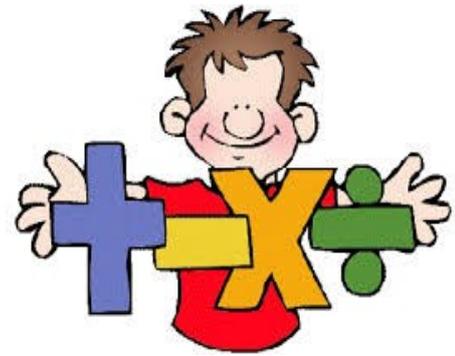


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28th August 2014

Term 3

No.7

Dear Parents

This week is the 16th Annual National Literacy and Numeracy Week. National Literacy and Numeracy Week aims to raise community awareness of the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all students. Over the last few weeks my newsletter articles included information about Literacy and Information and Communication Technology. This week I would like to focus on the important Key Learning Area of Mathematics. Across all grades at St Patrick's Parramatta, teachers are following the National Mathematics Curriculum using a 'numeracy block' structure. The structure of the numeracy block follows the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta guidelines below:

10-15 min number Warm Up with focus on quantity, manipulating and partitioning numbers

Examples of warm up activities include; the use of the bead string, dot cards, array busting, number busting, counting collections, the target game, introducing a new game that will be used during the rich task and building on the learning of the day before by giving quality feedback using students' work and observations. These activities can be used across all stages using simple to complex combinations of numbers including decimals, negative numbers and percentages.

30 - 40 min Rich Task with a clear mathematical focus

Rich tasks aim to engage students to 'do' and think mathematically by making sure that activities are rich, real and relevant. The open-ended nature of the task allows for differentiation and maximum engagement. The focus is looking at how the learner can solve the mathematics efficiently using different ideas and in different ways. Children are encouraged to monitor their own thinking by asking themselves the following questions;

Feed up – Where am I going?

Feed back – How am I going?

Feed forward – Where to next?

10 - 15 min Reflection, making the mathematics apparent for students

Unlike previous methods in Mathematics the reflection time of the Numeracy Block is the key teaching time.

"This is different thinking for most teachers and parents but research supports that children learn more deeply if the mathematical experiences have come first. It is a time to 'tune in' to the maths that has been learnt."

Numeracy Ning (Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta)

Teachers have found that this sequence of activities enables the students to not only explore a number of mathematical concepts at once, understanding the connections that they make across strands, but also to realize that solving complex problems can be achieved in many varied ways. They begin to see that if you can work out one section of the problem you can often build on this information to solve the rest and that working out what to do using simple numbers can also lead to being able to do the same using more difficult combinations of numbers. More information on the Australian Mathematics K- 10 Syllabus can be found on the Board of Studies website.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri



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	Tyler Morson
KM	Biaggio Volante
1C	Annette Francis
1S	Mark Abraham
2M	Joseph Romanos
2Y	Christian Walker

KA	Liam Jocson
KM	Jake Buxton
1C	Thomas Kougelis
1S	Kiara Haddad
2M	Zoe Borger
2Y	Daniel Moussa

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

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

DISMISSAL

After many trials regarding an effective and safe system for the dismissal of the children we seemed to have found a desirable outcome. Here is a summary.

Afterschool Care

At 3.00pm children going to afterschool care will assemble in the space under the hall (the cave) where they will be counted and organised by the after school care personnel.

Children being picked up by parents from the playground

Children being picked up by parents, family members etc from the playground, will be seated on the left hand side of the ampitheatre until 3.15pm when they will be walked over to the Cola.

Children being picked up by car (Villiers Street)

Children who are being picked up by car will remain in their classrooms so that they can effectively hear their names being called out by the teacher on duty. They will then walk over to the gate and wait with the teacher who will assist them to enter their car. At 3.15pm they will be walked over to the Cola to join the rest of the children waiting.

Children who are unsure

Children who are unsure of how they are getting home will wait in their classrooms just in case their names are called out. They can be picked up from the classrooms if necessary.

SAFETY REMINDERS

I have listed some guidelines to ensure the safety of our children and staff in the afternoons. Can you please take some time to read them carefully.

