



St Patrick's Primary School

Newsletter

22nd March 2018 Term 1 Week 8

2018

Dates to Remember

March

Week 8

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

April

Week 10

Monday 2nd EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 3rd Triskills
Wednesday 4th Triskills
Thursday 5th Primary Choir
NSW Police Force
Year 5—2pm—3pm
Celebration of Learning
Friday 6th School Disco

Week 11

Friday 13th LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 30th April STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

May

Tuesday 1st Term 2 commences
Diocesan Cross Country

Dear Parents

Last Saturday, 17th March, countries all around the world celebrated the Feast of St Patrick. As you know our community had a mufti / iceblock day on Thursday and on Friday we enjoyed beautiful weather down at the park at an event facilitated by Motiv8sports. What a perfect day we had!

Everyone commented on how engaged the children were; playing together and working in teams. The teachers from Motiv8sports kept the children busy with so many different games and activities. I was particularly impressed with our little ones who were able to manage the walk and length of time at the park with very little complaining. Whilst sharing equipment and having to wait their turn was somewhat difficult for some, over all they got used to how quickly the tasks progressed and David Hemmings, the founder and director of Motiv8sports reported that he was very impressed with how well the children followed instructions and participated in the fun with such energy. Some children were even lucky enough to win prizes for showing great effort and resilience and the Motiv8sports crew have even promised to provide a BBQ for the grades that worked the best together. We will keep you posted on the lucky classes, as soon as we hear.

I often ask students who have left the school what they remember the most about St Patrick's Parramatta and the response is always the same; they remember the teachers, particularly the ones they liked, they remember their friends - often whom they still keep in contact with, they remember times which engaged some emotion, both happy and sad and they remember the fun things they did, excursions, camps and retreats and times like last Friday's fun at the park.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who managed to come down to the park to watch the fun and give encouragement. Thank you also to the St Patrick's Day committee for organising the day, in particular Mrs Barclay who coordinated and liaised with Motiv8sports. St Patrick's Parramatta have always been known for its outstanding community feel and this was certainly evident on Friday.

When I think of days like Friday there is one thing I do know for sure and that is that great community does not just happen, we have to continue to work at it. This requires an understanding of the importance of our core work and that is to create together a 'child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.' (St Patrick's Parramatta - Vision) and an 'Opportunity for All'.

Let us work together - here at St Patrick's School Parramatta - to continue to strengthen our community and pray the words of this ancient Gaelic prayer.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ in breadth, Christ in length, Christ in height,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

God Bless you and your families
Bernadette Fabri

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday we begin our journey into Holy Week by commemorating the Passion of Christ. Holy week ends with the death of our Lord on Good Friday. Whilst Holy week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His Son to die for us.

There is no greater love.

Throughout Holy Week the community of St Patrick's will join together to recall God's love by participating in daily prayer.

The following timetable indicates what each grade will be focussing on

Day	Grade	Focus
Monday	Kindergarten	Palm Sunday
Tuesday	Year 4	Last Supper
Wednesday	Year 2	Garden of Gethsemane
Thursday	Part 1 - Year 3	Jesus dying on the cross
	Part 2 - Year 5	The Burial of Jesus
Tuesday	Part 1 - Year 1	The Resurrection of Jesus
Wednesday	Part 2 - Year 6	Jesus is with us today

CONGRATULATIONS ELISA!

On the 19th of March 2018 I went to St Mary's to participate in the Girls Touch Football Trials for the Parramatta Diocesan team. I felt very nervous when I arrived as I didn't know any of the other girls and being in Year Four I was the youngest and smallest on the field. There were 28 girls trying out and only 14 could be selected to the next level. I tried my best and was determined to make the team as I love playing touch football. My hard work paid off as I was successful in qualifying for the team. I felt so happy and my dad was very proud of me. I even made a new friend named Sienna. I can't wait to begin training with the team.

Elisa Daher 4B



CONGRATULATIONS MIKAYLA!

Congratulations is extended to Mikayla Saleh (6P) who represented the diocese at the New South Wales Catholic Primary Schools (NSWCPS) SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS - MACKILLOP SWIMMING SELECTION TRIALS held at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush yesterday Wednesday 21st March. Congratulations is extended to Mikayla on the results of this meet as she progresses to the PSSA Swimming Championships held at the same venue in April. Good luck and well done Mikayla on a great achievement.

5th—50m Freestyle

7th—Backstroke

5th—Butterfly

2nd—Breaststroke

11th—200 IM

1st—for her year group (11 year olds) with a personal best in all events.

WOW!!! Go Mikayla!



