

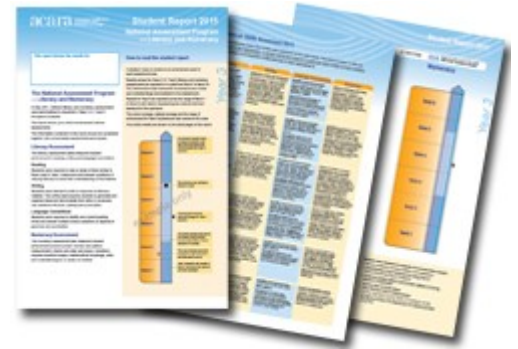
st patrick's primary school

parramatta patter

11th September 2014

Term 3

No.9



Dear Parents

On Friday, 5th September the parents of Year Three and Year Five students received their child's results for the National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) which they sat for on the 13th to 15th May, 2014. These results provide an account on how these students performed in Literacy and Numeracy on the day of the assessment. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including; reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy.

*It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of assessment used to determine the performance and progress of students. The Year Three test assesses concepts and skills learnt in Literacy and Numeracy from Kindergarten to Year Three. Similarly the Year Five test then assesses all learnings from each grade up to that point in time. In this type of test situation some children perform very well while others may be overwhelmed by the situation and not achieve the expected levels. At St Patrick's Parramatta **all** students in Years three and five sit for the NAPLAN tests.*

Each NAPLAN report shows the child's achievement in skill bands; for Year three, Bands 1 to 6 and for Year five, Bands 3 to 8. The report also shows the national average and the school's average and allows parents to see how their child's performance compares to that of other students, across Australia, who sat for the tests. It is pleasing to note that the school average was above the national average in all areas in Literacy and Numeracy in both Years 3 and 5. Areas of particular strength include Persuasive Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation for both grades where the school's average was well above the national average. Although above the national average, an area for further development is Numeracy.

Teachers will now use the NAPLAN results to assist them to better understand the learning needs of their students and to take further action to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Additional information to assist in understanding NAPLAN and the test results can be found at www.nap.edu.au/Test_Results/Student_reports/indez.html and at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/

If you have any questions with regard to your child's NAPLAN results please contact your child's classroom teacher.

God bless you and your family

*Bernadette Fabri
Principal*

Student of the Week and St Patricks Award

As there is NO assembly for the next 2 weeks there will be no Student of the Week and St Patricks Award.

The next assembly will be on Friday 10th October.

SUMMER UNIFORM

As the weather is getting warmer summer uniform may now be worn. All children must be in Summer Uniform from Week 1, 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.



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

Kristen Shidiak, Matthew Liang, Allen Soso, Connor Younes, Isabella Moses

CHILD PROTECTION

Dear Parents,

If your child is having any difficulty at school eg social problems with other children, can I ask you to make an appointment to discuss this with your child's classroom teacher, ring Mrs Benkovich or myself. Under no circumstances is it appropriate for you to approach the other child to reprimand them, even in what you may think is in the gentlest of ways. Children are vulnerable and must always be protected and 'adult to child' interaction at school must always be nonthreatening and positive. In this way we can protect all children who have the right to feel safe at school, especially from adults. I can assure you that all incidents reported will be thoroughly followed up and actions taken until situations are resolved. In my experience children are often willing to forgive and forget within a reasonable time if managed properly by the adults involved. Once again please feel welcome to contact the school at any time for any concerns you may have.

Bernadette Fabri

Movie Night Reminders

The St Patrick's Movie Night is fast approaching and I know that there are many children who are very excited about this community event. A huge thank you to all the generous parents, behind the scenes, busily organising treats for the evening and to all those who have donated drinks, serviettes etc. Thank you to Mrs Anne Fardell who has been the staff coordinator liaising with the Movie Night committee. Can I remind parents that all children attending must be accompanied by an adult and that the responsibility for the supervision of children will be with these adults. **Children must not be dropped off and picked up later in the evening as there will be no staff supervision available. For safety reasons, the parents of any child found without adult supervision on the night will be contacted to collect them.**



- We would appreciate tickets were brought prior to the night to assist with catering.
- The tickets are \$10 each (babies and non school age children free of charge)
- If it rains on the night a contingency plan has been organised, where it will be moved to the hall, in this case only blankets will be permitted to enable more people to fit in.
- In the event the movie is moved to the hall food will be available for purchase from the staff car park under the hall.
- Tickets will given to the children on Wednesday 17th September to bring home.
- Gates open at 5.30pm. Movie starts at 6.30pm.

