

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

23rd November 2017 Term 4 Week 7

Dear Parents,

In a few weeks time you will be receiving your child's Semester 2 Report. As per the last few years the report that St Patrick's Parramatta is using is the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta Online Report. The majority of schools in the Parramatta Diocese use this report. Below is a summary of the key features.

- The reports follow the A – E common grade scale for the 7 Key Learning Areas for Grades 1 to 6 (The Common Grade Scale developed with the Board of Studies contains descriptions and associated grades A-E or equivalent words. The scale describes; The depth of **knowledge and understanding** and the **range of skills** that students working at that standard typically show. In line with the National Curriculum the strands within the subject are not reported separately. Knowledge and skills are seen as fully integrated eg, a student uses the skills of talking/listening, reading and writing in composing and responding to text within the English Curriculum. Computer skills and the use of the Library are also not seen as separate from the key areas of learning but rather integral tools with associated skills within each of them.
- Each report indicates the **effort** demonstrated by the students in each Key Learning Area. This can often be a difficult area to assess so the standard for reporting for effort is based on what behaviours, attitudes and learning habits the student **demonstrates**.
- Information about the distribution of grades across the year – that is, how many students were awarded an A, how many a B and so on, is indicated.
- Comments have been included for the three key areas of Religious Education, English and Mathematics.
- A Grading is given for Personal and Social Behaviours and Learning Habits
- A general comment is given at the end of the report.
- In keeping with Government guidelines, Kindergarten reports do not use an A – E common grade scale as they are still emerging as learners.
- A record of Absences and Partial Absences is given at the end of the report. It is worthy of note that significant absences and/or partial absences can have a significant impact on a child's learning and thus the report results.
- Information regarding NAPLAN results can be found on the cover of Year 3 and 5 reports.

When looking at your child's report it is important that this is seen as a snapshot of how your child is doing at this point in time. It needs to be read in conjunction with other important tracking information. Some of these include: student portfolios, teacher comments, parent teacher interviews throughout the year, student work samples, student personal reflections, general indicators of progress and improvement and information about student effort. It is also important to note that in order for the children to be confident about making further progress they need to be encouraged to 'own' their progress or lack of desirable growth. Dr Carol Dweck, author of 'Mindset How You Can Fulfil Your Potential' encourages parents and teachers to focus on a growth mindset by not looking solely at performance. She reminds us that "Every word and action from parent to child sends a message." When you speak to your child about their report, "... tune in to the messages you are sending. Are they messages that say: "You have permanent traits and I am judging them?" Or are they messages that say; "You're a developing person and I'm interested in you development?"

Asking questions that may assist include:

What is this report telling you about what you learned this year?
What does it tell you about how you handled making mistakes and learning from them?
What is it saying about how hard you tried?
What is the report telling you about what you enjoy doing?
What is the report telling you about what you don't enjoy?
What is the report telling you about how you embraced the opportunities for learning and growth given to you?
When, where and how will you embark on your plan to continue to improve?
Is this report a true reflection of your ability and if not, why have you not shown your teacher what you can really think and do? How can you change this next year?

If you have any questions about your child's report please feel welcome to contact your child's classroom teacher.

God bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri



Honour Award

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

KA	Luke Wehbe
KM	Isaac Wehbe
1C	Germain Toledo
1S	Paul Khouri
2M	Alexander Markovic
2Y	Justin Mawad



st patrick's award

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

KA	Zachary Aguilera
KM	Lawrence Wahbe
1C	Chloe Geagea
1S	Liam Stojkovski
2M	Takeshi Liu
2Y	Magdalena Gilchrist



SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT REMINDERS RE MORNING AND AFTERNOON PICK UP/DROP OFF

Dear Parents

Please find below some important reminders regarding Road Safety Procedures around the school

BAGS IN BOOT

In the afternoons, can we encourage you to ask the children to enter the car and to place their bags on their laps or on the floor, instead of asking them to go behind the car to place their bags in the boot. Our safety recommendation is driven by our observation of children dangerously going in between cars, keeping in mind what could happen if cars accidentally move forward. We ask you to seriously consider this recommendation.

