

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

24th August 2017 Term 3 Week 6

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

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

Dear Parents

Last week, the children in Years 3 and 5 received their National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results for 2017. Children sat for these assessments earlier in the year, from Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of May to Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> May and elements of learning tested included: aspects of literacy such as; reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation and writing, as well as numeracy. Whilst we understand that these results are only indicators of how the students performed on the one day, it is always satisfying for the school to get very good results; and this year was no exception. The online package that comes to schools to support the NAPLAN data is extensive and the teachers and teacher leaders are still analyzing where the school made significant gains and areas for further development. Some of the analysis so far is as follows:

## YEAR 3

- 59 students sat for NAPLAN 2017
- No children were withdrawn or absent
- The percentage of students below national minimum standards = (0%) in all areas except Grammar and Punctuation (3%)
- School average in all areas is above the National and CEDP average. The average score for Reading was mid Band 5, Writing - lower Band 5, Spelling - mid band 5, Grammar and Punctuation -high Band 5 and Numeracy-lower Band 5 (Bands for Year 3 are bands 1-6)
- The percentage of students in the top two bands ie Bands 5 and 6 were above the state in Reading, Writing and Numeracy, Grammar & Punctuation, Reading and Spelling
- An area for focused further improvement is in the area of Writing
- Trend data is showing that the scores are well above that of the state in all areas.

## YEAR 5

- 62 students sat for NAPLAN 2017
- No children were withdrawn or absent
- The percentage of students below national minimum standards = (2%) in Writing and Grammar & Punctuation and (0%) in all other areas
- School average in all areas is above the National and CEDP average. The average score for Reading was lower Band 7, Writing - mid Band 6, Spelling - lower band 7, Grammar and Punctuation - Lower Band 7 and Numeracy- upper Band 6 (Bands for Year 5 are 3-8)
- The percentage of students in the top two bands ie Bands 5 and 6 was above the state in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.
- Areas of particular strength this year were Reading, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation
- An area for focused further improvement is in the area of Writing
- Trend data is showing that the scores are above that of the state in all areas.
- Many students showed significant growth in all areas from Years 3 to 5 especially in the area of Numeracy where 83.6% reached expected growth.
- A topic for further consideration is to investigate why some students reach or excel beyond the expected growth and why some do not.

Teachers will continue to use the NAPLAN results to assist them to; better understand the learning needs of individual students in their class, to observe patterns and trends in specific question items and to take further action to target specific literacy and numeracy skills.

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When viewing these results, as a school or as a family, is important to remember that children will be sitting a number of formal assessments throughout their school lives and that many of the skills they possess are not always assessed in these types of tests.

Children who have artistic or sporting ability, problem solvers and those possessing interpersonal skills, those able to synthesize information and creative thinkers, for example, are not able to demonstrate their talent in Literacy and Numeracy assessments of this kind. The skills of acting or dancing are not tested and the ability to be flexible or to use curiosity to further develop learning are not considered in these results. Children who have the ability to 'bounce back' from set backs are not acknowledged either. Whilst we encourage our students to do their very best on the day of the tests we are aware that results can vary and a student who may in fact be quite a good writer, for example, may not produce their best piece of writing on that particular day. My message to all students is always, 'You are not your report or your results, you are so much more!' Focussing on learning leads to an increase in performance, focussing on performance leads to a fixed mindset and anxiety. A thought worth pondering.

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

3L	Carl Cauan
3T	Alexandra Elphinstone
4B	George Draybi
4G	Nyagua Koima
5C	Mikayla Saleh
5T	Elliana Coles
6P	Simone Sabat
6W	Siwoo Kim

## st patrick's award

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

3L	Sophia Lorenzo
3T	Talia Kalouch
4B	Annette Francis
4G	Elias Nakhle
5C	Aaron Neroy
5T	Liam Abdallah
6P	Lucienne Tolentino
6W	Annamika Sawant

### ATTENDANCE LETTERS (< 90% attendance)

Dear Parents,

This week we have continued to send out 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



## PRAYERS FOR JULIAN CADMAN AND HIS FAMILY

This week we keep in our prayers, the friends and family of young Julian Cadman, who tragically passed away recently. Julian was a student at St Bernadette's Lalor Park and as you can imagine the school community is heartbroken. Sometimes events such as these implore us to realise that life is sometimes too short and reminds us to focus in things that really matter; health, love for each other and general well being. The staff of St Patrick's Parramatta extends our deepest sympathy!

