



St Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

22nd February 2018 Term 1 Week 4

2018

Dates to Remember

February

Week 4

Friday 23rd Diocesan Swimming
Carnival

Infants Assembly—Yr 1

School Hall—2.15pm

Week 5

Monday 26th Triskills

Tuesday 27th Triskills

March

Friday 2nd Primary Assembly—Yr 6

School Hall—2.15pm

Week 6

Monday 5th Triskills

Tuesday 6th Triskills

Friday 9th Riverside Theatre
Symphony—Yrs 3 & 4

Infants Assembly—Kindy

School Hall—2.15pm

Week 7

Monday 12th Welcoming Ceremony

Kindy Students & New
families to the school

NO TRISKILLS

Tuesday 13th Triskills

Friday 16th St Patrick's Day
Celebrations

Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks you may have had the opportunity to watch some of the events from the Pyeong Chang 2018 Winter Olympics. Whilst I do not get the chance to see all disciplines in this International Competition I love to watch the variety of sports being displayed at such a high level. I'm sure, like me, you must marvel at not only how very strong and brave these athletes are but also at their level of commitment. For many of these men and women and sometimes young teenagers, getting to this point in their sporting careers has taken many many years of dedication and sacrifice.

Whilst the results and medal tally is interesting what I love the most is the strength of human character visible in victory and defeat. The other night I watched with enormous pride Australian skier David Morris. Mr Morris missed out on getting into the next round because he did not land his jump cleanly and was marked down by the judges. To make things worse another athlete China's, Jia Zongyang scored higher than the Australian skier, even though many commentators reported that they felt that his score was inflated. Jia Zongyang then went on to win a silver medal. I can only imagine how tempting and human it would have been for Mr Morris to complain and whine about what had happened and how his rival had unfairly 'bumped' him off the qualifying list. But to my surprise this did not happen. Instead he demonstrated a quality to be admired by all and one to be emulated - humility. In an interview with a Channel 7 reporter Mr Morris expressed his disappointment, but his reflections revealed an amazingly resilient and healthy attitude. He was quoted to have said,

"It is what it is. It's a judged sport. Sometimes it [hurts]. Sometimes it's in our favour. We don't complain when it's in our favour." He also referred to how his upbringing helped him handle difficult situations. He remembered how his parents taught him how to lose and what is truly important. "My silver medal at Sochi stands out to people. Everyone likes to see their athletes do really well. But I don't think the memory of a medal lasts as long as a reputation, and I think people's memory of PyeongChang will last a lot longer than my silver medal, because they saw an action, a thought process, and a way of doing things that needs to be shown in sport more often." He continued to say, "I know that sounds like I'm talking myself up, but for me it's normal. I was brought up really well. I was taught to lose properly. I was taught to congratulate people who'd beaten me and understand that you can't be the best on the day, every single day."

What a great message for our children. How can we encourage this life - giving attitude?

May God bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 89.1%

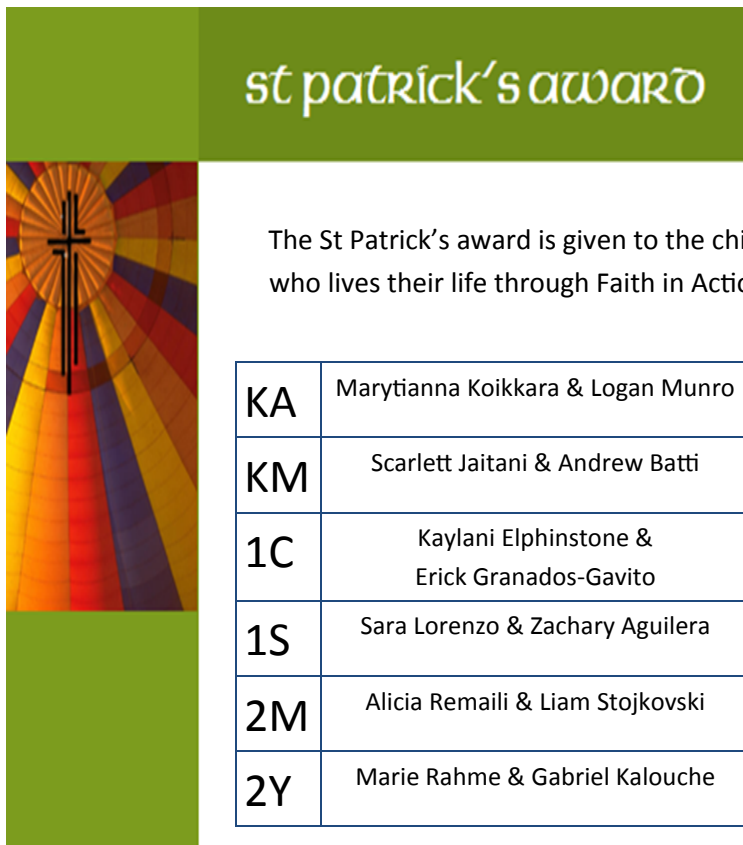
K = 91.2%	3 = 90.3%
1 = 89.7%	4 = 95.0%
2 = 92.9%	5 = 90.0%
	6 = 75.4%



