

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

15th September 2016 Term 3 Issue 9

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Dear Parents

A few weeks ago children in Years 3 and 5 received their National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results for 2016. Children sat for these assessments earlier in the year, from the 10th of May to the 12th May and elements of learning tested included: aspects of literacy such as; reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy. Whilst we understand that these results are only indicators or how the students performed on the one day, it is always satisfying for the school to get very good results; and this year was no exception. The online package that comes to schools to support the NAPLAN data is extensive and the teachers and teacher leaders are still analyzing where the school made significant gains and areas for further development. Some of the analysis so far is as follows:

YEAR 3

- 58 students sat for NAPLAN 2016
- No children were withdrawn or absent
- The percentage of students below national minimum standards = 0%
- The percentage of students in the top two bands ie Bands 5 and 6 were above the state in all areas
- Areas of particular strength this year were grammar & punctuation and writing, followed closely by spelling, reading and numeracy
- Trend data is showing that the scores are well above that of the state in all areas.

YEAR 5

- 54 students sat for NAPLAN 2016
- No children were withdrawn or absent
- The percentage of students below national minimum standards = 2% - 4% in 3 of the 5 areas tested
- The percentage of students in the top two bands ie Bands 7 and 8 were above the state in all areas
- Areas of particular strength this year were reading, spelling and numeracy followed closely by grammar and punctuation and writing
- Trend data is showing that the scores are above that of the state in all areas, with steep improvements in the areas of reading, grammar & punctuation and overall best results in numeracy.
- Many students showed significant growth in all areas from Years 3 to 5. A topic for further consideration is to investigate why some students reach or excel beyond the expected growth and why some do not.

Teachers will continue to use the NAPLAN results to assist them to; better understand the learning needs of individual students in their class, to observe patterns and trends in specific question items and to take further action to target specific literacy and numeracy skills.

When viewing these results, as a school or as a family, is important to remember that children will be sitting a number of formal assessments throughout their school lives and that many of the skills they possess are not always assessed in these types of tests.

Children who have artistic or sporting ability, problem solvers and those possessing interpersonal skills, those able to synthesize information and creative thinkers, for example, are not able to demonstrate their talent in Literacy and Numeracy assessments of this kind. The skills of acting or dancing are not tested and the ability to be flexible or to use curiosity to further develop learning are not considered in these results. Children who have the ability to 'bounce back' from set backs are not acknowledged either. Whilst we encourage our students to do their very best on the day of the tests we are aware that results can vary and a student who may in fact be quite a good writer, for example, may not produce their best piece of writing on that particular day. My message to all students is always, 'You are not your report or your results, you are so much more!'

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

KA	Christian Donaldson
KM	Tiffany McCloskey
1C	Amelia Coles
1S	Olivia Saab
2M	Liam Jocson
2Y	Ethan-Jordan Firmeza



st patrick's award

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

KA	Makayla Kalouch
KM	Christian Jreij
1C	Jake Doueihi
1S	Remon Wehbe
2M	Aoife Mitchell
2Y	Brian Chen



Movie Night 2016

Don't forget to get your movie tickets for tomorrow night, **Friday 16th of September (Week 9)**. The movie is **ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS - ROAD TRIP** rated PG. The movie is scheduled to **begin at 6:30pm so gates will be open from 5:30pm** to allow families to find a comfy spot in the playground and have a chat with each other and make new friends. You are encouraged to bring fold up chairs or a picnic rug/blanket or beanbags to sit on to watch the movie. There will be allocated areas for seating and for rugs/blankets and beanbags.

