



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

10th April 2018 Term 1 Week 11

2018

Dates to Remember

April

Week 11

Friday 13th LAST DAY OF
TERM 1

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 30th SDD

NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS

May

Tuesday 1st Term 2
 commences

 Diocesan Cross
 Country

Week 2

Tuesday 8th Mother's Day
 Stall

Friday 11th May Mother's Day
 Mass

 Mother's Day
 Evening 7pm

Week 3

Tuesday 15th NAPLAN
 Lang/Writing

Wednesday 16th NAPLAN
 Reading

Thursday 17th NAPLAN
 Numeracy

Friday 18th NAPLAN
 Catch up

Dear Parents and Family Members,

On behalf of Mrs Benkovich and the staff I would like to sincerely thank you for your support and generous contributions to our annual, 'Dancing Under the Stars Disco.' This year a dedicated group of mums organised the food for the evening and all I can say is that it was well worth the effort! The compliments flowed all night and the catering, in all aspects, was superb! I am sure that if the event was open to the public we would have had a long line up, just based on the allure of the aroma wafting around the local area alone. Many of the organising mums dedicated a whole day to the set up and others assisted them to serve and clean up during the evening. Mrs Benkovich and I were so impressed with how well they worked together as a team and helped each other. I know that if you would like to be involved in future events to feel this sense of teamwork, you would be most welcome.

From all accounts the children had a great time with many children thanking me for holding the disco. I gather by this that they wish the event to continue. Interestingly whilst not all children danced most seemed to find other activities that fitted within our 'safe and appropriate' school rules. In saying that it was great seeing some of the adults getting in to the funk and rhythm under the COLA.

A special thanks is extended to the many families who donated drinks for the night. Your generosity is outstanding and we feel humbled by this. I know that the usual response is, 'Miss Fabri, it is for the children!' which is very very true. It highlights for us our core business - that is to create together a school that is not only exemplary in the quality of education it provides but also in the strong catholic spirit present in our community and in the healthy, life giving relationships we create and sustain.

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your assistance, feedback, support, volunteering, affirmation, attendance and contributions this term. I would like to thank the teachers for their ongoing dedication to your children and to their own professional development. Thank you to Father Bob and other members of the clergy from St Patrick's Cathedral for their continued support. Please take care as the two week holiday break approaches and I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 12th June, after my leave.

Kind Regards
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 92.0%

K = 93.0%	3 = 93.5%
1 = 91.5%	4 = 96.7%
2 = 87.6%	5 = 95.0%
	6 = 86.9%

Staff Development Day

Term 2 Staff development day will be on the 30th April. This means children will not return from school holidays until Tuesday 1st May.

Dear Parents,

As explained last week I will be taking some Long Service Leave from Tuesday **1st May to Friday the 8th June**. The school will be led by the very competent and experienced Mrs Elly Benkovich who has been appointed Acting Principal. Congratulations to Mrs Benkovich and to Mrs Leanda Standing who has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal. Mrs Standing will remain 6W class teacher with Mrs Milic and together with Ms Kelly will continue to high standard of education in this grade. I thank these teachers for their enthusiasm in taking on these higher duties and I know you will afford them your support and cooperation.

Kindest Regards
Bernadette Fabri

CONGRATULATIONS - TERM ONE 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who were able to attain 100% attendance this term. Because we still have a couple of more days to go the names of these children will be published in the first newsletter of Term 2. They will each be awarded a special certificate

100%

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations is extended to Ms Chantal Azar who has been appointed Acting Religious Education Coordinator for the period of my leave. Chantal is a talented, dedicated hardworking young teacher who has demonstrated a strong witness to her faith - making her a very worthy candidate. Ms Azar will remain 1S class teacher.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week and over the school holidays:

Shavene Perera, Patrick Saab,
April Soh, Marcelino El Halabi,
Anthony Wehbe, Isaac Wehbe, Ava Lao,
Celine Joachim, Christian Golossian,
Sophia Lorenzo, Tara DiChio, Troy Daniel,
Takeshi Liu, Frank Malkoun, Joseph Romanos,
Sienna volante, Fleur Perrett, Ivanka Markovic,
Mikaela Barrientos Salazar, Jethro Cauan,
Adam Jurisic, Johnnie Daher, Dunya Grudic,
Andrew Khalil, Kyah Rahme

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's alright to cry.



