



# St Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

8th March 2018 Term 1 Week 6

**2018**

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **February**

#### **March**

##### **Week 6**

Friday 9th	Riverside Theatre Symphony—Yrs 3, 4, 5 & Year 2 Choir members  Infants Assembly—Kindy  School Hall—2.15pm
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##### **Week 7—Catholic Schools Week**

Monday 12th	Welcoming Ceremony  Kindy Students & New families to the school  <b>NO TRISKILLS</b>
Tuesday 13th	Triskills
Thursday 15th	Mufti Day & Ice blocks
Friday 16th	St Patrick's Day  Celebrations

##### **Week 8**

Monday 19th	Triskills
Tuesday 20th	Triskills
Thursday 22nd	Year 3—2pm—3pm Celebration of Learning
Friday 23rd	Primary Cross Country (Runners only)

##### **Week 9**

Monday 26th	Triskills
Tuesday 27th	Triskills
Wednesday 28th	Triskills
Thursday 29th	Year 2—2pm—3pm Celebration of Learning
Friday 30th	GOOD FRIDAY

Dear Parents

In last week's newsletter I shared with you some of Pope Francis' homily on Ash Wednesday. The main theme selected from his address last week was the concept - PAUSE. He encouraged us to leave behind what can often be the 'bad habits' of living in our fast paced world. Some of the aspects Pope Francis encouraged us to consider were: spending more quality time with family, recognising the gift of time, humility, intimacy and recollection, showing tenderness and compassion, especially with those immersed in sin and error, being grateful and letting go of the need to control, enjoying times of silence, looking for opportunities to reach out to others in empathy and showing patience in the power of the journey. This week let us take a look at what our Holy Father says about SEEING

**“See the gestures that prevent the extinguishing of charity, that keep the flame of faith and hope alive. Look at faces alive with God's tenderness and goodness working in our midst.**

**See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life, and who, despite many concerns and much hardship, are committed to making their homes a school of love.**

**See the faces of our children and young people filled with yearning for the future and hope, filled with “tomorrows” and opportunities that demand dedication and protection. Living shoots of love and life that always open up a path in the midst of our selfish and meagre calculations.**

**See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. Faces that reflect God's wisdom at work.**

**See the faces of our sick people** and the many who take care of them; faces which in their vulnerability and service remind us that the value of each person can never be reduced to a question of calculation or utility.

**See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering fight to transform their situations and move forward.**

**See and contemplate the face of Crucified Love, who today from the cross continues to bring us hope, his hand held out to those who feel crucified, who experience in their lives the burden of failure, disappointment and heartbreak.**

**See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone. To see his face is an invitation filled with hope for this.”**

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	Johnnie Daher	Cayenne Porshea Lleva
KM	John Bardetta	Audrey El Bayeh
1C	Karabo Khama	Fleur Perrett
1S	Dominic Coles	Olivia Moussa
2M	Lachlan Moore	Makayla Kalouch
2Y	Steven Abraham	Julia Vytingco

## St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 91.3%

K = 91.2%

3 = 90.3%

**1 = 88.0%**

4 = 98.3%

2 = 92.9%

**5 = 90.0%**

**6 = 88.5%**

## 2018 School Fees

The school fee statements have been mailed out this week, with a due date of 21/3/2018. Directions for direct debits or Bpays are 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.

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



Gabriella Sta Rosa, Darcy Fraser, Sienna Golossian, Catherine Said, , Oisin Ryan

## st patrick's award

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

KA	Dominic Rahme	Kayla Amaral
KM	Ashton Grohs	Nour Kahwaji
1C	Owen Abraham	Chloe Vella
1S	Timana Gutierrez Caceres	Alessandra De Guzman
2M	Liam Stojkovski	Sienna Khattar
2Y	Donnacha Ryan	Jazmyne Drosos

## Sports News.....

Hi my name is Joseph Romanos. On Tuesday 6th of March I tried out for the Parramatta Diocese Open's rugby league team. This was a hard and tough half day, but all my hard work paid off and I made it!



