



# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

12th October 2017 Term 4 Week 1

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Dear Parents,

*I hope you all had a wonderfully restful break with the children or if you were still working outside the home that you were able to manage the change of routine without too much stress. It is great to be back to school for Term 4 and I noticed that many children have returned filled with the enthusiasm required for really good learning.*

*Over the last two weeks I have had the pleasure of doing a number of walks around Sydney with some friends. One of my favourite things to do is to go into Sydney CBD and take a guided tour of historical sites where you learn for example about key indigenous sites, the arrival of the First Fleet and the establishment of the British Colony. Sometimes it is so hard to believe that a land that is now filled with vast sky scrapers and tarred, busy and bustling roads was once pasture and bush land. This spurred me to think about Parramatta and how our local landscape has changed and is continuing to change. For those of you who may not be familiar with the history of the school it is one worth reading.*

*When the school hall was built the builders were required to organise an archeological study of the area and it revealed some very interesting information. It is hard to imagine anything beyond the towering administration block and adjoining classrooms, playground and trees but the report sheds some light on a very different time and the people that once inhabited 'our land' at the corner of Ross and Villiers Street. I am sure that most of you know that Parramatta is an extremely important city in the history of Australia. One of the first settlements was established near the Parramatta River and spanned approximately 300 metres outwards. The land on which the school stands was first used as an indigenous Camp and a camp for early settlers. An early map from 1844 shows that the corner closest to Villiers Street, facing the blue building, was once owned by miller Mr J H Blanchard who built a flour mill on the site of the administration block, with the rest of the land owned by a Mr L Duck. In fact the now named Trott Street used to be called Duck Lane. The report continues to explain that the mill did close and was used as a distillery at one time and by 1899 the land was fully divided into residential blocks. When reading this information it is not hard to imagine that **St Patrick's is the oldest parish school in Australia**. Although on a different site, in Hunter St, the school was established by Father Therry in 1820 and then in 1837 was relocated next to St Patrick's Church, now the Cathedral. In 1874 the girls and smaller boys were separated and taught in a school opposite the church.*

*From 1874 -1888 the Sisters of Mercy, Head House Monte Saint Angelo, North Sydney, were teaching at St Patrick's School, in a building which was standing in front of the present O.L.M.C. in Victoria Road, then known as Pennant Street. These sisters were replaced by the Sisters of Mercy from Callan, Ireland, by the invitation of Cardinal Moran*

***In 1926 that building was demolished and a new building was erected at the corner of Villiers Street and Ross Street, the current administration block and library.***

*In 1966 the senior girls moved to Westmead, to form **Catherine McAuley High School**. The primary school remains to this present day, continuing as St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta.*

*The Sisters of Mercy handed the responsibility for the School to the first lay Principal Ms Joan Coyle in 1985. Since then there have been 2 more lay principals, Mrs Bryant and myself. Let us continue to pray for the St Patrick's Parramatta community with due consideration of those who came before us in its establishment.*

*May God Bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri  
Principal*



View of Parramatta, 1838, by Conrad Martens.  
Watercolour drawing

<u>Scholastic</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Sch Yr</u> <u>Attendance Level %</u>
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K	94.4%
01	83.4%
02	86.9%
03	86.2%
04	87.9%
05	92.1%
06	83.6%

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target  
Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance  
Level = 87.9%**



### Touch Football Gala Day

Last Term boys and girls in Years 5 and 6 represented our school at the Stage 3 Touch Gala Day. It was a remarkable day that we will all remember. We had 3 teams participate 2 boys and 1 girls, both boys team went through undefeated and ended up as pool champions. Well done to all !!!!

A big thanks to all the parents who came and helped out on the day, it would not have been possible without you. Also a big thanks to Jarrod's brother, Anthony Kassis, who helped with the refereeing. Thank you to Mr Younis and Mrs Masefield who made the day as great as it could be and thank you to Ms Fabri who allowed us to participate in the Gala Day.

Students should look forward to next year's touch gala day, make sure you keep on training and always do your best.

### FAREWELL MRS JADRABIEB



As many of you already know Mrs Jadrabieb will be going on leave tomorrow to get ready for the birth of her first child. As you can imagine she and her husband Ravi are very excited about becoming parents, however I also know that leaving a school for a while, even for such a momentous occasion, is not easy for such a superb teacher as Mrs Jadrabieb, Mrs Jadrabieb is currently 2Ms teacher but many children have benefitted from her interest in their learning and in her care as people. Over her 15 years at St Patrick's Parramatta Mrs Jadrabieb has demonstrated exemplary dedication to her vocation and to her students. Although the children and staff will very much miss her, we know this will be a very happy occasion for her family - with God's blessing. I know you join me in wishing her all the very best for the future and look forward to her return to St Patrick's Parramatta.

I would like to welcome Ms Terry Loo who will be teaching 2M for the remainder of the year. Ms Loo, originally from Perth, has had experience teaching in both Australian schools and those in London England. She comes with excellent references. We welcome her to the St Patrick's Parramatta School Community.

