

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

2nd November 2017 Term 4 Week 4

Dear Parents

Today is All Soul's Day and is a day where we are encouraged to think of and pray for our dearly departed. On this day people all around the world take time to attend mass and cemeteries to spend time with members of their family who have passed on. Having lost both my father and my mother it is fair to say that there is not a single day that goes past where I do not think of both of these amazingly special people. I imagine there are many of you who know exactly what I am speaking about and although it has been many years now since their passing when I hear their favourite song or someone mentions their name I am reminded about all they have contributed to the lives of my family and how much we miss them.

I think it is when you lose someone close and dear to you that you realize how special our Catholic faith is. Our church traditions are such that they assist people through their grief and the signs and symbolic actions within the requiem mass guide and lead us to a sense of hope in our sadness. The thought that they are still with us in heaven, someone we can pray to and pray for, can only leave us with much joy and love. Pope Francis shares some very welcoming thoughts this All Soul's Day.

I would like to share with you some of his reflections.

- All Souls feast is a hopeful reminder of the resurrection'
- 'Visiting a cemetery on the feast of All Souls can evoke feelings of loss and sadness, but for Christians marking the feast, it also is an affirmation of hope in the resurrection'
- 'We are walking the path that he walked, and he brings us through the door that he himself opened. With his cross, he opened the door of hope. He opened the door so that we can enter into where we will contemplate God.'
- 'Although visiting the tombs of loved ones who have passed away and realizing that death will come for each person can bring feelings of sadness, that the act of bringing flowers to a cemetery is also a sign of joyful hope in the afterlife.'
- The feast of All Souls takes on a "dual meaning" where "sadness is mixed with hope. We return home today with this dual memory: the memory of the past, of our loved ones who have gone and the memory of the future, the path we will go on with the certainty and with the assurance that came from Jesus' lips: 'I will raise him up on the last day,'


Beautiful words! Beautiful thoughts!

Today let us all think and pray for all those people who are dear to us and to our community at St Patrick's Parramatta and who are no longer with us. I invite you and your family to prayer the following prayer.

May God Bless you and your Families  
Bernadette Fabri

*All Souls' Day*  
November 2

*J*esus, dear Savior,  
on this day we prayerfully remember  
all our loved ones who have died.  
Please give them comfort and hope  
and may they be at peace,  
knowing that they will  
rest in God's arms eternally.  
Thank You for our memories of them  
and for the good times we shared.  
We ask You, please,  
through their intercession,  
to deepen our faith,  
strengthen our hope  
and increase our love  
that we, too, may someday  
stand before You,  
ready to enter Your  
Holy Kingdom.  
*Amen.*



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## Honour Award

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

3L	James Loader
3T	Claire Scanlon
4B	Lacey Bond
4G	Christiana Kalouche
5C	Eliza El Bayeh
5T	Nicholas Rahme
6P	Andre Eltakchi
6W	Joseph Pellew



## st patrick's award

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

3L	Isobel Rahme
3T	Aoife Mitchell
4B	Sebastian Mayonado
4G	Kenneth Zhang
5C	Jesse Sabat
5T	Oisin Ryan
6P	Daniel Takchi
6W	Alanah Issa

### 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

### 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.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the coming week:**

Rafael Buitizon, Aidan Khreich, Cyarra Fernandez, Lucia El Hani, Justin Mawad, Christine Kahwaji, Gabriella Cruz

<u>Scholastic Year</u>	<u>Sch Yr Attendance Level %</u>
K	94.3%
01	85.3%
02	86.9%
03	84.5%
04	89.7%
05	90.4%
06	85.5%
CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%	
<b>St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 88.1%</b>	

## AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP UPDATE



Thank you to all parents/carers for your cooperation with the school's afternoon pick up. We have noted that there has been a significant improvement regarding drivers not lining up before 2.30pm and I encourage you to continue following this guideline. I have recently been in contact with the council's senior traffic engineer and with one of the newly elected councillors at Parramatta Council. We discussed the changing of signage on Trott Street and further consultation with you and our neighbours will take place in the near future. I have also arranged to meet with key personnel from Parramatta Council to continue to find adequate solutions to this ongoing issue.

