

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

30th November 2018 Term 4 Week 8

Dear Parents

Last week a number of Year 5 students, put themselves forward to try out for the 2018 leadership positions of School Captain/Vice Captain, STEM, ARTs and PDHPE leaders for 2018. The children nominated for School Captain prepared a speech on what makes a good leader and why they should be considered. The children in Years 4 and 5 had the opportunity to listen to them also. I am always so impressed with the thoughts of children these days. I was filled with a combination of admiration and gratitude; that this young generation, often admonished for being self centred and lacking in resilience, had such courage and a willingness to address their peers in wanting to serve their school community. I must admit at their age I did not have the confidence to nominate myself for a leadership position or to be involved in public speaking for that matter.

One by one they introduced who they were, described their best qualities and explained what leadership means to them. All spoke from the heart and I am sure felt a great sense of satisfaction that they had given this challenge a go. As with all stretch situations, where success is not guaranteed and in this case due to the fact that there are more candidates than positions available, not all students were chosen. Success however comes in many forms and I can truly say that the fact that these children showed a 'growth mindset' by being willing to learn from this experience is very impressive and serves as a character building opportunity.

Even those that were not selected will come to realize that after the 'pain of disappointment' life returns back to its normal pace – what a wonderful lesson! As I explained to the children, I believe that in many ways leadership is a gift from the community. It is a gift with a huge responsibility, a responsibility that is an invitation to serve, just as Jesus modelled. One can be a designated leader, however without integrity, relational trust, commitment, and resilience, a leader may find themselves without followers. I also explained that for many children who desire leadership, continuing to be the best version of themselves - to be authentic, may eventually lead them to serve as leaders later in life.

Even at such a young age children have the capacity to do 'what is right', beyond their own desires. This is a great quality for leadership and is one worth striving for on a daily basis.

May I take this opportunity to thank all children in Year 5 and their families for the preparation entailed in the process of nomination, for the spirit to which they have entered into this opportunity and especially for the generous and genuine support shown towards each other. May I also thank Mrs Carroll, Mrs Williams and Mrs Benkovich for ensuring that all processes were procedurally fair.

Thank you is also extended to our current Year 6 leaders and their classmates for a 'job well done'!

Selection of Colour Captains takes place next year by Mr Younis and a panel of teachers including the current Year 5 teachers.

God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri

Ph: 02 8832 4600

Villiers Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

Po Box 2308, North Parramatta NSW 1750

Office hours 8.30am—3.30pm

stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.stpatsparra.catholic.edu.au



Honour Award

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



3L	Oliver Kougelis
3T	Talia Kalouch
4B	Mark Abraham
4G	Thomas Kougelis
5C	Joshua Lorenzo
5T	Sandra Moussa
6P	Ray Wehbe
6W	Ray Wehbe



st patrick's award

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

3L	Talia Lahoud
3T	Olivia Takchi
4B	Crystella Geagea
4G	Gabriella Mendoza
5C	Luke Takchi
5T	Zoe Borger
6P	Kalysta Livia Maharani
6W	Adrian Pangan

PARRAMATTA COUNCIL SURVEY RE PARKING AND PICKUP AROUND THE SCHOOL -

Due Dates:

Friday 8th December if emailing directly to council

Wednesday 6th December if part of a school mail out (Through School Office)

Dear Parents,

Today you will receive a survey issued by Parramatta City Council regarding the parking and signage on Trott Street. May I encourage all of you to complete it so that Council will get a fair representation from our Community. You can scan and email it directly to the council as per the notice or bring it into the school office and we will ensure that it is sent off.

The position from the school will be that the, **No Stopping (all day) sign to be moved to the west side of Trott Street and that the 'No Parking 2.30pm - 3.30pm School Days restriction be installed on the East Side of Trott Street.** In this way our parents can line up on Trott Street during pick up in the afternoon and have traffic still move around them if necessary. This is not an option given by Council but may be included in Section 3 (Your further comments and Suggestions) if desired. This school position is for your information only. There is absolutely no obligation to take the school's position in the survey.

Thanking you as always for your patience with this matter.
Bernadette Fabri



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the coming week:
Simone Tanna, Edan-Grace El-Chaar, Natalie Draybi, Daniel Pinto, Magdalena Gilchrist, Beth Roumanus, Claire Guatlo, Anthony Malek

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.

