

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

10th August 2017 Term 3 Week 4

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 86.0%**

Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday week, 1st August, the school underwent the process of Peer Review. All schools in the Diocese of Parramatta undertake Peer Review every year. The school was informed last month of the date and was later informed of the key sample areas to be audited. This year, the curriculum documents the school needed to present were, Mathematics and Human Society and its Environment. The specific stage level this year was Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6. By way of further explanation:

**Peer Review** is a key part of the School Compliance audit process which allows all schools to view, assess and provide critical feedback on the curriculum presented by the school being reviewed.

This model of **Peer Review** has been approved by the **NSW Education Standards Authority ( NESA )** in 2014 for the registration period (2015-2019) and is unique to Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) in the current form and structure of implementation.

Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta OSCAR portal

Other areas audited during this period included; Attendance, timetables—Kindergarten to Year 6, Student Management and Anti-Bullying policies and procedures, School Reporting and Complaints and Grievances management.

The overall results of this compliance audit were extremely positive, with only a small amendment needed in two of the timetables.

Some of the feedback comments given were;

- The school has clearly stated the weeks and topics to go with the content. History and geography scope and sequence is highlighted correctly and done according to the guidelines. clear, organised and easy to follow.
- Programs clearly show the resources used, relevant outcomes, and are correctly dated and initialed. There were detailed programs that address differentiation, assessments, learning outcomes and general capabilities.
- Programs were specific. Differentiation is shown. Outcomes are met. Clear, consistent annotations were evident from each of the teachers. Daily activities were well organised. The program was easy to follow allowing others to see the progression within the teaching and learning sequences.
- There was good tracking of student achievement with a mark book showing achievement. There was systematic and consistent record keeping that reflects an overview of the process. There was a very thorough analysis of student work samples matched with use of rubrics and success criteria.

Congratulations is extended to the teachers who presented on the day; Ms Kelly, Mrs Standring, Mrs Carroll, Mrs Rayess, Mrs Barclay and Mrs Benkovich.

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	Ethan-Jordan Firmeza
3T	Emily Johnson
4B	Jeremy Moussa
4G	Lucas Lathouras-Beacroft
5C	JJ Rizk
5T	Daniel Moussa
6P	Claire Guatlo
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	Frank Agostino
3T	Ruby Younan
4B	Chiara Banzato
4G	Katerina Yannakis
5C	Isla Giron
5T	Jethro Cauan
6P	Jonah Freifer
6W	Joseph Pellew



### PLEASANT OBSERVATION

A few days ago, whilst I was speaking with Father Bob on the playground I was delighted to see some wonderful examples of good manners and courtesy from our students. A number of children passed us on their way to the office to do designated jobs and I was so proud when everyone one of them greeted us as they passed. Even the littlest of these children turned to us and politely said, "Good morning Miss Fabri, good morning Father Bob!" I know that Father was very pleased with the fact that children acknowledged him with this greeting and a big smile, and I know that as parents you would be equally as proud, as I was, to see our children growing up with such initiative and good character. Well done children! Well done parents!



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:** Valerie Liu, Aaron Neroy, Levi Jaitani, Lawrence Wahbe, Mary-Jo El-Sabbagh, Chiara Banzato, Thomas Kougelis, Joshua Manago, Olivia Moussa

### 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.**

## ATTENDANCE LETTERS (< 90% attendance)

Dear Parents

As you are aware, every day of attendance at school adds to your child's chances of success and achievement from Kindergarten and through to high school. Parents play a key role in making sure their child attends school every day. As previously explained the school, through our system, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP), is well equipped to track children's attendance and this data enables the school to alert parents to their child's attendance level. This information can sometimes be surprising to parents who may not realise that the attendance of their child is getting to an undesirable level. Even the odd day here and there eg a total of 10 days a term, is equal to a day a week. We fully understand that some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances however we also know that when students miss too much school, no matter the reason, it can cause them to fall behind academically.

**In an effort to keep parents informed of their child's attendance data, a letter will be sent home when a child's attendance percentage falls below 90%. This will include children whose absence is due to illness or leave for example. This information is for your attention as a way to assist you to monitor attendance levels. The only exceptions to this rule will be if there has been significant consultation with the school regarding attendance, be it health matters or other circumstances and in these circumstances other support or accommodations have been implemented.**

In this way not only is the school keeping open communication with families but the school is fulfilling the process of tracking attendance in accordance with CEDP policies. If you have any questions regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards  
Bernadette Fabri

## SCHOOL UNIFORM - APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

Dear Parents

In an effort to keep up the school's good reputation regarding school uniform, can I please ask you to be vigilant about the way the boys and girls wear their ties. I have noticed for quite a while now that many boys are looking quite dishevelled with their ties either undone and hanging loose or not worn. Some girls are wearing ties where the elastic has become loose, hanging down. Ties for both boys and girls need to be secured as close to the collar as possible. It is very important that children follow the uniform code; an area that is key to the Student Charter. This charter reminds children that they have a RIGHT to be proud of their school and thus they have the RESPONSIBILITY to wear their uniform with pride. Mr Joe Arida from Oz Fashions confirmed that while the tie says 'Dry Clean Only' ties may be washed but need to be placed in a laundry bag, to prevent tangling and possible ripping. He also confirmed that he is more than happy to assist parents if the tie is damaged for some reason eg if the stitching has come undone. Please contact Oz Fashions if this is the case. The maintenance of the standard of school uniform is best achieved if it is a team effort; student, school and family. We ask your assistance in this matter.

