



st patrick's primary school parramatter patter

17th September 2015 Term 3 No.10



Dear Parents

MOVIE NIGHT

Last Friday the school community gathered at one of the most enjoyable evenings of the year – our Annual Movie Night. Commencing at approximately 5.30pm families started to enter the school gates to position themselves at vantage points on the playground from which they planned to get the best view of the movie, Big Hero 6. Special Gold Class seats eagerly awaited the winning family - the Saab family – who, for the bargain price of ten dollars, won the right to be treated to comfy seats right up front complete with scrumptious food. The scent of wood fire pizza ovens and tempting coffee wafted through the air and the sound of excited children could be heard all over the school as they got ready for the movie to begin.

I would sincerely like to thank the members of the Movie Night Organizing Committee; Mrs Josie Romanos, Mrs Belinda Barakat, Mrs Zana Rahme, Mrs Julia Gittany ably led by Mrs Marietta Maroun, who all did an outstanding job; organizing, ordering, decorating, preparing coffee, packing fridges, boiling corn, selling popcorn and slices, storing goods away, cleaning and stacking. Most of these wonderful ladies spent all of Friday at school getting ready and then spent the majority of the night on their feet in the canteen. We are so very grateful for your generosity! A special thank you is also extended to any other parent who helped on the night in any way, including the many teachers who attended. We could not have done it without you all working as a team! Thank you also to the many families that donated drinks, chips and other goodies. Once again we appreciate anything you may have given to us. Although I am pleased to report that we raised \$3500.00 the winner on the night was well and truly our St Patrick's Parramatta Community especially our children. Well Done Everyone! Thank you to all the students who attended for your outstanding behaviour.

Thank you to Mrs Z Rahme, Mrs Tamaro and Mrs Daher for donating their time to sell chips to the children at recess on Wednesday. This was a special treat for them that they really enjoyed. My sincere appreciation to these mums for their assistance.

NEW PICK UP PROCEDURES LATE OCTOBER

In an effort to alleviate the traffic congestion on Villiers St and facilitate better safety for our students after 3.00pm, the school has applied to Parramatta Council to trial a new pick up procedure from Ross Street instead of Villiers Street. (See diagram) The council will take the school's request to their next meeting and hopefully, if all goes to plan, the council will swap over the signs in late October. The reasoning behind the new proposed pick up location is to enable parents to be able to pick up their children with less congestion. Parents will be required to drive around the block, hopefully only once. Pick up on Ross St will also enable traffic used by the commercial premises, to flow more freely, as they will not get caught behind cars making the loop between round-a-bouts. Parramatta Councils Senior Traffic Engineer was fully supportive of the idea which she felt was the best option under the current conditions. We are also hoping that the flow of traffic will be less affected by illegally parked cars who often park in the way of the traffic line up, to access shops on Villiers Street. We will keep you posted on the progress of this proposed change.



May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to seeing you at the commencement of Term 4 on Wednesday 7th October.

God Bless you and your family

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From the SRC

Student Charter

All members of the Student Representative Council for Semester 1 and 2 have been working with Mrs Pope and Mrs Jadrabieb to develop and create a Student Charter for our school.

A Student Charter helps us to understand what it means to be a student member of our school community. It outlines our rights and responsibilities of being a student learning at St. Patrick's Primary School, Parramatta. Our values of Respect, Resilience and Compassion are also present in our Student Charter through our rights and responsibilities. The expectations of our behaviour towards our learning, our fellow peers, our teachers, our parents and visitors are clearly stated in the Student Charter.

Next term, our teachers will be promoting our Student Charter within our classrooms and in learning spaces. We are proud of our contributions to the Student Charter and we are hopeful our behaviours will continue to be positive, safe and appropriate.

The Student Representative Council members.

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, PARRAMATTA:
STUDENT CHARTER

*"My children, our love should not be just words and talk:
it must be true love which shows itself in action"*
1 John 3:18

As a member of our school community, I have the **RIGHT** and **RESPONSIBILITY** to ...

RIGHTS

- practise safe and appropriate behaviour
- practise safe and appropriate internet use
- listen to the teachers who will guide me to be safe
- follow school and class rules
- keep our classroom and playground clean

- pay attention when a teacher or my peers are helping me to learn
- follow and listen to instructions or rules
- take ownership of my learning

- respect other people's opinions
- treat others the way I want to be treated
- speak clearly and use appropriate words
- show courtesy and respect when listening and speaking to others

- be fair to others
- be welcoming of others
- be positive

- use equipment in a safe and appropriate way, including technology
- be respectful of the school and personal property
- use only what resources I need

- ensure that my words and actions do not discredit the school
- wear my uniform with pride

RESPONSIBILITIES

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CONGRATULATIONS

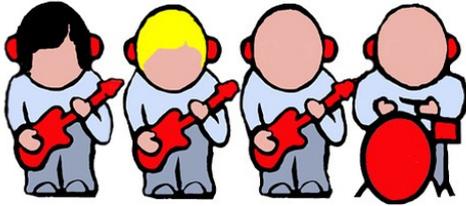


Congratulations to Mr David Younis who recently got engaged to his girlfriend Emily. On behalf of everyone I would like to wish he and his new fiancé all the very best as they commence their wedding preparations.



