

St Patrick's Primary
School
Newsletter
10th November 2016
Term 4 Issue 5



2016 Student Leaders

Dear Parents

Very soon our Year 5 students will commence the process of the selection of school leaders for 2017. The following information will explain the principles and processes involved in the nomination and voting process at the school. Whilst you may not have a child in Year 5, I am sure you will find this interesting.

The key principles behind the Student Leadership Program at St Patrick's Parramatta are as follows:

We believe that:

- All children have the right to have a 'voice'
- Children can learn to work together and contribute their ideas to improve school life.
- All children can develop their individual capacity to lead and influence others in a responsible manner
- Leadership is about service to the community
- The Student Representative Council Program is an important program which gives children of all ages an opportunity to represent fellow students.
- Children can learn to make a positive difference in their community but there is a difference between popularity and effective leadership.

By the time children get to Years 5 and 6 the school hopes that the children have been exposed to the following factors.

- An opportunity to witness great models of servant leadership from the adults and children around them
- Have a strong interest in contributing to the community, particularly school based programs.
- Are beginning to become self aware; their strengths and areas of development.
- Are learning how to develop strong social skills such as empathy, cooperation, negotiation, collaboration, loyalty, problem solving and humility.

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The process for the selection of student leaders for 2017 commences on Monday 14th November, where the following process will be fully explained. They will be given an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification and get important dates to take home to discuss with their parents.

The Election Process SCHOOL CAPTAIN and VICE CAPTAINS

- Teachers and School Leaders speak to children regarding leadership and the Election Process
- All children in Year 5 to prepare an A4 Poster with photo "What I wish you to know about me". This may contain information about their interest in leadership. (Teachers will provide students with greater details regarding this requirement in class)
- Posters to be displayed in the classroom and viewed by other students.
- Year 6 leaders to speak to Year 5 students about their leadership experience.
- Children in year 5 nominate a boy and girl for school captain. (Only students are eligible to nominate)
- Children can self nominate
- Top 4 nominations calculated and announced
- Children accept or decline nomination
- 4 students to present speeches
- Children in year 5 and staff who know children vote
- Preferential voting process to be used ie 1,2 for each boy and girl pair (1 school captain, 2 vice captain)

The Election Process SCHOOL LEADERS—ARTS, STEM AND PDHPE

- Children in year 5 nominate a boy and girl for each portfolio and describe why they believe that student should be a school leader.
- Children can self nominate or nominate a child for multiple portfolios
- Top 3 nominations for each portfolio announced for boys and girls. (18 in total)
- Children accept or decline nomination
- Children in year 5 and staff who know children vote
- All positions announced

The Election Process COMMITTEES

- Children interested in serving the community by being part of a 'Portfolio Committee' nominate themselves for one portfolio ie Religious Education, Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and ARTs (Language and Creative Arts)
- All children will be accepted for this position
- Children will need to be prepared to undertake their duties during recesses or lunch when required
- Colour Captains form the PDHPE Committee and are not members of the student leadership team. They are selected on merit by a panel of teachers and changed each semester. Colour Captains will receive a colour captain's badge

The school encourages all students to demonstrate leadership through a variety of different opportunities. Students in Year 6 are recognised as the senior students of our school and are all perceived as leaders. To reinforce this belief a number of special privileges are afforded them.

If you have any questions regarding the Student Leadership Program please feel welcome to ring Mrs Elly Benkovich or myself.

*God bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal*

ST PAT'S CREDO MINISTRIES

JUNIOR CREDO

EDGE

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
12:00 PM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: 1 MARIST PL, PARRAMATTA

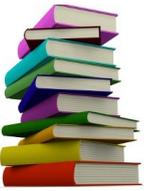
JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN WITH THE COMMUNITY!
PRAYER, PARENT INFO-SESSION, FREE BBQ AT THE
COURTYARD, AND LIVE MUSIC!

Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Rodricks and her family on the passing of her father. Please keep the family in your prayers.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Johnson family (Emily 2M) on the passing of her Great Grandma. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Bookclub Issue 8 2016— Closing Date 25/11/2016

Please follow below instructions to order online

LAST ISSUE FOR THE YEAR

- 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.



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

Michael Aboumelhem, Gabriella Mendoza, Jack Gittany, Ellen Nikolakopoulos, Andrew Doumit, Josef Chedid, Kayla Teklic, Diederik Lubbers, Katerina Yannakis, Zoe Borger, James Fraser

Not Returning to St Patrick's in 2017

Thank you to the parents who have informed the office that their child will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2017. If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2017 please send a letter to Ms Fabri stating the last day of attendance at St Patrick's and which school they will be moving onto in 2017.



If you would like to be informed of the upcoming events of the Order of Malta and our charitable works, please email your postal address to info@smom.org.au to receive a copy of our newsletter

The Order of Malta invites you to

Lourdes Day Mass 2016

The Order of Malta NSW invites you to the Lourdes Day Mass, a mass for the sick and fragile in our community. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the shrine of Lourdes.

