



# St Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

8th February 2018 Term 1 Week 2

**2018**

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **February**

##### Week 2

Friday 9th **Opening School Mass**  
**9.15am - St Pats Cathedral**  
 CENSUS DAY

##### Week 3

Monday 12th Triskills  
**Parent/Teacher Meeting**  
**Yr 1 - 7pm**

Tuesday 13th Triskills  
 Shrove Tuesday  
 (Pikelets @ Recess)  
 Cumberland Zone  
 Swimming Carnival  
**Parent/Teacher Meeting**  
**Year 2 - 7pm**  
**Year 3 - 8pm**

Wednesday 14th **Ash Wednesday Mass**  
**9.30am - Years 1 to 6**

Thursday 15th **Parent/Teacher Meeting**  
**Kinder - 7pm**  
**Year 4 - 8pm**

Friday 16th **Whole School Assembly**  
**School Hall - 2pm**

##### Week 4

Monday 19th Triskills  
 Tuesday 20th Triskills  
 Friday 23rd Diocesan Swimming  
 Carnival  
 Infants Assembly  
 School Hall - 2.15pm

*Dear Parents*

*It is wonderful to see all the children commence their learning with such enthusiasm and interest. Our youngest members of the school community look like they have been at school for months and their teachers are very happy with how they are progressing already. Thank you parents for your interest in attending the school to see them off and for your courage in keeping the smile on your face when I know you may have been fretting inside.*

*Thank you also to all the parents who were able to maintain the reading routine at home during the holidays and I know many of you have been encouraging your children to do their very very best this year. The staff we do our best to support them.*

*One area that will significantly improve your child's learning outcome is their attendance. I know that much has been said about attendance of late but since we have been able to track the impact of attendance through improved technology we can see how very important coming to school, every day, on time, will have on your child(s) education. Included in this newsletter you will find some interesting reminders about daily attendance. Let us make this year the year we can achieve above 90% attendance across all classes.*

*Finally I understand that parents are time poor and sometimes don't even have time to read the school newsletter so I will try to keep my articles 'short and sweet' this year, using graphics where possible.*

*God bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri*

*Principal*

<b>St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 95.4%</b>	
K = 92.9%	3 = 98.4%
1 = 96.6%	4 = 96.7%
2 = 96.4%	5 = 95.0%
	6 = 91.8%



## Honour Award

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

3L	Emma Barrientos Salazar & Adrian Sicurella
3T	Amariah Tamaro & Remon Wehbe
4B	Feima Koima & Biaggio Volante
4G	Olivia Gebrael & Olivia Wehbe
5C	Joetta Maria Khoury & Thomas Kougellis
5T	Chiara Banzato & Jacob Sayegh
6P	Mikaela Barrientos Salazar & Deo Cerillo
6W	Erica Jurisic & Hamish McGlinn



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:** Kiara Haddad, Mia Wehbe, Georgia Wright, Hannah Scanlon, Angelica Beame, Amelia Coles, Mika Liu, Jonah Shehadie, Paul Khouri,



### Its a boy!!

Congratulations to the Wakim (Angelina 5C) Family on the birth of their baby boy, Billy.

### 2018 School Fees

Statements will be mailed out the end of Week 3 (16/2/2018) with a due date of 21st March, 2018. Directions for direct debits or bpays will be included in the mailout, please take note of dates required to return forms.

## Parent/Teacher Information Nights

Monday 12th February Year 1—7pm	Tuesday 13th February Year 2 —7pm Year 3 — 8pm
Thursday 15th February Kinder —7pm	

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator and I immediately wanted to paint another one.



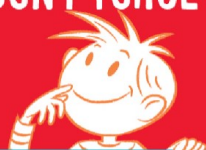
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## st patrick's award

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

3L	Ysabel Daelo & Amelia Coles
3T	Lauren Polintan & Dylan Amaral
4B	Maria Wahbe & Ethan Bechara
4G	Nyah Khalil & James Loader
5C	Diana Granados Gavito & John Paul Wehbe
5T	Nyagua Koima & Mark Abraham
6P	Mia Kerr & Clyde Guatlo
6W	Mikayla Saleh & Aaron Neroy

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

orders are due:  
16th February 2018

**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. Please see instructions included in this newsletter. If you require help completing this order please contact Mrs Jones in the office.**

## Opening School Mass—Tomorrow

Tomorrow, Friday 9th February you are invited to join us as we celebrate Eucharist and ask God's blessings for the school year. Mass will begin at 9.15am and is a wonderful way to welcome back returning students, parents and staff as well as welcome new staff, students and parents, especially our new Kindergarten students. During the Mass we will reflect on our unique gifts, dreams and aspirations and how we can work together to build our school community which is based on Respect, Compassion and Resilience. During the Mass the 2018 Student Leadership Team will receive their badges and will pledge to work together to share God's love in word and deed. **After Mass the leaders and their parents are invited to a special morning tea held in their honour. This will take place in the school library.**

**In order to organise all classes and be at the cathedral on time our Morning bell will ring at 8:45am not the usual 8.50am. The gate will still be open till 8.50am.**

## Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which lasts for six weeks. We call it Ash Wednesday because many, many Christians around the world receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. God's people have used this sign for hundreds of years. This cross of ashes tells friends and neighbours that we are not perfect, and that we know we are not perfect. With God's help we can try to reach out to others with love and kindness especially in our families, our school and parish communities and in our world and think about how we can be better people.



