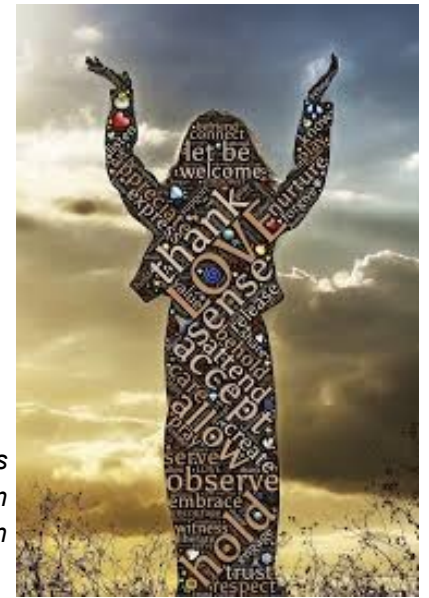


St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

30th June 2016

Term 2 Issue 10



Dear Parents

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 2 and this completes Semester One. In writing this newsletter entry I cannot help but reflect on the year so far, one which gives me much satisfaction and with gratitude to all who have contributed to our school community in some way.

In a sermon given by Pope Francis at Vatican City in 2013 our Holy Father spoke of the importance of gratitude in our lives and especially in our family life. He commented on how saying, 'thank you' is sometimes much easier to say to colleagues or strangers than to members of our own family. Perhaps this has just become a bad habit as we get caught up in an attitude of complacency or familiarity. Perhaps we are led to a false sense that our loved ones know that we are grateful and do not need to hear it. I believe however that all humans enjoy feeling appreciated. It is not surprising then when I see the emotional response from people when they relay stories of how a member of their family expressed their gratitude towards them. This is particularly special when it is unexpected and is not connected to celebrations such as Christmas or birthdays, although these are important times too. In this sermon Pope Francis challenges us to reflect on how often we say 'thank you' in our families. He asks us to reflect on how often we say 'thank you' to those who help us or those close to us. Here are a few of Pope Francis' words of wisdom from the sermon at the Vatican:

- *"If we can realize that everything is God's gift, how happy will our hearts be! Everything is his gift. He is our strength!"*
- *"Saying 'thank you' is such an easy thing, and yet so hard!.How often do we say 'thank you' to one another in our families?"*
- *"These are essential words for our life in common... If families can say these three things, they will be fine. 'Sorry,' 'excuse me,' 'thank you'."*
- *"All too often we take everything for granted!"*

Perhaps over the next few weeks we could take up Pope Francis' challenge and use these precious words to those closest to us in the most unexpected times.

Before we part for a few weeks for the school holidays I would like to say thank you to all the children, parents and staff for all you have contributed this term, To the children; thank you for your courtesy and interest in learning. Thank you for your cooperation with your teachers and for your enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. To our parents; thank you for your support and interest in the school. Thank you for your continued generosity, ideas and feedback. Thank you for giving up your time to be involved and for your assistance in and out of the classroom. To the staff; I wish to thank them for their dedication to your children, I thank them for their spirit of fun and patience and interest in their own professional learning. I wish to thank them for going above and beyond what is usual in their role as teachers or support staff in giving that little bit extra to make learning fun and engaging or to extend sympathy and support when needed. Finally I would like to thank the Dean of our Cathedral, Father Bob Bossini for his support, interest and weekly involvement in the school.

May you all have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you again to start another wonderful term of learning.

God bless you and your family.

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Honour Award

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

KA	Anthony Sassen
KM	Joshua Aqabani
1C	Aurora Broadbridge
1S	Takeshi Liu
2M	Jerome Santos
2Y	Talia Kalouch

st patrick's award



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

KA	Jazmyne Drosos
KM	Cynthia Daher
1C	Daniel Saleh
1S	Baxter Gittany
2M	Emily Johnson
2Y	Ava Salloum

A message from our World Youth Day Pilgrim, Miss Azar.



Dear parents,

It is less than two weeks now till I begin this amazing journey to the Philippines and Poland. I would like to truly thank the St. Patrick's community for making this experience possible for me. The continuous support and encouragement that I have received has allowed me to grow and prepare for this uplifting experience.

The weekly formation nights have allowed me to grow even more as a Catholic. The different topics that were discussed and the speakers that presented on these nights have united us -pilgrims- and prepared us for this journey.

I look forward to fulfilling the works of Mercy and most importantly, bringing my experience home to each of you.

