

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

17th August 2017 Term 3 Week 5

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 86.7%

Dear Parents

Last Tuesday the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Catholic Church year, a **solemnity** is the highest ranking holy day in the Church calendar. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation and the whole school attended mass. In his homily, Father Bob spoke of the great love the Church has for the person of Mary and how important she is to the church throughout Church history. On this day we reflected on Mary through the many names we give her. These images of Mary are sometimes prayed through what is called the Litany. A Litany refers literally to a type of prayer in which a series of lines are spoken alternately by a leader and a congregation. During mass the children symbolised these lines describing Mary, through actions depicting her qualities. As you can read from the litany below Our Lady demonstrated many characteristics worth striving for. What an extraordinary woman! She showed us the scope of human potential through faith and courage. I encourage you to pray the litany below with the family regularly.

Leader: Mary, you were a woman of mercy.

Response: Pray for us

Leader: Mary, you were a person of faith.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, you were a woman of prayer.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, you were wise.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, you were a person with great trust.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, you were full of compassion.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, you were focussed on God.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, who was one of Jesus' first disciples.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, who spread the gospel message.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, who suffered with Jesus, her son.

Response: Pray for us.

Leader: Mary, who witnessed the risen Christ.

Response: Pray for us.



God bless you and your family.

Bernadette Fabri
Principal



Honour Award

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



KA	Nathan Nguyen
KM	Victoria Nassif
1C	Gabrielle Vella
1S	Zavier Moujalli
2M	Alex El Khoury
2Y	Ysabel Daelo



st patrick's award

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

KA	Kaylani Elphinstone
KM	Dominic Coles
1C	Sienna Moussa
1S	Julia Vytingco
2M	Estelle Perrett
2Y	Jacob Semaan

Save the Date!! Save the Date!! Save the Date!! Save the Date!!

Our Father's Day Breakie BBQ and Mass will be held on Friday 1st September. More details to come.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS (< 90% attendance)

Dear Parents

Last Tuesday the office sent out the attendance information alerts to children whose attendance data is <90%. This included children whose absence is due to illness or leave for example. As explained in previous information the school understands that some leave cannot be helped especially when children are sick. The school appreciates parents not sending sick children to school as this is an important aspect of health management. The school is however obliged to keep parents informed of their child's attendance data, especially when it reaches the under 90% mark. If you have any questions regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
Bernadette Fabri



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:
Joshua Santos, Wytse Lubbers, Crista-Nicole Gahdmar, Nicholas Reyes-Mangabat, Andre Elzahoul, James Morson, Sophie Salloum, Jazmyne Grech, Shaneli Perera, Lorenzo De Guzman, Sonia Sitoa, Stephanie Saab, Annabelle Johnson, Josephine Behan

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.

2017 Book Week / Literacy and Numeracy Week

Theme: “Escape to Everywhere”

Author/Illustrator Visit: Week 7, Tuesday 29th August

‘Martin Chatterton’

Martin Chatterton, a British author and illustrator will start our Book Week celebrations with a visit to our school. Martin is a talented and engaging comedic speaker who will share his own writing and illustrating journey with all of our students.

Photo Display

Each child is asked to bring in a photo of themselves, ‘Escaping to where they love to Read’, showing themselves reading a book in an unlikely, unusual place—or from a different angle. This could be funny, serious or very creative depending on the place where they are reading or what they are reading. We would love to have these photos printed and ideally laminated if possible by Friday 1st September.

Classroom Portal and Photograph Stroll: Week 8 Thursday 7th September from 2pm to 3pm

Parents are invited to “Escape to St Patrick’s” during Book Week and Literacy & Numeracy Week to view the results of our Book Week activities. This will not be a classroom visit but rather a ‘stroll’ with your child through the corridors of our school. **Due to the walk through 3L will have their PE lesson on Friday 8th September instead.**

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Religious Literacy Assessment - Year 4

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This Term Year Four students have completed the Religious Literacy Assessment to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of Reconciliation and God's Forgiveness and Healing. As well as completing a written component, the students have also each completed a presentation of their choice to express their thinking creatively. Rather than selecting only a few students to present their learning at Assembly, the Year Four teachers and students would like to invite our parents and family members to visit the Year Four classrooms and view the wonderful and creative presentations designed and made by the students. We believe that this is a more purposeful and authentic experience for the students as they are all able to share their learning with an audience. We also believe that it is meaningful for the parents as it is important for you to have the opportunity to view and experience your child's learning journey.

We invite you to attend the Year Four Classrooms for our Religious Literacy Assessment Expo on Thursday 7th September 2017 (Week 8) between 2-3pm. Please note that the Open Classroom experience will be in place of the usual Friday afternoon Assembly. The Primary Awards for Week 8 will be handed out at the Friday Morning Assembly on the 8th September 2017 at 8:50am.