With much appreciation

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## GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Join us for a girls' *pamper*  
and *shopping* night.



**St Patrick's Cathedral Hall**  
1 Marist Pl. Parramatta  
**Saturday 11 November**  
7pm - 10pm

Enjoy a mini manicure, facial peel or an express massage while you get your Christmas shopping in early.

**Stalls include – candles, jewellery, children's clothing, children's activity packs and more.**

Please rsvp [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au) for catering purposes.

*Proceeds go to St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta*

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**BE BUS AWARE**

**Be safe on and around buses**



[BeBusAware.com.au](http://BeBusAware.com.au)

TOWARDS ZERO

## **Bus Safety Week 6 -12 November 2017**

- NSW has one of the largest metropolitan bus fleets in Australia.
- Every day in NSW, hundreds of thousands of school children, workers and tourists use buses to get around and travel all or part of their journey to school and work or to explore our state.
- In the five years to 2016, 20 people lost their lives in bus-related crashes, while 1,335 people were injured across the Sydney-Newcastle-Wollongong area. Of these 20 fatalities, 12 were pedestrians, 4 were drivers of other vehicles, 2 were cyclists, 1 was the passenger of another vehicle, and 1 was a motorcyclist.
- Crashes involving buses often result in more severe outcomes to other road users due to their size and mass, and because due to their size and weight, they take more time to stop.
- For more information please go to [bebusaware.com.au](http://bebusaware.com.au)

St Patrick's Parramatta  
RETURN TO SCHOOL 2018 DATES

<b>Week One 2018</b>	<b>Monday 29th January 2018</b>	<b>Tuesday 30th January 2018</b>	<b>Wednesday 31st January 2018</b>	<b>Thursday 1st February 2018</b>	<b>Friday 2nd February 2018</b>
	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.  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.				

## Pedestrian Safety

At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Help them learn the pedestrian safety messages by using them and sharing them whenever you are out and about.

### Students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

- Hold a grown-up's hand when
- you cross the road
- you're on the footpath
- you're in the car park
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### Students in Stage 2

- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road

### Students in Stage 3

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road
- Use a safe place to cross the road



### Reminder to Parents—Lunch Utensils



**Just a reminder that if your child requires a spoon or fork to eat their recess or lunch we would appreciate you putting a plastic fork or spoon in their lunch box. No knives please.**



**ICE BLOCKS !!** We are selling ice blocks every Friday until the end of term. Each child may buy **ONE** ice block at \$1.00 each.

**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.**

**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 Standing 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;

**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 4

Friday 3rd November	Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time <b>Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.00pm</b> <b>(Note special time due to special guests)</b>
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### 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

### Week 8

Tuesday 28th November	'Footsteps' Dance continues
Wednesday 29th November	Swimming Carnival
Friday 1st December	Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time Primary Assembly—Year 4—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.