If you would like to continue to follow my journey to the Philippines and Poland, I will be updating my blog whilst at WYD. I look forward to sharing this experience with you.

<http://chantalazarajourneywithchrist.blogspot.com.au/>

Once again thank you very much.

God bless.

"Let yourselves be touched by God's boundless mercy, so that in turn you may become apostles of mercy by your actions". Pope Francis' message for World Youth Day 2016.

AFTERNOON PICK UP UPDATE

Dear Parents,

Just to keep you updated on the afternoon pick up situation. After recently contacting Parramatta Council regarding the 'proposed' changing of the signs in Trott Street, I was informed that the changing of the signs was rejected by the committee. I had not been informed of this situation. I have since rung Parramatta Traffic Police and discussed the issue with them. I feel that the current system of pick up, where parents are permitted to wait on Trott Street until a space is made available, is working. The plan forward is for key stakeholders to meet once again on site at the school for another review and for the results of this meeting to be taken back to a council meeting again. Whilst I am very disappointed with the lack of resolution with regard to the current issue and with the rejection of the change of signs to enable parents to wait along Trott Street I do understand the frustration experienced by residents and workers along this section of the street who are unable to enter their properties or businesses during this timeslot. I am confident with patience and persistence that the council and police will assist to find a mutually acceptable outcome for both the school and the local area. I have been very pleased with the approach demonstrated by representatives of both service organisations. I will keep you updated.



Ms Fabri

BON VOYAGE MS AZAR!

Best wishes is extended to Ms Azar who leaves for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage on the second week of the holidays. I know Ms Azar is very excited about going on such a wonderful journey and so grateful for your support over the year. I'm sure you are all looking forward to hearing all about her experiences in the Philippines and Poland when she returns on 8th August. Mrs Eva Turkington will be teaching 2Y in her stead. Mrs Turkington is well known by all the children. Bon Voyage Ms Azar!!



Tri Skills and Sports Days for Term 3

Next term the children will be participating in our Gymnastics Tri Skill program and will be required to wear their sports uniforms for an additional day. Please dress your children in their sports uniforms for the following days:-

Class	Day	Class	Day
KA	Monday & Friday	3T	Tuesday & Friday
KM	Tuesday & Thursday	4B	Tuesday & Thursday
1C	Tuesday & Wednesday	4G	Tuesday & Thursday
1S	Monday & Thursday	5C	Monday & Wednesday
2M	Monday & Thursday	5T	Monday & Wednesday
2Y	Monday & Friday	6P	Tuesday & Wednesday
3L	Monday & Friday	6W	Tuesday & Wednesday

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BOYS' HAIRCUTS

Dear Parents,

With the holidays around the corner many parents avail of the opportunity to attend to their children's hair grooming through haircuts. Can I please ask that haircuts for boys are conventional in style by the time they return to school with no extreme difference between the side and top of the head.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter as I know that retaining the quality reputation regarding the uniform at St Patrick's Parramatta is extremely important to both the parent community and school staff.

OLOL FIRST COMMUNION

Last Sunday 15 children from St Patrick's gathered at Our Lady of Lebanon to celebrate their First Communion. Father reminded the children that their challenge, like ours, it to be the Light of Christ to others.

Congratulations to Scarlett Khouri, Christian Sarkis, Angelina Wakim, Charlie Romanos, Jeremy Saliba, Dante Dagostina, Anthony Maaraoui, Alex Layoun, Christiana Kalouche, Jeremy Moussa, Isaac Bechara, John-Paul Wehbe, Julian Tanna, Olivia Sicurella, Anthony Khouri and Justin Makhoul.



CONFIRMATION

The website for enrolments for confirmation is now open on the St Patrick's Cathedral website. It provides information about the eligibility for Confirmation and dates and times for the sessions, all of which are compulsory.

