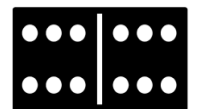


30th April 2015 Term 2 No.2

Dear Parents

Last Tuesday night a group of 46 parents attended a Maths workshop presented by Mrs Barclay, Mrs Benkovich, Mrs Carroll (Lead Maths specialist and Numeracy Support Teachers), Mrs Kerr and the Infant's teachers. The aim of the evening was to give parents an opportunity to learn more about how children acquire numeracy skills and develop mathematical thinking, in grades Kindergarten to Year 2 especially. After a brief overview the parents worked in groups to learn about the Number 'warm ups' the children participate in, as part of their daily numeracy block. Although all activities involved simple manipulatives, which can be often found around the house or at discount stores, the potential for learning is far from simple. In fact the '200 hits' gained from doing these activities at home help to form a very strong foundation for understanding aspects of Number; like place value and counting. Some of the key messages given to parents on this night include;

- Children need lots of practice counting forwards, backwards from 1 and from any number along the number line. "Let's start from 32...32,33,34,35....":Let's count back from 27... 27,26,25,24,23" etc
- Children need lots of practice counting 1 more, 1 less, 10 more, 10 less, 100 more, 100 less etc
- Children need lots of practice crossing the decade. " 18, 19, 20, 21, 22,"
- Most children need "200 hits" to consolidate ideas. They generally do not get bored with the same activity providing the numbers are different. Be creative with your questioning. "What about if I added 2 rows of 5. How many do you have now?"
- 'Number Busting' is a strategy that can be used to explore numbers in grades K to Yr 12. Ask your children to explain number busting.
- Research from Melbourne University maintains that algorithms (eg sums) should only be used when the numbers are too big to hold in your head. Children learn to use number sentences to explain their mathematical thinking.
- Once children have learned one to one correspondence, ask them to count using efficient strategies ie not one by one. Counting by 5s, 10s etc
- Children need to be able to identify 'dot patterns' as quickly as they can.
- Identifying patterns in the world is a very powerful way to develop Mathematical thinking.
Eg Arrays of windows on a building
- Using real life examples to develop Mathematical thinking.
 - ◇ Eg Estimate how many items in a packet (e.g. biscuits). Count them, (not one by one) Was your estimate close?
 - ◇ Look at the 'best before/use by' dates. How many days or months before this date?
 - ◇ Look at the cooking times on some packets. Which takes the longest to cook? Which takes the shortest time to cook? What is the difference eg how many minutes more or less.
- Visualizing numbers/ quantities is a key component to Mathematical thinking



Due to such a keen interest displayed by parents Mrs Barclay and Mrs Benkovich will be working towards holding monthly half hour workshops close to pick up time, to teach more maths activities that can be done at home. Keep a watch for details in upcoming newsletters.

I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Barclay and Mrs Benkovich for all their work in organising this workshop and the teachers for coming along to lend their support.

God bless you and your families

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



Bookclub Issue 3 2015—Closing

Date 15/05/2015

New procedures for ordering books—please follow below instructions



- Log into www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our new iPhone or iPad app from the App store.

- Select State: NSW

- Select School Name:

- St Patricks School : Parramatta

- Once you click on our school you will get the following message:

- St Patricks School : PARRAMATTA is now offering our Linked Online Ordering & Payments (LOOP) for Parents. You will be re-directed to that web site where you can easily enter your order and pay via our secure Westpac payment gateway – no need to return anything to the school."

- You will then be redirected to the Scholastic Home Page

- Select Order

- Select state: NSW

- Select School Name: St Patricks School : Parramatta

- From the right side click on St Patricks School (Parramatta)

- The select "START ORDER"

- Select which issue we are ordering from ie "ISSUE 2, 2015"

- Select Children + and add your children's names/class

- Input which books you wish to order and follow the prompts for payment.

- No need to send anything back to the school as the order automatically comes into the office.



WORKING BEE

Sean McIntosh is currently organizing our first working bee. This will take place in Term 2. Watch this Space!



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

Nicole Romanos, Adam Jurisic, Kyah Rahme, Jake El-Sabbagh, Michaela Chidiac, Zachary Bond,

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Date: TOMORROW

Uniform: SUMMER UNIFORM

If paying by cash or cheque tomorrow the envelope needs to be handed directly to the photographers.

To make an online payment go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter our online code of MKW J3F KMB, no need to return the envelope to the school. An email will be sent as confirmation, ensure you keep this for your records.

Sibling photos can only be paid on the day, in the sibling envelopes available from the office.

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGE OVER

Official date for winter uniform changeover is **Monday 4th May, 2015 (Term 2 week 3).**

The winter uniform is only available from Oz Fashions:

115 - 127 Parramatta Road GRANVILLE NSW 2142 Phone: 9897 3121

Operating Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am—5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am—4.00pm

Replacing clothes is expensive, parents please ensure all items are labelled.

