

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

26th October 2017 Term 4 Week 3

## Dear Parents,

On Friday 27th October, Australia will celebrate World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day originally instituted by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the important role of teachers in our communities. At the recent masterclass conference I attended, principals from all over the Diocese of Parramatta gathered to discuss leadership, learning and the needs of students in general. One of the most important topics discussed was the impact teachers have on learning in schools. It was universally agreed that teachers have the 'power' to change lives. The professional relationship they form with their students can often inspire them to achieve more than the child can see in themselves. During my time as a teacher it is this potential impact that has given me the greatest satisfaction and when you are privileged enough to witness first hand how the child has grown into a happy and successful adult it gives a teacher particular joy.

For teachers themselves it is often a time for them to reflect on those people in their own lives who inspired them to take up this honourable profession, as well as a time to focus on what teaching means to them. For most teachers they have been inspired by the teachers in their lives or members of the family they admire.

Interestingly, when I listen to inspirational people talk about why they have chosen the career that they do, they usually refer to the importance they feel in making a difference to others in the world in some way, whether it be with the songs they sing, the art they create, the buildings they design, or the people they heal. The same can be said for the majority of teachers. For many teachers it is 'not just a job' but a privileged vocation that brings us into contact with hundreds of children and families. For a teacher, the joy of seeing a child learn and succeed is unsurpassed. Success in learning strengthens a child's self esteem which often impacts on their relationships with others.

May I take this opportunity to thank the wonderful teachers at St Patrick's. Their dedication and interest in your children is obvious in the many ways they go that extra step to assist them to be happy and fulfilled at school. They are creative and enthusiastic and demonstrate to the children the importance of teamwork and commitment on a daily basis. Their love for their faith is one of their greatest assets, each bringing their own unique gifts to our community. On this week of World Teachers' Day may I wholeheartedly recommend the profession of teaching. The future of our world needs intelligent and faith filled young people who are willing to share their minds and hearts as teachers in our Catholic Schools.

God bless you and your families. Bernadette Fabri

## Not Returning to St Patrick's in 2018

Thank you to the parents who have informed the office that their child will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2018. If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2018 please send a letter to Ms Fabri stating the last day of attendance at St Patrick's and which school they will be moving onto in 2018. This does not apply to year 6 students.

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

KA	Celine Joachim
KM	Marcus Moses
1C	Gabriella Volante
<b>1</b> S	Barbie Koima
2M	Emmanuel Missak
2Y	Maria Khoury



# st patrick's awaro

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

KA	Anthony Malek
KM	Jasmin Simon
1C	Phillip Boutros
1S	Sophie Salloum
2M	Aurora Broadbridge
2Y	Baxter Gittany

## **NOTIFICATION REGARDING GATE CLOSURE IN 2018**

To ensure full compliance with the school's timetable hours (8.50am to 3.00pm) please be aware that as from Term 1, 2018 the main gate will be locked at the official gazetted school start time, that is at 8.50am. This will mean that any child who arrives after 8.50am will require an adult to sign them in and this will be recorded as a partial absence. We are no longer able to continue to give children the 10mins grace period. It is hoped that giving families this early notification will assist parents whose children are currently arriving late to school ie after 8.50am. It is our recommendation that parents and children begin working on strategies now, to try to arrive by the starting time. Below are some suggestions to help improve this punctuality.

- 1. Prepare as much as you can the night before
- 2. Identify and overcome distractions
- 3. Make your morning routine visual
- 4. Delegate some responsibility
- 5. Make yourself scarce
- 6. Be willing to take your child to school even if they aren't fully ready

Please contact your child's class teacher or members of the leadership team if we can be of any assistance.

