



# St Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents

### **WALKATHON**

Last Tuesday our annual St Patrick's Walkathon was held at Parramatta Park. The theme, of this event this year was, "My Dream Job". This was a wonderful theme, one that was chosen by the children themselves, and they certainly came in quite a range of creative outfits. The staff and some of the parents also joined in the fun which made for a really relaxing day for all. Luckily for us the weather was in our favour, with cool but sunny weather. The children and staff enjoyed spending the day in dress up which was a welcomed relief from their usual uniforms and spending the day enjoying healthy exercise is always welcome. What a fun day! On returning back to school I could not help but reflect that as well as exciting learning experiences, I know, that it is participating in community events, such as this one, that the children remember, even into their older years. The dressing up, the music, the laughter enjoyed in the company of buddies, friends and family, the experience of healthy exercise under the wonderful winter sun and the treat of a refreshing ice block, are all aspects that fill the children's lives with happy memories and a sense of well-being. This feeling 'that all is well with the world' encourages children to develop a positive attitude and a love for healthy activities such as spending time with others.

My sincere gratitude is extended to Mr Younis and Mrs Benkovich who organized the walkathon and to Mr McIntosh who assisted with the setup. Thank you is also extended, to the many parents who assisted at the bases and with the Super Dooper ice blocks, at the end of the walk. Thank you, once again to Sound Agents for the donation of so much equipment and to Tuckshop2U for storing, freezing and delivering of the ice blocks. Thank you to Mrs Jones for being ready to administer First Aid – in full dress and to the support staff for all pitching in. The parents who assisted with the walk over were so helpful in ensuring that the children were kept safe and it is always good to see so many visitors urging the children on. A suggestion was that next year it would be great to see our parents enjoy the walk as well – of course in full costume. Have a think about it!

Once again I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your generous donations. The grand total will be announced next week. All funds raised will go towards supporting student learning. Our wish list includes; new resources to support the geography units, new library resources, chrome books for Year 4 and 3, the updating of projection equipment in the classrooms which are now getting old and new gross motor equipment for Kindergarten. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

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## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Another potentially memorable event, which will take place on the last Friday of the term, is the presentation of badges to the new **Student Representative Council** members for Semester 2. We will also be thanking Semester One representatives with a special certificate. For your information the nomination for SRC members from each class is fully decided by the children themselves. This is all about the children's voice and thus it is only them that vote. Teachers do not vote for SRC members. May I take this opportunity to congratulate the Semester One SRC representatives for all their contribution to our school community and to wish our newest members all the very best as they undertake this important leadership role. I would also like to thank all the boys and girls for their wise nomination of these students and to encourage them also to continue to show leadership in any way they can in the daily routine of school. I would like to especially thank Ms Chantal Azar for her dedication to this special project in the school and for her encouragement of these children.

All parents welcome. Please note that the assembly will commence at 2.00pm on Friday 1st July in the school hall.

Ms Fabri

## SRC Semester 2, 2016

Class	SRC Names	
KM	Girl: Alicia Remaili	Boy: Gabriel Kalouche
KA	Girl: Lara Samar	Boy: Sebastian El Hani
1C	Girl: Zara Diuco	Boy: Adam Jurisic
1S	Girl: Lucia El Hani	Boy: Emmanuel Missak
2Y	Girl: Claire Scanlon	Boy: Christian Barakat
2M	Girl: Nyah Khalil	Boy: Carl Cauan
3L	Girl: Scarlett Khoury	Boy: Daniel Pinto
3T	Girl: Evelyn Gereige	Boy: Lorenzo De Guzman
4B	Girl: Mikaela Barrientos Salazar	Boy: Jesse Sabat
4G	Girl: Elaria Fayad	Boy: Joseph Romanos
5C	Girl: Claire Guatlo	Boy: Daniel Takchi
5T	Girl: Nicole Aboumelhem	Boy: Raymond Wehbe



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

Lucienne Tolentino, Aidan Connolly, Matthew Khreich, Annabelle Younes, Zara Moussa, Sebastian Mayonado, Pierre Onano



Condolences to the Gyan, Lamin and Koima Family (Prince 5T, Weyata 1S, Nyagua 3T, Feima 2M and Barbie KA) on the passing of their Grandfather.



## Honour Award

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

3L	Lacey Bond
3T	Angelina Wakim
4B	Joshua Lorenzo
4G	Jessica Wehbe
5C	Siwoo Kim
5T	Zara Fong
6P	Jake El-Sabbagh
6W	John Boutros



## st patrick's award

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

3L	Daniel Pinto
3T	Gabriella Mendoza
4B	Isabella Younes
4G	Kennen Rosauo
5C	Gabriella Cruz
5T	Marcus Grohs
6P	Sophie El Bayeh
6W	Brailey Qumi

### A PILGRIM'S GUIDE

#### TO THE DIVINE MERCY SANCTUARY

*A message from our World Youth Day Pilgrim, Miss Azar.  
'Works of Mercy'*

*Throughout our pilgrimage in the Philippines, pilgrims are called to work, in particular, at a Secondary School called 'Christ the King Academy' in Antequera. There, we will be painting classrooms, plastering and painting concrete fences, as well as teaching sport and dance to the students. I look forward to partaking in these activities and making a difference in children's lives.*