## FOOTSTEPS

This term the children will be participating in a dance program delivered by the company 'Footsteps' Footsteps is run from Kindergarten to Year 6 and specialises in curriculum integrated dance programs that use dance as a vehicle to develop students' inter/intra personal skills and fitness levels. Every grade has a dance class once a week and from all accounts they really look forward to these sessions. Our children really love dancing - it seems natural to them, so we look forward to an opportunity later in the term to present some of their 'groovy moves!'



Children will wear their normal school uniform to participate in dance as students are required to wear leather soled shoes.

St Patrick's Parramatta  
RETURN TO SCHOOL 2018 DATES

<b>Week One 2018</b>	<b>Monday</b> 29th January 2018	<b>Tuesday</b> 30th January 2018	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>31st January 2018</b>	<b>Thursday</b> 1st February 2018	<b>Friday</b> 2nd February 2018
	Staff Development Day –  Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments	Staff Development Day –  Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments	<b>All students commence the 2018 school year.</b>  <b>Kindergarten to Year 6</b>		
	Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 2 days.				



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the coming week:** Alana Medak, Feima Koima, Talia Kalouch, Christian Kalouche, Nyah Khalil, Rose Rizk, Xavier Dagostino, Alani Grohs, Baxter Gittany

**Sports Days for Term 4**

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 4:-

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		

**Condolences**



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Onano Family (Pierre 6W) on the passing of his grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Lost Property**

Parents as uniforms can be quite costly, we ask that all articles of clothing be labelled with the children's name to enable us to return them. Please come and check in the lost property basket located in the office as it is overflowing with unnamed clothes. As per the photos below you can see we have various items, some of them costly, in lost property. If any of these items belong to you please come and collect from Mrs Jones.



## 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

Be a Superhero for Julian Cadman!

Thank you to the St Patrick's community for your gold coin donation towards the Julian Cadman Super Hero Day. We raised \$1000.00 that will go towards the Gofund me page. Congratulations on a wonderful effort and your continued generosity.



## Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

**1** Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

**2** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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Item No.



FIND

**3** Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

**4** All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.



**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
**20th October 2017**

# 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

## 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials - Students with Representative Experience or Above Average Ability

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 for 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2017 and Term One in 2018. In some sports students in Year 4 *MAY nominate*.

*It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend.*

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the child's school. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.

***Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.***

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October as these trials will be held in November 2017.

All other sport registrations will open in November for 2018 trials.

**Please contact Mr Younis if you require further information or clarification.**

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### Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley City Farm

On the last day of term 3, Kindergarten went to Calmsley City Farm for our excursion. Kindergarten were able to get up close and pat many different farm animals and we also really enjoyed the sheep shearing and the sheep herding shows. We had a fabulous day and learnt a lot of new and interesting facts about animals and life on the farm.



# 2017 School Calendar

## Term 4

### Week 1

Tuesday 10th October	'Footsteps' Dance commences
Friday 13th October	Mission Mass—10.30 am (Year 6 RE Committee only) NO ASSEMBLY

### Week 2

Tuesday 17th October	'Footsteps' Dance continues
Friday 20th 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	Infants Assembly—Primary 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



*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)



### 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.

# CREDO MINISTRIES

## FAMILY OPEN DAY



Sunday October 22

*BBQ, jumping castle, games and activities for the whole family.*



Join us:

- \* after 9:30am Mass and 11:am Mass
- \* at the Cathedral Cloister

*Everyone welcome*

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta, NSW 2150 | 02 8839 8400

**SACRED HEART WESTMEAD**  
- PRESENTS -

**FETE 2017**

**SUNDAY, 5TH NOV**  
11AM - 4PM

**12 RALPH STREET,  
WESTMEAD NSW 2145**

~ACTIVITIES INCLUDE~

- RIDES -  
GIANT SLIDE  
DISCO SHOW  
CUP AND SAUCER  
JUMPING CASTLE
- STALLS -  
CAKE STALL  
TRASH AND TREASURE  
BASKET STALL  
CHOCOLATE WHEEL  
FAIR FOOD  
SAVOURY FOOD  
LEBANESE BBQ  
COFFEE CART
- AMUSEMENT -  
SIDE SHOW ALLEY  
RIDE ZONE

AND MUCH MORE!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL 9635 1758**



## Catherine McAuley Westmead

### Enrolments for Year 7 2019

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019. The closing date for Year 7 2019 applications 1<sup>st</sup> round offers is Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2019 applicants, but open to any year group.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**9.15 – 11am**

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into

classrooms and meet our students and teachers.

Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100 to book a place on a school tour.

**Save The Date** – The Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Afternoon will be held from 4.00pm – 7.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018.



SunSmart Snippet

# The simplest way

...to be a good role model!

### Did you know?

Researchers, parents and teachers know that children imitate adult behaviour. That's why role modelling sun protection is so important!

### How you can be a role model:

- **Slip** on clothing which covers as much skin as possible.
- **Slop** on 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.
- **Slap** on a broad brimmed, legionnaires or bucket hat.
- **Slide** on some wrap-around sunglasses.
- **Seek** shade when outdoors.



Don't forget – when the UV reaches 3, we protect against UV! You and your kids can check the UV level together by downloading the SunSmart app!

**Set a positive example and your kids will follow your lead!**



Health  
Nepean Blue Mountains  
Local Health District

To help keep your kids safe,  
check your school's SunSmart  
status by heading to  
[www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)