FROM THE STEM LEADERS AND TEAM

Coming soon to our Library: 'The St Patrick's Lego Make-it Centre'

Our STEM team has been very busy organising thousands of new LEGO pieces for our Make-It centre in the library. From Term 2 primary students will be able to spend their lunch time from Monday to Wednesday creating Lego masterpieces! **If any family wishes to donate any new Lego sets to 'grow' our centre please contact Mrs Barclay.**

We keep you posted on our Lego roster!
Happy Building,
The STEM team

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CONGRATULATIONS ISLA!



On the 4th April I participated in the diocesan soccer trials. In total there were 32 girls and only 14 were selected. I was lucky enough to be selected but unfortunately Christiana Kalouche who also tried out was not accepted, she tried very hard but I hope next year she will be selected.

Since I have made the team I get to go to Canberra on the 11th May to play against other diocesan teams, in the hope to make it up to Mackillop team. During the trials I met old team mates and that made the experience even more enjoyable. It is a great honour for me especially since this is my last year of primary school.

Isla Giron 6W

CAR SEAT CHECKS



Precious cargo alert !!!!

Nothing is more precious than our children. Blacktown Council is going to be at The Ponds Shopping Centre on Tuesday 10th April from 8:30am - 1:30pm offering Car Seat Checks, No booking required.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! SAVE THE DATE!!!!

We have a very special event for the Mums/ Carers of our school community planned. The event will take place on the 11th May from 7pm.

Please mark this in your calendar, more details to come.



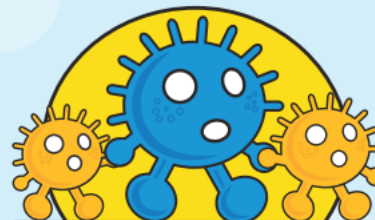
Next Level Sports clinic April school holiday dates.

Hello parents, please find below the dates for the upcoming clinic:

Tues 24th - Fri 27th April (Wk2 holidays)

The clinic will be held at St Patrick's Primary school in Parramatta, rain hail or shine. Please message or contact nextlevelsports@live.com.au

ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



**WALK SAFELY
TO SCHOOL DAY**

FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018



Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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Choir performance at the Parramatta RSL

On Thursday the 5th of March our St Patrick's choir went to the Parramatta RSL to sing the National Anthem for all the Parramatta Police Force. Children from Years 3-6 in the choir (who had dedicated their time every Wednesday morning to practice with our new music teacher Miss Issa) got the opportunity to sing the Australian National Anthem at the Parramatta Police Force's awards ceremony where the Constables and Police Officers got to celebrate their wonderful works. It was an awesome opportunity and everyone in the Police Force loved the performance.

By Erica Jurisic 6W



Parramatta Council Forum

On Thursday the 5th April some students from year 6 had the opportunity to represent our school and take part in an event held by the Parramatta Lord Mayor and council team. The main focus of this event was to inform us about how our city has developed and it allowed us to have our say with what we want in the future.

These students had worked with other schools in the diocese to complete a series of activities, sharing our ideas of how we can improve our city. During these activities we got to share our thoughts and were able to ask questions relating to the presentations that were shown. We were lucky to be entertained by talented people such as african drummers and a hip-hop singer. We enjoyed a nice morning tea and were even able to take some pictures in a photo booth.

We all had a great time at this event and one of the students Mikayla Saleh won a jb hi-fi voucher for her great contributions and efforts with her table.

By Jade Takchi, Mikayla Saleh and and Sienna Volante



Celebrations of Learning

Dear Parents

Next term we will be holding the next cycle of our assembly and Celebration of Learning presentations. If your child's grade had an assembly last term look out for your opportunity to come into the classroom to be part of their end of unit work. If your child's grade had a Celebration of Learning it will be their turn to host an assembly. Dates will be advertised as soon as possible. Please see previous newsletters for more detail and guidelines on confidentiality and protocols.

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS INVITATION

A special invitation is sent to all mothers and mother figures to join us on 11 May at 9.30am as we celebrate the beautiful gift of mothers. It is a wonderful opportunity for our community to praise and thank our God for these special women whose nurturing, motherly love shows us a glimpse of the great love God has for us all. It is also a beautiful way to acknowledge all the things our mothers do for our school community. We look forward to celebrating with you.

iPARENT

Parents please find below the link for the Australian Government site iParent. This is where parents can learn about the digital environment and how to help your child have safe and enjoyable online experiences. Some of the key features include: Information about the Office of eSafety Commissioner, complaints and reporting, e-Safety information, education resources, social media regulation and a wellbeing hub. It is well worth the browse especially now that the children will soon be on school holidays

iParent Link: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IDENTITY PILOT (ECSI)

Date Due: 13th April 2019 - End of Term 1

Dear Parents,

The school has been asked by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta to be part of the 'Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity' Project. We are one of five schools piloting this project throughout the Diocese.