*As a group, we were told and shown the amazing journey of Sr. Faustina. She received visions of Jesus asking her to have a special day dedicated to Divine Mercy. Many followers of Jesus became even closer to him through the Chaplet that he gave to her. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina; "Say unceasingly this Chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive grace. I want the whole world to know my infinite mercy".*

*I have provided you with a link which provides further information about Sr. Faustina, in particular the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Fr Rob Galea has also presented this Chaplet through song, which I have provided for you below.*

*God bless.  
Miss Azar.*

WYD2016 Blog 11 - A Pilgrim's Guide to Divine Mercy Shrine:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smU3XD6g76s>

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Fr Rob Galea, Natasha and Gary Pinto:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTOMNmFkgG4>





Last week Thursday 16th June I had the amazing opportunity to read the first reading at the Bishop's Installation Mass. I was honoured to represent the school. It was an amazing experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Alana Michael

Congratulations to all the children from OLOL who have already made their First Communion. Please remember in your prayers the children who are making their First Communion this Sunday.



Before



**School Facelift**

These holidays the front of the school will undergo a "facelift" with the inclusion of some Autumn colours. We are all looking forward to this bright contemporary façade. The construction of 3 new awnings is also planned. Thank you to the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta for assisting with the funding of the painting and to the NSW State Government for the \$44,000 grant for the awnings



After

## NATIONAL ABORIGINES AND ISLANDERS DAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE (NAIDOC) CELEBRATIONS

Last Wednesday the children welcomed 'Animals of the Dreaming' as part of NAIDOC celebrations, 'Animals of the Dreaming', is an educational program that Taronga Zoo implements in schools. As part of NAIDOC Celebrations Jarara Indigenous Education Unit offered this special program, free of charge, to St Patrick's students.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2016 is: **Songlines: The Living Narrative of our Nation.** This theme highlights the importance of Song lines to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; their strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. The theme is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation. 'Animals of the Dreaming' is an interactive outreach program where students were able to: gain and insight into the Aboriginal Culture, develop and awareness and appreciation of the land and animals to Aboriginal people, meet a collection of live unique native animals and learn how they can help these amazing animals service. We thank Jarara Indigenous Education Unit for this wonderful opportunity for our children.



### CAPTIVATE

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who will be performing as part of the CAPTIVATE concert tonight at Nagle College Blacktown. These children have shown terrific commitment to the choir and have spent many weeks practising for this special event. A special thanks is extended to Mrs Venitia Rodricks for passion for the choir and in organizing this annual event. This will be the first time that St Patrick's has entered an Infants Choir. Well Done everyone. Thank you to our parent helpers Mrs Julie Sabat and Mrs Annette Romanos.



Be safe. Be responsible. Be respectful.

Connectivity has become an integral part of everyday life and learning. As students communicate, collaborate, create and learn with online and digital tools, the need to educate students about responsible online behaviours has become more important than ever.

Launched today, Cyberwise is a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta cybersafety campaign aimed at providing a range of resources, policies, teaching strategies and tips to support young people nationwide in becoming discerning and responsible users of technology and social media.

### CYBERWISE

On a number of occasions this year I have written about the importance of teaching our children to be Cyberwise and Cybersafe. The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta recognises the importance for students to be able to use technology to enhance their learning and to be equally educated on how to be able to use these very important tools and safely. To support families to continue to be informed the eldest child will receive a post card with some very important information. You will also notice posters around the school and in each of the classrooms with some important tips that the teachers will be addressing.

# Walkathon

A huge thank you to the families who have already commenced bringing in their child's Walk-a-thon money. If you can now collect the outstanding sponsorship money and return to school by next Thursday, we will give an updated tally in next week's newsletter. With the money donated we are hoping to continue to equip our classes with much needed technology. These learning tools assist the teachers to develop higher order thinking skills and problem solving; essential skills for children of this generation and in their preparation for high school.

Once again I cannot express how grateful the staff and I are in your generosity and commitment to supporting the school.

Regards

Miss Fabri

On Tuesday 21st June St Patrick's had our annual school walkathon at Old King's oval. The theme was "Dream Job". It was great to see everyone being creative with their costumes. Everyone had a great time and we help raised money for school resources. A big thank you to all the parent helpers and Mr Younis for organising the event. We would also like to thank Sound Agents who helped with our music and Mr McIntosh who helped setup the walkathon for us.

Sports Captains

## 2016 Progress Chart

\$9245.00

As of  
23/6/2016





# 2016

## Important Dates

### Term 2

#### Week 9

Friday 24th June Primary Assembly—Year 6 - 2.15pm

#### Week 10

Thursday 30th June Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Friday 1st July Infants Assembly—Year 2 - 2.00pm

SRC Presentation Assembly

Athletics Carnival Presentation

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

### Term 3

#### Week 1

Monday 18th July Return to school

Friday 22nd July NO Assembly

#### 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



*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**

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)