

# st patrick's primary school parramatter patter

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Dear Parents

*Last Sunday, children from our school received the sacrament of Eucharist for the first time - their First Holy Communion, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Harris Park. It was just wonderful to see all the children and their families, including their extended family making this a priority on Sunday. As Father mentioned at the end of the ceremony it is so special to see the children truly embracing the presence of Christ in the host. The sense of awe that we have when we are young, with an unfailing faith, is something people can sometimes lose when we get older. Unlike children, adults begin to make other things more important and we often get caught up with the busyness of life, neglecting our spiritual wellbeing. I once heard a priest challenge the congregation by asking, "Do you really believe that Christ is present in the Eucharist? If people truly believed it, then it is surprising that people do not attend mass every day of the year."*

*Last week I wrote a little about the 'Gradual Release of Responsibility Model' where children learn from adults by first watching whilst we do, all the way along the continuum to the doing themselves whilst we watch. I think faith is an example of this. When I think about my faith journey from when I was little I have many memories of my parents living out their faith in a number of ways. They took my sisters and brother to mass every Sunday, went to communion and said prayers regularly. They helped out our family, neighbours and friends and encouraged us to always find a peaceful solution to dilemmas. They showed us how to love and just as importantly to forgive. At first, just like in the model, we just observed without even realising the impact this was having on us and as we slowly grew older found ourselves doing exactly the same things or aiming to. The power of the role modelling from significant family members can never be underestimated.*

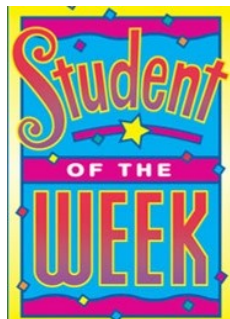
*As I have mentioned in a previous newsletter if the children's only experience of faith is the school the children are more likely to take off their faith as they take off their school uniform; it has nowhere near the impact on their lives as when the school and the family support each other in assisting in the child's faith development. I know that all parents want their children to one day grow up to be kind, forgiving, generous, compassionate adults who will behave as good citizens in service of community. They want their children to be happy and have a love of God and one day, God willing, to have their own beautiful families. Who knows they may even send them to St Patrick's. Children are learning to become these types of adults, now, from you their parents and family. If we wish them to attend church regularly and receive the Eucharist every Sunday we need to be demonstrating that now by taking them to Mass and by showing them what it looks like to be an adult Catholic who is active in their faith. We pray that over time we will see them actively choosing this life while we watch with great satisfaction of a job well done.*

*Can I ask you all to keep in your prayers the group of children from last Sunday's celebration and the children who will be making this very special sacrament at St Patrick's Cathedral, this Sunday and Our Lady of Lebanon the following Sunday. May God continue to bless you for the work in parenting your children and grant you wisdom, patience and hope in this our next generation.*

*God bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri*

*Principal*



Student of the week is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across any Key Learning area



### st patrick's award

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

Faith in Action

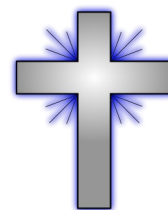
KA	Amyllia Maneze
KM	Christopher Mekdessi
1C	Olivia Gebrael
1S	Sophia Lorenzo
2M	Christiana Kalouche
2Y	Kiara Haddad

KA	Jacob Wehbe
KM	Amelia Coles
1C	Christine Kahwaji
1S	Jaden Dionisio
2M	Olivia Sicurella
2Y	Lucas Beacroft



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

Adrian Jabbour, John Weng, Jacob Tamaro, James Loader, Eliza El Bayeh, Brooklyn Griffiths, Lucienne Tolentino



### Our Lady of Lebanon First Communion

Congratulations to the children who received the First Holy Communion at our Lady of Lebanon last Sunday. It was a beautiful *celebration* complemented with glorious singing. We pray that the children continue to partake in this special source of God's grace and love.

Andre Elzahoul    Noah Gebrael  
Eddie Batti        Laurice Behan  
Josef Chedid       Harrison Chidiac  
Elaria Fayad

### Attention All Artists

There have been many great suggestions coming through the SRC Suggestion Boxes.

One popular suggestion being an Art Expo. So Artists get your paint brushes ready! The Theme for our Art Expo is FATHERS.

You can submit a creative response to any of the following statements:

- I love my dad because.....
- Fathers brighten our lives.....
- Fathers show us the way.....
- Fathers inspire us.....
- Fathers provide wisdom.....