Thank you!

CROSSING - NEAR ACCIDENT TUESDAY MORNING (21/11/17)

Parents this morning it has come to my attention that one of our students was nearly hit by a car (TWICE) on Ross Street. This was due to the fact that the child crossed the road behind his car, **not at the crossing**. As previously communicated this is a very dangerous situation. Can I appeal to all parents dropping their children off at the OLMC side of Ross Street in the morning or picking up in the afternoon to please **always use the crossing**. This is a recommendation even when you are with them as it is good role modelling. I know you will all agree that the few extra minutes it takes for this safe procedure is worth avoiding a potential accident and possibly saving a life.

Thanking you for your serious attention of this matter.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON PICK UP

I have just had a number of conversations with members of the Parramatta City Council regarding the morning and afternoon pick up conditions. They have informed me that from now on parents will need to be vigilant about following the road signs including the Trott Street 'No Stopping' sign. In other words all parents will need to drive around the block and not block Trott Street. Some parents may wish to park. Failure to obey these road signs may result in the issuing of fines.

Can I please ask you from now on to obey the conditions of the road signs until we can come up with a better solution for the safe pick up and drop off of our children. The council will be soon conducting a survey to gather your thoughts on the topic. In the meantime I am asking for your cooperation in this matter.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

OZ FASHIONS your uniform supplier is now selling all uniforms required for 2018. We are open 6 days a week Monday-Friday 9.00-5.30pm Saturday 9.00-4.00pm.

Please purchase your uniforms before the new year to avoid long queues and to guarantee we have all the sizes you require.

We also sell CLARKS black leather school shoes and CLARKS white leather sports shoes at very competitive prices.

Thank you

Oz Fashions



NOTIFICATION REGARDING GATE CLOSURE IN 2018

To ensure full compliance with the school's timetable hours (8.50am to 3.00pm) please be aware that as from **Term 1, 2018 the main gate will be locked at the official gazetted school start time, that is at 8.50am.** This will mean that any child who arrives after 8.50am will require an adult to sign them in and this will be recorded as a partial absence. We are no longer able to continue to give children the 10mins grace period. It is hoped that giving families this early notification will assist parents whose children are currently arriving late to school ie after 8.50am. It is our recommendation that parents and children begin working on strategies now, to try to arrive by the starting time. Below are some suggestions to help improve this punctuality.

1. Prepare as much as you can the night before
2. Identify and overcome distractions
3. Make your morning routine visual
4. Delegate some responsibility
5. Make yourself scarce
6. Be willing to take your child to school even if they aren't fully ready

Please contact your child's class teacher or members of the leadership team if we can be of any assistance.

Regards

Bernadette Fabri



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO **MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**

On Monday the 27th November the school photographers are returning to the school to take a whole school photo, which will be displayed in the foyer, and the Year 6 Graduation photo. **Children will need to wear summer school uniform.**

<u>Scholastic Year</u>	<u>Sch Yr Attendance Level %</u>
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K	97.6%
01	85.3%
02	91.8%
03	87.9%
04	89.4%
05	90.4%
06	87.3%

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target
Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance
Level = 90.1%**



ICE BLOCKS !! We are selling ice blocks every Friday until the end of term. Each child may buy ONE ice block at \$1.00 each.

Not Returning to St Patrick's in 2018

Thank you to the parents who have informed the office that their child will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2018. If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2018 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 2018. This does not apply to year 6 students.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Week 8 - 24 to 28 November

Thank you for your continued support of the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal over the years and for including this organisation in your donations this year. Information about what your child can bring to school is provided below.

For those of you who are in the position to contribute just that little bit more this Christmas, you will find an appeal run by JRS - ARRUPE HOUSE in this newsletter. Thank you as always for your generosity.



