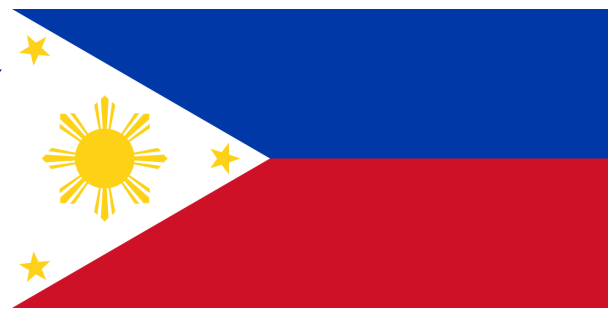


# st patrick's primary school

## parramatter patter



15th October 2015 Term 4 No.2

Dear Parents

Next year, 2016, a number of youth and young adults between the ages of 16 to 35, from the Diocese of Parramatta, **including our school representative Miss Azar**, will be involved in World Youth Day Krakow. As part of what promises to be a profoundly spiritual experience, pilgrims will have the opportunity to join one of 2 pilgrimages. The first pilgrimage has particularly caught my attention as it will be to the homeland of many of the families at St Patrick's Parramatta – **the Philippines**. As stated in the World Youth Day Information Booklet, "This itinerary takes pilgrims to Bohol Island in the Philippines, where in 2013 the Diocese of Tagbilaran (Central Visayas) was devastated by an earthquake. Pilgrims will spend four days working with young people in schools, parishes, and orphanages, looking to rebuild and provide hope for the future." They will also help out in early childhood centres, primary schools, secondary schools and woman's refuges, and be involved with general maintenance, teaching and mentoring, tending vegetable gardens, painting and providing food for children in need.

Whilst much of the cost of materials for these jobs will be met by the Diocese of Parramatta, each of the seven parishes visited by the pilgrims will require our contribution to enable the mission projects to be successful and for the parishes to be self sufficient.

In order to support such a worthy cause, on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, the school will be holding a **'World Youth Day - Help the Philippines - Gold and Fold - Mufti Day'**. **On this day children will be asked to wear any casual clothes in the colours of the Filipino flag; red, blue and gold, for the donation of a gold coin.** All donations will be gratefully accepted.

As part of my involvement on the World Youth Day Committee, I have seen a number of videos from this region. This footage has been taken by members of our committee, when on their visits, as part of the preparation. I have been touched by the friendliness of these very humble people, their faith and their positive outlook, even though they have been left with nothing. Perhaps some of our Filipino families, have family also living in these devastated parishes. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could raise significant funds to assist our neighbours in need. If you would like to assist in this fund raising by selling raffle tickets at the school disco or before or after school, please ring the office and leave your name. The prizes for the raffle are gift vouchers donated by the Cathedral Parish.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal





## Honour Award

The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter

3L	Jessica Bechara
3T	Daniel Moussa
4B	Annabelle Younes
4G	Annamika Sawant
5C	Zayden Weaver
5T	Antonia Bayeh
6P	Clarissa Guino
6W	Jaxson Rahme

## st patrick's award

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

3L	Darcy Fraser
3T	Mia Kerr
4B	Ethan Lao
4G	Joya Barakat
5C	Mikayla Urizar
5T	Oscar Gray
6P	Nathan Rizk
6W	Karanvir Sidhu



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

Norman Elzahoul, Mark Abraham, Jake Buxton,  
Alissa Banzato, Jacob Manago,  
Alexandriya Izmestyeva, Julian Tanna,  
Renee Kougellis, Oliver Kougellis, Kenneth Zhang,  
Weyata Lamin, Annette Francis, Alex El Khoury



**Congratulations** to the Bousimon family on the birth of their baby girl Ariana, a sister for Isabella (KM)

### Consent Forms—Kindy to Year 5

Earlier this week consent forms were sent home to children in Kindy to Year 5. These forms will stay on the children's files for the period of enrolment. Please ensure all parents residing with the child have completed both sides of the form and ticked all boxes. Please return to your class teacher as soon as possible.