It is a manifestation of the Order's commitment to fulfill their mission to nurture, witness and protect the faith and serve the Lord's sick and poor.

Date: Saturday, 3 December 2016
Time: 10am
Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Accessibility details:
Wheelchair access is by the side pedestrian gate in St Mary's Road (near College St corner)

Parking access:
Paid, secure parking is available at the Cook and Phillip Park Aquatic & Fitness Centre carpark (entrance from Cathedral Street).



ICE BLOCKS !!

From this Friday the money raised from ice block's will support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Each child may buy ONE ice at \$1.00.



FRIDAY 11 November 9.15 am WAY of MERCY CELEBRATION

Celebrations will commence tomorrow at 9.15am in the Amphitheatre and will run for approx. 1hr. The 4 metre tall Cross of Mercy and relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Teresa of Kalcatta which have been visiting schools and parishes in the Dioceses for the past three months make their final visit ... to our school.

We will process behind the cross, symbolically walking with all people, identifying with their joys and hopes, their griefs and their anxieties and praying for the strength to follow Christ. We will gather to pray and then people will have the opportunity to venerate the relics and cross.

Members of our school and Parish community are warmly invited to join us in this unique celebration.

SUNDAY 13 November 4.30 PM PARISH CELEBRATION of WAY of MERCY

The Cathedral Parish of St Patrick's Parramatta and several other parishes are gathering for the final 'hub' celebration of the *Way of Mercy*.

The celebration begins at the Old Kings Oval at 4.15 pm with a procession to the forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral. A liturgy and World Youth Day testimonial will follow and then adoration of the cross and relics.

Evening mass, which begins at 6pm, will be followed by the Closing of the Door of Mercy and a **fund-raising barbeque** for Arrupe Place. This is the Jesuit initiative to support refugees and asylum seekers in our community.

Please let me know ASAP how many people in your family will be staying for the barbeque.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Jude Kerr

Religious Education Coordinator.

We have noticed over the last week that there has been an increase in the number of children coming to sick bay for the following 2 illnesses. The below information has been taken directly from the NSW Government Infection Disease website.

Conjunctivitis

Time from exposure to illness 1-3 days.

Symptoms The eye feels scratchy, is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, while there is discharge from the eye.

How can I help prevent spread? Careful hand washing; avoid sharing towels. Antibiotics may be needed.

Gastroenteritis

Time from exposure to illness Depends on the cause: several hours to several days.

Symptoms A combination of frequent loose or watery stools, vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, at least for 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.

How can I prevent spread? Careful hand washing with soap and water after using the toilet or handling nappies and before touching food.



Year 4 Excursion- Arabanoo

On Friday 4th November Year 4 went on an excursion to Arabanoo- Sydney Harbour National Park to explore the bushland vegetation and Aboriginal heritage site.

We were greeted by the rangers who then led us on an exciting bushwalk through the National Park. It was a very hot day so Miss Takchi and Mrs Fardell made sure we were all wearing our hats and sunscreen and were drinking lots of water. On our journey through the bush we observed different species of flora including many Eucalypt trees which we are learning about this term in Science and Technology. We also saw some big lizards and insects and listened to the beautiful singing of the birds.

After our bushwalk journey, we arrived at Reef Beach. However as the tide was high we didn't have much room to sit on the sand and there was very little shade so the rangers, teachers and parent helpers led us on a rocky adventure to another beach where we had a rest and enjoyed eating our lunch whilst looking out at the crystal clear water and majestic views of Manly. Some of us were splashed by the waves as we crossed over the rocks but we didn't mind as it was extremely warm so it cooled us down.

The rangers showed us different tools used by the Indigenous tribes and we even got to taste some natural herbs that they used. They spoke to us about the importance of Arabanoo to the Indigenous Australians and why the site continues to be significant today.

We were really excited when we had the opportunity to go onto the sand and build our own sculptures by the sea of different sea creatures.

Year Four had a very enjoyable learning experience where we not only had lots of fun but were able to make connections to what we are learning about in class. We would like to thank our wonderful parent helpers: Mrs Romanos, Mrs Z Rahme, Mrs Maroun, Mrs Younes, Mrs D Rahme and Mrs Neroy without whose help our day would not have been as safe or successful. They helped the teachers by making sure we were safe and supervised throughout the whole day.

If you have some free time these Christmas holidays try to go to Sydney Harbour National Park-Arabanoo (Dobroyd Head) and explore this amazing part of Sydney. You won't regret it!!!

Year 4, 2016



BE BUS AWARE

Buses can't stop quickly



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**BE SAFE ON AND AROUND BUSES.
BE BUS AWARE!**

- 1** Follow the rules and cross with care
- 2** Give way to buses
- 3** Reduce speed to 40 when lights are flashing
- 4** Plan ahead and don't rush for the bus
- 5** Bike riders take care around buses

bebusaware.com.au



Transport for NSW

OZ Fashions opening & closing times during the Christmas period.

