



**2018**

## Dates to Remember

### Term 2

#### May

##### Week 2

Friday 11th May      Mother's Day Mass  
9.15am  
St Patrick's Cathedral

Mother's Day Raffle will  
be drawn after recess  
(approx. 11.30am)

Mother's Day Evening  
7.30pm

##### Week 3

Tuesday 15th      NAPLAN  
Lang/Writing

Wednesday 16th      NAPLAN  
Reading  
Infants—Maths Parent  
Evening 7pm

Thursday 17th      NAPLAN  
Numeracy

Friday 18th      NAPLAN  
Catch up  
Infants Assembly—Kindy  
2.15pm—School Hall

##### Week 4

Thursday 24th      Family Fun afternoon

Friday 25th      Primary Assembly—Yr 5  
2.15pm—School Hall

##### Week 5

Tuesday 29th      Stage 3 Girls Soccer  
Gala Day

Friday 1st June      Year 5 excursion—  
The Rocks  
Infants Assembly—Year 2

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

10th May 2018 Term 2 Week 2

Dear Parents,

Mother's Day is a time of recognition, celebration and reflection. With this in mind Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, asked some of his expert team members, who also happen to be mums, to share their thoughts about parenting and mothering. Here is what they had to say.

#### **What do you love about parenting?**

I love seeing my children grow into their personalities and being part of helping them find their spark. I love the simple things, whether it is girl-time doing the shopping or chats at night on the bed with the younger ones about their day. I love seeing them push through and achieve things that they thought they couldn't. One thing I am big on is being present and being there, whether it is at their school event days or cheering them on where possible from the sidelines. And I am a big fan of a warm hug.

#### **What lessons did you learn from your own mum?**

My mum taught me the importance of family and of friends. To always make time for those you love. She taught me that nurturing our relationships throughout life will always give us the greatest rewards. She taught me how to entertain well, to always have extra food and drink and to always have my door open to others. She taught me the value of being generous and the importance of helping others in need. She taught me the importance of finding work that you enjoy and how this can enrich your role as a mother. And she taught me that being a mum is the most amazing gift you can be given. Sometimes it's clouded by the most crushing of fear, but ultimately it offers us the greatest of joy.

#### **Best piece of mothering advice you've received?**

The best piece of parenting advice I have received is to not stress too much. We are all doing the very best we can on any given day with what we have. Sometimes, we will be exhausted and if all we can manage for dinner is scrambled eggs on toast, then that's okay. Don't beat yourself up and certainly avoid the comparison trap. Don't compare yourself to other parents and what they are doing. Remember, parenting is a full time gig, 24/7. Just do your best and make sure you look after yourself too.

This Mother's Day, let us take some time to think and pray for our mothers and mothers all around the world. We especially remember mothers who are no longer with us. God Bless them! I would also like us to remember all the men in families who find themselves being mother and father to their children. May God Bless them for the nurturing they are providing their families. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

God bless you and your family  
Elly Benkovich  
Acting Principal



#### **St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 90.3%**

K = 91.2%	<b>2 = 82.3%</b>	4 = 95.0%	<b>6 = 86.7%</b>
1 = 93.2%	<b>3 = 88.7%</b>	5 = 95.0%	

## BEFORE SCHOOL DROP OFF

Now that we are into Term 2 I would like to remind families about some issues around safety before school. It has come to my attention that, while our Ross St gate is not unlocked until 8am, there are a number of students being dropped off well before this time and left unsupervised. I understand that some families have work commitments but this practice does not ensure the safety of your children.

If you do need to drop off at 8am please remind your child/ren that they are to sit in the amphitheatre until 8.20am when a teacher begins duty. At present some of our students are finding this a little challenging as they want to move around. If you do not need to drop your child off early please consider waiting until morning supervision begins at 8.20am.

If you are using the 'Kiss and Drop' zone outside the front of the school please use the parking zone available and not drop off in the school driveway. Please be mindful that after 8.30am the queue becomes quite long. Drivers getting out of their cars, assisting children with bags etc holds up the flow of traffic. Try and keep the drop off to a minimum.

