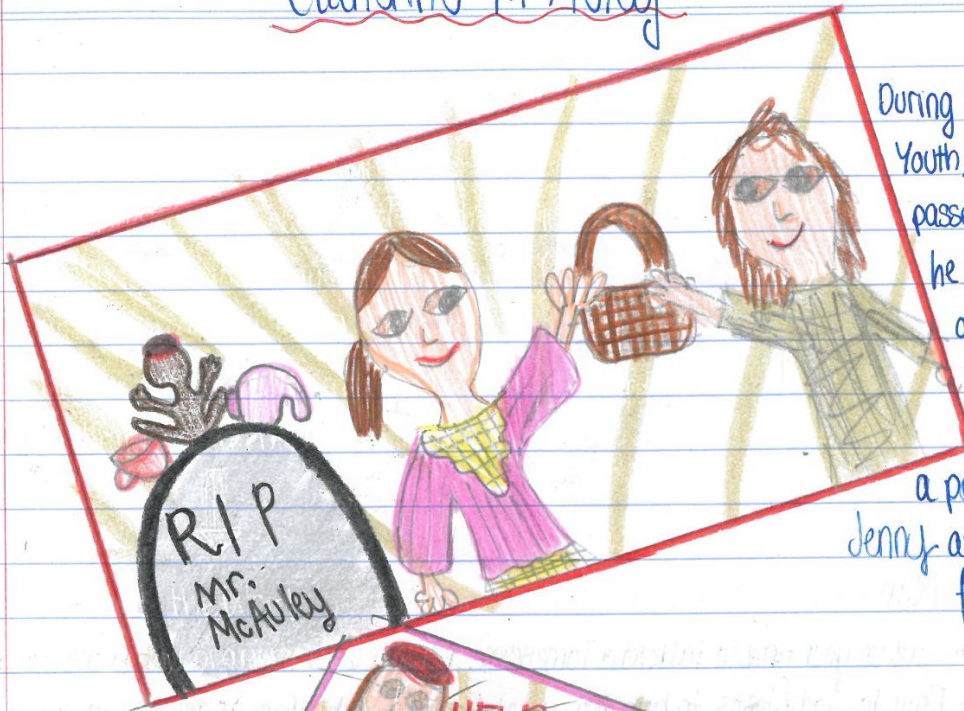
The Catholic Education Office have made recent changes to the application for extended leave from 10 days or more to **5 days or more**.

- 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.

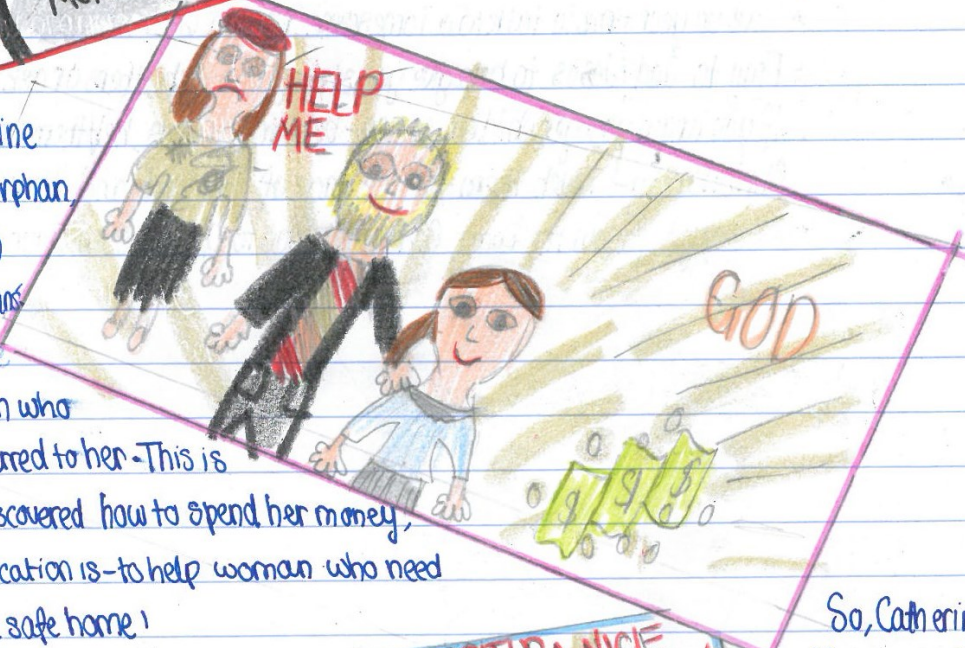
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# Catherine McAuley

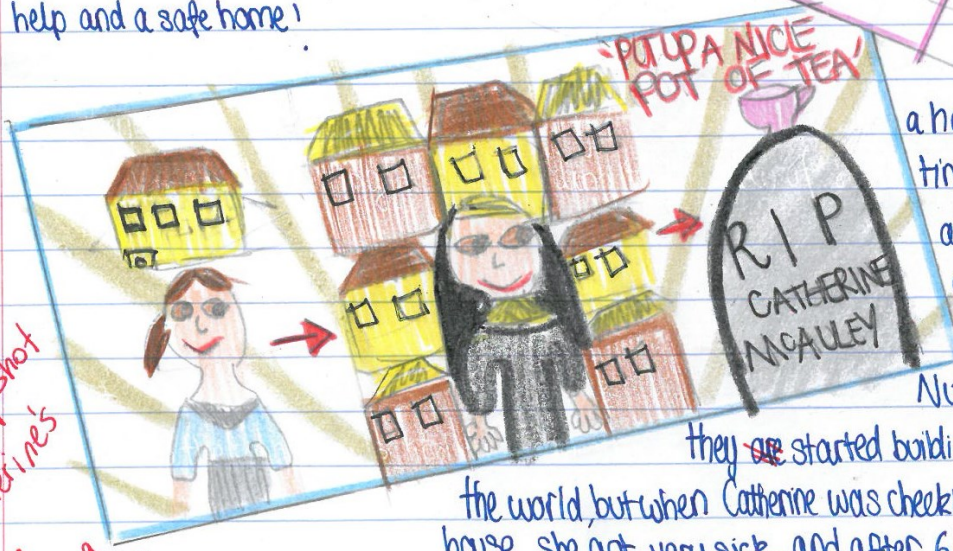


During Catherine McAuley's Youth, her father sadly passed away! Though he influenced her to always listen to God's call and that's why she helped a poor little girl named Jenny and gave her family food.