Kindergarten: pasta, rice, noodles, sauces (non glass containers)

Year One: tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, beetroot, corn etc), gravy mix, meal base mixes (maggi meals)

Year Two: tinned fruit, chips, lollies, twisties, lunchbox snacks (rollups, muesli bars, LCM)

Year Three: jam, vegemite, honey, cheese spread (NO peanut butter please), laundry products

Year Four: tea, coffee, cereal, long life milk, sugar, toppings for icecream, milo

Year Five: cordial, poppers, fruit juice, soft drinks, etc.

Year Six: cakes, biscuits, (plain, savoury, chocolate), toiletries



CHRISTMAS CONCERT INFORMATION



Christmas time is fast approaching and preparations are underway for our annual Christmas Concert. This year we are performing **'The Magical Christmas Box'** on **Monday 11 December** in the **Edith Angel Hall** at **OLMC**. The performance will start at **1pm**. We looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year and Christmas.

Thanking you for your continued support and cooperation.
The Christmas Concert Committee



NAME THE CRANE COMPETITION



Thank you to all the children that entered the Lendlease 'Name the Crane' Competition. The teachers were so impressed with some very creative and well thought out names. A member of Lendlease came to the school on Tuesday to pick up the finalists chosen by the teachers. The announcement of the winner and the runner up will be made at Friday morning assembly and parents will be contacted for the opportunity to attend the unveiling at the stadium site on. Some important dates include:

1. Winner announced (24/11/17 8.50am)
2. Unveiling of winning artwork involving winner/runner up and parents/teacher (onsite 1/12/17) change of date

Good Luck Everyone!



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

Abbey Matta, Gabrielle Vella, Xavier Moujalli, Ethan Bechara, Keenen Rosauo, Ethan Xue, Savannah Chiha, Ray Chen

2017 School Calendar

Term 4

Week 7

Friday 24th November	Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time Infants Assembly—Year 1—2.15pm
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Week 8

Monday 27th November	Whole School Photo—Full Summer Uniform
Tuesday 28th November	'Footsteps' Dance continues
Wednesday 29th November	Swimming Carnival Year 2—Year 6
Thursday 30th November	Year 4 Travel expo
Friday 1st December	Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time Primary Assembly—Year 3—2.15pm

Week 9

Tuesday 5th December	'Footsteps' Dance continues
Friday 8th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass—9.15am Infants Assembly—Kinder— 2.15pm

Week 10

Monday 11th December	Christmas Concert—1pm OLMC Hall
Tuesday 12th December	'Footsteps' Dance continues
Friday 15th December	Thanksgiving Mass—more details to come Whole School Farewell Assembly LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2017



Volunteers needed

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist at our carnival. To ensure the smooth running of the swimming carnival we require more volunteers. If you are available on the 29th November your help would be greatly appreciated.

Back to School 2018

Parents, if you intend to travel overseas or interstate during the Christmas holidays and your child/children will be returning to school after school resumes on the 31st January 2018, could you please notify the office in writing. Please remember if leave is 5 or more days you will be required to complete an extended leave application form which can be collected from the office. This needs to be completed prior to going on leave and **must be lodged in 2017.**



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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

Fr George Azhakath

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)

Year 6 Reflection Camp

On the 15 - 16 of November Year 6 students went to Vision Valley for an overnight retreat. The 2017's Year 6 students were the first to trial this overnight stay in 25 years. With much anticipation and excitement, the day finally came after a year's hard work.

Day 1 - Activity day

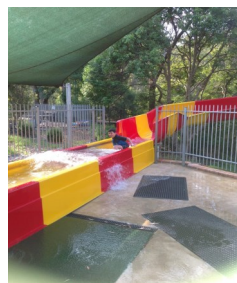
We were all up early, excited for the trip ahead of us. We all arrived at school at 8:30 and departed at 8:45am! The trip was very relaxing and was only 40 minutes or so. Knowing we had a full day planned ahead of us, we arrived expecting to go straight for the cabins but instead we had to wait till 6:00 at night!!! On arrival, we went straight to the dining room for Morning tea. This was followed by our 3 main activities.

