

st patrick's primary school parramatter patter

21st May 2015 Term 2 No.5



Dear Parents

In a few weeks time the children will be receiving their Semester One (Mid Year) Report. A section of the report that sometimes engenders less attention than the main Key Learning Areas, which are reported through E to A, is found on the last page of the report. A table outlining Personal and Social Development and Learning Behaviours will indicate to you whether your child is displaying skills within these headings under the following standards; Enthusiastic and Conscientious, Usually or Greater Application Required. These areas are critical to all subjects.

When I listen to educational speakers commenting on contemporary learning, they often remind us that the jobs that our Kindergarten children will most likely be engaging in, have not even been invented yet. Whilst teachers understand that content is necessary in giving learning a context, most would acknowledge that with the continual 'information explosion' it is not longer possible for anyone to know all the information about the world which was once possible and expected by students of the past. The focus has shifted. Learners are required to do more than, 'know' but rather are required to think and to do this in conjunction with other thinkers. They are required to be adaptable, flexible, be creative, be problem solvers, be inventors, ask questions, manage and give feedback and more importantly manage change; to learn, unlearn and relearn. Children are required to work cooperatively, to organize and pace their assignments, work independently, and keep on task. How often have we as adults been required to do this in our work places? These skills require students to accept responsibility for their own learning and this begins with accepting responsibility for their own behaviour. This is an empowering position as it is teaching children that they are capable of being in control of outcomes.

*On the topic of reports last year I proposed an interesting question to the students in Year 6; **Are we our reports?** This was certainly a hot topic, as many children had not been asked this question before. After much debating I proposed to the students that their reports are simply a 'sign post' of how their learning is progressing, according to what they have chosen to show the teachers. The reality is we as teachers can only make judgments on what we see children say and do during the learning process. I put to them that they are much, much, more than their reports. This also goes for children who achieve B's and A's. It is very important that as proud of this achievement as teachers and parents can become it is more important to celebrate effort, resilience and improvement. Children need to see and hear that we value them for who they are and are becoming and not on what they have achieved only. I wish to congratulate all the children for what they have achieved so far this year and to encourage them to work towards the following 'Growth Mindset' beliefs;*

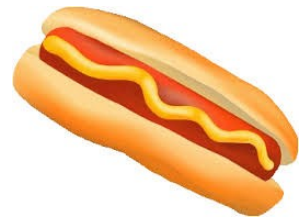
- *My intelligence can be improved through learning*
- *I thrive on a challenge*
- *I enjoy difficult tasks*
- *I am self confident*
- *I react to failure by trying harder*
- *having learning goals helps me to be a better learner*
- *I like feedback on my performance so that I can improve*
- *good learners check if they understand and do something about it.*

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

Walkathon Lunch



Friday 26th June—Keep this date free!!

FUNDS RAISED FROM THE WALKATHON LUNCH WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE DWF APPEAL



To make this an extra special day, students will have the option of purchasing a hotdog and/or corn cob, which they will receive once they return to school for lunch. This must be pre-ordered and prepaid. The cost of the hotdog will be \$4 and the cost of the corn cob will be \$2. Students may like to opt for the meal deal of a hotdog and a corn cob for \$5. Please keep in mind that this is optional and students may opt to bring their own lunch from home.

Jelly cups will be sold during the students play time for 50cents. Students will be allowed to purchase one jelly cup each. Once all students have had a chance to purchase one then they will be allowed to go for a second one if there are leftovers. Ice blocks will be handed out to each child at the park at no cost once they have completed the walkathon.

Look out for the note and sponsorship card in your child's bag today !!!!

Semester 1—Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be in Week 9 and 10 for all children excluding Year 3 who will be in Week 8.

To book an interview go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the following code for your child's year group.

Year 3—V32K2 All other Years—FWRLS



Tickets are on SALE now

St Patricks Primary School performance dates are:

Monday 15th June at Nagle College, Blacktown South

Wednesday 17th June at Nagle College, Blacktown South

Please follow the link to purchase your tickets:

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=132311>



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

Kaitlyn Chiha, Chanel Nader, Sophie El Bayeh,
Daniel Motilal, Elias Nakhle, Jake Doueihy,
Michael Farah, Gabrielle Murphy



**Condolences to the Gittany
Family
(Annie 6W, Luca 4G and Jack 1C)
on the loss of their Great
Grandmother.**

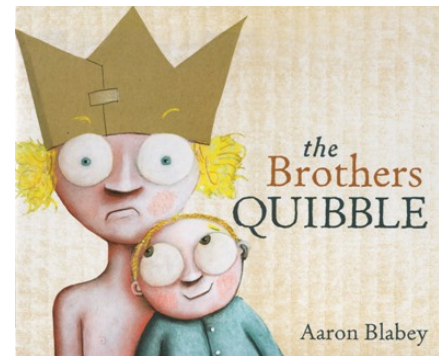
National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime was celebrated at St Patrick's Primary School, Parramatta on Wednesday 27th May.