Students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.30am on 14th February to mark the beginning of Lent. Father Bob will also be presider over a special burning ritual on Shrove Tuesday, where the palms are burnt in order for their ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday. This will be held at morning assembly on Tuesday 13th February. It is a worthwhile opportunity and an important way of connecting our students to the great traditions of our Catholic faith.

## SRC/House Captains Whole School Assembly

A Whole school Assembly will be held on Friday 16th February at **2pm** to celebrate the selections of the Student Representative Council Members and House Captains. During the assembly the selected students will be receiving their SRC badges and House Colour badges. You are all welcome to attend the assembly and congratulate the students on their selection into these important roles.

## ICE BLOCKS

Nothing is more refreshing on a hot summer day than a icy cold ice-block! We will be selling ice-blocks every Friday starting this week. They will cost \$1 and will be available every Friday during lunch.



The proceeds will go towards organising a wonderful St Patrick's Day celebration for your children, to be held later in the term.

Many thanks to Mrs Rahme for coordinating the selling of the iceblocks and to her team of helpers for giving up their time for our students.





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# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING

Remind family and friends to share their vouchers with your school. The more you collect, the more sports gear your school will receive!



Children will be participating in Triskills for Term 1. Please find information below about the program.

GYMNASTICS Foundation - Year 7 GYM Steps is an enjoyable carefully sequenced progression of lessons that develops each student's ability to enjoy and perform movement sequences combining effort, space, objects and people. Student Achievement Certificates acknowledge learning of elements of movement and sequences for each year level F-7. They are a great record for students and teachers of the learning experiences that have progressively developed the physical competencies. GYM Steps is directly linked with the Australian HPE Curriculum & has unique student-proven classroom activities (Class Reflections) that enhance learning in Math, English and Science.

## When is sick too sick for school



If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

### Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

### Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information



Catholic Education

## Did you know

1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly.  
Schools are here to help.

If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them.





## ASSEMBLIES 2018

In an effort to better showcase the children's learning this year, we will be trialling a new schedule for grade assemblies. Each term each grade will be presenting either an item at a Friday assembly or a 'Celebration of Learning' which will be held in the classrooms. Some of you have already experienced these showcases through the Year 4 Travel Expo and Religious Literacy displays and the Year 6 museum for their Asian Unit. The feedback from the parents regarding these presentations has been very positive so we have extended the opportunity to parents of other grades.

Each term every grade will have either:

1. A Friday Assembly which will be held at 2.15pm (Weeks 2 - 6)

Or

2. A Celebration of Learning held in the classroom.

Days for these Celebrations of Learning will vary and may not be on a Friday so as to cater for parents unable to make Fridays. ( Weeks 7 - 11)

For example if a grade had a Friday Assembly presentation In Term One, they will have a Celebration of Learning the following term and visa versa.

These dates will be available as soon as possible and will be advertised in the newsletter, through the Skoolbag Alert or through individual class correspondence. Accommodations have been made to ensure that children will receive their awards.

On occasion there will still be whole school assemblies and Open Days as per previous years.

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## School Leaders 2018

### **School Captains**

Erica Jurisic  
Joshua Lorenzo

### **Vice Captains**

Jade Takchi  
Christian Moujalli

### **ARTS Leaders**

Gabrielle Sabat  
Andre Elzahoul

### **PDHPE Leaders**

Luke Takchi  
Isla Giron

### **STEM Leaders**

Stephanie Saab  
Liam Abdallah



# Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club  
**L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

**Note:** You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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Item No.

**FIND**

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

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

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## ANAPHYLAXIS & ALLERGIES

Several children at our school suffer from food allergies –**some very severe**. Action plans are currently in place to administer medication to these children if it is required. To assist the staff and to help safeguard the health of these children I ask that you impress upon your own children the dangers of sharing their lunches with other students. In line with this policy we ask that you do not send birthday gift items such as lollies, cakes, easter eggs, etc for your child to give to other students. At times, teachers may give food treats to the children but they always check the suitability of these treats with the parents of allergy sufferers. **St Patrick's has a "no nut or nut products" policy, due to the number of children who are allergic to nut products. We ask for your co-operation in not sending nut products (especially Nutella , peanut butter and foods containing sesame seeds.** We will continue to educate the children in the classroom about only eating their own lunches and I will keep you informed of any other protocols we may need to put in place. Thank you for your co operation.

## Sports Days for Term 1

Children will be participating in gymnastics in Term 1, so will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 1:-

<b>KA</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>3L</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>KM</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>	<b>3T</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>
<b>1C</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Friday</b>
<b>1S</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>	<b>4G</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Friday</b>
<b>2M</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Friday</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b>
<b>2Y</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Friday</b>	<b>5T</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b>
		<b>6P</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b>
		<b>6W</b>	<b>Monday &amp; Thursday</b>



*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)