Honour Award

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

KA	Mariah Jreij & Jayden Blazek
KM	Anastasia Naudi & Patrick Semaan
1C	Annabella Remaili & Levi Jaitani
1S	Antonia Romanos & Michel Kazzaz
2M	Makayla Kalouch & Christian Kalouche
2Y	Laura Scanlon & Sebastian El Hani



st patrick's award

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

KA	Marytianna Koikkara & Logan Munro
KM	Scarlett Jaitani & Andrew Batti
1C	Kaylani Elphinstone & Erick Granados-Gavito
1S	Sara Lorenzo & Zachary Aguilera
2M	Alicia Remaili & Liam Stojkovski
2Y	Marie Rahme & Gabriel Kalouche

From our Leaders ...

Opening School Mass

My name is Joshua Lorenzo, and I am one of the School Captains of St Patrick's for 2018. On Friday the 9th of February the school held the Opening School Mass. In this mass we welcomed new students, Kindergarten and Miss Issa to the school. The Opening School Mass also introduced the new Leaders (School Captains, Vice Captains, Arts Leaders, PDHPE Leaders and STEM Leaders), who received their badges at the mass.



Father Bob reflected on the 8 Foundation Stones: Respect, Compassion, Resilience, Honesty, Justice, Good Deeds, Tolerance and Forgiveness. Father called us to pick one Foundation Stone that we would try to improve and focus on this year. For example, if we picked Respect we would try to be more respectful throughout the year. I chose Tolerance, and I will try to focus on being more tolerating throughout the year.

Father Bob, Miss Fabri and Mrs Benkovich presented the badges to all the leaders. Our parents then pinned the badges on us. I felt proud to hold the title of School Captain, and I am sure all the other Leaders were proud as well. We all know that we, as Leaders, have a larger responsibility and must represent our school with pride. All the Leader's have earned their titles, and I congratulate all the Leader's for their achievement.

By Joshua Lorenzo



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 until the end of term. 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 ice-blocks and to her team of helpers for giving up their time for our students. If you are interested in helping sell the ice-blocks on Friday and can spare 1 hour between 1.00pm and 2pm please contact the office.



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

Callum Donaldson, Ysabel Daelo, Elijah Skaf
Estelle Perrett, Christian Stojkovski,
Vincent Camenzuli, , Ava Salloum, Aireen Kwa,
Anthony Khouri, Scarlett Weaver,
Erick Granados-Gavito,

2018 School Fees

Statements have started to be mailed out, with a due date of 21st March, 2018. Directions for direct debits or bpay will be included in the mailout, please take note of dates required to return forms. Please note all arrangements will need to be updated for 2018 as previous arrangements are void.

SRC/House Captains Whole School Assembly

Thank you to all the families who attended the SRC and House Captains assembly last Friday. I ask you to keep these children in your prayers as they learn about the concept of servant leadership. Thank you to Mrs Standing and all the staff for their organisation.

NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE

Parents are asked not to send glass items in any form to school. Glass drink bottles and lunch containers for example can easily be dropped resulting in a safety hazard for the children. Thank you.

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AFTERNOON PICK UP - NEW SIGNAGE

I am very pleased to report that the new signage on Trott Street has now been installed by Parramatta City Council. This means that our school community are now legally permitted to wait on Trott Street **from 3:00pm** as part of the school pick up procedure. I ask all drivers to adhere to all road rules and signage and to follow the guidelines below:

- Please follow all signage
- Please ensure all driveways are kept clear at all times to allow exit and entry to the school neighbours
- Family signs need to be large and clear so that the teachers on duty can call out names from a distance. Parents are asked to assist the teachers to keep the flow of traffic happening so as to prevent unnecessary delay. Clear signage is critical to enabling this flow.
- **Please do not line up in front of the school until the start of duty at 3pm.** All drivers must circle the block until this time. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in a fine.