Regards Ms Fabri

## **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.





Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %	
к	94.3%	
01	85.3%	
02	86.9%	
03	86.2%	
04	89.7%	
05	92.1%	
06	85.5%	
CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%		

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 88.6%

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



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the coming week: Kenneth Zhang, Weyata Lamin, Stephanie Jabbour, Annette Francis, Alex El Khoury, Germain Toledo, Scarlett Khoury, Alessandra De Guzman, Ethan Lao, Zara Fong, Nicole Aboumelhem

# I love my teacher because.....

\* She is the best teacher of them all—Samuel

- World Teacher's Day \* She teaches me to read books very good—Joseph
- \* She makes learning fun and interesting. She is kind, loving and very caring. Always respecting our class. God Bless her-Justin
- \* He made me a confident learner and he is very funny. I love school because of him—Jack
- \* She always has time to listen and understand her student's problems. The lessons she teaches are meaningful and full of wisdom to guide us through life—Claire
- \* She always encourages me and helpsme throughout my learning—Emma
- \*She is the best teacher ever. She lets us do cool stuff and makes us go ahead of our learning such as our novel study group—Louis
- \* She tries so hard to help us and is always there for a great laugh—Daniel

## 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

## 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 <u>display an above average ability and/or have representative experience</u> in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that <u>only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend.</u>

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 <a href="https://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au">www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au</a>

This online form is an <u>EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY</u> 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 <u>EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the child's school.</u> 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.

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is currently looking for children in Year Five and above who are interested in joining the team of Altar Servers. They are an important part of the liturgical team at the Cathedral and I encourage all students who are interested to contact Mrs Standring for an expression of interest form.

## **Sacrament of Penance**

On Sunday all students interesting in preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation attended an Enrolment Ceremony within the 9.30am Mass. This term they will be preparing for the Sacrament of Penance. Please add these important dates to your diary;

**17 October** Penance - Introductory Session - **7.30pm** 

**31 October** Sacrament of Penance Parent Session - **7.30pm** 

11 November Sacrament of Penance Parent and children Session 4.30pm

**25 November** Sacrament of Penance - Practice for Penance **4pm** 

28 November Sacraments of Initiation - 7pm

## 2017 School Calendar

## Term 4

## Week 3

Friday 27th October Infants Assembly—Primary Choir—2.15pm

Week 4

Tuesday 31st October 'Footsteps' Dance continues

Friday 3rd November Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time

Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.00pm

(Note special time due to special guests)

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 Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time

Infants Assembly—Year 2—2.15pm

Week 6

Tuesday 14th November 'Footsteps' Dance continues

Wednesday 15th November Year 6 Camp

Kinder 2018 Parent Information Night

Thursday 16th November Year 6 Camp

Friday 17th November Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time

Primary Assembly—Year 5—2.15pm

Week 7

Tuesday 21st November 'Footsteps' Dance continues

Friday 24th November Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time

Infants Assembly—Year 1—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.



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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)



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## 2018 Diocesan Tuition Fees

The 2018 Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES		1 <sup>st</sup> Child 100%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child 75%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child 50%	4 <sup>th</sup> + Child
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1173.00	\$879.00	\$588.00	nil
	Years 1 – 6	\$1515.00	\$1137.00	\$759.00	nil
Secondary	Years 7-8	\$2100.00	\$1575.00	\$1050.00	nil
	Years 9-10	\$2331.00	\$1749.00	\$1167.00	nil
	Years 11-12	\$2976.00	\$2232.00	\$1488.00	Nil
Temporary Residence	Years K-12	\$1935.00	\$1935.00	\$1935.00	\$1935.00

#### The 2018 term rate for each of the first three terms is as follows:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Child 100%	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child 75%	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391.00	\$293.00	\$196.00
	Years 1 -6	\$505.00	\$379.00	\$253.00
Secondary	Years 7-8	\$700.00	\$525.00	\$350.00
•	Years 9-10	\$777.00	\$583.00	\$389.00
	Years 11-12	\$992.00	\$744.00	\$496.00
Temporary Residence	Years K-12	\$645.00	\$645.00	\$645.00

**Diocesan Building Levy** 

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan School or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools).

The levy for 2018 is \$783.00 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261 payable in terms 1, 2 and 3.