We look forward to you visiting and celebrating your child's learning.

Yours Thankfully

Mrs Anne Fardell, Mrs Eva Turkington and Mrs Louisa Daou

WALKATHON

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who generously donated their time to help at this years Walk - a - thon. What a success! It was wonderful to see you all there assisting us by: helping to direct the children, assisting with stamping cards, organising excess clothing, helping to walk children down to the park, giving out ice blocks. I would also like to thank Mrs Benkovich for her outstanding organisation and to Mrs Barclay and Mrs Jones for their assistance also. Thanks also to Sound Agents for supplying the PA system and to Arwen (6P) for providing the music.



Before we communicate the results of this fundraiser we ask you to please send to school any sponsor donations not yet brought in. As always we sincerely thank you for your continued support and generosity.

NAPLAN READINESS ONLINE

This week parents of children in Years 3 and 5 received information on the NAPLAN Readiness Online Testing to be undertaken at the school in Wk 8.

There is a special website with further information including examples of NAPLAN Online and an explanation video on the following link.

CEDP NAPLAN online readiness website:

<https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/2017cedpnaplanonlinereadiness/information-for-parents>

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.



Father's Day Raffle



With Father's Day fast approaching we will shortly be starting to sell raffle tickets before school for our annual Father's Day Raffle. A team of our parents are sourcing a number of prizes and we have already received some donations. If anyone is able to donate a prize to the raffle it would be very much appreciated. Please send any donations to the office with your family name attached. If you are able to assist with the selling of raffle tickets before school please let the office know.

Happy Father's Day



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**UNDERSTANDING NAPLAN
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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy



Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Mr Paul Easton
Director of Performance
Catholic Education Diocese of
Parramatta (CEDP)



EVERY LEARNER EVERY DAY

Join in the conversation with:
The Hon Alex Hawke MP

Federal member for Mitchell
Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection



Question and Answer Session!

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PRC Topics

- Cluster Group Discussion
- Constitution Working Group
- How is your School Parent Body Structured?
- What is Parent Collaboration?
- Strategic Planning

Monday, 21 August 2017

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)
(Term 3 - PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)
at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Villiers St, Parramatta
Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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Proudly supporting Catholic education, parents and school communities in the Diocese of Parramatta:

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This month's PRC meeting is being held at our school, St Patrick's Primary next Monday 21st August commencing at 7.00pm.

Hope to see many of our parents there!!!

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

Congratulations to the Pool Winners:

POOL A BOYS – John XXIII RED
POOL B BOYS – St Mary MacKillop GOLD
POOL C BOYS – St Angela's GOLD
POOL D BOYS – Holy Family Luddenham BLUE
POOL E BOYS – St Joseph's Schofields
POOL F BOYS – OLQP WHITE
POOL G BOYS – St Monica's Richmond
POOL H BOYS – St Patrick's
POOL I GIRLS – Christ the King
POOL J GIRLS – OLQP
POOL K GIRLS – St Monica's
POOL L GIRLS – St Joseph's Schofields
POOL M GIRLS – St Margaret Mary's

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day Report

On Wednesday 2nd August 2017 a team of Year 3 and Year 4 boys and girls represented St Patrick's at the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day at Penrith. We arrived at the park with the help of our parents. The weather was cold and windy and the ground was covered in frost but this didn't dampen our excitement. We couldn't wait to begin playing. Mr Younis and Mr Makhoul helped to coach the two teams throughout the day. We were also lucky to have parents supporting and cheering from the sidelines which was very encouraging.

Our Girl's team were an inexperienced side with only a couple of us having played soccer before. With great team work to support one another and a never give up attitude we won 2 games and drew 4 games. AMAZING!!!! We finished 2nd place in our Pool due to points for and against. We took turns at different positions including Goal keeper to allow all team members to gain experience and have a go! Our Boy's team were eager to get out and play as most of the boys were soccer players and were determined to come back to school victorious. Using their great skills and perseverance the boys managed to win 4 games and drew 2, placing them in first place. Pool Champions. At the end of their last game the boys celebrated

with excitement as they knew winning that game would position them in first place. The boys all received a medal for their victory.

We all had a lot of fun and showed great respect and resilience to make our school, teachers, parents, as well as ourselves, proud. By the end of the day we were exhausted but were high on adrenalin and couldn't wait to return to school and share our success. We would like to thank Mr Younis and Mr Makhoul for coaching us and thank our wonderful parent helpers for transporting us to and from the ground and supporting us all day. We wouldn't have been able to have had such a great and successful day without your help.

Written By Chiara Banzato, Alani Grohs and Mark Abraham



Year One's Excursion to Wild Life World



On Thursday the 10th of August, Year One visited Wild Life World at Darling Harbour. We caught a bus from school to the venue. On the way we saw lots of different buildings, road signs and different types of transport in our surrounding suburbs. Firstly, when we arrived at Wild Life World, we found a beautiful, sunny area to sit down and have our recess. It was great seeing the different types of boats in our harbour and buildings surrounding the water. We even saw the Harbour Bridge and Opera House!



