



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

28th July 2016 Term 3 Issue 2

Dear Parents

Last Tuesday, 26th July, we celebrated the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, believed to be the names of the mother and father of Mary the Mother of God and the grandparents of Jesus. It is the feast day of Grandparents.

Tomorrow the St Patrick's Community will celebrate Grandparents Day with mass at the Cathedral, commencing at 9.15am, followed by morning tea in the school hall. Grandparents and visitors are welcome to spend some time with the infants in the playground for morning tea from 11.00 to 11.30pm weather permitting.

This day always reminds me of my story. Having immigrated to Australia when I was only 3 years old, I clearly remember how difficult it was for our mother and father to leave their parents in Malta in order to make a new life in Australia. For my mother, especially, she had no family here and found great consolation in writing letters to our Nanna every single week; no emails or Skype then. Some of you may remember the blue aerogrammes that you folded in thirds. We still have some which she kept and reread. I remember how keen she was to receive communication from our grandmother with news of the family she had left behind. My sister and I spent many an hour listening to stories of our Nanna Carmena and Nannu and learned to love them deeply.



As time passed our mum was able to phone the family and speak to them for a while. In those days there was a significant voice delay, but this did not deter them. She would always encourage us to say hello and develop a relationship with our grandparents, although we were so young. Travelling overseas to visit grandparents has been made much easier these days with greatly improved passenger jets, but for early immigrants who travelled overseas in large passenger liners, often taking a month, leaving your parents must have seemed like a one way journey. I often think how brave my parents were to have done this for us and how brave our grandparents must have been to let them go. Sacrifice is an adjective often used to describe grandparents. Wisdom and patience are two others. I recently spoke with some Year 3 students who shared with me some reflections they had written on their grandparents. It so reminded me of the love my siblings and I had for our grandparents who seemed to know just what we needed as children. Perhaps by the time people become grandparents they no longer feel the pressure of the high and often unrealistic societal expectations of parenting these days. They seem relaxed and able to see the 'bigger picture'. I know that many a family these days rely on the generosity of grandparents who assist with child minding and the like. I love seeing our grandparents at the school and wish them to know that they are always welcome and valued at St Patrick's Parramatta. May I take this opportunity to wish all grandparents a Happy Grandparents' Day and encourage you to pray the following prayers over the page together as a family.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri
Principal

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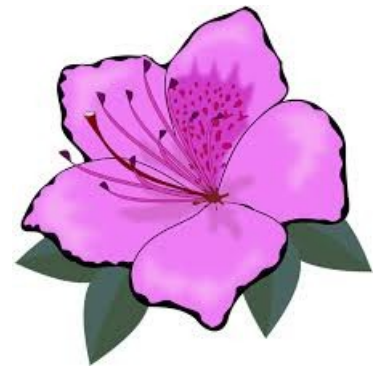
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Leader: Nurturing God, as we honour Grandparents, listen to the prayer of our hearts, all our needs, spoken and unspoken.



For all grandparents:

That their presence be a sign of God's love for their grandchildren and that their memories help younger generations to connect with their origins.

Nurturing God, hear us.

For grandparents:

That may they continue to pass on to future generations their faith and their mature human and spiritual experience

Nurturing God, hear us.

For grandparents raising children:

That their selfless love and commitment be recognised and supported by those around them.

Nurturing God, hear us.

For grandparents:

That they may be blessed in the affection and gratitude of their grandchildren. May they always encounter respect and love.

Nurturing God, hear us.

For children who have no grandparents:

That they may find encouragement in the friendship and support of faith-filled seniors.

Nurturing God, hear us.

For grandparents who have died:

That their families will be consoled in their loss of one so precious to them.

Nurturing God, hear us.

Nurturing God, you are reflected in the loving tenderness of Jesus' grandparents, Anne and Joachim. Hear the prayers we make with trust and hope in the name of Jesus your Son.

All: **Amen.**

Condolences

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Grohs Family on the passing of their twin daughters and sisters to Marcus (5T) and Alani (3L) in the school holidays. Please keep babies Chloe & Elly & the family in your prayers.