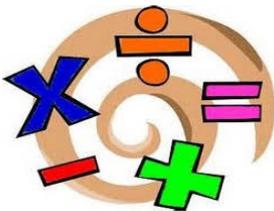
Elly Benkovich

### ATTENDANCE LETTERS (<90%)

Dear Parents

Today the office has sent out the attendance information alerts to parents of children whose attendance data has fallen below 90%. This includes children whose absence is due to illness or leave for example. As explained previously the school understands that some leave cannot be helped especially when children are sick. The school appreciates parents not sending sick children to school as this is an important aspect of health management. The school is however obliged to keep parents informed of their child's attendance data, especially when it reaches the under 90% mark. If you have any questions regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards  
Elly Benkovich



Dear Parents,

Have you ever wanted to try Maths tug-o-war? Do you know how to structure and restructure a collection? Can you use the bead string to show difference? Are you a 'number buster'?

If you would like to experience some of these activities and see how the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students are challenged in Mathematics then please attend our 'St Patrick's Infants Maths Information Evening'.

**Date: Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**Time : 7:00 -8:00pm**

**Venue: TBA ( depending on numbers)**

As this evening is designed for parents who wish to know more about how Mathematics is taught at St Patrick's, it is preferred that students not attend if at all possible.

Mrs Barclay  
Numeracy Coordinator



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:** Panayioti Yannakis, Erica Jurisic, Louis Wehbe, Brandon Roque, Owen Abraham

## **Birthday Song Acknowledged Fridays**

As we are now only having limited Friday afternoon assemblies it has come to our notice that some students are missing out on having their birthday acknowledged through the Birthday Song. In order to rectify this we will start singing the Birthday song for all students who have celebrated their birthday in a particular week at Friday morning assembly.

All School Uniform items available from

**Oz Fashions**  
**115-127 Parramatta Road**  
**Granville NSW 2142**  
**Phone 9897 3121**  
**www.ozfashions.com.au**

### **Girls' Summer Uniform**

Tartan School Dress  
Short White above ankle Socks  
Black Shoes  
Green Hair Ribbon  
Green School Hat

### **Girls' Winter Uniform**

Tartan Pinafore  
White Long Sleeve Blouse (Peter Pan collar)  
Tartan School Tie  
Green above ankle Socks or Tights  
Black Shoes  
Green School Jumper  
Green Jacket with Emblem  
Green School Hat

### **Girls' Sports Uniform**

Green Shorts  
Sport Shirt with School Emblem  
White above ankle Socks  
White Sports Shoes  
Track Suit with School Emblem

School Back Pack

### **Boys' Summer Uniform**

Grey Shorts  
Grey Short Sleeve Shirt  
Grey above ankle Socks

Black Shoes  
Green School Hat

### **Boy's Winter Uniform**

Grey Long Trousers  
Grey Long Sleeve Shirt  
Green Tie  
Grey above ankle Socks  
Black Shoes  
Grey School Jumper  
Green Jacket with Emblem  
Green School Hat

### **Boys' Sports Uniform**

Green Sports Shorts  
Sports Shirt with School Emblem  
White above ankle Socks  
White Sports Shoes  
Track Suit with School Emblem  
School Back Pack

## **Winter Uniform Changeover**

The children can continue to wear their summer uniforms. At this stage we will be changing to winter uniform at the beginning of **Week 4, 21st May**, however with such unpredictable weather winter uniform can be worn prior to this date. When wearing either winter or summer uniform, it requires students to be in full school uniform eg boys winter long pants, long sleeve shirt and tie.

## **Save the date: Family Day**

Bishop Vincent recently announced the inaugural 'Family Day' for the Diocese of Parramatta. The emphasis of the day is to acknowledge the importance of family and raise fund for CatholicCare, the organisation in our diocese which offers many services in support of families.

On 24 May, we are hosting a 'Family Fun Afternoon' where all families are invited to enjoy a picnic lunch followed by an afternoon of playing your favourite family board game. Students are invited to wear mufti clothes (casual clothing, including in closed shoes) for a gold coin donation. All donations will go towards raising funds for CatholicCare. Lunch will start at 1:30, followed by board games from 2:00. More information will be provided closer to the day.

We are looking forward to celebrating this special day with you.

## SPOTLIGHT ON

Today we are shining a spotlight on the school captains:

Joshua Lorenzo:

### ***Who is your biggest inspiration in life?***

My biggest inspiration in life is Albert Einstein because he made lots of discoveries and he was very intelligent.