### The Pope Francis 'To Do' List

Mums and dads: teach kids to use things properly; to respect, take care of others; to ask permission politely; to say, 'Thank you;' to control temper; to ask forgiveness; share. (213)



#### CONDOLENCES

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Benkovich and her family after the passing of her Mother in Law. May she Rest in Peace.



#### EXTRA CURRICULA

**N E W S !**

**Year 3 to 6 2016**

Information was sent out 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. If you are interested and would like to put forward an expression of interest please complete the form attached to the note sent home and return to either St Patricks school office or scan and email to [music@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:music@olmc.nsw.edu.au)

## Whooping Cough Alert

**There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.**

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program).
- A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

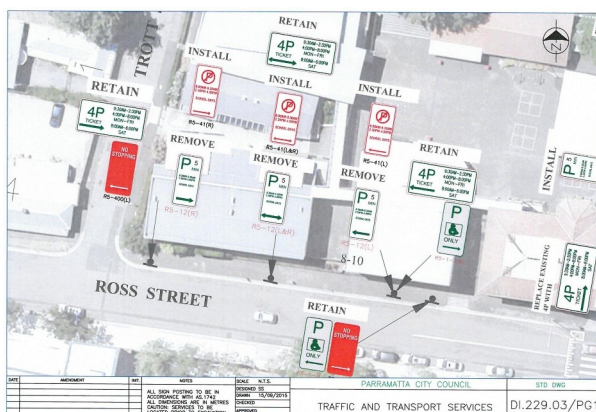
A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

**Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055**

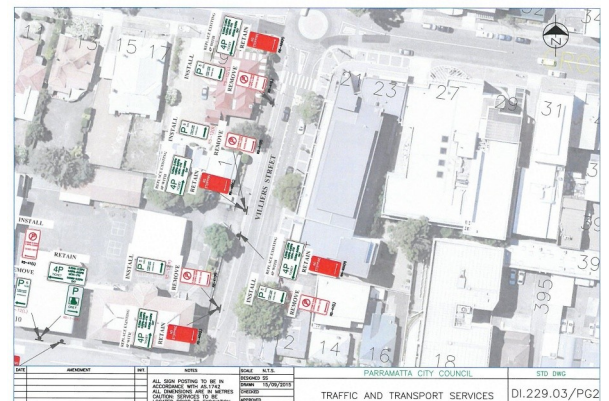
## **NEW PICK UP PROCEDURES STARTING SOON**

Please read the following changes to the afternoon drive thru—

1. The existing 'P5 Minutes 8:30am-9:30am 2:30pm-4.00pm School Days' restriction located on the north side of Ross Street between Trott Street and Villiers Street, Parramatta (outside St. Patrick's Primary School) will be replaced with a 'No Parking 8.00am-9:30am & 2:30pm-4:00pm School Days' restriction as shown in attached sketch 1.
2. The existing 'No Parking 8:30am-9:30am 2:30pm-3:30pm School Days' restriction located on the west side of Villiers Street between Ross Street and Gross Street, Parramatta (outside St. Patrick's Primary School) will be replaced with a 'P5 Minutes 8.00am-9:30am & 2:30pm-4:00pm School Days' restriction as shown in attached sketch 2.



**Arrangements  
have been  
made to  
install the  
signs in  
approximately  
4 weeks**





# St Patrick's Sacramental Program 2015 – 2016

Our Sacramental program is run with St Oliver's program.

In 2015 the parish will focus on :

The **Sacrament of Penance**. This will be in **Term 4** for children aged 7 or 8 (or thereabouts)

In 2016 the parish will focus on :

The Sacrament of **Eucharist in Term 2** (when these children will be 8 or 9)

The Sacrament of **Confirmation in Term 3** for children who are 10 years or older.

**St Patrick's parent and children need to attend one of the Masses on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct or Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** to enrol their child in the Sacrament process.

Prior to this Mass parents are required to go to the Parish website where, once hitting the Sacraments tab, they will find an **enrolment form**. This **should be completed as soon as possible**.

A copy of your child's / children's **baptismal certificate** will need to be provided if you child was baptised in a parish other than St Patrick's.