GRADUATION MORNING TEA

All parents, family and friends of Year 6 students are welcome to join them in celebrating a special Graduation Morning Tea, after Graduation Mass, on **Friday, 8th December, 2017**. This will take place in the Cathedral Hall. Thank you to the parents of the newly elected 2018 school leaders for organising this event. If any other Year 5 parent is happy to help in any way please call the school office (8832 4600) Any Assistance will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL



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. The support for the Christmas Appeal has been outstanding. Being part of such a giving community should fill us all with joy and gratitude. What a wonderful model you are for your children - truly being the hands and face of Jesus to the less fortunate.

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.



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

Save the date !!!!!

FOOTSTEPS DANCE CONCERT - UNDER THE COLA (Weather permitting)

All parents and friends are welcome to see a special presentation and celebration of the dance moves the children have been learning during their Footsteps Dance classes this term. Hoping to see you there! **12TH DECEMBER at 2.00pm**

Swimming Carnival



The students from years 2 - 6 attended Wentworthville Pool on Wednesday for our annual swimming carnival. The day ran smoothly. Most of the swimming races were completed just after 12:00 which made it possible for some extra races to be scheduled and for the students to get some 'free' time in the pool.

The children were suitably exhausted by the end of the day. Few complained of sunburn which meant, thank you parents, that they all had applied sunscreen well. It was a great day.

Well done to all the parent helpers, teachers and especially the students. The behaviour of the students was exceptionally good throughout the day.

Congratulations to everyone for making our carnival such a wonderful success.

The age champions will be announced once the trophies have arrived.

Mr Mark Baird

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.

NAME THE CRANE WINNERS

First Prize – Elise Sassen , she named the crane “Patty”

Runner up- Malcolm Nasr, he named the crane “Goonagullah”

Congratulations to students Elise Sassen (6W) and Malcolm Nasr (3T) who won First Place and Runner Up respectively in the Lendlease Western Sydney Stadium, ‘Name the Crane’ competition. Elise and Malcolm won a book voucher for their class. Elise, her family and teacher has been invited to the unveiling of the poster at the stadium site tomorrow morning. Hopefully we will bring you pictures next week.

Well Done Elise and Malcolm.

NAME THE CRANE AND WIN FOR YOUR SCHOOL

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO NAME THE CRANE AT WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM!

NSW Government is building a new stadium in Parramatta called 'Western Sydney Stadium'. We have a tower crane on site which needs a new name.

The winner will have their suggested name to be mounted on the front site gate facing O'Connell St, and their primary school will receive a \$500 voucher to buy brand new books.

Simply complete the form and colour it in. Entries close 5pm Friday 17 November 2017. The winner, their teacher, and four guests will be invited to attend the name the crane ceremony.

MY CRANE'S NAME IS: **Patty**

What name would you give your crane? Patty

Why? (25 words or less) I have chosen the name patty because St Patrick is the saint of our school and I believe the crane should be named after us.

What is your name? Elise Sassen Your age? 11 Your School? St Patrick's Primary

All entries will be collected by a Lendlease representative on Friday 17 November.

Terms and Conditions - Entry is open aged 5-12 years in St. Patrick's Primary School. Winners will be notified via their school Principal. The Judge's decision is final. Only one crane name per entry form. Entries close 5pm Friday 17 November 2017.

NAME THE CRANE AND WIN FOR YOUR SCHOOL

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO NAME THE CRANE AT WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM!

NSW Government is building a new stadium in Parramatta called 'Western Sydney Stadium'. We have a tower crane on site which needs a new name.

The winner will have their suggested name to be mounted on the front site gate facing O'Connell St, and their primary school will receive a \$500 voucher to buy brand new books.

Simply complete the form and colour it in. Entries close 5pm Friday 17 November 2017. The winner, their teacher, and four guests will be invited to attend the name the crane ceremony.

MY CRANE'S NAME IS: **Goonagullah**

What name would you give your crane? Goonagullah

Why? (25 words or less) We are on traditional Aboriginal lands. Goonagullah in the Aboriginal language means the sky. It's perfect for a crane that is high in the sky.

What is your name? Malcolm Nasr Your age? 8 Your School? St Patrick Primary School

All entries will be collected by a Lendlease representative on Friday 17 November.

Terms and Conditions - Entry is open aged 5-12 years in St. Patrick's Primary School. Winners will be notified via their school Principal. The Judge's decision is final. Only one crane name per entry form. Entries close 5pm Friday 17 November 2017.

2017 Diocesan Sport Awards



Last night Luke Maroun (6W) attended the Parramatta Diocesan Sport Awards where he was recognised for his success and contributions to the Diocese. We thank his family and Ms Standing for supporting him at this event. He received a medallion and a certificate indicating his achievements. Congratulations to Luke Maroun for participating in the opens Parramatta Rugby League, the Mackillop Rugby League, Parramatta Rugby Union, Mackillop Rugby Union and the Parramatta Touch Football. Joey Chiha & Simone Sabat interviewed Luke today to find out about his year.