NEXT LEVEL SPORTS CLINIC

PARENTS SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday 23 September, our Spring School Holiday Clinic begins! Only 1 & a half weeks to go, and we are taking bookings NOW! Contact David at nextlevelsports@live.com.au for further details and to confirm your child's place. See you soon parents and kids, Mr Younis.



EXTRA CURRICULA NEWS!

Next term you will be receiving information regarding an opportunity for your child to receive instrument and band tuition provided by the Music and Performance Academy at OLMC. This program will commence in 2016 and will involve after school lessons. A cost will be incurred for those families interested in taking up tuition. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE DETAILS.

MINDQUEST

If you are keen in giving your child(ren) opportunities to be involved in Science based extension courses in the form of Enrichment Weekends MindQuest may be of interest to you. The MindQuest program is held at Glenwood HS and is targeted towards 'gifted and talented' students Years 1-6. There is a cost involved. If you are interested please collect a flyer and registration form from the school office. This is an independent event and is not associated with the school or system

The Pope Francis 'To Do' List

Use technology to solve real problems and serve people, helping them have more dignity, less suffering and healthier lives. (112)

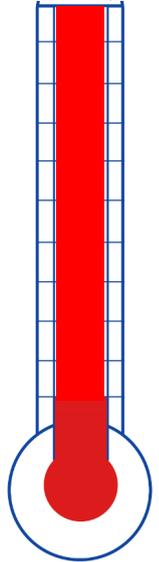


Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week and during the school holidays:

Connor Younes, Isabella Moses, Antonia Bayeh, Julian Camenzuli, Ashintha Joseph, Ethan-Jordan Firmeza, Lauren Polintan, Matthew Maroon, Audrey Baysari, Sheridan Achie, Nevaeh Bouari, Joya Barakat, Daniel Takchi, Grace Fahnbulleh, Meanelli Erive, Alexandra Elphinstone, Daniella Gereige, Jerome Santos, Nyagua Koima, Isaac Bechara, Anna Janczewski, Gabrielle Sabat, Jesse Sabat

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Target
30,000 points



The Woolworths Earn and Learn program has now finished and I am happy to report that we have reached our target. The stickers will be sent off tomorrow morning, so if you have any left please bring them to the office in the morning.

We are currently sitting just over 31,000 points. Well done !!!

Sports Report

The NSW CPS MacKillop Track and Field Championships was held on Monday 14th September 2015, We as a great sporting school St Patrick's, had three athletes enter the carnival;



Ashleigh Grubba, Luke Maroun and Marcus El-Chaar represented our school with great pride and respect for the badge on their chest.

They did extremely well to even make it to this level of competition, so as a school we congratulate them on a wonderful achievement.

Students, I am excited for next year's carnivals and to see all of you trying your best to maybe have your name in the newsletter one day for a sporting achievement.

To round up the sport's report, on the last day of Term 3 (this Friday) our stage three girls and boys touch football team will represent our school at Touch Football Gala Day. Look out for Term 4 newsletter for information on how the day went and their result.

Have a very active school holiday break and we will see you soon.

Yours truly
Mr Younis and the Sport Captains!



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15 September 2015

Dear Parents

We will be holding an 'Information Session' for those interested in preparing your child/ren for the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion and later Confirmation. This will take place through a Parish / School Based and Family Centred process. That means that it is **you** who do the preparation with your child, but we help you with this through a process of guided reflection.

In order to explain the way preparation takes place, you are invited to attend an Information Session. This session will provide you with enough opportunity to decide whether this is the right time for you to begin the journey toward completion of Initiation into the Faith Community begun at the time of Baptism.

Some points are listed below which will help you decide if you are ready to lead your child into this next phase of the journey of Faith.

How Do I Know If My Child Is Ready?

- There is no magical age for children who have been baptized as infants to complete their Initiation into our Faith Community.
- Some questions you may ask yourself when making this consideration are:
 - What does my child know about God?
 - Has my child begun to want to pray?
 - Is my child beginning to recognise the difference between RIGHT and WRONG?
 - Can my child accept that a mistake has been made?
 - Can my child admit that they sometimes do what is wrong?
 - Is my child able to say 'sorry' when it is appropriate?
- It is important that as parents you make a **decision yourself** and not be swayed by the fact that the child is now in a particular class e.g. Year Three. There is no **right** class that marks the **right** time for the first reception of the *Sacrament of Penance*, or for the first reception of the *Sacrament of Holy Communion*.
- To be eligible for preparation at this time the children should be 7 years of age by 30 June, 2015.