Honour Award

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

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| 3L | Scarlett Khoury |
| 3T | George Draybi |
| 4B | Elna Koikkara |
| 4G | Laurice Behan |
| 5C | Raymond Wehbe |
| 5T | Joseph Pellew |
| 6P | Norman Elzahoul |
| 6W | Claudia Yaghi |

st patrick's award

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

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| 3L | Thomas Kougelis |
| 3T | Dunya Grudic |
| 4B | Noah Gebrael |
| 4G | Rafael Buitizon |
| 5C | Arwen-Cady Firmeza |
| 5T | Elise Sassen |
| 6P | Audrey Baysari |
| 6W | Caitlin Polintan |



2016 Census Day

Friday, 5th August is the school's Annual Census Day. The information gathered on this day determines our funding and completes our audit requirements. **It is extremely important that ALL absences are explained for this day.** If you know your child will be absent on this day please send a letter prior to the classroom teacher. Otherwise please send absences through our skoolbag app on the day, as earliest as possible. Should you not have access to the skoolbag app an email to stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au would be greatly appreciated.

OPENING OF SCHOOL GATES IN THE MORNING – 8.00am Commencing Monday 1st August

Dear Parents

Just a reminder that morning supervision begins at 8.20am, when teachers begin their morning duty. To maximize safety and with school not starting till 8.50am, the school gate will remain locked until 8.00am from Monday 1st August. It is very important that children are not left unattended outside the school. As I understand the importance of parents getting to work on time, I have published the names of the two before school care services below. These before and after school care centres are used by many families in the school and the staff are very familiar with the school expectations and protocols.

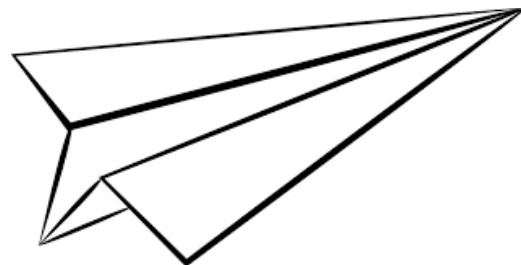
Thanking you for your continued cooperation.
Bernadette Fabri

North Parramatta Out of School Hours Care 9683 3009 www.ooshnp.com

Parramatta West OOSH 9632 5246

Ready to Fly

As part of National Science Week 2016 St Patrick's is launching a paper plane challenge for all students. Those who enter have to make a paper plane that flies a long distance from one A4 sheet of paper ONLY!!



Heats held : Wednesday 10th August and Thursday 11th August

Location : School Hall

Time : Your lunch break (Primary 1.00-1.30pm and Infants 1.30-2.00pm)

Entry Fee : \$1.00

If interested in participating in this marvellous event, please complete the entry form and along with your dollar hand it into the office. Entry forms are available from the office.

SO WHO IS READY TO FLY?

STEM TEAM

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

Lachlan Moore, Liam Stojkovski, George Gebrael

SCHOOL FEE NOTICE

The Broken Bay Diocese recently announced significant increases to their school fees in some schools which were widely broadcast in the media recently. **Please note that these increases do not affect our Diocese or school.** We expect that any school fee increases for Catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese next year will be moderate and in line with previous years. If you have any concerns about the payment of school fees at any time please contact Mrs Sharon Nutter who can confidentially assist you.

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. May I take this opportunity to **sincerely thank these families for their support of the school** through their involvement in our advertising program. Monies from the advertising will go towards continuing to increase our bank of devices for learning, in particular K—4. 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

Sick Children



We know that it can sometimes be difficult to determine whether your child is too sick to attend school. In the interests of the wellbeing of our whole school community we ask you to take a moment to review the "Too Sick To Go To School?" chart created by NSW Health which is accessible from the following webpage - <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

This chart reminds parents of the advisable periods of time children should be away from school during and after an illness. *When your child is sent to school unwell it is impossible for them to focus on their learning. If your child becomes distressed, due to being unwell, we will be making a phone call to ask you to collect your child.* We appreciate your co-operation with keeping our school healthy and happy.

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

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.