St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 93.2%

K = 94.7%	3 = 96.8%
1 = 91.5%	4 = 96.7%
2 = 92.9%	5 = 91.7%
	6 = 88.5%

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.



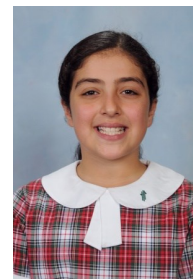
Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Noah Reyes-Mangabat, Carl Cauan, Bailey Grohs, Phillip Ayoub, Timana Gutierrez Caceres, Audrey El Bayeh, Phillip Boutros, Anton Bayssari, Jeremy Moussa, Christina Elzahoul

From our Leaders ...

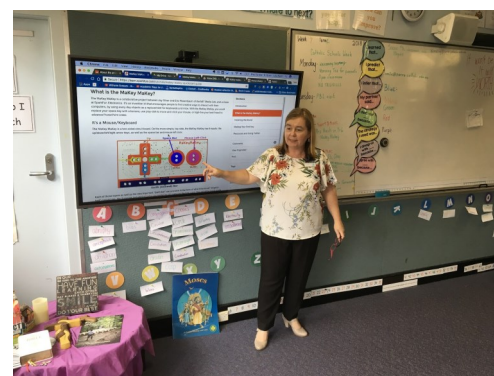
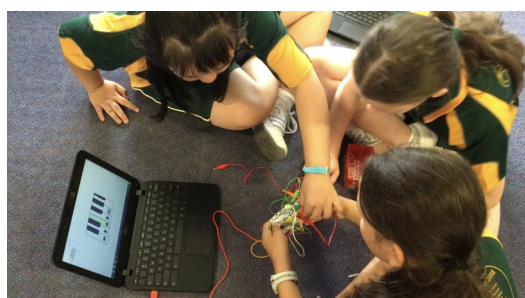
Greetings Parents, teachers, students and other school members.

I'm Stephanie Saab your STEM leader for 2018. This week I would like to share with you some exciting things that have happened over the past week.

Last week Mrs Nash visited Year six to introduce us to a Makey Makey.



Makey Makey, an Invention Kit for Everyone, is an electronic invention tool and toy that allows users to connect everyday objects to computer programs. Using a circuit board, alligator clips, and a USB cable, the toy uses electrical signals to send the computer either a keyboard stroke or other instruments. This function allows the Makey Makey to work with any computer program or web page since all computer programs and webpages take keyboard and mouse click inputs. A Makey Makey is a controller that is able to replace a keyboard. We experimented using all kinds of fruit, veggies, rubber bands, split pins and many more fascinating materials. Mrs Nash explained to us why all these non-resistant materials allow electricity to flow through them.



This was a very fun and interesting incursion and on behalf of year six I would like to say thank you to Mrs Nash, Miss Fabri and the Classroom teachers for this fantastic opportunity and experience.

If you would like to purchase a Makey Makey you are able to get them online for about \$50-\$70 including what is in the photograph above or you are able to check any electronic shop such as JB HIFI for better deals.

Now to end of with a joke

Teacher asks the student: "Why are you so late?!"

The Student Said : "Well I was crossing the road and suddenly it says "School ahead, go slowly!"

Best wishes,
Stephanie Saab , STEM leader

Celebrations of Learning

Dear Parents,

As explained in previous emails we will now begin a cycle of what we call 'Celebrations of Learning'. These will take many forms in the classrooms depending on what the teachers are trying to showcase. Some key factors to consider:

- Celebrations will be held in the classrooms or an advertised space, such as the library.
- They may take the form of a culminating presentation eg results of a inquiry project eg a design and make, an EXPO stand.
- May take the form of an open classroom which will give visitors the opportunity to view learning journals or work displayed around the room.
- May give visitors the opportunity to watch their children in the process of collaborative learning and problem solving.
- They may take place on days other than Fridays
- You may be invited to form the audience for an 'end product' or goal setting with children.
- **Be mindful that this is an opportunity to celebrate the learning with the children and teachers. This is NOT a time to ask for an interview to see how your child is going. These meetings need to be arranged through an appointment to enable preparation and reflection by the staff.**

NOTE PLEASE - GUIDELINES

The staff is very mindful that children like some adults may feel in a vulnerable position being watched so we ask all adults to show utmost respect by:

- Remaining quiet when children are presenting/speaking.
- Adhering to our policy of confidentiality regarding children's learning by not making comments to other parents regarding individual children.
- Assisting only when asked to do so please. This is their learning journey and we know that making errors is an important part of that journey.
- We do not expect all parents to attend every opportunity and fully understand that many parents are working and cannot make it. We will do our best to emphasize this with the children.