- Please advise your child how they will be **getting home** so as to minimise their distress. If you are unsure, remind them to stay in their classrooms.
- Please ensure that you **cross at the safety crossing (yellow lines)**. It is very dangerous to cross busy Villiers Street in between cars.
- Please be careful when **driving near the crossing** as we have had some concerns from pedestrians placed in potentially dangerous situations with cars not stopping.
- Please **do not** drop off and pick up from the **Ross Street driveway**. Reversing back is very dangerous with so many children about.
- Please be aware that teachers will not be calling the names of cars that are **outside the safe stopping zone** ie stopped at the 'No Stopping' sign. It is important that drivers continue to drive around the block to avoid blocking the roundabout. This is against the road rules.
- To try to alleviate congestion the pick up time from school is between 3.00pm to 3.30pm. Please try to stagger your arrival. The children are fully supervised.
- To assist in the smooth running of the pick up routine, **police patrols** regularly monitor drivers and will fine those who are breaching road rules.

Can I appeal to each and every driver to assist in the safe dismissal of all of our children by following these guidelines with patience and care. It is important to work together to continually create a system that functions effectively for our community. Thank you for all your support.

Bernadette Fabri

Father's Day 2014—Reminders

Happy Father's Day

Father's Day Stall

- The children will be purchasing gifts for their Father's and Granddad's on Tuesday 2nd Sept. The gifts are between \$2.50 and \$8.00. Please try to send the children with some coins to make it easier for the helpers on the day.
- The classrooms have posters showing all the gifts available. There is a limited amount of gifts per year, however, if there are gifts left over the children will have the opportunity at lunch time to purchase the remaining ones.



Father's Day Raffle

- Raffle books have been sent home once the permission slip has been received. **Please remember to write your name and class on the butt of the ticket** and return to the office along with the money.
- **Raffle tickets will also be sold in the mornings from 8.30am outside the canteen commencing Monday** through to Friday. The raffle will be draw Friday 5th September 2014.
- Raffle tickets are 50c or 3 for \$1.00.

The prizes include:

Remote Controlled Helicopter

\$50 voucher for Criniti's

Remote Controlled Ferrari

Men's Hair Voucher

6 month Gym membership

Men's Trichovedic Hair Care Pack

2 x \$40 Hog's Breath Vouchers

Makita Drill

Deluxe Car wash

2009 Mr Riggs Shiraz

\$100 Event Cinema Voucher

\$150 Tree Adventure Voucher

2 x \$50 Royal Oak Vouchers

4 x bottles of wine

Car Wash Kit & \$30 Voucher for Burson Auto Parts

\$50 Sotto Café voucher & Coffee Beans

Starshots Photography Voucher (Valued at \$645.00)

2 x Manpower Men's Clothing \$50 Vouchers



Father's Day Mass and Morning Tea

Next Friday we warmly invite all fathers, grandfathers and father figures to our Fathers' Day Mass, beginning at 9.30 in the Cathedral and followed by morning tea in the school hall. Everyone is most welcome to join with the school community in thanking God for the love and guidance given to us by our fathers.

Please note the children will be doing Gymnastics Tri skills for the remainder of the term.

The children are to wear their sports uniforms on the following days:

Wednesday KA, 1S, Year 2, Year 5, 6P.

Thursday KM, 1C, Year 3, Year 4, 6W

This will be in addition to their normal sports day.



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

Aidan Vancuylenberg, Sophia Paguaia, Alana Michael, Joshua Rizk, Emily Johnson, Ashleigh Grubba, Sophie Allida, Arthur Constantone, Eddie Batti

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Change of Date

Term Three Has been postponed until Monday 24th November

Term Four Thursday 18th and Friday 19th of December (last 2 days of the school year)

THANK YOU from the Sydney Kings

Angus Brandt and Jason Cadee from the MightyMite Sydney Kings would like to send a BIG thank you to all the school children at St Patrick's for allowing them to come and have a special basketball training session.

Both Angus and Jason really enjoyed their time showing the children a few basketball moves and they were very impressed with how enthusiastic and polite the children were. They would love the children to come up and say 'Hi' at any of the Sydney Kings games.

As a thank you the Sydney Kings handed out Junior Dunker vouchers for 2 FREE tickets to their first home game on Saturday 11th October against the Wollongong Hawks. Sydney Kings would like now to extend this offer to all the children at St Patrick's so bring your families and friends and you can see the 208cm Angus as centre and the 185cm Jason as guard in action.

For your 2 FREE tickets log onto www.sydneykings.com and look for the 'Junior Dunker' button.