You can use Crayons, Charcoal, paint, photography, Clay or recycled materials.

All Artists must have their name and Class clearly marked on their masterpieces. Artists are asked to have their artworks ready by Monday 31st of August, Week Eight of Term Three. Please do not bring your priceless pieces in until this date, as the St Patrick's Art Gallery will not be ready until Week Eight.

Enjoy creating Artists, we eagerly await your masterpieces!

Mrs Pope & Mrs Jadrabieb



### School Foyer Upgrade

During the upcoming school holidays our school office foyer will be getting an upgrade. As part of our Work Health and Safety legislation we are required to ensure the safety of our students at all times while they are in our care. At present visitors have free access to the school once they are buzzed in through the front door. With the new remodelling visitors and students will remain separated. Parents will have access to the office but will have no further access to the school unless authorised by the office staff. It may feel a little strange when you arrive back in Term 3 but be assured that we always strive to keep the safety of our students our number one priority.

Thanks Mrs Benkovich



## Parent Math's Forum

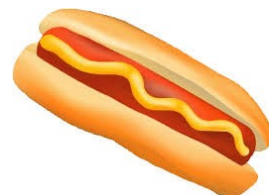
Mrs Barclay and Mrs Benkovich will be holding the next afternoon Math's session on Thursday 25 June from 2.30 – 3.00pm. At this session we will be using playing cards to assist your children in their math's learning. The session will be very informal and interactive, where you can ask the questions as we go.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Elly Benkovich - On behalf of the Numeracy Team



# Lunch - 26th June



**Friday 26th June—ONLY 8 MORE SLEEPS!!**

**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.

**Please return your lunch order to school by tomorrow to allow time for the purchasing of food.**

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.

# Walkathon

A huge thank you to the families who have already commenced bringing in their child's Walk-a-thon money. Just to bring to your attention that this is the school's Major Fundraiser and with money donated we are hoping to continue to equip our classes, especially Kindergarten, Grade One and Two with much needed technology. At this stage we do not have any laptops for the young ones to use and we are in need of more ipads across the school. These learning tools assist the teachers to develop higher order thinking skills and problem solving; essential skills for children of this generation and in their preparation for high school.

Once again I cannot express how grateful the staff and I are in your generosity and commitment to supporting the school.

Regards  
Miss Fabri



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make a creative lunch box.

Don't feel like you have to send the same old vegemite sandwich every day...



- **Make fresh spring rolls** – they're great for dinner and can be used as leftovers, too! See [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au) for a free recipe
- **Cut vegies into thin sticks** – send with a small container of hummus
- **Make a fruit salad** – dice whatever fruit you have into small pieces
- **Send leftover veggie curry** – leftovers can be kept warm in a small thermos
- **Add fruit to yoghurt** – decant a large tub of reduced-fat yoghurt into small boxes, and add pieces of fruit for a sweet twist.

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

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



## PRIMARY ATHLETIC'S CARNIVAL/INFANT'S FUN DAY

*I would like to join Mrs Fardell, Mr Younis and staff in thanking the parents for your great contribution in making the Primary Athletics Carnival/ Infants Fun Day and BBQ lunch so successful. The children really appreciated having such an enthusiastic 'cheer squad' and we certainly could not have run the day without our dedicated group of parent helpers. The mums and dads on the BBQ added to the day's fun and helped to satisfy the growing appetites of hungry young athletes. The adults certainly enjoyed it too.*

*Once again a special thank you is extended to Mrs Monique Wehbe and Mrs Josephine Romanos who worked tirelessly with their group of volunteers to get everything ready. I am pleased to report that the BBQ lunch raised \$2,215 with expenses still to be subtracted. This money combined with the money raised from the Mother's Day Raffle will go towards purchasing Literacy resources. Details will be published in forthcoming newsletters.*

*May I also take this opportunity to thank all the parents who donated supplies for the BBQ and Walk-a-thon. Again I am always so impressed with the level of generosity displayed by our community and so appreciate your commitment to our school functions. Thank you to Mr Younis, Mrs Fardell and staff for their outstanding organisation on the day. Thank you also to our Colour Captains for leading their teams and assisting with the events. Well Done!*