On Thursday 29th March at 2pm we would like to invite the Year 2 parents to our Celebration of Learning which is centred around our history unit 'The Past In The Present'. We will be referring to our celebration as a TOY MUSEUM. Similarly to our visit to the Powerhouse Discovery Museum, the students will be describing and comparing toys from the past to the toys available now.

On Thursday 5th April, at 2.00pm, we would like to invite the Year 5 parents to our Celebration of Learning which is centred around our science unit 'Earth's place in Space'.

We will be presenting their work on the History of Space Technologies in the school hall. Come and visit our Space Museum.

Writers Corner



School holidays was a hot topic of conversation in the news last week. The reporters were saying that we should shorten the school holidays because it's too hard for mums and dads to take time off to look after children.

Our topic this week is **"Are school holidays too disruptive for mums and dads?"**

Think about your own experiences on school holidays. Perhaps there are other solutions? You might also want to think about how school holidays impacts on teachers, students, parents **and** the broader community.

Parents and teachers, we'd love to hear your thoughts too!

I can't wait to read your ideas. Make sure you visit the Author's Corner in the library!

Happy Writing!

Disco Donations

Our school disco known as **“Disco Under the Stars”** is the place to be on **Friday 6 April**. We have a number of parents working diligently behind the scenes organising food, ice creams, desserts, glo sticks etc.

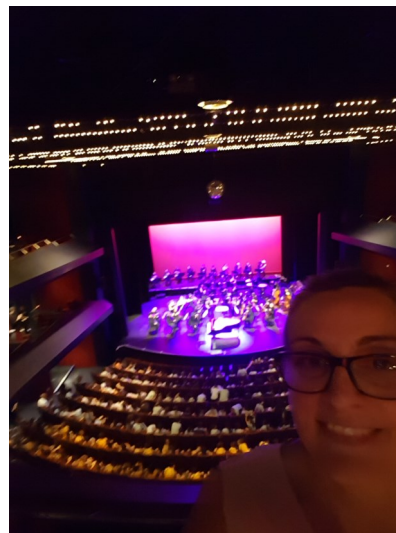
This year we would like to invite families to donate some water, poppas or soft drinks, if at all possible, to be sold on the night. If you are in a position to donate, or have some contacts who could help, we are happy for any donations to be dropped off at the office prior to the date.

More details on this exciting event are to follow over the next weeks.

Sydney Symphony Orchestra-Riverside

On Friday 8th March years 2—5 walked to Riverside Theatre and watched The Sydney Symphony Orchestra conducted by Simon Tedeski. We all had an amazing time. The Orchestra was informative and entertaining. It was based on if the orchestra needed a conductor or not. They informed us that they didn't. Without a conductor the music was a huge mess. Once the conductor came back we heard some amazing pieces from some of the most famous composers in the world. We had a fantastic time and we cant wait to be invited back next year.

Chiara Banzato 5T



Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment 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.

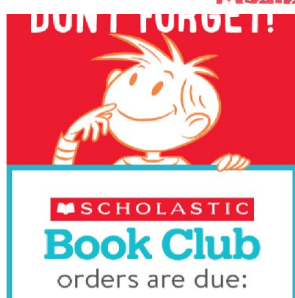
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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

- 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.





28th March 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.

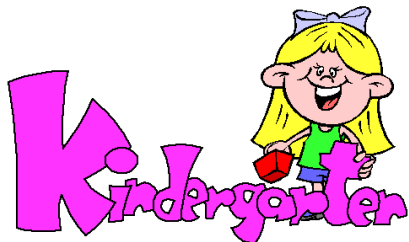
Parents please ensure you have the right class on your child's lunch orders. We have had several mishaps this week with lunches going to the wrong classroom.

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.

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.

ICE BLOCKS

We will continue to sell ice blocks each Friday at lunch time until the end of term.

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.



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 11 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.

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

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

INCORPORATING

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

'EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY: TRANSFORMING LEARNING'

ST PATRICK'S DAY OLYMPICS 2018 hosted by MOTIV8SPORTS

"Motiv8sports Olympics 2018"



A SPECIAL DAY FOR PARENTS
ACROSS PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS

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PRAY
REFLECT

FREE
DAY SPA
FOR THE
SOUL

Bring a friend!

TAKE TIME
OUT FOR
YOURSELF

**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:
tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au
Ph:0429375226

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



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!!

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.



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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)



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More than 30,000 Australian kids have loved Code Camp

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Camps we offer at Code Camp

Sponsored by **Westpac** Powered by **hp**

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

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