The Information Session will be held on:

Wed 14 October at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta.

Regards and God Bless,
St Patrick's Cathedral Sacramental Team

Please ensure you have a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate as you will need this as part of the enrolment process.



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

Straight from the Parent Handbook...

LIBRARY

All children are involved in the library program and are encouraged to borrow books on a regular basis. Children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to have a library bag clearly marked with their name. Please discuss with your child the importance of looking after library books. If books are lost or extensively damaged we will request replacement.

LOST PROPERTY

It is essential to have your child's clothing and belongings clearly and permanently identifiable. A name on lost property would enable the prompt return to the owner. Lost property is stored in tubs, outside the school office window.

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TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Ten

Friday 18th Sept Last Day of Term 3

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Tuesday 6th October Staff Development Day—No students

Wednesday 7th October 1st Day Term 4 for students

Thursday 8th October Antarctica Incursion—Yr 6

Friday 9th October **No Assembly**

Week Two

Tuesday 13th October Footsteps Dance commences

Friday 16th October Infants Assembly—Yr 1 2.15pm

Week Three

Tuesday 20th October Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 23rd October Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm

Week Four

Tuesday 27th October Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 30th October World Teacher's Day

Infants Assembly—Yr 2 2.15pm

Week Five

Tuesday 3rd November Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 6th November Primary Assembly—Yr 4 2.15pm

Year 1 excursion to "Wetlands"

2015 Movie Night



Staff Development Day

The date of the next Staff Development Day has been set for Tuesday 6th October. Children do not attend school on this day.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Just a reminder that Summer Uniform is to be worn from the beginning of Term 4. **Now** would be a good time to check that your child's uniform still fits and you have all the summer items. Parents can you please note that as per school uniform guidelines, joggers for sport are to be mainly white. Thanking you for your cooperation in ensuring that the school uniform code is upheld. Remember to label ALL clothing and NO HAT NO PLAY.

All uniforms are now purchased through Oz Fashions 115-127 Parramatta Rd, Clyde
ph:9897 3121



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make pizza, healthy!

Healthy pizzas are easier to make than you think...

What you need

- multigrain English muffins/or pizza bases
- tomato paste
- diced vegies, i.e.: diced mushroom, diced tomato, diced capsicum, pineapple pieces, grated carrot, olives
- reduced-fat grated cheese



Method

- spread tomato paste on muffin
- place vegies on top and sprinkle with cheese
- bake in oven/ under grill until cheese melts and is golden...watch your kids enjoy eating vegies!

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.



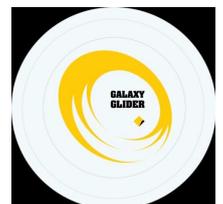
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Following the decision last month to recall the *Cosmic Light Beam Torch* due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming *Lunar Light Band* reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new **Galaxy Glider**!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don't forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.



POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

CCSS Solo Parent Services is offering its seven week Post –Separation Recovery Program which has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. **Commencing:** Wednesday 21st October from 7.30pm -9.45pm. **Venue:** DAC, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. For further information and registration, contact Eileen or Rita on 9933 0205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Holroyd City Council

Out of School Hours



Services Offered by our Out of School Hours Education and Care Centres (OOSH)

Council OOSH centres cater for children aged 5-13 years who attend primary school in the Holroyd Local Government area as well as surrounding areas.

Services operate Monday to Friday:

Before school care from 6.30am - 9.00am
(Pemulwuy OOSH 6.00am - 9.00am)

After school care from 3.00pm - 6.00pm

School Holiday Program 7.00am - 6.00pm - Full day. All activities and excursions are provided.

Closed public holidays.

Breakfast and afternoon tea are provided along with an interest based program that focuses on the National Quality Framework and My Time Our Place.

The services run stimulating and educational programs that promote physical activity and healthy lifestyle. Homework is supported through the homework club.

Environmentally friendly initiatives are promoted within the services. Services promote child well-being and development through the safety program.

Experienced and qualified educators develop programs to meet the children's interests and needs.

Families are welcome to visit www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au to complete an online waiting list application as well as view programs and complete enrolment forms.

Council OOSH Centre Contact Details

Sherwood Grange OOSH: T 9892 4207 - M 0419 632 885

Ringrose OOSH: T 9636 65 86 - M 0418 442 153

Guildford West OOSH: T 9721 2257 - M 0419 120 575

Pemulwuy OOSH: T 9896 6129 - M 0427 058 227

Pendle Hill OOSH: T 9631 8063 - M 0410 553 284

Widemere OOSH: T 9757 1904 - M 0417 647 310

Parramatta West OOSH: T 9632 5246 - M 0408 241 513