MESSAGE FROM MS AZAR

Last Saturday night we began our pilgrimage to World Youth Day. Our first stop was The Philippines. We arrived on the Island of Bohol late on Sunday to a school choir carrying one of the many welcome banners the city had made. We were then rushed onto a bus to attend Sunday mass at St Joseph the Worker Cathedral. We celebrated with the local community who were so very happy with our presence. On Monday we visited our mission projects for the first time. Our group visited Christ the King Academy in town of Antiquera. It is a high school with students from Grade 7 to Grade 11. We were blown away as soon as we got off the bus. We were met with

a marching drum band, marching Xylophone players and a dance troupe. We later found out they had given up three Saturdays to prepare for our arrival. We were individually greeted and then we were welcomed officially by the mayor, the principal and the parish priest. Then we were fortunate enough to spend time going in and out of classrooms meeting these happy, smiling and friendly students. On Tuesday we got stuck in to our mission work. We were tasked with painting classrooms, designing and painting a concrete fence and some of the group even had a go at concrete rendering. The best part about this was that we were able to work alongside the students of the school, this made it even more rewarding than it already was. It has been an amazing experience so far with countless opportunities to witness the face of God in the children. Their level of respect and gratitude is something for all people to aspire to. We have one more day in Bohol before we continue on our journey to Poland. Stay tuned for another update in the next newsletter.

I am thinking of you all throughout my journey. God bless you all.

Love Ms Azar



Catholic Youth Parramatta invites you

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OUR PARRAMATTA
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with **BISHOP VINCENT**
SUNDAY 31ST JULY 6PM MASS

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, GREYSTANES

Followed by hot food with Polish and Filipino extras, live stream to Krakow, music, catch up with pilgrims in Poland, witness from pilgrims past.

RSVP Monday 25th July to Fr Paul Roberts
connect@ifm.org.au

(Please include the number of family and friends joining you)

Saint John Paul II's

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Weekend Retreat Mt Schoenstatt


FRIDAY 9TH - SUNDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER 2016

Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre Mulgoa

\$135 incl. meals & sessions

\$190 incl. meals, sessions & share accommodation

RENEWING THE CULTURE
"The language of the body calls for a patient apprenticeship in learning to interpret and channel desires in view of authentic self-giving."
- Pope Francis Amoris Laetitia 284



Led by **Fr Thomas Loya** -
Internationally Recognised speaker,
Theology of the Body Expert and
Retreat Master.

Saint John Paul II's great masterpiece, the Theology of the Body, helps us to discover God's vision for the human person, male and female, and how we are called to a life of freedom and greatness.

Fr Loya is an expert in bringing the Theology of the Body to life in a pastoral and sacramental manner. Participants will leave the retreat encouraged that they have the necessary tools to engage the culture with an affirming and life-giving approach to hot button topics, especially in the areas of human sexuality, marriage and family, and the key life issues.

Booking are Essential: Register by calling the Family and Life Office (02) 88383441 or via trybooking/214195

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA
FAMILY & LIFE OFFICE

PEDICULOSIS - HEAD LICE

We have had reported cases of headlice, in particular KM. To avoid incidences of head lice in the school we ask that you regularly check your child's hair. Various treatments are available from the Chemist. Covering the hair with a thick layer of conditioner and leaving for approximately 5 minutes then combing out the lice can also be effective. Wash hair after combing.

If your child has contracted Head Lice please inform the teacher and commence treatment immediately. Please do not send your child to school with **live head lice** as this will increase the chances of other children contracting them. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.



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

50
Camping
Kits



50
PlayStation 4
Packs



200
Magazine
Packs



90
Instant
Cameras



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.

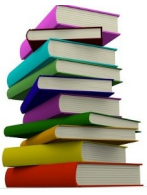
To register for this event go to www.treeday.planetark.org/site/10010568



For more information contact 9806 8281

Get involved! Visit treeday.planetark.org hotline 1300 88 5000 #nationaltreeday

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



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

- Log into 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.

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 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 National Science Week—Paper plane heat
Year 5 Personal Development night—7pm
Thursday 11th August National Science Week—Paper plane heat
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



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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

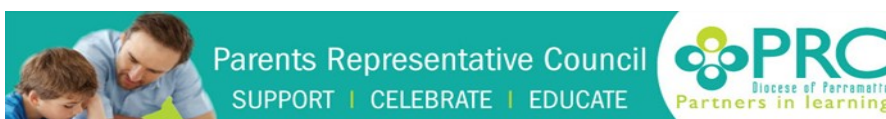
Weekday Masses

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)



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