Food and drinks will be available for sale on the night and will include the following items:

*Popcorn *Fairy Floss *Hot Dogs *Pizzas
 *Cold Drinks/Juice *Hot Chocolate/Coffee *Ice Cream *Dessert Slices

This is a great opportunity to have a night off cooking and enjoy a few treats!!!! If you bring your own snacks to the event please remember that **St Patrick's is a NUT FREE ZONE!!!!**

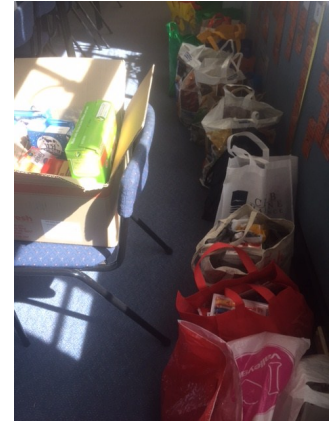
Tickets for the event can be purchased for **\$10 per person**. **Students, adults and High School Siblings must purchase a movie ticket to enter**. **Babies and toddlers (non-school age children) are free of charge**. Everyone who purchases a movie ticket will receive a **free cold drink coupon** to use on the night. Tickets can be purchased in the office tomorrow or at the door. We would greatly appreciate if tickets are purchased prior to the event if possible to assist with the flow through the gate and ordering of food and drinks.

Once again we are having the **GOLD CLASS EXPERIENCE**. Families will be given the opportunity on the night to **purchase an envelope marked with a number from 1-30 for \$10**. Before the commencement of the movie a number will be drawn and the family with the winning number on their purchased envelope will receive Gold Class treatment which includes **front row seating and free pizza, popcorn and drinks**. You will have to be quick to purchase your envelope as there will only be 30 envelopes available for a chance to win.

Please remember that this is a **family event** and **all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult on the night**. Please refrain from smoking or consuming any alcoholic beverages on the school premises.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to the huge generosity shown by the parents and students of St Patrick's to donate the food, toiletries, nappies and many other items towards the Refugee Appeal. I am sure these goods will go towards helping others in our community.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:- Allen Soso, Olivia Saab, Connor Younes, Isabella Moses, Antonia Bayeh, Julian Camenzuli, Ashintha Joseph

TUCKSHOP2U
will now be serving
HOT FOOD
on Tuesday and Thursday ONLY.

Please visit
tuckshop2u.com.au
to view our
updated menu.



Please note that our Banana Bread and Choc Vanilla Blueberry Slice are no longer gluten free.

PAT-R Testing

Children from Yr 2 to 6 are currently sitting the PAT- R standardised tests. These tests are completed online. The PAT -R tests are used to monitor progress in reading comprehension and provide teachers with diagnostic information for setting realistic learning goals and planning effective programs.

This assessment enables us to:

- Track students' literacy progress from year 2 through to year 6.
- Identify students who require help to develop literacy skills and students who would benefit from literacy extension.
- Use results to confirm school-based assessment.
- Use information, based on the question types, to plan literacy teaching strategies.

The results of this assessment will be available to the school by the middle of term 4.

Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Grohs family (Marcus 5T & Alani 3L) on the passing of their Great Grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.

2016 Book Week





SUMMER UNIFORM

The official change of uniform date is the 10th October (Term 4, Week 1) however with the weather warming up the children can now wear their summer uniforms. Parents can you please note that as per school uniform guidelines, joggers for sport are to be mainly white.

<u>Girls' Summer Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Summer Uniform</u>
Tartan School Dress	Grey Shorts
Short White above ankle Socks	Grey Short Sleeve Shirt
Black Shoes	Grey above ankle Socks
Green Hair Ribbon	Black Shoes
Green School Hat	Green School Hat
<u>Girls' Sports Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Sports Uniform</u>
Green Shorts	Green Sports Shorts
Sport Shirt with School Emblem	Sports Shirt with School Emblem
White above ankle Socks	White above ankle Socks
White Sports Shoes	White Sports Shoes
Track Suit with School Emblem	Track Suit with School Emblem

- Full school uniform is to be worn at all times.
- Uniforms and shoes should be clean and neat.
- School hats are to be worn when outside buildings.
- Girls hair ribbons should be green.
- Girls long hair must be plaited or tied back.
- Boys are to have hair cut neatly, above the collar, and of an even and regular cut.
- The use of hair gel or hair dye is not permitted.
- No nail polish is to be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted apart from a wristwatch, sleepers or small plain studs in pierced ears.