Once Catherine became an orphan, she moved in with the Callahans. This is where she met Sarah who came flustered to her. This is when she discovered how to spend her money, what her vocation is - to help women who need help and a safe home!



So, Catherine McAuley built a house of Mercy. Over time, she got older and the Arch Bishop asked her and her sisters to become Nuns. Once they did,



they ~~are~~ started building houses all around the world, but when Catherine was checki n g her London house, she got very sick, and after 6 weeks from returning back to Dublin, she sadly passed away!

A great snapshot of Catherine's life!  
Joanna 15/4

every learner  
every day 

## When is sick too sick for school



If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

### Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

### Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

## WHAT IS THE MINIMUM LITERACY AND NUMERACY STANDARDS

Parents of Year 6 and high school students may be interested in the watching the video links below which clearly explains the Minimum Literacy and Numeracy Standards in Year 9.

<https://youtu.be/-vVgH9TsbJk>

<https://youtu.be/zec61nOzB34>

[www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](http://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)

## Next Level Sports School Holiday Program

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR 2017 SPRING CLINIC!

Location - ST Patrick's Primary School Parramatta  
[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au)



Want to give your kids an active school holiday experience in a safe environment? With a focus on fun and challenging sport and activities for all levels and abilities, our school holiday clinic is suitable for students aged 5 – 13 years. We make sure your children have a fun week full of variety, activity & adventure.

**Spots are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.**

For enquiries, location information or to register...

Email Mr David Younis:

[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au)

(Emails returned promptly)

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## SUMMER UNIFORM

All children are required to wear the Summer Uniform from Term 4, Week 1 (9/10/17). Parents can you please note that as per school uniform guidelines, joggers for sport are to be mainly white.

<u>Girls' Summer Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Summer Uniform</u>
Tartan School Dress	Grey Shorts
Short White above ankle Socks	Grey Short Sleeve Shirt
Black Shoes	Grey above ankle Socks
Green Hair Ribbon	Black Shoes
Green School Hat	Green School Hat
<u>Girls' Sports Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Sports Uniform</u>
Green Shorts	Green Sports Shorts
Sport Shirt with School Emblem	Sports Shirt with School Emblem
White above ankle Socks	White above ankle Socks
White Sports Shoes	White Sports Shoes
Track Suit with School Emblem	Track Suit with School Emblem

- Full school uniform is to be worn at all times.
- Uniforms and shoes should be clean and neat.
- School hats are to be worn when outside buildings.
- Girls hair ribbons should be green.
- Girls long hair must be plaited or tied back.
- Boys are to have hair cut neatly, above the collar, and of an even and regular cut.
- The use of hair gel or hair dye is not permitted.
- No nail polish is to be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted apart from a wristwatch, sleepers or small plain studs in pierced ears.

All School Uniform items available from

Oz Fashions

115-127 Parramatta Road Granville NSW 2142

Phone 9897 3121 [www.ozfashions.com.au](http://www.ozfashions.com.au)

Thanking you for your cooperation in ensuring that the school uniform code is upheld. Remember to label ALL clothing and NO HAT NO PLAY.

### Acceptable Haircuts / Hairstyles

- Boys haircuts are to be neat and simple. No undercuts, no lines, no Mohawks and no rats tails.
- Hair cuts are to be of consistent length ie **Not longer on the top and shaved no 1 sides.**
- Girls shoulder length or longer is required to be tied back with either hair ribbons or "scrunchies" in school colours.
- The use of hair gel is not permitted.
- No coloured hair is permitted

Thanking you as always for your cooperation

## 2017 School Calendar

### Week 10

Friday 22nd September	Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day
	Kinder Excursion—Camsley Farm
	Infants Assembly—Year 1—2.15pm
	Last Day of Term

School returns for Term 4—9th October

### Term 3

### Week 1

Tuesday 10th October	'Footsteps' Dance commences
Friday 13th October	Mission Mass—10.30 am
	Assembly—Mission

### Week 2

Tuesday 17th October	'Footsteps' Dance continues
Friday 13th October	Primary Assembly—Year 3—2.15pm

### Week 3

Monday 23rd October	Year 3 Incursion 'Stars & Planetarium'
Tuesday 24th October	'Footsteps' Dance continues
Friday 27th October	Assembly—Choir—2.15pm

### Week 4

Tuesday 31st October	'Footsteps' Dance continues
Friday 3rd November	Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.15pm

### Week 5

Tuesday 7th November	'Footsteps' Dance continues
	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Day
Wednesday 8th November	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Day
Thursday 9th November	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Day
Friday 10th November	Infants Assembly—Year 2—2.15pm



### New School Phone Number

Our school has been migrated to a new number. The new number is:

**8832 4600**

The old number still works and will be automatically diverted. If you receive an outbound call from our school then the new number will come up. Please save this number to your contacts.



*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)