### ***What is the best thing you've ever achieved that you thought you never would?***

The best thing I have ever achieved is receiving a badge and becoming the school captain of St Patrick's Parramatta.

### ***What one country would you like to travel to most and why?***

I would like to travel to Greece because I want to learn more about greek mythology.

### ***What is your ideal job?***

I would like to be a scientist: such as a chemist, palaeontologist and biologist.

### ***If you were an animal would it be?***

If I were an animal I would like to be an eagle because I would be able to fly and eagles have good eyesight so I wouldn't need to wear glasses.

Erica Jurisic:

### ***Who is your biggest inspiration?***

My Biggest inspiration is Mum because she is so hard working and I don't know what I'd do without her.

### ***If you could ask anyone one Question that they must answer who would you ask and what would you ask?***

I Would ask Tarzan why he doesn't have a beard, I mean there are no razors in the jungle and he's lived there all of his life?

### ***Name 5 words describing you?***

Active, Creative, helpful, competitive and funny

### ***If you could have any superpower what would it be?***

The power of flight so I can go anywhere.

### ***What's your favourite place in the world?***

The snow because I love skiing and it's fun.



## MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS INVITATION

A special invitation is sent to all mothers and mother figures to join us tomorrow 11 May at 9.15am 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.

**MORNING BELL will ring at 8.45am.**

**Just a reminder that there will be no Mother's Day Morning Tea in lieu of the Mother's Day Evening event.**

### MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE Drawn Tomorrow

Tomorrow morning will be your last chance to purchase raffle tickets for our much anticipated Mother's Day Raffle. The raffle will be drawn tomorrow Friday 11 May after recess. Thank you for all the donations of prizes we have received to date. Tickets will be sold before school for 50c each or 3 for a dollar.

### LADIES NIGHT IN

Only one more sleep until this exciting event takes place. It is not too late to come if your other plans have changed. The coordinating team from Year 2 have spent many hours organising all aspects of the event to ensure a fun filled evening for all. Just remember:

- Start Time:** 7.30pm
- Venue:** School Hall
- Dress Code:** Casual - Tracksuit, PJs or Gym Gear - **NO HEELS**
- What to Bring:** Yourself
- What to Expect:** Remember **NO KIDS** Food, Drinks, Laughs & Some Surprises

Look forward to seeing many of you there.

Elly Benkovich  
On behalf of the Staff

### Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to Mrs Julia Gittany and her many helpers for the coordination of the Mother's Day stall. The children were able to purchase some lovely gifts for their mothers and grandmothers/carers. The time and assistance our parents give to the school is greatly appreciated.

### Sports Days for Term 2

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term :-

KA	Thursday	1S	Friday	3L	Thursday	4G	Wednesday	6P	Wednesday
KM	Friday	2M	Wednesday	3T	Thursday	5C	Friday	6W	Wednesday
1C	Thursday	2Y	Thursday	4B	Wednesday	5T	Friday		

Throughout the year parents are asked to volunteer for excursions, special events, reading and many other school activities. To enable you to participate as a volunteer you are required to complete the online training following the link below. Once the paperwork has been received by St Patrick's we add you to a database that is accessed by the teachers/admin staff to request helpers.

### **Building Child Safe Communities – New procedures reminder for volunteers**

Volunteers make a significant contribution to students and our community. As part of our new 'Building Child Safe Communities' initiatives, we request the following from volunteers:

**Step 1: Complete the 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form for each volunteer location**

**[VOLUNTEER FORM](#)**

**Step 2: Complete the online training module – required every second year.**

**[TRAINING MODULE](#)**

These can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then scrolling down to 'Volunteers and Contractors – click here'.

Please contact your school if you require any assistance. We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

## **Catherine McAuley Westmead**

### **School Open Morning**

9.15 – 11am

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### **Enrolments for Year 7 2020**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2020 applicants but open to any year group. School tours later in the year get very crowded so beat the rush!

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.



# DON'T FORGET!



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
**11th May**

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.



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Our **MISSION** is to –

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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

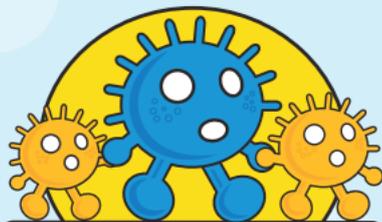
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale ( Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)

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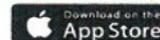
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**Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.**

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