Thank you  
Miss Fabri

## Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Carroll (5C) on the passing of her Mother. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## Walkathon — 'Sports Star'

Reminder tomorrow is the big day. How many different sports will we have represented? Soccer, rugby league, netball, basketball, softball, gymnastics the list is endless.



**Please remember to bring with you: a hat, your walkathon card, water and to wear joggers.**

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist. You should have received a note in your child's bag explaining what time and job you have been allocated.

### **SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SONG AT THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MASS**

At the centre of our Catholic Faith is the call to reach out and share our gifts with others. One of the ways your child can partake in this call is to share their gift of singing at the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 25 August at the 7.30pm Mass.

Father Bob has invited our school to provide the choir to lead the congregation in singing at this special celebration. The students from Years Two to Year Six have been asked to accept this honour and privilege and join together sharing their gift to all.

We anticipate there will be before school practices in the lead up to the mass. More information will be sent home with choir members this week.

We encourage all choir members to participate in sharing this experience and joining as a community to celebrate the special occasion with members of our faith community.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and its mission.

Leanda Standing  
Religious Education

Venitia Rodricks  
Coordinator Music Coordinator



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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.

**Attendance - Every Learner Every Day (Paul Eston, Director Performance CEDP)**

For further information contact the PRC at the details below.

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**Tel:** 0404 924 166

**Email:** [prcparrasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:prcparrasecretary@gmail.com)

Date to remember

**Staff Development Day for Term 3 will be Monday 21st August. No children will attend school on this day.**

The focus is Religious Education. The staff will be lead through a day steeped in Professional Development of their understanding of the Sacrament of Eucharist. Together we will be exploring Scripture and how to engage students in how to live a life of as we have been commissioned to do at our Baptism.

**THANK YOU - FOOD DRIVE**

Dear Parents,

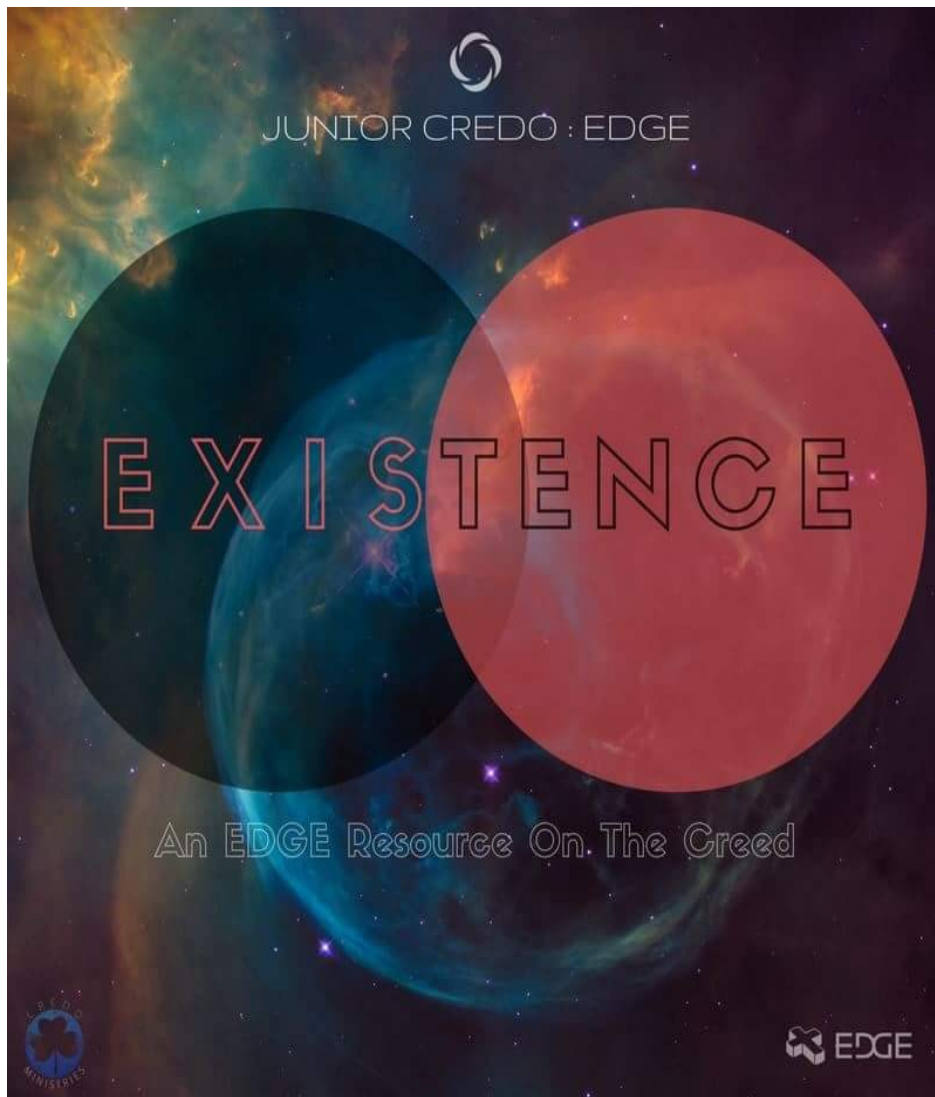
On Behalf of the Jesuit Refugee Centre I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the abundance of food donated last Thursday. Pyjama day was a great success and the donations from all families are evidence of the deep faith and commitment you all display to your children. As Baptised Catholics we are called to live a life of service, reaching out and sharing our faith to all we meet. As was stated in the reading from Matthew it is when we help the needy we are truly being the hands of Jesus on earth. May we continue to come together and model your faith through actions. Thank you