Message from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (FACEBOOK)

Dear friends,

*The Cadman family have expressed their deep thanks for all the prayers, compassion and support from the public during this incredibly challenging time.*

*They are well aware that the healing process will be a very long one but have been comforted by the knowledge that our communities will continue to stand in solidarity with them.*

*There have been many requests for advice on how people can help in a practical way. A GoFundMe site has been set up by a close family friend to provide long-term financial support to the family. See link below.*

*Please keep the Cadman family in your prayers.*

<https://www.gofundme.com/the-julian-jom-fund>

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Last Monday the staff were involved in a wonderful Professional Development Day on Religious Education. The day was facilitated by Religious Education Coordinator, Leanda Standring, Learning Leader - Mission, Mr Anthony Gordon and the Dean of the Cathedral, Father Bob Bossini.

We commenced the day with a workshop on Eucharist and Father led us through an in depth understanding of the Mass. This was then followed by Mass in which we kept you all in our prayers. The body of the day was focussed on 'unpacking' scripture. The term 'unpacking' is a process of taking an indepth look at a piece of scripture and reflecting on the Literal, Spiritual and Application senses. When we read the scriptures we are encouraged to use these senses to develop a deeper understanding of the message and faithful mystery of what lies within them.

We finished the day by working in small groups to create a symbolic artefact showing our new learning and connecting the Sacrament of Eucharist to the miracle recorded in the Scripture passage - 'Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand'. The results truly reflected the deep learning and faith of our teachers.

### 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 tomorrow 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.

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

Leanda Standring—Religious Education

Venitia Rodricks—Coordinator Music Coordinator

### 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)



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week: Amariah Tamaro, Amyllia Maneze, Justin Makhoul, Shanelle Wambeek, Zara Diuco, Isaac Loulach, Aidan Vancuylenberg, Sophia Paguia

### Save the Date

Annual **Movie Night** to be held on Friday Evening 15 September from 5.30pm. More details to come.

# 2017 Book Week / Literacy and Numeracy Week

## Theme: “Escape to Everywhere”

### Author/Illustrator Visit: Week 7, Tuesday 29th August ‘Martin Chatterton’

Martin’s visit consists of him talking about the writing and illustrating process and giving live drawing performances. His performance definitely leans more towards being a lively, fun ‘show’ which will be very entertaining for our students. Martin delves deeper into more serious themes of character, narrative and aspects of publishing with our older 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.**

### Book Purchase and Dedications during Week 8

Please visit the library to purchase and dedicate a book for our library during Week 8. Monday - Thursday from 8.30 am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 3.30pm. Many Thanks. Cash would be preferred.

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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

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### **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>





## Father's Day Celebrations

Our Father's Day Breakie BBQ and Mass will be held next Friday 1st September.

We will be celebrating our fathers and grandfathers at Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9:15am. Prior to the Mass breakfast will be served from 7.30am for our dads and grandads to enjoy. A wonderful team of parents have been working behind the scenes to prepare for this annual event.

We believe it will be a great way to allow our fathers and grandfathers to catch up, bond and feel loved and appreciated by our school community. We look forward to seeing as many of our fantastic dads and grandfathers attending the breakfast as possible.

**Happy Father's Day**

## Father's Day Raffle

This week we have started selling raffle tickets before school for our annual Father's Day Raffle. A team of our parents have sourced a number of prizes and we have received some donations. If anyone is still 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. Tickets will cost 50c each or 3 tickets for a dollar.

## Father's Day Stall

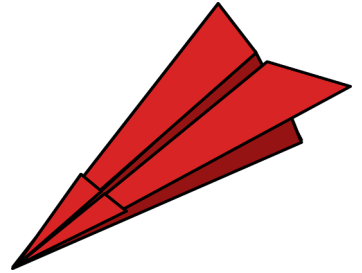
Next Tuesday, 29th August we will be holding our Father's Day Stall. The children will be able to purchase gifts for that special person in their life. The children will be allowed to purchase 2 gifts each ranging from \$2.00 to \$7.00. If there are gifts left over at the end the children will be invited to purchase additional gifts. Each child will receive a complimentary gift bag. Please send small denominations of money as it can be quite difficult to have the correct change to give back to the children.