Next, we all began to walk into Wild Life World, where we saw lots of animals and the habitats they live in. We saw Koalas, Kangaroos, Crocodiles, Sugar Gliders, Wombats, Snakes, Butterflies, Frogs and even a Tasmanian devil! After that, we all sat and watched a Crocodile show and learnt some exciting new things. We got told that the Crocodile's name was Rocky who had been rescued from Western Australia and that Crocodiles like Rocky are able to hold their breath for 3 hours underwater!

Later on, we all walked up to the rooftop to hear a story about a Sugar Glider named Popcorn. We also got to see lots of friendly Koala's in a tree eating gum leaves in the sunshine. Soon after, we followed our teachers and parent helpers outside to see the Kangaroos. We stopped and listened to a speaker named Rebecca who taught us all about Echidnas, Snakes and Kangaroos. We even got to see and touch some of these animals!



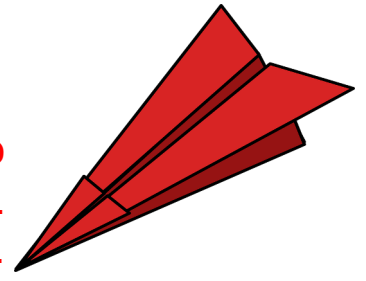
Finally, we walked back outside and had our delicious lunch in the beautiful sunshine. When we finished, we waited for the bus to come and bring us back to school where we had story time and got ready for the afternoon. We all had a fun and adventurous day at our excursion. We would also like to thank all of our parent helpers who assisted us on the day.



Walkathon — ‘Sports Star’



Ready to Fly



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

Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

On the 8th August, I had the privilege to attend the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival. I attended this event with some of my friends and although we were tired, we had lots of fun. We were even able to make friends with other schools.

We had 27 students attend this day to participate in the running and field events. Of the 27 students we are lucky enough to have 8 students move onto the next level competing on the 25th August. We wish them the best!!

We would like to thank the teachers and parents who volunteered their time to supervise the children and cheer for us on the day. A great day was had by all !!

Arwen-Cady Firmeza (6P)

2017 St Patrick's Primary School Athletic Champions

Junior Girl Champion	Arabella Gittany	Junior Girl Runner-Up	Elisa Daher & Isla Giron
Junior Boy Champion	Luke Takchi	Junior Boy Runner-Up	Charlie Romanos
11 Years Boys Champion	Prince Gyan	11 Years Boys Runner-Up	Jesse Sabat
11 Years Girls Champion	Caitlin Maroun	11 Years Girls Runner-Up	Jade Takchi
Senior Girl Champion – Chanel Nader		Senior Girl Runner-Up – Arwen-Cady Firmeza	
Senior Boy Champion - Luke Maroun		Senior Boy Runner-Up – Daniel Takchi	

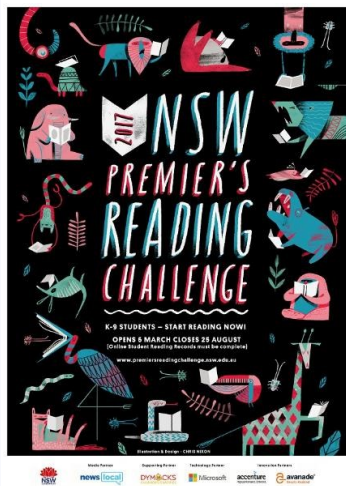
VOICE OF YOUTH 2017

Yesterday 16th August, 3 Year 6 students represented the school at this year's Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition. Voice of Youth is an annual competition involving all students in Year 6 across the Diocese of Parramatta. Each school holds their own school final and the successful finalists from each school meet in clusters of schools for a cluster final. St Patrick's Parramatta, is part of the Parramatta Cluster made up of: Mother Teresa Westmead, Sacred Heart Westmead and St Oliver's Harris Park. Congratulations to this year's school finalists: Clare Guatlo, Jonah Friefer and Joanna Davino. Thank you to Miss Kelly for coordinating this competition.

All the representatives of our school did an outstanding job of presenting their speeches. Ms Kelly, Mrs Standing and all of Year Six were full of pride as we listened to their presentations. Our eyes were fixed on Joanna, Jonah and Claire as they stood in front of the audience and delivered powerful speeches that touched the heart and minds of all present. As the judges stewed over the decision we could not image how difficult it would be to select only two students to continue further in the competition. Finally the announcement was made; Joanna Davino received the Social Justice Award and the judges referred to her ability to engage everyone present through her insightful speech - 'Social Media Saviour.'