It involves gathering data on how Catholic Identity is expressed in work and practice at St Patrick's Primary, Parramatta. This data is collected from the students -Yrs 5/6, staff and parents. Can I please ask you to read the letters sent home yesterday with your eldest child or attached in the newsletter last week, for your convenience, and spend some time completing and putting forward this very valuable information. Please note all responses are anonymous and highly confidential. To assist any parents who would like to complete the survey at school using a school laptop, support will be provided on Thursday and Friday mornings in the library until the end of term.

Thank you to the 32 families who have commenced and or finished the survey. As explained the school has the numbers completed only. Our target need to be over 55 so we would really appreciate your serious consideration in completing it. NB: If you have started but not yet finished the survey we encourage you to do so.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the numbers provided in the letter.

Kind Regards
Bernadette Fabri

58%

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.

UPDATE: PARRAMATTA AQUATIC CENTRE

Please follow the link below to access an update of the proposed Parramatta Aquatic Centre.
www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate.



Dear Parents/ Guardians

Oz Fashions, your uniform supplier is now selling all WINTER 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 holidays 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.



Floral Expressions

A local, Sydney florist at Northmead Shopping Centre 7/2 Campbell Street, Northmead (ph 02 9683 1116) has offered us an opportunity to participate in their Floral Fundraising Programme developed especially for schools.

The way it works is simple: every time a staff member or a parent (as well as extended family members) from our school community purchases flowers from Floral Expressions, they will donate 10% of your purchase back to our school. All you need to do is tell them you are part of the St Patrick's Primary School Community at the time of purchase or if ordering online please use the code **SPPSP**.

How easy is that!!

E—Books Access over the School Holidays

During the school holidays don't forget to explore the topical information, student magazines and ebooks available online through our eResources Databases.

Just go to "classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au" then click on elibrary. Logon using google username and password. Click on eResources.

A SPECIAL DAY FOR PARENTS
ACROSS PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS

LAUGH
PRAY
REFLECT

TAKE TIME
OUT FOR
YOURSELF

**FREE
DAY SPA
FOR THE
SOUL**

Bring a friend!

**BOOK NOW!
LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE**

**Thursday 3rd May
9:30am-2 pm**

**MORNING TEA AND
LUNCH INCLUDED**

Enquire and register
by 12 April with Tania
Melki via email:
tmeiki@parra.catholic.edu.au
Ph:0429375226

The Franciscan Shrine of
The Holy Innocents
8 Greyfriar Place Kellyville

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Information for Newsletter

MindQuest 2018

Glenwood HS
Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park Ave
Glenwood 2768
Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 June 9.30am-3.30pm

The 87th **MindQuest** program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, chemistry and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$195 (including GST). Send your applications in early to avoid disappointment.

Glenwood HS is in the Baulkham Hills area close to the M7 and is easy to get to from most parts of Sydney. It is 20 mins Beecroft, 35 mins North Sydney, 25mins Strathfield, 30 mins from Richmond, Penrith and Hornsby.

Contact your school for a brochure or call Shelagh 02 4959 7148

Closing Date: Monday 4 May Week 1 Term 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



Build your own iPhone app these school holidays!

More than 30,000 Australian kids have loved Code Camp

Been before?
Try our new camp

Blast 3D



Camps we offer at Code Camp

Sponsored by **Westpac**

Powered by **hp**

Little League

Ages 5-6

2 days of fun where our littles coders make the first small, but important steps to becoming creators of technology, not just consumers.

Spark

Ages 7-12

3-4 days of creativity, design, fun and coding. Our most popular Code Camp where every child aged 7 and above starts their coding journey.

Ignite

Ages 7-12

Ignite is for those who have conquered Spark or who already have a coding experience elsewhere. They'll build their own top-down adventure game!

Blast 3D **New!**

Ages 8-13

Brand new for 2018, your kids will immerse themselves in a 3D world of their creation! Unlock the next level of their coding adventure at Code Camp Blast 3D.

24-27 April
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Our Lady of Mercy College

\$349 for 3 days
BYO Laptop or Hire

www.codecamp.com.au/OLMC

Alternate dates and locations available (no camps on public holidays)

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)














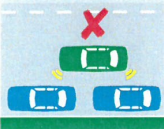





Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)

Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$183 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$439 	(School Zone) 2 
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$330 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP , or even a DRIVEWAY crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS \$183 	(School Zone) 2 

Please note: The above information is current as of 1 December 2017. Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.