We encourage parents of the younger grades to place a change of clothes for those little accidents, as we have limited supplies in the office.

LET US PRAY

During a week of such sadness and tragedy, in countries around the world; including the many lives lost in Nepal due to the recent earthquake and the death of the young Australians in Indonesia, let us pray to God our Heavenly Father.

*Risen God, life of the world
We long to see the light of your compassion, your justice and peace,
in all the world*

*Come, risen Christ, and bring your peace and healing flow,
Peace like a river calm
into the conflict and wars of the world*

*Come, risen Christ, and bring justice
Like a burning fire of passion
Like a warm covering of right relationships into places where people are tortured,
starved, cold without shelter and clothing
or struggling for freedom.*

*Come, risen Christ, and bring love
Love like an all-prevailing wind,
Like a breath of compassionate touching
Moving into places of hate and rejection, loneliness and sadness.*

Come, risen Christ, and transform us as we share in the transformation of the world

***Mary our Mother
PRAY FOR US***

***St Patrick
PRAY FOR US***

***St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
PRAY FOR US***

Please find below a link to read a statement from the Archbishop of Sydney Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP on the recent happenings in Indonesia. It is well worth reading.

http://sydneycatholic.org/people/archbishop/addresses/2015/2015429_293.shtml

PARISH BASED CONFIRMATION

If your child has received First Eucharist and turns 10 by the end of June, he/she is able to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Children who have participated in the St Patrick's Parish based program for First Eucharist need only to notify the Parish Office as their paperwork is up to date.

If your child has prepared for First Eucharist in another parish, you will need to collect the form from the school office and return it to Sr Susan at the Parish office.

If you have any questions please contact Sr Susan on **8839 8460**

ALL ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON JUNE 30, 2015.



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

Monday to Friday 6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Holidays 8.00am

Pastoral Team

Fr Peter Williams elected Diocesan Administrator
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

2015

TERM TWO – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Two

Friday 1st May School Photos—SUMMER UNIFORM
No assembly

Week Three

Monday 4th May Winter Uniform changeover
Tuesday 5th May Diocesan Cross Country
Wednesday 6th May Mother's Day Stall
Nursing Home visit—Year 4
Thursday 7th May Mother's Day Mass & Morning Tea
(Details to be confirmed)
Friday 8th May Infants Assembly—Yr 1 2.15pm

Week Four

Tuesday 12th May Naplan—Language/writing
Wednesday 13th May Naplan—Reading
Thursday 14th May Naplan—Numeracy
Friday 15th May Primary Assembly—Yr 6 2.15pm

Week Five

Tuesday 19th May ICAS—Computer Skills—7.50am
Friday 15th May Infants Assembly—Yr 2 2.15pm

Week Six

Friday 29th May NO Assembly

The Parent Calendar is now available under events on the Skoolbag app. From the home screen go into events and all Term 1 events are available to view. Should you have any issues please contact the office who can guide you through it.

Staff Development Day Term 2

Term 2—Staff development day will be on Tuesday 9th June. Children do not attend school on this day.

KINDERGARTEN INTERVIEWS 2016

Enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2016 will commence shortly. Interviews are scheduled with new families first and will then include siblings. Kindergarten interviews will be undertaken all of Term 2. **Mrs Nutter will be contacting families to book in a time over the next three weeks.**

SNEEK PEEK

Mother's Day 2015



Manicure Set \$4.00



Wind Chime \$4.00



Calculator \$4.50

Beaded Bracelet \$4.50



Melt Wax Burner \$4.00



I love You Bear \$5.00



Selfie Stick \$5.00



Mum & Bear Gift Pack \$5.00



Mum Plaque \$4.00



Magnetic Shopping List & Stylus Pen \$4.00

SNEEK PEEK

Mother's Day 2015



Each child will receive a complimentary bag to keep their gifts in.

1 per child



Compressed Towel
\$5.00



Ring Bell for cuddles
\$2.50



Umbrella \$4.00



Mini Magnet Bag \$3.00

For the special Nan's in our Life



Nan Plaque \$4.00



Nan Mug \$4.00

The simplest way

...to get your whole family eating healthily.

Most families have a fussy eater in their midst: a child who won't touch anything except fast food and processed snacks. It's important for everyone to eat five serves of vegies, and two serves of fruit – every day.

If you have a fussy eater, we recommend:

- **Have patience** – react calmly if your child refuses a food
- **Avoid pressure and keep trying** – kids refuse foods an average of eight times before they will try it – keep offering healthy foods and let them accept and learn to love them in their own time!
- **Involve your kids**– in cooking, shopping growing and choosing foods
- **Be a good role model** – eat together as a family and show your kids that you are eating and enjoying healthy foods.



For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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

Women's Spirituality Night

'Discovering the Spirituality of the Magnificat'

When
Where
Speaker

Thursday, April 30 at 7pm
St Patrick's Cathedral Hall
Sr Isabella Naumann

Come and join with other women as we reflect on the Spirituality of Mary's Magnificat.