Let us pray for good weather!

REGISTER NOW!

nextlevelsports@live.com.au

Why Choose Us?

Next Level Sports Clinic is an active school holiday experience for primary school students (5-13 years), run by Mr David Younis and other qualified PDHPE teachers. We offer a variety of fun and challenging sport activities for all levels and abilities.

After a successful run and such high demand during the winter holidays, Mr Younis will be running another clinic in the September school holidays.

Act now, as spots are limited! Are you ready for the Next Level experience?

For more information... (such as dates, location and other enquiries) Contact David Younis at: nextlevelsports@live.com.au (Emails returned promptly)

Like us on Facebook! Search for "Next Level Sports Clinic"



Father's Day 2014 Raffle Winners

1st	Star Shots Photography	Ella Abdallah 1C
2nd	Genesis 6 mth gym Membership	Veronica Takchi 5C
3rd	Trees Adventure	Eden Gittany 4B
4th	Events Cinema Voucher	Arthur Constantone 4G
5th	Rebel Gift card	Alana Maroun 5T
6th	Helicopter Remote control	Julian Tanna 1C
7th	Ferrari Remote control	Ryan Day 1C
8th	Auto Pack	Joseph Haddad 4B
9th	Makita Drill	Luke Maroun 3T
10th	Sotto Café voucher & coffee beans	Noah Gebrael 2Y
11th	Tricho Vedic Hair care	Elisa Daher KM
12th	Crinitis Voucher	Simone Sabat 3T
13th	Royal Oak Hotel Voucher	Jade Takchi 2M
14th	Manpower Men's Clothing Voucher	Lucy Parkes 1C
15th	Eternity Aftershave	Amelia Tannous 5C
16th	Manpower Men's Clothing Voucher	Noah Gebrael 2Y
17th	Diesel Car Seat covers	Erica Jurisic 2M
18th	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine	Jacob Manago KM
19th	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine	Jade Takchi 2M
20th	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine	Olivia Wehbe KM
21st	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine	Clarissa Guino 5C
22nd	The Moody Chef coffee voucher & wine	Stephanie Saab 2Y
23rd	Intimately Beckham Aftershave	Joseph Haddad 4B
24th	Hogs Breathe Café voucher	Julian Camenzuli 2Y
25th	Royal Oak Hotel Voucher	Mikaela Barrientos Salazar 2Y
26th	Hogs Breathe Café voucher	Michael Farah 3L
27th	Deluxe Car wash voucher	Simone Sabat 3T
28th	Wish gift card	Jordan Moubarak 5C
29th	TYH Hair voucher	George Draybi 1C
30th	Men's Hamper	Mikaela Barrientos Salazar 2Y
31st	Ping Pong set	Christian Barakat KA



Father's Day 2014

**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
Very Rev Fr Ropbert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

SACRAMENTS

The next process for **Sacraments for Children already Baptised** will commence in October. There will be an **INFORMATION** evening on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Cathedral hall. Parents who are interested in presenting their child should attend this meeting. To be eligible for preparation the children should be 7 years of age by the 30th June, 2014.

Please collect a form from the Narthex of the Cathedral. This form should be presented at the information Session on Wednesday 8th October.
(Please do not pass it in to the school or parish office prior to that date.)

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. If you are missing items please come into the office and go thru the pile of lost items.



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

TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Thursday 9th October Footsteps Dance Program Begins
Friday 10th October Primary Assembly
Yr 6 - 2.20pm

Week Two

Thursday 16th October Footsteps Dance Program
Friday 17th Oct Yr 5 Bathurst Excursion
Infants Assembly
Yr 2 - 2.20pm

*Bear with the faulty as you hope
God will bear with you*

(1889) St Mary of the Cross MacKillop