All students enjoyed the fabulous book 'The Brothers Quibble' written and illustrated by one of our favourite authors Aaron Blabey. Teachers made crowns to mirror one of the fabulous characters.

This an annual national campaign that aims to encourage more of our students to read and enjoy books. Now in its 15th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades K to 6.

This was a great experience which enriched our literacy blocks and brought all our students together around one very engaging book.



Bookclub Issue 4 2015—Closing Date 3/06/2015

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 redirected 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.





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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

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 Six

Friday 29th May

NO Assembly

Week Seven

Wednesday 3rd June

ICAS—Science Skills—7.50am

Friday 5th June

Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

Primary Assembly—Yr 4 2.15pm

Week Eight

Monday 8th June

Queen's Birthday Holiday—NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 9th June

Staff Development Day—NO SCHOOL

Friday 12th June

Athletics Carnival & Infants Fun day

NO Assembly

Week Nine

Monday 15th June

Reports sent home to parents

Parent Teacher Interviews begin thru to Friday 26th June

Friday 19th June

Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm

School Disco (more details to come)

Week Ten

Friday 26th June

Walkathon “ I’m a Celebrity”

LAST DAY OF TERM

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Monday 13th July

1st day of Term 3

Friday 17th July

Primary Assembly—Choir 2.15pm

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.





Donations for Athletics Carnival and Walk-a-thon

Dear Parents,

As you are aware over the next few weeks we will be holding our school Athletics Carnival (Friday 12th June) and annual Walk-a-thon fundraising event (Friday 26th June).

To allow the students to have a treat for lunch at these events the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee and helpers will be organising a BBQ and treats to be sold at the Athletics Carnival and hotdogs, corn and jelly cups to be sold for lunch after the Walk-a-thon.

In order to minimise cost to the school, which will in turn allow us to achieve a higher profit to use for the Diocesan Work Fund Appeal and school learning resources, we are seeking donations from our school community of the following items.



If you are able to donate any of these items can you please bring them to the office as soon as possible so that we can have time to purchase anything still required in time for these events.

***Hot dog paper bags**

***Water Bottles (500-600ml)**

***Disposable Gloves**

***Napkins (any colour)**

***Sauce (tomato or BBQ flavoured)**

***Ice Blocks (Super Dooper size- long, thin ice blocks)**



We thank you for your support and kindness. The St Patrick's community is always so giving and generous and without your help and donations we would not have such successful fundraising events to assist the school with purchasing resources that will benefit the student's learning. God Bless you all.

Mrs Anne Fardell and the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee

The simplest way

...to work out how much fruit + veg you need.

Eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day will help keep you and your kids healthy. *But what does a serve look like?*



A serve of fruit is 150 grams

or:

- 1 medium fruit (apple/banana) or
- 1 ½ tablespoons dried fruit (apricots/sultanas) or
- 1 cup of chopped or canned fruit (fruit salad)

A serve of veg is 75 grams or:

- ½ cup of cooked veg or
- ½ medium potato or
- 1 cup of salad

Pack fruit and veg every day for school lunches – every bit counts towards your child's daily total – plus healthy food gives them extra strength to concentrate longer.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

WYD PILGRIM INFORMATION NIGHTS

7.00 – 8.30 pm

Tuesday 12 May 2015	Monday 18 May 2015	Tuesday 26 May 2015	Monday 15 June 2015	Tuesday 16 June 2015
Greystanes Parish	St Mary's Parish	Springwood Parish	Parramatta Parish	Rouse Hill Parish

NOTES

- Prospective pilgrims only need to attend one Information Night
- Mandatory Pilgrim Formation Nights will take place in 2016
- Please check www.parrawyd.org for up to date information or changes

ADDRESSES

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish
198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
26 Swanston Street, St Marys

St Thomas Aquinas Parish
168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall
1 Marist Place, Parramatta

Our Lady of the Angels Parish
18 Milford Drive, Rouse Hill

From the Parent Handbook

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

Children are required by legislation to attend school each day, and we are required by law to keep records of each child's absences from school. For this reason if your child is unable to attend school, a note must be sent the day the child returns to school giving the reason for the absence. This can be done by letter or by using the school's Skoolbag App. **Information regarding our Skoolbag App is available in the Appendix.**

Advanced notice: If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please send a note explaining the circumstances beforehand. If your child is sick, hospitalized or there is a family crisis, please send in the note when they return to school.

Partial Absences: It is also necessary for late arrivals and early leaving at school to be explained as a record of partial absences is also kept. Late arrivals must report to the office before going to class.

Parents who need to take their child out of school during school hours, or collect them in the case of illness, are asked to come directly to the office. Do NOT go to your child's classroom.

Dental and doctor appointments should be made outside of school hours if possible.

PLEASE NOTE: Children will not be permitted to leave the school grounds alone at any time.