Our last trading day for this year will be Saturday, 24th December (9am – 4pm) and we will re-open on Thursday, 5th January (9am-5:30pm).

I strongly recommend parents purchase their uniform early January to avoid lengthy queues.

Cumberland Council

Out of School Hours Education and Care



Council's Out of School Hours (OOSH) Education and Care Centres cater for children aged 5-13 years who attend primary school in the Cumberland Local Government area and surrounding areas.

Services operate Monday to Friday:
Before School Care from 6.30am - 9.30am
(Pemulwuy OOSH 6.00am - 9.00am)
After School Care from 3.00pm - 6.00pm
School Holiday Program 7.00am - 6.00pm
(Pemulwuy OOSH 6.00am - 6.00pm)

All activities and excursions are included.
Services are closed public holidays.

Breakfast and afternoon tea are provided along with an interest based program aligned with the National Quality Framework and My Time Our Place.

Experienced and qualified educators develop stimulating and educational programs to meet the children's interests and needs. Homework is supported through the homework club.

Environmentally friendly initiatives are promoted within all services. Services promote child well-being and development through our safety program.

Families are welcome to visit www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au to view programs and complete enrolment forms.

Council's OOSH Centre contact details:

Guildford West OOSH:	9721 2257	0419 120 575
Parramatta West OOSH:	9633 5246	0408 241 513
Pemulwuy OOSH:	9896 6129	0427 058 227
Pendle Hill OOSH:	9631 8063	0410 553 284
Ringrose OOSH:	9636 6586	0418 442 153
Sherwood Grange OOSH:	9892 4207	0419 632 885
Widemere OOSH:	9757 1904	0417 647 310



St. Patrick's Dance Group



The Mercy Music and Performance Academy and St. Patrick's Primary School would like to start an **Extracurricular Dance Group** in 2017.

Rehearsals would be held before school on a Monday morning on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy College. Parents would drop students off at the gates of Our Lady of Mercy College for their group rehearsal. Students would then walk to St Patrick's under the supervision of their dance teacher.

We are seeking expressions of interest from families whose children will be in years 4-6 in 2017.

We would kindly ask for all families to complete a short survey by following the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H8F8VHH>

St. Patrick's Music Ensemble

Do you learn a Concert band instrument? Would you like to join the St. Pat's Music Ensemble?

The Mercy Music and Performance Academy and St. Patrick's Primary School are starting a Music Ensemble that rehearse every Tuesday on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy College. Rehearsals are from 8am – 8:35. At the conclusion of the rehearsal, students are then taken across to St. Patrick's, under the supervision of the Ensemble Conductor.

Any students who are currently learning a Concert Band instrument are welcome.

For more information please email music@olmc.nsw.edu.au or call: 02 8838 1226 during school hours.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

**College Open
Morning Tour
Monday
November 14, 2016**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on November 14, 2016 the last tour of the year.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



Educating young women for the future

Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2018

There is one open Morning remaining specifically for Year 7 2018 enrolments on:

Thursday 17th November 2016 9.15 – 11am

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2018. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2018 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

To book places for a school tour on one of these tour mornings please contact our School Reception on 9849 9100.

2016 Important Dates

Term 4

Week 5

Friday 11th November Remembrance Day
Way of Mercy Celebrations—9.15am

Week 6

Tuesday 15th November Footsteps Dance continues
Wednesday 16th Nov Kinder 2017 Parent Information Night
Thursday 17th November Kinder Excursion—Camsley Farm
Friday 18th November Primary Assembly—Year 5—2.15pm
Year 6 Farewell Dinner—Parent organised function

Week 7

Tuesday 22nd November Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 25th November Infants Assembly—Choir—2.15pm

Week 8

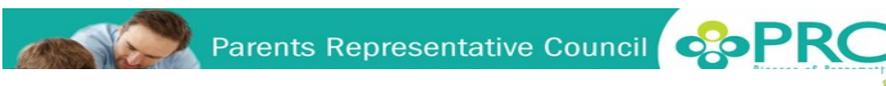
Tuesday 29th November Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 2nd December Primary Assembly—Year 4—2.15pm

Week 9

Tuesday 6th December Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 9th December Year 6 Graduation Mass—9.15am
Infants Assembly—Kinder—2.15pm

Week 10

Monday 12th December Meet the Teacher Afternoon
Tuesday 13th December Footsteps Dance continues
Concert Evening—More details to come
Wed 14th December Swimming Carnival
Thurs 15th December Year 6 Fun Day
Friday 16th December Thanksgiving Mass
Whole School Farewell Assembly
LAST DAY OF 2016 FOR STUDENTS



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

2017 Start Dates

27/01/2017 & 30/1/2017 SDD (Children booked in for MAI Assessments TBA)

31/01/2017 Years 1– 6 return

02/02/2017 Kindergarten Commence



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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)