## STEM 'Ready To Fly 2'

This week we held our 2017 Paper Plane competition. Congratulations to the students who participated. We had over 50 entries this year!

The 2017 results are:

Primary	1st	Jethro Cauan	5T	distance 14m
	2nd	Frank Agostino	3L	
	3rd	Norm Shidiak	5T	
Infants	1st	James Kerr	2Y	distance 12.8m
	2nd	Sophia Semaan	1S	
	3rd	Samuel N	2Y	



A new school record was set during one of the heats. This record was set by Jake Buxton from 3L with a distance of 15.1m.



Spending our lunchtime watching all of the different styles of paper planes flying, soaring, twisting and diving was very exciting.

~CHANEL & XAVIER +  
S.T.E.M COMMITTEE



## MERCY DAY INCURSION

Mercy day is a day to remember the wonderful influence of an amazing woman - Catherine McAuley. This year our children will be attending a performance inspired by the life Catherine McAuley. The performance is titled 'A Bright Light in the Darkness' and will take place on Thursday 14 September.

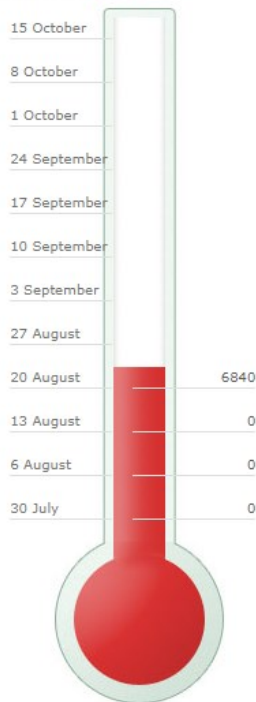
There will be two performances throughout the day, both highlighting the the impact of Catherine McAuley on our faith. The first performance will be run for Years 3- 6 while the second performance has been amended to suit Kindy to Year 2.

It is hoped the students enjoy attending the incursion and develop a deepened understanding of the life and influence of an incredible Australian.

Leanda Standing  
(R.E.C.)

## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Total Points 6,840



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.

Our goal is 30,000 and we are currently sitting at 6840.

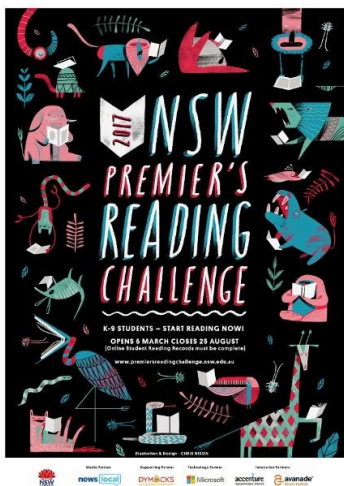


## WALKATHON

Congratulations and thank you to all our families for their generosity in raising the grand total of \$14989.10 at this year's Walk-a-thon.

Money will be used to support the learning and teaching by purchasing devices for the Infants and new Apple TV's.

## 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge



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

## 2017 School Calendar

### Week 6

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

Thursday 14th September	Mercy Day Incursion
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
	Last Day of Term

School returns for Term 4—9th October



### 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)



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

**"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.
- An opportunity for spiritual enrichment for your family life.

- ⌚ 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

To register, please contact  
☎ (02) 8838 3460  
✉ [lmf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmf@parra.catholic.org.au)  
🌐 [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)



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OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

## College Open Morning Tour

Wednesday September 6, 2017

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*

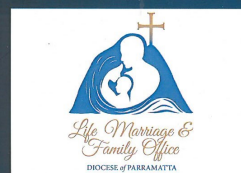
### OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.



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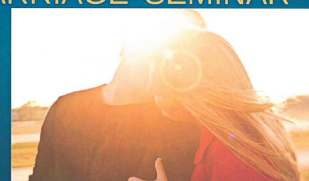
## THE 2017 'FAITH IN MARRIAGE' SEMINAR

### MEN,

## WOMEN & THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

Presented by Dr Edward Sri  
American Theologian

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



SUGGESTED DONATION:  
\$10 per person

To Register:  
Email - [lfm@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lfm@parra.catholic.org.au)  
or call - (02) 8838-3460

\*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*.