All School Uniform items available from

Oz Fashions

115-127 Parramatta Road Granville NSW 2142

Phone 9897 3121 www.ozfashions.com.au

Thanking you for your cooperation in ensuring that the school uniform code is upheld. Remember to label ALL clothing and NO HAT NO PLAY.

School Holiday Workshops

Wednesday, 28 September – Thursday, 6 October 2016

1pm – 3pm | 6 – 12 years | Free

Have fun developing your drawing skills by exploring a variety of media including charcoal, oil pastel, watercolour and scratchboard!

Based on the theme of the [Children & Young Artists section](#) of the 2016 Blacktown City Art Prize, children will make artworks inspired by the hidden wildlife in their neighbourhood or animals living in their imagination!

Children who live or go to school in the Blacktown Local Government Area can submit their finished artworks as an entry in the Children & Young Artists Prize, and have their artwork exhibited as part of the 2016 Blacktown City Art Prize.

Pastel Foxes

Wednesday, 28 September 2016 | 1pm – 3pm

Use vibrant oil pastels to draw a fabulously coloured fox.

Charcoal Owls

Thursday, 29 September 2016 | 1pm – 3pm

Learn how to draw an owl that seems to fly right off the paper!

Watercolour Creatures

Wednesday, 5 October 2016 | 1pm – 3pm

See how a few little droplets can turn a pencil drawing into a watercolour masterpiece.

Scratchy Possums

Thursday, 6 October 2016 | 1pm – 3pm

Etch away line after line on scratchboard to watch a sweet possum emerge.

All workshops are FREE. Spaces are limited and workshops will book out quickly.

MINDQUEST

If you are keen in giving your child (ren) opportunities to be involved in Science based extension courses in the form of Enrichment Weekends MindQuest may be of interest to you. The MindQuest program is held at Glenwood HS and is targeted towards 'gifted and talented' students Years 1-6. There is a cost involved. If you are interested please collect a flyer and registration form from the school office. This is an independent event and is not associated with the school or system

JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - juniorscienceacademy.com.au

At the Junior Science Academy, children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.