“During the school terms I participated in some of the sports you may know such as Touch Football , Rugby League and Rugby Union. In all these sports I participated at a high level. In one of these sports I made the PSSA NSW team for Rugby League. I went through some rough times such as my injury on my knee. This led to pulling out on some of my great sports such as the PSSA NSW team. Besides that it was a really great experience and other students should try it sometime”.

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

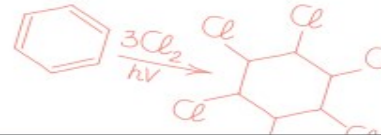
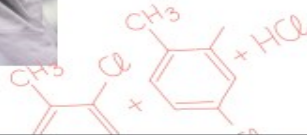
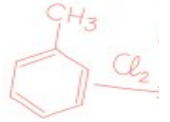


SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – mq.edu.au/about/holidays

- Children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment.
- Courses teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.
- Students are provided with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.
- Courses are added and rotated 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 K-6 in primary school.



Drop off	8.30am – 9.30am
Activities	9.30am – 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Cost	\$122



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.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

On Friday night the Year Six students celebrated the end of their primary school years by attending a party at Oatlands golf Club. The party was organised by wonderful parent helpers; Mrs Rita Davino, Mrs Diane Sabat, Mrs Monique Wehbe, Mrs Josie Romanos, Mrs Jackie Wehbe, Mrs Maria Fernandes, Mrs Marian Dagostino, Mrs Noha Draybi, Mrs Jana Nader, Mrs Lisa Kassis, Mrs Sonia Banzato, Mrs Elverita Santos and Mrs Winiefreda Tolentino.

It was a fitting occasion and so lovely to see the students enjoying time together. Below are some statements of thanks and reflections on the evening.



Last Friday it was year 6's graduation party! The party was beach themed and was absolutely fun. There was a photo booth where we got to create many memories with our friends and there was also a DJ and a dance floor. We all danced and some of our peers even got to rap and sing on the microphone too.

Once we got hungry there was an amazing buffet as well! The buffet had bread rolls with butter, pasta, chips, chicken schnitzel and also salad. The cake was made by Simone Sabat's mother and it was absolutely stunning! It was a three layer cake that had vanilla and chocolate cake in it. It was beach themed and had beautiful decorations throughout it. After cake there was even a dessert bar! There was so many treats like cake, jelly, cupcakes and fruit too.

We also watched a fun video of all of us describing our selves in 3 words (it was hilarious). Some people also sang and performed a rap on the video. We had also completed activities such as limbo and we had some pretty amazing dance battles too. Overall, the night was a complete success and I am so glad I got to hang out with all my friends out of school for one last time. I can't wait to see what the future brings the class of 2017!!

Zara Fong

On Friday the 24th of November, Year Six's had their graduation party at Oatlands Golf Club. A special thank you to all the parents involved including the committee who always push to do extra for us and we are all very thankful for that.

We all had a great night. From dancing to singing to eating we had a great time. At the conclusion of the night, a lot of us signed each other's yearbooks and this has continued all throughout the week and we all hope these will give us remembrance of each other.

A thank you to the DJ Joseph Majcher who helped us have a great time through listening to our requests and leading us in games. He hopefully had a great time with us and his services were greatly appreciated by parents and students.

All the teachers had a great time by the looks of the night and they were a big part of the night. Thank you to all the teachers that attended. All around it was a great night and again thank you to the parents and also Oatlands Golf Club for giving us their private room.

On Friday, the 24th of November, Year 6 of 2017 celebrated their end of year farewell party. It was very exciting, loud and enjoyable and we all had a wonderful time making memories together. We participated in limbo and were all grooving on the dance floor, we also did some singing and rapping and took photos with our friends using some hats, emojis and frames. After we ate our very tasty dinner, we all sat together and watched a video that was constructed by the very talented Mrs Dagostino, we thank you very much for that. Overall, we had a fantastic time and were all given a year book, pen and keyring with our name printed on it at the end! Thankyou to all the parents who gave up their time to organise and run this event for us, it couldn't have been done without your help.