So now I am going to Canberra to try out for the McKillop team. If I make it through this stage (which I hope I do!!) I will then be going to Wagga Wagga.

I would really recommend everyone having a go and trying out for these teams. This is a great experience to represent your school.

We also had one of our Year 5's, John Paul Wehbe try out, who played really well but was unlucky not to be selected for the under 11's team.

Joseph Romanos Year 6

## Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Mrs Trudy Rickets and her family (School Counsellor) on the passing of her father. Please keep the family in your prayers.

# From our Leaders ...

St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta is a Catholic school dedicated to educating students academically, through life skills and most importantly on how to follow God; that is why I am so proud to be part of this marvellous school. But what makes our school community Catholic? Our school is Catholic because it follows God's path and stands united in our strong faith while looking out for the less fortunate and each other. We are also a Mercy school which is based on Catherine McAuley's values of respect, compassion and resilience.



Catherine McAuley tried hard to model 'Servant Leadership' by reaching out to those in need, especially women and children. At St Patrick's we also try to reach out to others in need. For example our community has done many fundraising events for the less fortunate, as is seen at Christmas when we donate food to support Saint Vincent De Paul's Christmas hampers. As a school, during Lent, we also have Project Compassion boxes in every classroom, where the students participate in almsgiving to support Caritas. But my personal favourite is our food drive to help the refugees who are new to Australia.



As proud Saint Patrick's community members, we stand united in faith by attending mass on special occasions, were we rejoice and thank the Lord for everything he has given us and for strength to help the less fortunate. Another way we proclaim our faith is when we stop and remember our Lord at 12 noon by praying the Angelus. Our morning prayer is another example of ways we share our faith. It is run by our SRCs and written by fellow students. It is important because it helps students share prayers of thanksgiving or petition and reinforces the importance of prayer in our lives. Other symbols include the sacred spaces or prayer tables that are found in every classroom. At assembly we say the prayer to Saint Mary Mackillop for the healing of the sick because we also understand how we are connected and prayer is a powerful way to highlight this connection and our faith in God. That is why Saint Patrick's Primary School Parramatta is without a single doubt a Catholic School!

## Writers Corner

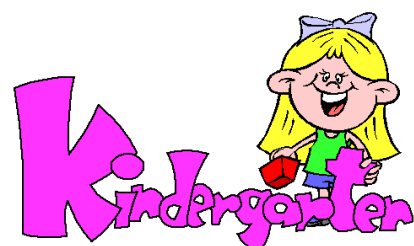


St Patrick's...WOW! The writing you have submitted for last week's Writing prompt was outstanding! I received some very engaging newspaper articles and some narratives that really connected with the audience through the use of rhetorical questions. I felt like the author was talking directly to me! I was so caught up in the suspense that I could not stop reading!

This week's writing prompt is: **What is something that has made you proud at school this year?** It could be something you've learnt, a goal you have achieved or maybe you've taken a giant step in the right direction. Parents, we'd love to hear from you too!

Entries are due next Tuesday!

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.**

# Celebrations of Learning

Keep these dates free..

As mentioned in previous newsletters in lieu of assemblies every week particular grades will be showcasing some of their work as part of the 'Celebrations of Learning'. We invite the families of the following classes to come along and see learning in action.

Year 3	Thursday 22nd March (Week 8)	2pm—3pm
Year 2	Thursday 29th March (Week 9)	2pm—3pm

## DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

On Friday the 23rd of February a selection of students represented our school as part of the Diocesan Swimming Team. They all swam amazingly and everyone tried their best. We all had a great day. We have one swimmer going forward into the Mackillop Swimming Championships - which is the next level - and her name is Mikayla Salah. Congratulations Mikayla!

All swimmers behaved very well and participated with enthusiasm.