Sydney Kings Game Night Information

Venue: Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly Sydney Entertainment Centre)

Address: 35 Harbour Street, Haymarket

Parking Options: Entertainment Centre Car Park (Darling Drive, Haymarket)
or Darling Quarter Car Park (1-11 Harbour Street, Haymarket)

NEXT GAME

SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER 2014

TIME: 7.30PM TIPOFF

(Doors Open 6.00pm)

PLAYER: Jason Cadee

Age: 23

Height: 185cm

Position: Guard

Played for the
Australian Emus



PLAYER: Angus Brandt

Age: 24

Height: 208cm

Position: Centre

Played for the
Australian Boom-



Cumberland Zone Carnival

Congratulations to all of the St Patrick's students who represented the Cumberland Zone at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival last Friday 22nd August. All of our athletes performed to the best of their ability and we commend them on their dedication and great sportsmanship.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Antonia Khalil in Year 6 for her outstanding performance in the **12 Years Girls 100m Final**. Antonia's exceptional performance has resulted in her qualifying to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSS MacKillop Track and Field Championships on Monday the 15th September at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush.

We wish Antonia the best of luck for this experience. She is already a champion in our eyes and I am positive that she will perform to the best of her ability.

Mrs Anne Fardell

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 6 -2014

Due Wednesday 3rd Sept, 2014 NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED **The preferred method of payment is to make the payment online directly to scholastic.** If paying by cheque please make the CHEQUE out to Scholastic Australia.

Remember to fill out Order Forms correctly and place in a sealed envelope clearly marked with

NAME - CLASS - BOOKCLUB - CORRECT MONEY (no change given)

Lost Property

Parents can we please ask that you check the name on your children's jackets as we have several jackets missing that are labelled and kids sometimes pick up the wrong jacket.

We have an over abundance of lost property in the office ranging from scarves, sports jackets, bomber jackets and track pants. If you are missing items please come into the office and go thru the pile of lost items.

St Patrick's Movie Night: Drink Donations

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for the overwhelming support we have already received regarding the donation of soft drinks for our first annual movie night on 19th September. We truly appreciate your ongoing support and commitment. Please feel free to begin bringing the donations in to the school and we will store them in the canteen ready for the event.

As we are receiving quite a few soft drink donations from many families, I would like to suggest donations of water or juice/poppers for families still wishing to donate drinks for the event. As you are aware there may be some children who cannot consume soft drinks or do not like soft drink so we thought it would be appropriate to provide juice/poppers or water for these children.

Once again we thank you for your support. If you have any further enquiries or would like to make a donation please contact Mrs Fardell at school or Mrs Marietta Maroun.

CONNECT TO READING ALPHABET PARADE BOOK WEEK 2014

On Tuesday the 26th August, the students of St Patrick's celebrated book week by dressing up as characters or things that started with an alphabet letter. The children went up to the hall for the parade due to the unfortunate weather. It was a great time for all the teachers and students to get creative and let their imagination run wild.

There were many great costumes worn on the day for example crazy robots, funny clowns, awesome super heroes, devious villains, smart doctors, characters from Wizard of Oz and many other characters from movies. Grade by Grade the students had the opportunity to show off their amazing costumes by parading on stage along with some music.

The teachers were also extremely imaginative and creative. They all came dressed as punctuation marks. Did you know a hashtag # is really called an octathorpe?

Thank you to all the parents who have donated a book to the school. We have received an amazing response with \$1300 worth of books being donated.

A big thank you to the parents and carers who have assisted Mrs O'Dwyer in the library.

Lastly a BIG thank you to Mrs O'Dwyer, none of this would be possible without all her dedication and time. All the students of St Patrick's are grateful and know how much effort she has put in overall.

Written by Miray Sakr and Yvette Roque—6W students



Thank you to Mr Gittany who volunteered his time to take these fabulous photos.





**Catherine McAuley Westmead
School Open Morning 9.15 – 11am**

Tuesday 2nd September 2014 **Enrolments for Year 7 2016**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2016. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour and avoid the crowds in Term 1 next year.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

PRC Presentation: Anxiety & Children

Term 3 Mon (1 September 2014)

**Venue: St Patrick's Primary School,
51 Allawah Rd, Blacktown**

Topic: Anxiety and Children

Dr Andrew Martin is a well respected and experienced presenter who was very popular at the recent Catholic Schools Parents Conference held in Parramatta in 2013.

An important area of interest for many parents and families. The presentation commences at 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm)

Contact: Parents Representative Council,
Parramatta Diocese

Email: prcparraevents@hotmail.com



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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

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Seven

Friday 29th August Whole School Assembly

Week Eight

Tuesday 2nd Sept Father's Day stall
Friday 5th Sept Father's Day Mass and Morning Tea
Primary Assembly Year 3

Week Nine

Friday 12th Sept No Assembly

Week Ten

Friday 19th Sept Movie Night
Last day of Term

TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week One

Tuesday 7th October Return to School

Week Two

Friday 17th Oct Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion

*Lean more on God and less on
Ourselves*

Saint Mary Mackillop (1890)