## Dates for 2015

Enquiry Session	7:30pm Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015	Parents
Introductory Session	7:30pm Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015	Parents
Sacrament of Penance 1	7:30pm Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2015	Parents
Sacrament of Penance 2	4:30pm Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2015	Parents and Children
Sacrament of Penance 3	4:30pm Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 Followed by Mass at 6:00pm	Parents and Children
Sacrament of Penance 7:00pm Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2015		

## Dates for 2016

Sacrament of Baptism 1	7:30pm Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016	Parents
Sacrament of Baptism 2	7:30pm Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016	Parents
Sacrament of Baptism 3	4:30pm Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Parents and Children
Sacrament of Eucharist 1	7:30pm Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	Parents
Sacrament of Eucharist 2	4:30pm Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	Parents
Sacrament of Eucharist 3	4:30pm Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	Parents and Children
Practice for First Communion	4:30pm Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2016	Parents and Children
First Communion 9:30am Mass Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2016		





*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 Deacon Willy Limjap  
Margaret Gale ( Sacramental Coord)

## Straight from the Parent Handbook...

### PARENT PARTICIPATION

Parents are most welcome and are encouraged to contribute to the school community through participation at the level appropriate to individual circumstances. Parents can be involved in Parent Group meetings and Parent Committees, by attending Assemblies, Masses, Excursions, Open Days, Parent & Teacher Meetings, Parent Interviews, and Parent Information Programs. During the school year, we also ask for parent helpers to assist with reading groups, the gross motor program, sporting events, working bees, covering books and a variety of other activities.

**2015**

### TERM FOUR – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Week Three

Friday 23rd October Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.30pm

#### 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  
OLMC musical presentation  
*Specifically targeted for parents who are interested in the OLMC Band Program*  
Year 1 excursion to "Wetlands"

#### Week Six

Tuesday 10th November Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 13th November **World Youth Day - Help the Philippines - Gold and Fold - Mufti Day'**  
Assembly—Choir 2.15pm

#### Week Seven

Tuesday 17th November Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 20th November Primary Assembly—Yr 5 2.15pm  
'Dancing under the Stars' Family disco  
Gates open 5pm

#### Week Eight

Tuesday 24th November Footsteps Dance continues

Friday 27th November Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm

#### Week Nine

Tuesday 1st December Footsteps Dance continues



## OOSH North Parramatta

Offering before and after school and vacation care services to the families of St. Patrick's Primary School for over 20 years.

We have been assessed as "*exceeding standards*" under the National Quality Framework.

46-48 Sorrell Street, North Parramatta

02 9683 3009

[www.ooshnp.com](http://www.ooshnp.com)





# 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](http://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





# 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October as these trials will be held in November 2015. All other sport registrations will open on 2<sup>nd</sup> November for 2016 trials. Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2015 and Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au). This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school.** In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated.

**All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.**

**I will email schools after the closing date of the 30th November and it is the responsibility of schools to notify students if they are successful or not in meeting the criteria. This will be done at least one week prior to the trial date if the student is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

**Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.**

Kind Regards,

Margaret

Margaret Thornton Teaching Educator Primary Sport  
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



OLMC Parramatta Mercy  
Scholarships

Our Lady of Mercy College  
Parramatta is now accepting  
applications for Mercy Scholarships for  
Academic Excellence and  
Music Excellence. Girls entering  
Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2017 are  
invited to apply.  
Visit the College website  
[www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)  
for more information.



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Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make tabbouleh.

### Ingredients

- 1 cup cracked wheat (bulgar)
- 2 large ripe tomatoes, diced
- 1 small cucumber, diced
- 3 spring onions, finely sliced
- 1 bunch parsley, chopped
- 1 bunch mint, chopped
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp olive oil



### Method

Cover the cracked wheat with water and soak for 15 minutes || Mix with remaining ingredients and serve chilled || Makes a great addition to your kids' lunch box – add to sandwiches/wraps or send in a small container.

### Tips

For best results, use flat leaf parsley when available.  
For a more substantial meal: add 425g can drained chickpeas; or serve with grilled fish or meat and flatbread.

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

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