Sara-Maree 6W

On Friday 24th November 2017, Year 6 went to a party to celebrate the end of year. This was a great time for year 6, they had a dj, photo booth, food and more. When everybody was in one big giant room, we did a game of limbo which was extremely fun. After that we ate food, we all thought it was really tasty and delicious, when we all finished our food we had extra time, so what we did was dance. When we stopped it was time to reflect on the teachers, our parents helpers picked a name from the hat and one person will read, and three other people give something to them. After that we had dessert, and I can tell that it was so enjoyable. Finally we had at least 30 mins to an hour of free time, and all we did is dance, dance, dance. Then it was 9:00pm and our parents picked us up. Overall the party was very enjoyable and I think the school should definitely do another party next year.

THANK YOU AIDAN KHREICH

This year my favourite part was the end of year party. It really changed my perspective of others. To be honest, my bond with others really changed. My bond towards people I didn't even talk to (or should I say used to never talk to) was reinforced and improved forever. This year out of all the things that I might forget, I will never forget this party.



I enjoyed having fun with my friends and taking lots of photos. Thank you to all the parents who helped make this a wonderful night. It was a great time to just let go.

Alissa 6P

Last Friday night it was our Year 6 End of Year party. We all had a phenomenal time, dancing, eating, taking photos and sharing memories of our 7 years together. We all dressed up in our beach party clothes and even got to take some photos with the cast of Baywatch! Yes Zac Efron was there.... even though he was a cardboard cutout. We shared a buffet dinner and had plenty of dessert. Thank you to the parent committee that made our night wonderful and memorable. Thank you for the video, the desserts, the gifts, the yearbook album and Thank you to Mrs Sabat for making the most beautiful cake (it was delicious!). Thank you to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Standing, Mrs Milic, Mrs Benkovich and Ms Fabri for sharing this experience with us. It was also great to see Mr Younis and Mrs Rodericks dropping in to share some cake with us. I would just like to say thank you to all the teachers that have made our years at St Patricks', Parramatta a wonderful experience as it is our last year of primary school. May God Bless. Congrats to the Year 6 students 'Class of 2017', we did it! Bring on High School!

Joanna Davino



Dancing like no one was watching - a good time was had by all. It was the night of our life - Simone S

Alanah - It was fun, exciting and I wish I could do it again.

Andrew - You can't retake parties but you can retake tests. So never miss a party- it would be a regret. Enjoy primary school!

Luke - I was so glad I went and it was a fun experience. Especially having a fun time with my friends.

Jonah - The Dj was unbelievable - listening to others rap along to music was fun!

Jarrold - Dancing with friends as the DJ played music we all liked - and we introduced the teachers to Drake.

Daniel T - I loved how the DJ let us DJ for a while and rap on the microphone to our favourite songs.

Prince - The food and songs was great. Taking snapshots with my friends was the best part of the night.

Antonios - A lot of fun - I recommend it for next year.

Valerie - The best time of my life.

Afia - It was so much fun. I enjoyed being with my friends.

Cyarra - It was so much fun. Everyone enjoyed it especially around the photo booth where we could take photos together.

Mark - A really fun night. The photo booth was really funny, just having fun with my friend was great.

Xavier - The best part for me was the photo booth and the DJ because he played all our favourite songs.

Alex - It was fun - Dancing the Dabke with my friends. The toast to everyone was great and watching the video was awesome.

Marcus - It was an enjoyable experience. The food was delicious and hanging out with my friends.

Andre - It was good celebrating our last year together. Being together with people we may not see once we are in high school and dancing with people I didn't really hang out with normally.

Simone - The night was extremely bitter sweet. We had so much fun together but realising it may be the last time we are all together.

Joya - Dancing together spending time with everyone for the last time, all about us - for us being in the spotlight was the best!

Annamika - The party brought me closer to everyone in the grade and it was the best thing ever.

Pierre - Taking photos in the photo booth especially with the teachers was my favourite part. Being with my friends and pretending we were at a formal party by ourselves was great.

Michael - Dancing with my friends and spending time together remembering our last year and looking forward to next was great.

Joey - Dance the night away - having fun with my peers was really cool!

2017 School Calendar

Term 4

Week 8

Friday 1st December Ice Blocks will be sold at lunch time
 Primary Assembly—2.15pm
 (No grade item will be presented—
 Swimming Certificated for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
 in each event will be issued)

Week 9

Tuesday 5th December 'Footsteps' Dance continues
 Children to meet their 2018 teacher
 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
 Footsteps Dance concert—2pm under the COLA
 Friday 15th December Thanksgiving Mass—more details to come
 Whole School Farewell Assembly
 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2017

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.**

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %	Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level %
K	98.3%	03	87.9%
01	85.3%	04	89.3%
02	88.6%	05	87.2%
		06	87.3%

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%
St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 89.2%



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

Fr George Azhakath

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)