Thank you to all the great swimmers for representing our school, their names are: **Isabella Younis, Mia Kerr, Dunya Grudic, Arabella Gittany, Mikayla Saleh, Daniel Saleh, Michael Ayoub, Biaggio Volante, James Kerr and Harrison Chidiac.**

If you see these very talented athletes please congratulate them for their great efforts.

Arabella Gittany on behalf of the Diocesan Swimming Team



## THANK YOU WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

This week we saw the arrival of our Earn and Learn rewards, students and staff were very excited by the variety of items and cannot wait to start using them in our lessons.

This could not have been possible without the support of all members of our community. Thank you also to Woolworths for running the Earn and Learn program.



## ICE BLOCKS

We will continue to sell ice blocks each Friday at lunch time until the end of term. Please be aware that next week's ice block day is on Thursday in conjunction with the mufti day.

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.

## ST PATRICK'S PARRAMATTA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all the companies that are supporting the St Patrick's Parramatta Sponsorship Program. These companies can be found in the St Patrick's Parramatta Local Directory published weekly with the newsletter on Skoolbag. We are now opening this service to 'Non for Profit' Organisations for a reduced amount. If you know of any junior sporting organisation or club that would like to contribute to the sponsorship program please contact the school office. Funds from the program thus far have gone towards the purchase of Chromebooks, enabling a one to one device in Stage 3 (Years 5&6).

Our next sponsorship project will be the provision of devices for Yrs 1 and Kindergarten, the updating of readers across the school and possibly the establishment of a 'Makeit' Centre if significant sponsorship is made available. All contributions are very much appreciated.



## YEAR 2 EXCURSION

On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, Year 2 had two excursions in one day. The first part of our excursion was to the Powerhouse Museum Discovery Centre at Castle Hill. We were there to learn about history from the past and the present. We got on the bus and we had some time to play outside on the equipment before we went into the museum. When we went inside we saw typewriters, lawn mowers, televisions, washing machines, phones, mobile phones and some old toys.

The second part of our excursion was to Rouse Hill House and Farm. While we were there we learnt about all the different jobs that children had to do 120 years ago. As soon as we got off the bus we saw cows, horses and chickens. We were split into smaller groups and we saw how clothes were washed and hung out to dry. Dolly pegs were used and look really different to the pegs we use today. We saw a potting house, some really old cars and horse carts. We learnt about how cows were milked and how water was taken from the ground to drink.

2Y and 2M



## “Stop, Drop & Roll” Kindergarten and Year 1 students learn about fire safety

Hello Parents,

On Wednesday this week, our Year One and Kindergarten students learned about fire safety during a presentation from our very own Station Officer Sean McIntosh.

Sean visited our Kindergarten and Year 1 classes to give some great advice to our students when it comes to being safe in the event of a fire.

Students also got to see pictures of fires, firetrucks and engaged in a sing along. (which was of course, everyone's favourite part!)

Both year groups had a great time and asked a lot of questions as they learned a lot about fire safety.

A huge thank you to our special guest and site manager Sean McIntosh for exposing some of our St Patrick's students on fire awareness. We are very lucky to have a firefighter on hand at St Patrick's. Parents, we encourage you to talk to your children about this topic at home. It's never too early to learn about fire safety.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask Mr Younis or Mr McIntosh



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

## INCORPORATING

# ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

'EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY: TRANSFORMING LEARNING'

We invite you and your family to join us throughout the week during one of the organised events. This is the ideal opportunity to support our community and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day. There will be many occasions throughout the week to join with your child and witness their enjoyment of school as well as their learning.

A summary of the activities are included on the timetable below:

Monday 12/03/2018	Thursday 15/03/2018	Friday 16/03/2018
9.15am Welcoming Ceremony	Green Mufti and ice-block Day - Gold Coin Donation.	Motiv8Sports
10.00am Morning Tea for parents in the hall		9.30 - 11.30am Kindy - Year 3
10.30am Open classrooms for Kindergarten to Year 2		12.00- 2.00pm Year 4-6
11.00am Open classrooms for Year 3- Year 6.		Art Competition

### WELCOMING CEREMONY

The Staff and children of St Patrick's warmly invite all Kindergarten and new families to our official 'Welcoming Ceremony' on 12 March at 9.15 am. This special event will take place in the amphitheatre, outside the Year Six classrooms.