I wish to thank parents for your cooperation and the Parramatta City Council for assisting the school in developing an effective and safe pick up procedure. Thank you to parents for your feedback.

I appeal to all drivers to continue to work together with the school staff on duty to ensure the safe dismissal of all students and to minimize the stress to the teachers who often sacrifice comfort to undertake this duty.

Medical Bags for Anaphylaxis and Asthma Medication

My food allergy friends have sent St Patrick's an email introducing these fantastic bags for our students medication. They cost \$11.95 per bag plus postage. St Patrick's are happy to cover the costs of the postage if we get interested parties to purchase these bags. Please indicate by 16th March (Week 7) if you would like to purchase a bag. In an envelope mark your child's name, class, which bag you would like to order and include \$11.95 per bag. This is optional.



- Ideal for storing EpiPens, antihistamine and asthma medication.
- Customised insert allows staff to clearly identify the child, their allergies, medication details including expiry dates.
- Insulated and large enough for two EpiPens and antihistamine!

Project Compassion Lenten Appeal

During Lent we are encouraged to outwardly prepare for the Easter celebrations by participating in prayer, self-denial and helping others. Often, during this time the question on everyone's lips is 'What are you giving up for Lent?'

May we be encouraged to think about how we will use the time of Lent to walk closer with our Lord. The Lenten period is a time where we are asked to reflect on the changes we can make to help us be more like Jesus. I encourage you to guide your children to think of a small change they can also make that enables them to walk closer with our Lord. Although they are still young it is an important part of their Catholic life and a great way to reflect on the changes they can make that have a positive impact on their relationships. Maybe this year you can work together within your family unit, to make a change that will last longer than just the forty days of Lent. What a wonderful way to share and grow in your Catholic faith!

The school's Lenten Appeal is a way we can put our faith in action by supporting Caritas Australia end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Each class has been allocated a Lenten Appeal's box and the children are encouraged to donate to it during the season of Lent. Our Vice captains suggested they donate any loose change or help with chores around the house.

You may notice in our church other signs that signify the change in the liturgical season, such as: the priest will now be wearing purple vestments, the 'Alleluia' will be replaced with a Lenten Acclamation and floral arrangements will be kept simple. May this Lenten season be a time where you feel closer to our Lord and bear witness to continual change and renewal.

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE



God Bless,
Mrs Leanda Standing
Religious Education
Co-ordinator

FACES OF PROJECT COMPASSION 2018

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

The Catholic agency
for international aid
and development

www.caritas.org.au 1800 024 413
#projectcompassion

PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY

Writers Corner



Many thanks to those who submitted responses to last week's writing prompt! The teachers had some great conversations, and I bet you did too!

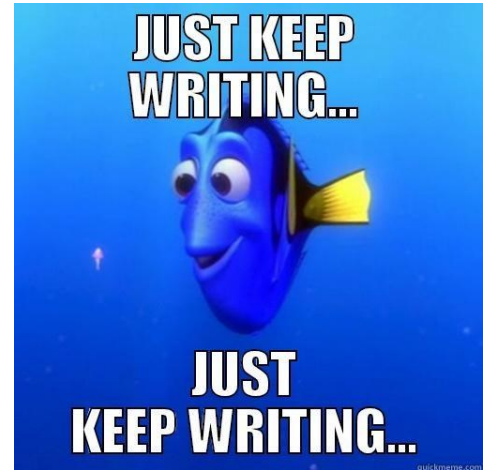
Our writing prompt this week is: **Your parents have decided that you can decorate your bedroom however you like. Be creative, be scientific, be as inventive as you can be! There are no limits!**

You can write any type of text and it can be as long or as short as you like! Remember that other students, teachers and parents will be reading your responses, so make sure your writing is easy to read or typed. **Parents, we'd love to read your contributions too!**

Submissions for this week will be due on **Tuesday, February 27th**. Please hand them in to your teachers and I will have them displayed!

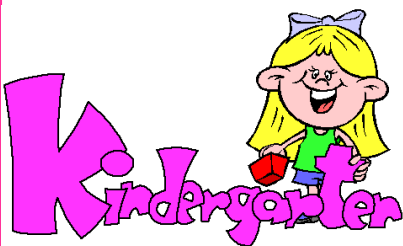
Would you like to submit a writing prompt for the Writer's Corner? Write your idea down and send it through to Mrs Stojanovski.