*Ms Fabri*



## 2015 Athletics Champions and Runners Up

**Jnr Boy Champion:** Luke Maroun

**Jnr Boy Runner Up:** Oscar Gray

**11Yr Boy Champion:** Jordan Moubarak

**11Yr Boy Runner Up:** Mark Sassine

**Snr Boy Champion:** Jaxson Rahme

**Snr Boy Runner Up:** Nicholas Parkes

**Jnr Girl Champion:** Kyra Dpenha

**Jnr Girl Runner UP:** Clara Glinski

**11Yr Girl Champion:** Ashley Younis

**11Yr Girl Runner Up:** Kayla Teklic

**Snr Girl Champion:** Crystal Makdissi

**Snr Girl Runner Up:** Annie Gittany

# THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff and students at St Patrick's, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of the parents involved in planning, organising, setting up, cooking, selling, packing up and cleaning at our Athletics Carnival BBQ lunch on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. A lot of time and effort went into organising the event and I thank you for your commitment and dedication. The BBQ lunch was a fantastic success which the students, staff and families enjoyed. Absolutely delicious! We have a wonderful St Patrick's Parent Events Committee who have kindly taken on the responsibility of organising these events, but they would not be as successful without the help of the volunteers who assist them on the day. It is evident that the families of St Patrick's display true Christian Values when it comes to supporting each other and working collaboratively to achieve a goal. GREAT TEAMWORK.

Thank you also to the many families in our community who so generously donated supplies for the BBQ lunch which included napkins, gloves, sauce bottles, water, cakes, slices, jelly cups, donuts and much more. We are blessed to have such giving families who never hesitate to contribute and assist whenever required. We were overwhelmed by the amount of donations that were brought in over the past 2 weeks.

A huge thank you to Troy and Darren and the rest of the team at Sound Agents who donated the marquee and the sound system for us to use on the day. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. You were so professional and giving and never hesitated to answer any questions, offer your services in any way you could or assist with setting up on the day. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to help out and allow us to use your equipment.

We are blessed to have such a dedicated and generous community at St Patrick's and working together not only ensures our events are run smoothly but also ensures that the children have the best enjoyable experience we can offer.

Yours Thankfully

Mrs Anne Fardell



## Check out more photos over the page!!!

This newsletter entry is coming to you from the 2015 Sport Captains!

First of all, we would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the 2015 Sports Carnival, everybody did extremely well.

A special thank you to the teachers and parents who helped out on the day. Without your help, the carnival wouldn't have been such a success. We would also like to thank Mr Younis, Mrs Fardell, Mr Singh, Mrs Jones and Mrs Benkovich for all their extra efforts to make it such a great day.

A final thank you is from Mr Younis to all the helpers on the day, from timekeepers to the magnificent chefs on the BBQ, as well as the infant fun day teachers. A job well done by all!

Lastly, congratulations to all teams for their efforts cheering, running and keeping our areas safe and clean.

Overall, the event ended with Wattle in first place, followed by Melaleuca, Waratah and Boronia in fourth place. Great job teams!

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the St Patrick's Primary Athletics Carnival.

This report was written by the Waratah and Boronia Captains





## Thank you from the Infants...

The infant's staff would like to extend their gratitude to all the parent helpers who generously gave their time to assist the teachers throughout the day. Your assistance in marshalling, record keeping, and supervision to ensure the safety of students at the park, as well as travelling to and from the park is greatly appreciated. The day would not have run as smoothly as it did without your support. The students truly enjoy your presence in creating an enjoyable and safe environment.



*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

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## TERM TWO – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Week Nine

Friday 19th June

Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm

### Week Ten

Thursday 25th June

Maths session with Mrs Benkovich and Mrs Barclay 2.30pm—3.00pm

Friday 26th June

Walkathon “ I’m a Celebrity”

Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm

LAST DAY OF TERM

## TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Week One

Monday 13th July

1st day of Term 3

Friday 17th July

Whole School Assembly—Choir 2.00pm  
SRC Presentation

### Week Two

Thursday 23rd July

Grandparent’s Day (more details to come)

Friday 24th July

Primary Assembly—Yr 4 2.15pm

### Week Three

Tuesday 28th July

ICAS—English—7.50am

Friday 31st July

Infants Assembly—Yr 1 2.15pm

### Week Four

Tuesday 4th August

Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

Friday 7th August

Whole School Assembly—Yr 6 2.15pm

### Week Five

Tuesday 11th August

ICAS—Mathematics—7.50am

Friday 14th August

Infants Assembly—Yr 2 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.