During the ceremony we welcome all our new kindergarten children and any children who have joined us in other grades throughout the school.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school community and being part of your child's school journey.

Mrs Standring  
(Religious Education Coordinator)

### ST PATRICK'S DAY ART COMPETITION

All classes will be participating in an art competition to celebrate the mission of St Patrick. A man of resilience, compassion and respect, we continue to be inspired by his example. The artworks will demonstrate how we show these same values at our school. Prizes will be awarded across each stage and the winning artworks displayed. All students will complete their artwork in class as part of their St Patrick's Day activities.

K-2 will be given a picture of St Patrick. They will be asked to draw all the ways we show resilience, compassion and respect at our school. Parents may want to talk about these three important values and how we can live the example of St Patrick in our classrooms and on the playground.

3-6 will complete their artwork using a medium of their choice. This may include charcoal, paint, oil pastels or collage. Their artwork will demonstrate ways in which their daily choices reflect respect, compassion and resilience.

We look forward to celebrating the legacy of St Patrick!



# "Motiv8sports Olympics 2018"

OLYMPICS 2018 is an action packed event designed & performed by Motiv8sports for children at St Patrick's Primary School. On the 16th March 2018 Motiv8sports will work with the staff and students of St Patrick's to perform one of the most memorable events of the year. OLYMPICS 2018 is an event full of colour, culture & an amazing array of activities...Sport, Music, Leadership & team building activities. Every child who participates in OLYMPICS 2018 will be working towards a common goal throughout the day, that is to have an amazing level of fun and earn as many points as possible for their team. Motiv8sports Olympics 2018 is fully supervised by Motiv8sports Staff and St Patrick's Staff.

**Date:** Friday 16th March

**Venue:** Parramatta Park (The Picnic Ground)

**Time:** Children will be divided into 2 categories on the day.

MORNING SESSION 9.30am to 11.30am = JUNIOR OLYMPICS  
Kindy / Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3

AFTERNOON SESSION 12.00pm to 2.00pm = SENIOR OLYMPICS  
Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6

**Uniform:** Sports Uniform

**Other requirements:** children will need to wear a hat, carry a small backpack with a hand towel, a light sports drink bottle and a snack. Children might like to have a spare T- shirt. (Children may get lightly wet in the 'Sponge Get Wet' activity - weather permitting).

**All children will be having lunch at school either before or after the OLYMPICS 2018.**

**Cost:** No cost to parents.

**Note Please:** As this is a structured Physical Education Activity organised by an outsourced company (incursion) parents who wish to come and watch will be asked to stay within a designated Parent Area. All children will be required to return to school for other St Patrick's Day Activities. For organisational and safety purposes No dismissal will be allowed from the park.



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 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

TICKETS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE [HERE](#)

ENQUIRIES: [EVENTS@STPATSCATHEDRAL.COM.AU](mailto:EVENTS@STPATSCATHEDRAL.COM.AU)

A portrait of Mr Iwan Sunito, a man in a dark suit and white shirt, sitting and smiling.



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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!

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.



*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)





## Build your own iPhone app these school holidays!

More than 30,000 Australian kids have loved Code Camp

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Try our new camp

**Blast 3D**



### Camps we offer at Code Camp

Sponsored by Westpac

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#### Little League

Ages 5-6

2 days of fun where our littlest 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](http://www.codecamp.com.au/OLMC)

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



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

## Open Day

**Sunday March 11, 2018**

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*



## OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday 13 March 2018 4.00pm - 7.00pm**



## OPEN DAY

**Sunday, 11 March 2018**

**11.00am - 3.00pm**

*Inspiring students to aspire to greatness*



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.