Happy Writing!
Mrs Stojanovski
Literacy Coordinator



Reminder to Parents—Lunch Utensils

Just a reminder that if your child requires a spoon or fork to eat their recess or lunch we would appreciate you putting a plastic fork or spoon in their lunch box. No knives please.



ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 KINDERGARTEN ARE NOW OPEN

Enrolment packs for Kindergarten 2018 are available from the school between the hours of 9am -3pm Monday to Friday.

When you return the enrolment you will need to bring your child's original Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Passports (parent's and child's if born overseas), Immunization Certificates and proof of address (council rates, drivers licence). We will photo copy these and return them to you at this time.

Enrolment forms are required to be returned by 31st March 2018.

ENROLMENT CRITERIA

Who can enrol in a Catholic school?

Children whose fifth birthday occurs on or before 31 July are eligible for enrolment for Kindergarten that year. By law, all children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday. For more information on the Diocesan guidelines for enrolment please see www.parra.catholic.edu.au

What if my child already attends a Catholic primary school in the Diocese?

A child who has completed primary education in a Catholic parish-based primary school will usually be offered continuity of enrolment in a Catholic secondary school. If no places exist at the chosen school, Catholic Education's Director System Performance will assist families to enrol in another Catholic secondary school in the Diocese.

2018

Saint Patrick's Day

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

BUSINESS AS A TOOL FOR THE COMMON GOOD

DELIVERED BY

MR IWAN SUNITO

CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CROWN GROUP HOLDINGS

FRIDAY MARCH 16TH, 2018

TICKETS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE [HERE](#)

ENQUIRIES: EVENTS@STPATSCATHEDRAL.COM.AU



For more information please click on the below link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-patricks-day-business-breakfast-tickets-43162707821?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day





OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Open Day

Sunday March 11, 2018

expanding beyond what we know we can be

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2019



Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 13 March 2018 4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK. APPLICATIONS CLOSE 6TH APRIL 2018

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead

www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au

Oakhill
COLLEGE



OPEN DAY

Sunday, 11 March 2018

11.00am - 3.00pm

Inspiring students to aspire to greatness

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favourite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.



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)

EXTENDED LEAVE (APPLICATIONS NEEDED FOR 5 DAYS OR MORE)

- Parents or carers may approach the school to seek permission for extended leave during the school term. Extended leave is now considered to be 5 or more days.
- Parents/Carers must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave **prior** to commencing leave OR apply for extended leave in writing to the principal directly.
- Please note that if the child does not return to school on the specified date in the application the school must be notified. If the family is not contactable the Department of Education and Training must be informed.
- On most occasions it is in the child's best interest for all holidays to be scheduled in gazetted holiday times.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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For Parents, Teachers
& Health Professionals

Understanding Anxiety for Students with Learning Challenges

Presented by Dr Maria Ivanka Milic
Clinical Psychologist

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Term 1
Seminar

www ldc org au

VENUE:

Castle Hill RSL, Phoenix Room,
77 Castle St, Castle Hill

TIME / DATE:

Registration 9.30am
Seminar with question time 10am to 12.30pm
Tuesday 27th March 2018

PARKING:

Free parking at the Club

COST:

Seminar Payment Only

\$35 Seminar - LDC Member
\$70 Seminar - Non LDC member

Seminar & NEW Membership Offer

\$68 Seminar entry & NEW Individual
membership (until 31 May 2019)
\$85 Seminar entry & NEW School
membership (until 31 May 2019)

Anxiety is an emotion commonly experienced by everyone when faced with challenging situations. School life has daily challenges for students needing to be able to organise themselves, and demonstrate previous learning whilst acquiring new learning. These attempts are frequently observed by classmates and in many instances evaluated by teachers. Students with learning difficulties are likely to experience greater challenges relative to their peers. Research suggests a higher prevalence of anxiety in children with learning difficulties which is partially related to these extra life challenges they face.

This workshop aims to increase parents', teachers' and other professionals' understanding of anxiety in children and adolescents, and to provide a repertoire of cognitive and behavioural strategies that can be used to support them in managing their anxiety at home and in school.

2 registrants @ member rates per Individual Membership (Member + guest)
6 staff @ member rates per School/Organisation Membership
Register online @ www ldc org au OR send completed form with payment to the LDC.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT must be received by Tuesday 20th March 2018
(Please note: LMBR/ EdConnect payments accepted late)