Jonah and Claire should also be congratulated on not only their wonderful speech but also the respectful and mature manner in which they conducted themselves on the day. Although none of our top three will continue further all of St Patrick's are very impressed of your efforts and congratulate you on your outstanding achievements.

2017 Premier's Reading Challenge



The premier's reading Challenge closes next Friday 25th August. Please make sure that students have updated their student reading records (20 books) ready for validation.

WEEK 10 - YEAR SIX

Museum Opening - All Year Six parents are invited to attend the Year Six Museum, showcasing the work the students have completed during their Project based learning time this term. (days to be confirmed)

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 5

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

Tuesday 29th August Fathers day Stall

Author Visit—Martin Chatterton

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

Thursday 7th September Classroom Portal & Photograph Stroll—2pm to 3pm

Year 4 Religious Literacy Assessment Expo—
2pm to 3pm

Friday 8th September NO Assembly

Awards for this week will be presented at Friday
Morning Assembly 8.50am

Week 9

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

Movie Night

Week 10

Friday 22nd September Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day

Kinder Excursion—Camsley Farm

Infants Assembly—Year 1—2.15pm



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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

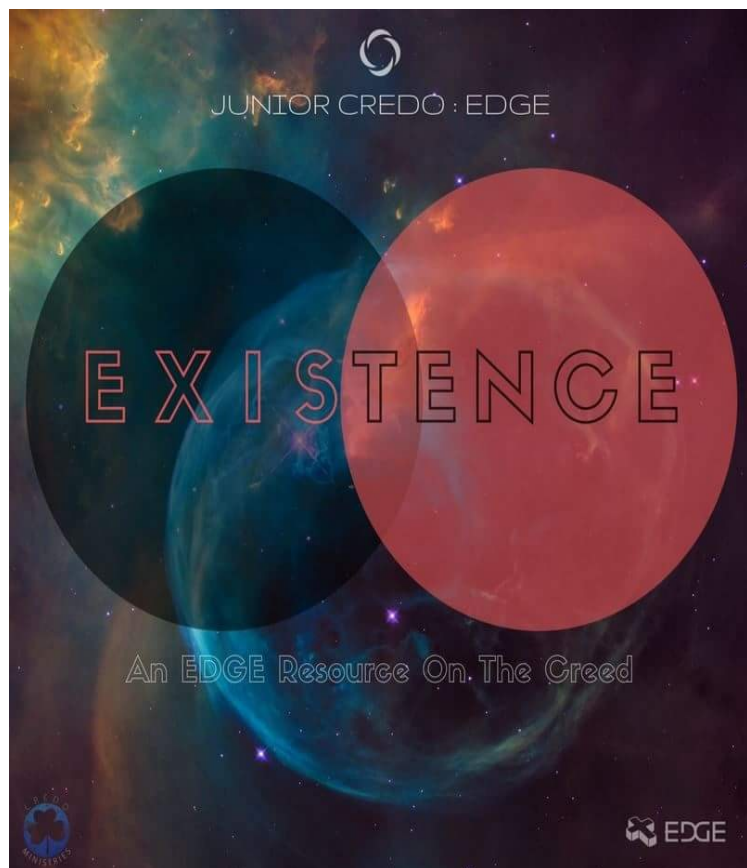
Fr George Azhakath

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)



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!



ONE YEAR TO GO!

LAUNCH OF PREPARATION FOR

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

22-26 AUGUST 2018

“The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”
Sunday, 27th August 2017

AN EVENT
FOR ALL
THE FAMILY!

- Find out about the *World Meeting of Families* taking place in Dublin, Ireland in 2018.
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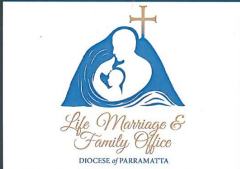

⌚	11.00am	Mass
⌚	Noon	BYO lunch
⌚	1.00pm to 3:15pm	Program for families (Afternoon tea provided)
📍	Where	Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

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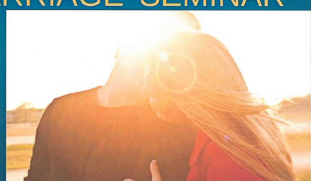




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St Patrick's Cathedral Hall
1 Marist Place, Parramatta
Friday, 8th September 2017
@ 7:30pm sharp*



*A light supper will be served following the main presentation.

DR EDWARD SRI

from Augustine Institute

Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN. Each year he speaks to clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity from around the world. He has written several best-selling books, including *A Biblical Walk through the Mass*, *Walking with Mary* and his newest release, *Who Am I to Judge?—Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love*.



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every learner every day 

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YEAR OF
LEARNING IN

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YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

**1 IN 4**

SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- Going to school more often can make a difference.
- Attendance habits will follow your child into work and life



SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues
with your child, speak to your
school about ways to address it.