



# St Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

21st July 2016

Term 3 Issue 1

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*Dear Parents*

*It is my pleasure to welcome you to Term 3 2016. I hope you and your families had a restful holiday, full of fun, family times and relaxation. I would like to welcome Mrs Eva Turkington who is teaching 2Y in Ms Azar's absence. For your information Ms Azar has now arrived in the Philippines and is already commencing her charity work. She informed us that she is experiencing some difficulty with her blog however she said that she will keep trying to connect in this way. In the mean time I have included some photos of her with some fellow pilgrims and students.*

*To all our students; welcome back to another exciting 10 weeks of 'driving your learning', making new friendships and achieving your personal best. For parents of little ones who have experienced some distress in the mornings returning to school after the break, can I suggest that you just continue to reassure them that all will be OK. The change in routine from comfy 'sleep ins' and extended time with family, to getting up early and returning to school, can sometimes make them feel a little nervous. Some of us feel the same when we are returning to work after a time away. Two weeks is a long time for young children. Remember, be strong and keep smiling. They will learn from our confidence and trust that all will be well.*

*This week I have included an interesting article on **How to Raise a Child to Be a Giver**. In this piece written by well known writer Michael Grose, the challenges faced by parents to raise children that are generous and thoughtful and not self – centred and demanding is a real one. Parents often tell me that their little ones have much more than they ever had as children. In many ways this is a wonderful aspect of being able to provide our young ones with a vast array of opportunities to get them off to a good start. How do parents then balance the desire to develop their child's personal competencies, with a sense of service and generous spirit. Michael Grose gives 5 very practical tips on how to help children learn these very important leadership lessons.*

*May I wish you all a very happy, safe and successful term.*

*God bless you and our  
family*

*Bernadette Fabri*

*Principal*



**Who can spot Ms Azar?**

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## NAIDOC Week

What a wonderful experience it was for seven of our students to join with Aunty Jacinta Tobin to sing the song she had written for NAIDOC Week 2016. They performed at the Parramatta celebration of Aboriginal heritage and culture for NAIDOC Week. We were all so proud of these children who spoke confidently, and sang loudly and clearly in the ancient language of the Barramattagul people. They had also given up lunchtimes to prepare for this performance.

Congratulations Kayleigh, Jazmyne, Sophia, Ryan, Kiara, Lacey and Michaela and a special thank you to your parents who gave up their afternoon to get you to the performance, looking so smart in your school uniforms.



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

**NB: Due to Tri-Skills some Library borrowing days have changed. Please ensure your child has their library bag on the above days.**



Congratulations to the Weaver Family (Zayden 6W & Scarlett 3T) on the birth of their beautiful twins Zahra and Hadi.

May their futures be filled with happiness and joy.



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

Jacinta Azizi, Afia Mundanmany Babu, Zoe Samar Isabella Kozłowska, Chloe Abou-Hamad, Noah Younan, Brooklyn Munro, Biaggio Volante, Matthew Tocher, Caitlin Maroun, Olivia Takchi, Matthew Draybi.

## St Patrick's Advertising—Local Directory

Dear Parents,

Please find uploaded with this newsletter the St Patrick's local directory. You will find the names & contact details of some companies associated with our community or local area that maybe of some service to you. If any family or friend is still interested in putting in an Expression of Interest please contact the office on 96301421.

Kindest Regards

Bernadette Fabri

## 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

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

### 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](mailto:jkerr@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Jude Kerr

### School Opal Cards

We have been asked to remind our students with School Opal cards that it is a condition the pass must that you must tap off and on. This will ensure correct data is used when calculating bus routes and number of students travelling by various transport options.

### 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.





# Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

*Building parent-school partnerships*

WORDS Michael Grose



## How to raise a child to be a giver

Michael Grose highlights why it is so important to teach your child to be a giver not a taker, and gives five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids.

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. "I want..." "Give me..." "It's mine!" and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means it's something they grow out of...or they're supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children maybe self-centred by temperament I'm not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child's propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children's personal competencies tends to be higher on most parents' wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material!

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents' greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

**Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:**

### 1 **Expect kids to help**

With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

### 2 **Think 'gang'**

It's a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. "What's in the best interest of my child?" has replaced "What's in the best interest of the family?" as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling's special concert rather than some children missing it because 'it's boring!' 'We put ourselves out for each other' is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

### 3 **Don't let them get away with meanness**

Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don't always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

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## ... How to raise a child to be a giver ...

### 4 Develop a sense of other

Children and teenagers don't live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. "What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?" is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

### 5 Encourage giving

During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven't changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I'm sure they'd say they'd hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!

*Michael Grose*

# Parenting*ideas* INSIGHTS 2

*Building parent-school partnerships*



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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](http://commbank.com.au/prizelights)

50  
Camping  
Kits



90  
Instant  
Cameras



50  
PlayStation 4  
Packs



200  
Magazine  
Packs

# National Tree Day

*Grow more. Just add nature.*



THANK YOU TO TELOPEA PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR PROVIDING THE IMAGES

**Date:** Sunday 31 July 2016

**Time:** 10am - 1pm

**Location:** Ponds Subiaco Creek Reserve South, Kariwara St, Dundas

Free BBQ lunch for registered volunteers

Taronga Zoo is also getting involved by bringing along some Australian native animals, courtesy of their wonderful Zoomobile.

To register for this event go to [www.treeday.planetark.org/site/10010568](http://www.treeday.planetark.org/site/10010568)



**For more information contact 9806 8281**

**Get involved! Visit [treeday.planetark.org](http://treeday.planetark.org) hotline 1300 88 5000 #nationaltreeday**

*National Tree Day is organised by Planet Ark in partnership with Toyota Australia*



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open Morning Tour**  
**Monday**  
**July 25, 2016**

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for Life at our Open Morning Tour on July 25, 2016.

Tour the College and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team and get a sense of the rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta.

The College is now enrolling for 2018. Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



## **Bookclub Issue 5 2016—Closing Date 3/08/2016 Please follow below instructions to order online**

- Log into [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our new iPhone or iPad app from the App store.
- Follow the online prompts to place order
- No need to send anything back to the school as the order automatically comes into the office.

Should you have any problems ordering online please call Mrs Jones in the office on 9630 1421.

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## **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.



# 2016 Important Dates

## Term 3

### Week 1

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

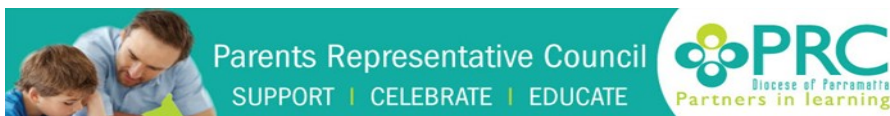
Monday 15th August Feast of the Assumption Mass — 9.30am  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
Tuesday 16th August ICAS Maths Competition—7.40am  
STEM Leaders & Committee—Hack Day  
**Friday 19th August Staff Development Day— No school for students**

### Week 6

Monday 22nd August Voice of Youth Cluster Final—Year 6 Marist  
Author visit for K—Yr 2  
Friday 26th August Author visit for Yr 3—Yr 6  
NO ASSEMBLY

### Week 7

Tuesday 30th August Father's Day stall  
Friday 2nd September Father's Day Breakfast—School Hall 7.30am  
Father's Day Mass—St Patrick's Cathedral—9.15am  
Infants Assembly—Year 2—2.15pm



**Term 3, 2016 General Meeting - Mon 22 Aug 2016: Topic Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety**

College Library, Nagle Girls' Catholic College, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown Sth



*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)