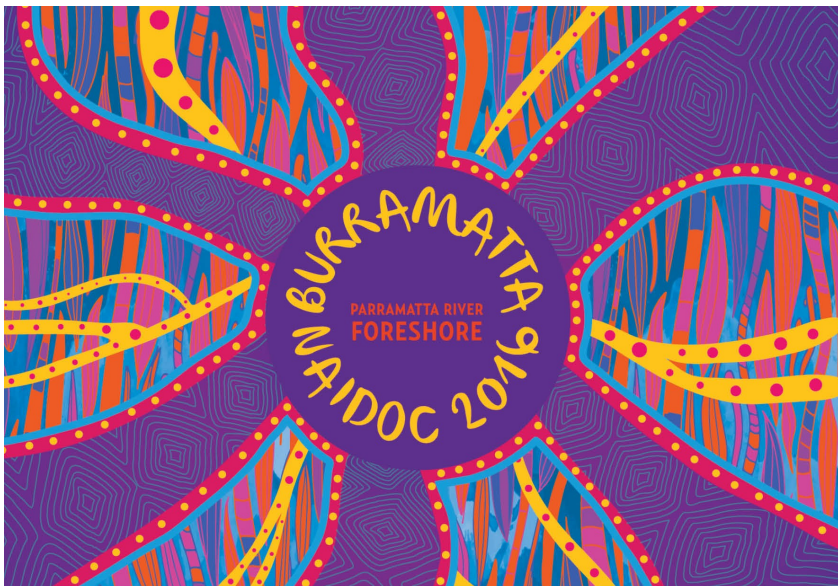
If you have any further enquiries contact me, before or after school or by email

jkerr@parra.catholic.edu.au

Jude Kerr

NAIDOC WEEK

A group of children from Years 3 to 6 will be joining with students from other schools in the Parramatta area to sing a song in the Darug language at this very special community event.



CELEBRATE ABORIGINAL CULTURE & HERITAGE

Sunday 10 July 2016, 1pm - 6pm
Parramatta River Foreshore

Celebrate over 50,000 years of culture at the family-friendly Burramatta NAIDOC day, and become immersed in Songlines. The living narrative of our nation.

discoverparramatta.com/naidoc

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RADICAL SON
MI-KAISHA
TREASURES
LAWRENCE BARLOW
JANNAWI DANCE CLAN

PLUS
SPECIAL
GUESTS

● ABORIGINAL ASTRONOMY ● BLAK MARKETS
● BUSH TUCKER ● WORKSHOPS ● BIKE TOURS
● HEALING TENT ● KIDS ACTIVITIES ● FIREWORKS

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Thinking about learning a new instrument? The Mercy Music & Performance Academy, Parramatta have availabilities for guitar and clarinet tuition starting in Term 3.

TUESDAYS at 3:45pm – Clarinet: Beginners
Group Lessons

WEDNESDAYS at 4:15pm – Guitar: Beginners
Group Lessons

To find our more and to book call 8838 1288 or visit <http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au/the-academy/apply-now>

2016 Athletics Carnival Champions

Junior Boys Champion: Prince Gyan

Junior Boys Runner-Up: Luke Takchi

Junior Girls Champion: Arabella Gittany

Junior Girls Runner-Up: Kyah Rahme

11 Years Boys Champion: Luke Maroun

11 Years Boys Runner-Up: Oscar Gray

11 Years Girls Champion: Caitlin Polintan

11 Years Girls Runner-Up: Elaine Wehbe

Senior Boys Champion: Thomas Degenhardt

Senior Boys Runner-Up: Norman Elzahoul

Senior Girls Champion: Kayla Teklic

Senior Girls Runner-Up: An Le & Kristiana Stevanja

Date to Remember

The presentation of trophies to the above students & the ceremony for the Semester 2 House Captains will take place on Friday 22nd July at 2.00pm at a whole school assembly.

Walkathon

A huge thank you to our St Patrick's Community for your endless generosity !!

With much appreciation Bernadette Fabri & Staff

2016 Final Tally

\$11947.15

**As of
30/6/2016**

Medical Bags for Anaphylaxis and Asthma Medication

My food allergy friends have sent St Patrick's an email introducing these fantastic bags for our students medication. They cost \$11.50 per bag plus postage. St Patrick's are happy to cover the costs of the postage if we get interested parties to purchase these bags. Please indicate by Term 3 Week 2 (29th July) if you would like to purchase a bag. In an envelope mark your child's name, class, which bag you would like to order and include \$11.50 per bag. This is optional.



- Ideal for storing EpiPens, antihistamine and asthma medication.
- Customised insert allows staff to clearly identify the child, their allergies, medication details including expiry dates.
- Insulated and large enough for two EpiPens and antihistamine!
- As used by the book character Thai in our food allergy book series.



Catholic Education in Western Sydney

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) provides quality learning and teaching in a faith centred environment. The core purpose of Catholic schools is to provide an education based on Catholic teaching and values. Catholic schooling is an integral arm of the Mission of the Church and our faith is at the heart of our existence.