Our first activity was canoeing! We learnt how to paddle and to communicate with our partner and to use a few techniques we were taught. Our group became a little bit cheeky and splashed water a little onto each other! We had a ball!!! The hardest part was coming in together and holding each other's canoe's and staying still. This required a lot of communication and all hands were to be on deck! To finish off our activity, we got to play a game of basketball where the red team throws the ball into the blue team's canoe. Same with Blue's! My favourite part was when my friends and I were racing each other. Turns out we won!!!



We then got another break and we were pumped for our next activity, my group's next activity was archery! In archery we got to learn how to shoot with a bow and arrow. Unfortunately, I nearly missed every target... We got to get a few turns each and we got to have a competition. The aim was to get the closest to 21 points! We also had 2 types of bow's to use, the basic or the normal one. Nearly all of us chose to use the normal Bow! We had to make sure we paid attention to the instructor, especially because this event could be dangerous! My favourite part of this was when we got to shoot at the targets because it was amazing what we could do.

Once again we got to get another break and were all tired out. We got changed into our swimmers for later but for now, we had to do activity 3. The Gliding Possum is where your group lifts you up all the way to the top! My favourite part about this was how high it was and the amazing view!



All of our main activities were now finished and it was now 5 in the afternoon. This is what we were waiting for, THE WATER SLIDE! We were all in such a rush to slide down it and we got to do some really cool things! What was unexpected was how fast it was! But the looks on people's faces was amazing! Personally, this was my favourite activity!

Our Last outdoor activity for the day was Volley Ball! It was great fun but the only problem was both balls got kicked over the fence and into the lake. It was still better than nothing!



FINALLY we saw our cabins and got changed and got ready for spaghetti bolognese (Dinner). This was followed by a reflection activity in the hall! We learnt about our feelings and to not take it all on your own and to share the responsibility. This will help us during our everyday lives and definitely high school! Once we finished we went back to our cabins again and talked for a while and we went to bed but it was very hard to sleep.

Day 2 - Reflection Day

In the morning the boys were ready to rock n roll early in the morning. We finished so early packing up, we went for a walk and went to the football field to play games. After 45 mins or so we then got called for breakfast and we met the girls there. We got to eat delicious bacon and eggs. Once we finished we went downstairs and did an activity of how we recognise that person and put the paper with the writing in the person's bag. We then came to mass in the hall and it was a very special time. Everyone got a part to play in the mass! We all took a rock that represented us and swapped it with a candle and that rock is still with us!

We then arrived at school at 3 and we all were talking about our favourite thing that we did! It was the best experience I have ever done!

Written by Pierre Onano 6W



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That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

orders are due:
24th November 2017

As of 2018 we will no longer accept cash/cheque for Book Club in the office. All orders will need to be processed through the LOOP platform. If you require help completing this order please contact Mrs Jones.

JRS - ARRUPPE HOUSE Christmas Appeal

November 6 to December 6

**113 FAMILIES
NEED OUR
HELP THIS
CHRISTMAS**



**HELP US REACH OUR TARGET:
350 GIFT VOUCHERS FOR ADULTS:
WESTFIELD, BIG W, KMART, COLES, WOOLWORTHS**

**150 PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN
(120 CHILDREN ARE AGED 0-8 YEARS
AND 30 CHILDREN ARE AGED 8-13 YEARS).**

Place a gift in the stable and give Joy to a family seeking refuge

CAROLS in the forecourt

The most wonderful time of the year!

**7pm Saturday
December 2**

**St Patrick's Cathedral Forecourt
1 Marist Place Parramatta**

Entertainment includes:

- St Patrick's Primary School choir,
- Cathedral musicians and community choirs,
- Re-enactment of the Christmas story,
- Jumping castle, Christmas stalls, a visit from Santa and
- BBQ in aid of Arrupe House (Jesuit Refugee Service)

Everyone is welcome.