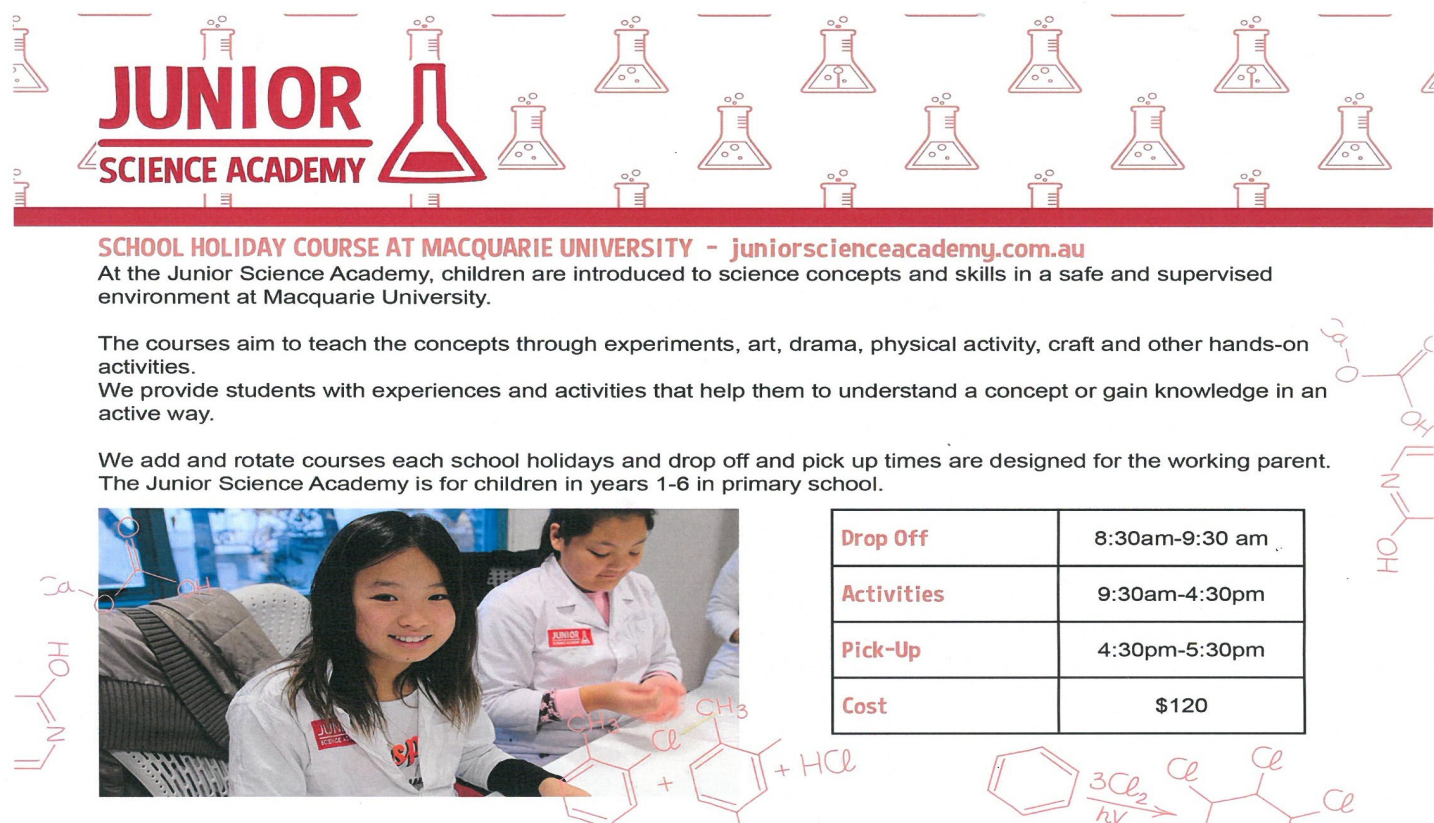
The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.

We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.

We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent. The Junior Science Academy is for children in years 1-6 in primary school.



Drop Off	8:30am-9:30 am
Activities	9:30am-4:30pm
Pick-Up	4:30pm-5:30pm
Cost	\$120



2016 Important Dates

Term 3

Week 9

Friday 16th September	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day
	Infants Assembly—Year 1—2.15pm
	Movie Night—Alvin & The Chipmunks
	Gates open 5.30pm

Week 10

Friday 23rd September	Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Gala Day
	Primary Assembly—Year 4—2.15pm
	Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 10th October	Return to school for Term 4
Tuesday 11th October	Footsteps Dance commences
Friday 14th October	Infants Assembly - 2.15pm

Week 2

Tuesday 18th October	Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 21st October	Primary Assembly—Year 3—2.15pm

Week 3

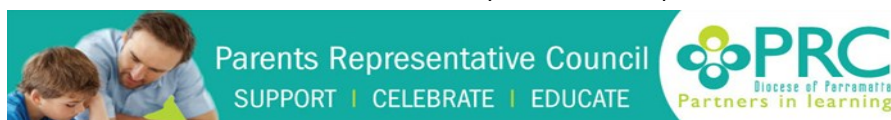
Tuesday 25th October	Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 28th October	Infants Assembly—Year 1—2.15pm

Week 4

Tuesday 1st November	Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 4th November	Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.15pm

Week 5

Monday 7th November	Kinder 2017 Orientation
Tuesday 8th November	Footsteps Dance continues
Wednesday 9th November	Kinder 2017 Orientation
Thursday 10th November	Kinder 2017 Orientation
Friday 11th November	Remembrance Day
	Infants Assembly—Year 2—2.15pm



Term 4, 2016 General Meeting - Mon 14 Nov 2016: Topic Future Directions/Where we're heading in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marian St, Blacktown



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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)