The Diocese reaches from Dundas Valley, west to Katoomba, south to Luddenham and north to Richmond. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides quality Catholic schooling for over 43,000 students in 56 primary, 22 secondary schools and four early learning centres in greater western Sydney. Catholic Education employs over 5,000 staff.

Learning and teaching in Catholic Education

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is responding to the changing nature of learning and teaching. Learning is collaborative not isolated, integrated not segregated, personalised not programmatic.

CEDP is driving a pre to post schooling model. Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta embed partnerships with community, industry and government to support the learning community. This requires approaching education as a continuum of lifelong learning.

CEDP is leading a culture of change and innovation, embedding 21st century skills like creativity, curiosity, critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration into learning and teaching.

Next generation schooling is about:

- Transformation not tweaking the edges of an outdated model of schooling
- Personalising the learning for the diverse needs of each learner
- Authentic, real world and challenging learning
- Teaching practice based on educational research and data
- Community, partnerships and collaboration

Key needs

- Sustainable, sector blind, needs based funding for schooling K-12
- A long term commitment to funding universal preschool access for 15 hours per week for three and four year olds
- Support for flexible partnerships and pathways between industry, community, tertiary education and school
- A long term policy framework that is future focused and allows for greater flexibility in the delivery of pre to post education, recognising the changing nature of learning and teaching
- A national focus on collaboration between sectors and capturing and sharing good practice rather than competition and test scores
- Government investment for innovative schooling models through capital and seed funding



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A sky full of prizes to be won.

The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these spectacular prizes with School Bankers.

Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights

Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, you'll also have a chance to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.

To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights



Gunya Workshops for ages 7-12 years held at Parramatta Library and branch libraries. Book online www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/library



Parramatta Pool - Council Statement

Site chosen for new Parramatta swimming centre

The NSW Government has announced that the old Parramatta Golf Course has been identified as a potential site for a new aquatic centre to replace the Parramatta War Memorial pool. The site at the eastern end of the golf course will now be the subject of a State Government funded masterplan which will determine the land's suitability and also provide greater clarity about the costs of a new facility.

City of Parramatta Council will participate in this process to ensure key community, financial and other issues are adequately considered.

Planning work undertaken for the new Western Sydney Stadium has confirmed the need to permanently close the existing swimming centre due to a 50 per cent increase in seating capacity (20,000 to 30,000) and the need for improved circulation around the perimeter which will require a bigger footprint.

While the closure of the pool is unfortunate, the selection of an alternative site presents an opportunity for Council to design and build a state-of-the-art aquatic facility close to the CBD -- one which will serve the Parramatta community and visitors alike for many years to come.

The swimming centre is expected to remain open throughout the 2016/17 summer season until the end of March 2017. Its eventual closure however will mean short-term inconveniences for pool users, which we regret, and Council will work with the State Government to develop interim arrangements while new facilities are designed and constructed.

Council and the Government will now explore funding options and subject to the finalisation of these arrangements, the City of Parramatta will be responsible for the new centre's design and delivery.

http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/your_council/news/news/campaigns/parramatta_pool_-_council_statement

2016 Important Dates

Term 2

Week 10

Friday 1st July	Infants Assembly—Year 2 - 2.00pm
	SRC Presentation Assembly
	LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 18th July	Return to school
Friday 22nd July	Whole School Assembly—Athletics Carnival Presentation & Semester 2 House Captains badge presentation—2.00pm

Week 2

Friday 29th July	Grandparents Mass & Morning Tea
	Primary Assembly—Year 5—2.15pm

Week 3

Tuesday 2nd August	ICAS English Competition—7.40am
Friday 5th August	Year 3 Excursion to Featherdale Farm
	Infants Assembly—Kindergarten—2.15pm

Week 4

Tuesday 9th August	Cumberland Zone Athletics
Wednesday 10th August	Year 5 Personal Development night—7pm
Friday 12th August	Primary Assembly—Year 3—2.15pm

Week 5

Tuesday 16th August	ICAS Maths Competition—7.40am
Friday 19th August	Assembly—Choir—2.15pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! REGISTER NOW!

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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.

We will be running a clinic in the second week of the upcoming July school holidays. Join us for a week of fun with plenty of activities, games exercises & a free lunch on Friday!

DATES

Monday 11th – Friday 15th July.

Students are welcome to attend all week or selected days. **Act now**, as spots are limited!

For more information (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"



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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

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

Mon to Fri	6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Hol	8.00am

Pastoral Team

**Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.
Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap
Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)
Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)
Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Volunteers – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

Contractors – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- ◆ For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- ◆ If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.