You may like to reflect upon the Scripture Verse I am referring to;

The Gospel of Matthew (Mt 25:35-40) For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Leanda Standing  
(Religious Education Coordinator)





All age groups! Come along and join the Junior Edge Credo youth group family at 5pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.

There will be some great games and activities to participate in. So come and join the fun.

See you there!

## Ready to Fly

# food allergy AWARENESS

Foods that most often cause an allergic reaction:  
**peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, sesame, soy.**

However, other less common foods can also cause anaphylactic reactions.

Anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction that involves various areas of the body simultaneously. Food allergies, insect stings, medications (most commonly penicillin), and latex can cause an anaphylactic reaction.

**Warning signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction:**

- Complaint of tingling in the mouth
- Hives, body rash, itching
- Vomiting
- Swelling of lips, eyes and face

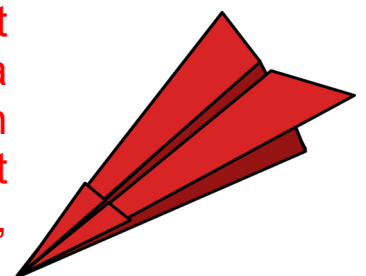
**Warning signs and symptoms of a SEVERE allergic reaction (ANAPHYLAXIS)**

- Difficulty and/or noisy breathing
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
- Swelling of the tongue
- Swelling/tightness of throat
- Loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- Pale and floppy (in young children)

**If you see someone showing any of these symptoms, ACT FAST. Call 000.**

**Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia**  
Your trusted charity for allergy support

On the 22nd and 23rd of August the St Pats 'Ready to Fly' paper planes competition will take to the skies again. Entry forms are available at the office from next Monday. All you need is to complete the form, include a gold coin and have the creativity to fold your own paper plane. There will be a Primary (22nd August) and an Infants (23rd August) competition, and the winners will be decided by the longest distance flown. So start thinking about ideas to make a soaring plane with only one A4 sheet of standard paper, and good luck.



The STEM Committee

# Pyjama Day



SEE SCIENCE WITH THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE  
AT SYDNEY SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2017

'National Science Week' is coming up in August for all schools. To celebrate this time the Sydney Science Festival is hosting endless science activities for all ages. Please refer to <https://ydneyscience.com.au/2017> which has detailed information on all these exciting events!  
Chanel and Xavier S.T.E.M Leaders

## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017



We are now collecting the 'Earn and Learn' stickers. You will find sticker sheets in the office along with the box where you can either place a full sheet or individual stickers in the box.

Ask your grandparents, aunts & uncles, neighbours anyone that can help us to purchase educational resources. The more stickers we get the better resources we can buy.

# 2017 School Calendar

## Term 3

### Week 4

Friday 11th August Walkathon—Sports stars  
Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.15pm

### Week 5

Tuesday 15th August ICAS Mathematics—7.40am Year 6 classrooms  
Feast of the Assumption Mass  
Friday 18th August Infants Assembly—Kinder – 2.15pm

### Week 6

Monday 21st August **Staff Development Day—no children to attend school**  
PRC Meeting 7pm—9pm School Hall  
Attendance—Every Learner Every day  
Tuesday 22nd August Paper Planes Primary 1pm  
Wednesday 23rd August Paper Planes Infants 1.30pm  
Thursday 24th August Year 3—Featherdale Farm excursion  
Friday 25th August Diocesan Athletics Carnival  
Primary Assembly—Year 3—2.15pm

### Week 7

Book Week Many exciting Activities—More details to come  
Tuesday 29th August Fathers day Stall  
Author Visit  
Wednesday 30th August Year 5 Personal Development Night 7pm  
Friday 1st September Father's Day Mass and Breakfast  
Infants Assembly—Year 2—2.15pm

### Week 8

Wednesday 6th September Voice of Youth Eastern Semi Final —Year 6  
Friday 8th September Primary Assembly—Year 4—2.15pm

### Week 9

Friday 15th September Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day  
Movie Night

### Week 10

Wednesday 20th September Voice of Youth Grand Final —Year 6  
Friday 22nd September Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day



*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)