#### **Temporary Resident Fee**

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is \$1935.00 per student, payable in three equal installments of \$645 in terms one, two and three.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

## 2018 Diocesan School Fees

24 November 2017

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2018 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.6% increase on the

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.6% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration

appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families

## Tuition Fees - 2018

The 2018 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,173	\$879	\$588
rimary	Years 1 – 6	\$1,515	\$1,137	\$759
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
Secondary	Years 9 - 10	\$2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,976	\$2.232	\$1,488

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	Years 11 - 12	\$992	\$744	\$496	



#### School Based Fee 2018

Each child attending St Patrick's Primary is charged **School Based Fees per year.** These fees cover a range of activities and resources that the children will use throughout the year.

As of 2018 the Catholic Education Office has asked that all fees be placed onto our school fee statements. The benefits to our families are

- costs will be spread over three terms
- children will not be required to carry money to school for excursions
- fees are set by year groups

Specialty programs such as those involving representing the school for example Sporting Events, CAPTIVATE and optional extra curriculum opportunities will not be covered in the fees charged on statements. Permission slips and costings will be sent home separately to the children who are representing the school in

A maintenance fee has been introduced to help with the ever increasing maintenance requirements of our school. The fee will be charged per family (not per child) and is charged to the youngest child.

The School Based Fee breakdown is as listed below:

## Years Kinder - Six 2018 SCHOOL RESOURCE FEES

\$126 payable in three equal instalments of \$42.00 in terms one, two & three.

The fee covers a range of activities and resources such as general classroom consumables not covered by requisite list for example exercise books, craft materials, special functions levy and maintenance of class reading books and ICT devices.

#### Years Kinder - Year 2 2018 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

\$135 payable in three equal instalments of \$45.00 in terms one, two & three.
The fee covers Life Education, TriSkills (Gymnastics) and Dance and all costs related to Excursions,
On-site Incursions as well as local area excursions.

#### - Year 6 2018 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

\$168 payable in three equal instalments of \$56.00 in terms one, two & three.
The fee covers Life Education, TriSkills (Gymnastics) and Dance and all costs related to Excursions,
On-site Incursions as well as local area excursions.

### **Year 6 OVERNIGHT RETREAT**

\$159 payable in three equal instalments of \$53.00 in terms one. two & three.

**MAINTENANCE FEE per Family**\$30.00 – This fee is charged to the youngest child at St Patrick's to help with the ever increasing maintenance of the school grounds and buildings payable in three equal instalments of \$10.00 in terms one, two & three.

Please be aware that we have endeavored to keep our fees as cost effective as possible.

## Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

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## Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is \$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645. The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

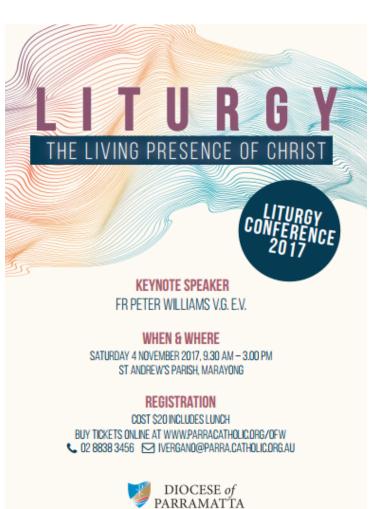
Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education, support that allows us to provide students with exciting learning experiences within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes

Gregory B Whitby Executive Director Catholic Education

Parramatta of Diocese







## **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.

## 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.





Join us for a family night with your picnic basket and blanket to enjoy an evening of live music and Christmas festivities!

December 1<sup>st</sup>- 5.30-7.30

All Proceeds of the event go to Ronald McDonald House

Face painting, sausage BBQ & of course a visit from Santa!

Free ticketed event
Get your tickets at Trybooking.com
'Christmas@Oakhill'

# 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 persistant 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.



## 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.

<u>YOUNGER WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP</u> – Solo Parent Services' Younger Widowed Support Group is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Support Group is for men and women widowed at a younger age whether you are a parent or not. **Please note change of Venue to:** 2A Villiers St, Parramatta. **Time:** 7pm – 9pm. Cost: \$5.00. **Registration:** Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au