*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

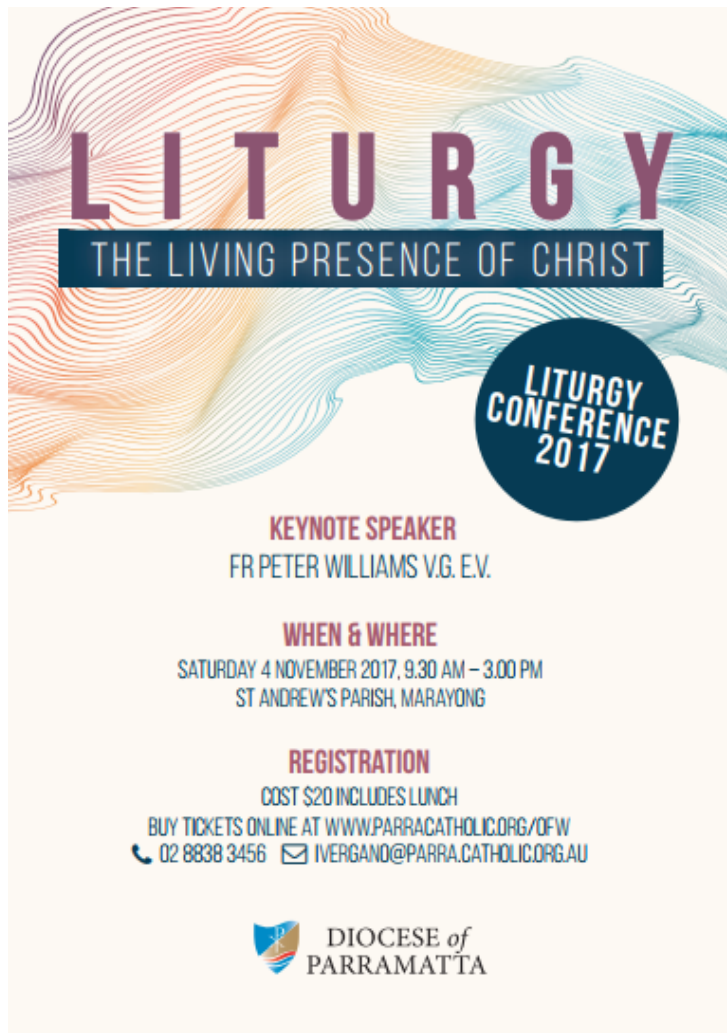
##### **Weekday Masses**

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)



# LITURGY


## THE LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**LITURGY CONFERENCE 2017**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
FR PETER WILLIAMS V.G. EV.

**WHEN & WHERE**  
SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2017, 9.30 AM – 3.00 PM  
ST ANDREW'S PARISH, MARAYONG

**REGISTRATION**  
COST \$20 INCLUDES LUNCH  
BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT [WWW.PARRACATHOLIC.ORG/OFW](http://WWW.PARRACATHOLIC.ORG/OFW)  
☎ 02 8838 3456 ✉ [IVERGAND@PARRA.CATHOLIC.ORG.AU](mailto:IVERGAND@PARRA.CATHOLIC.ORG.AU)

 **DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA**



 **OFFICE FOR WORSHIP**  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER TOGETHER AS A DIOCESE AND EXPLORE THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN LITURGY.

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE FROM MANY WORKSHOPS INCLUDING:

- MUSIC & COPYRIGHT
- SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION – A FIELD PERSPECTIVE
- SCRIPTURE & THE SEASON OF ADVENT
- ORGANISING A MASS – ORDOS, MISSAL & LECTIONARIES
- BRING CHRIST TO THE SICK
- MAKING CHRIST PRESENT THROUGH A CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY
- MINISTRY – WHERE IT ALL BEGAN
- CHOOSING HYMNS FOR MASS
- MUSIC & ADVENT
- THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE WORD

**CHECK THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
 [PARRACATHOLIC.ORG/OFW](http://PARRACATHOLIC.ORG/OFW)



**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.



**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  
KIDS ZONE

**AND MUCH MORE!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
CALL 9635 1758



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](http://Trybooking.com)  
'Christmas@Oakhill'



Nutrition Snippet

# The simplest way

...to download our free resources.

We have a bunch of great resources on our website for you to print out – free – to help make your whole family healthier.

- Reward your kids using our **My Fruit and Vegetable Chart**.
- Plan ahead, save time and money with your **Family Menu Planner**.
- Make packing lunches easier with our **Healthy Lunch Box Planner**.
- Learn how to manage fussy eaters with our **Strategies for Fussy Eaters Guide**.
- Get new ideas for healthy snacks with our **Fruit and Vegetables Snacks Guide**.
- Find out when to buy your fruit and vegies in our **Seasonality Guide**.



Visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycp5a89a> to download.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

The *Eat It To Beat It* program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



Health  
Western Sydney  
Local Health District



## Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day

