



**2018**

## Dates to Remember

### Term 2

#### May

##### Week 3

Thursday 17th	NAPLAN Numeracy
Friday 18th	NAPLAN Catch up Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm—School Hall

##### Week 4

Thursday 24th	Mufti Day Family Fun afternoon Picnic Lunch @ 1.30pm followed by board games
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

#### June

##### Week 6

Friday 8th	Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm—School Hall
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##### Week 7

Monday 11th	<b>NO SCHOOL— PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 14th	School Photos
Friday 15th	Athletics Carnival

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

17th May 2018 Term 2 Week 3

Dear Parents,

This week our Year Three and Year Five students joined children of the same age all over Australia, in participating in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). In high schools students in Year Seven and Nine undertake this test also.

For your information regarding the process, the test booklets and materials arrive at least seven days before the testing date so that schools can check that there are enough booklets and other testing material for every student in the relevant grades. These packages are in tamper proof wrapping and are counted and checked by two members of staff through this wrapping. The test material cannot be viewed by anyone at this time and as soon as the counting is completed the boxes are resealed, signed and not opened again until the morning of the first test, when they are given to the grade three and five teachers. This procedure is followed for each subsequent test.

At St Patrick's Parramatta all students in grades three and five sit the tests, as we are required to include students with a variety of learning difficulties such as mild intellectual disabilities, specific learning difficulties, Attention Deficit Disorder and Anxiety Disorders. In line with government guidelines the school does provide a special area for children who may have difficulty completing the tests in the classroom environment for a variety of reasons and this year the library was used for this purpose.

Mrs Standing, Mrs O'Dwyer, Mrs Barclay and Mrs Benkovich supervised the children undertaking the testing in this area. All completed test booklets are returned to the principal's office and stored securely until they are posted to the marking centre at the completion of all tests. The classroom teachers and learning support teachers remove any wall charts or material that could be copied during the test and seat the children so that they are unable to copy from each other. During the testing period the principal or the assistant principal is asked to make random visits to the testing areas to ensure that all correct protocols are being observed.

It is important to remember that children will be sitting a number of formal assessments throughout their school lives and that many of the skills they possess are not always assessed in these types of tests. Children who have artistic or sporting ability, problem solvers and those possessing interpersonal skills, those able to synthesize information and creative thinkers, for example, are not able to demonstrate their talent in Literacy and Numeracy assessments. We encourage our students to do their very best on the day of the tests while being aware that results can vary and a student who may in fact be quite a good writer, for example, may not produce their best piece of writing on that particular day. The data that all schools receive from these assessments, combined with school based assessments, help teachers plan programs to meet the variety of learning needs of our students.

God bless you and your family  
Elly Benkovich  
Acting Principal

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 93.6%			
K = 91.2%	<b>2 = 88.5%</b>	4 = 95.0%	6 = 91.7%
1 = 94.9%	3 = 95.2%	5 = 98.3%	



## Honour Award

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

KA	Sara Jabbour	Ethan Zaiter
KM	Mika Liu	Christian Chivers
1C	Olivia Fayad	Isaac Wehbe
1S	Nathan Nguyen	Joshua Jaitani
2M	Angelica Beame	Mia Wehbe
2Y	Ava Lao	Germain Toledo



## st patrick's award

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

KA	Grace Talbot	Daniel Jurisic
KM	Andrew Batti	Benjamin Kalouche
1C	Sarah Loader	Panayioti Yannakis
1S	Juliette Khoury	Ray Chen
2M	Christina Brown	James Agostino
2Y	Chloe Geagea	Paul Khouri

**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:** Chloe Vella, Olivier Touche, Mia Golossian, Isabella Younes, Charlene Wambeek, Elna Koikkara, Angelina Wakim, Aurora Broadbridge, Sofia Bousimon, Marcus Moses, Isabella Dang, Christopher Mekdessi



## After School 'Drive Through' & Crossing Alert

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who heeded the alert last week and waited until after 3pm to join the queue. Last week we were contacted by the Parramatta Council following more complaints about people blocking Trott Street and parking in Ross St before 3pm. For our 'Drive Through' to run as efficiently as possible we need your assistance.

Please:

- Have a clear label displayed in your front windscreen in **bold black text** (highlighter and biro are impossible to read)
- Have children enter the car from the footpath only
- Avoid having children put bags in the boot (***if another car accidentally accelerated your child could be crushed***). ***Drive through is not like a car park!***
- Avoid making a u-turn in Ross Street at this time of day
- Use the designated crossings around the school rather than crossing in between the traffic (***this is what your children are taught in school***)
- Remain in your car as it is illegal to leave your vehicle. A car left running unattended can accidentally roll on your child or another person and holds up the drive through process .
- If your child cannot manage their bag and seatbelt independently do not use drive through.

Elly Benkovich

## Winter Uniform Changeover – NEXT WEEK

Students will be wearing their winter uniform from Monday 21st May. Please refer to the winter uniform details listed below.

All School Uniform items available from

**Oz Fashions**  
**115-127 Parramatta Road**  
**Granville NSW 2142**  
**Phone 9897 3121**  
**[www.ozfashions.com.au](http://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



## **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 funds for CatholicCare, the organisation in our diocese which offers many services in support of families.

On Thursday 24th May, we are hosting a '**Family Fun Afternoon**' where all families are invited to enjoy a **picnic lunch (Bring your own)** followed by an afternoon of playing your favourite **family board game**. Students are invited to wear mufti clothes (casual clothing, including closed in shoes) for a gold coin donation. All donations will go towards raising funds for CatholicCare.

Lunch will start at 1:30pm, followed by Board games from 2:00pm.

A note was sent home this week outlining the afternoon's activities. A photographer has been invited to attend the day to capture the great community spirit of St Patrick's. The photos may be used on the CEDP website.

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





## MOTHERS' DAY MASS

Thank you to all the mothers who attended our school mass celebrating mothers and motherly figures. It was a wonderful way to think about the impact they have on our lives and how much we love them. Thank you to the infants students for leading us through the Mass. We hope all mothers were spoilt on Sunday and enjoy the love of your family every day.

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## LADIES NIGHT IN

Wow! What a fantastic evening was had for our inaugural Mother's Day Evening Function. We had plenty of delicious food and drinks, great company, prizes and a fashion parade provided by **Simara by M & C** of Castle Towers with some of our own mums walking down the 'catwalk'. One of our mums in particular (not mentioning any names) was a natural and came back for encore after encore.

We had music and lights provided by **Sound Agents** and I take this opportunity to thank Dianne Ayoub & Claire Moujalli for coordinating the event and Josie Rahme and Jodie Matta for co-ordinating the food (it was amazing). These mums were supported by many other Year 2 mums who spent the day peeling, cutting, baking, organising platters and decorating the hall. A special mention must also go to Sean McIntosh who organised the loan of some dividers from OLMC and also rearranged the stage to accommodate the parade. On Monday he had to put everything back to normal.

All in all the most important people there on the night were our mums. Every mum I spoke to said the night was an outstanding success and were very appreciative of the number of teachers who were able to support the event. We hope to hold an evening event every alternate year so make sure you do not miss out next time.

Thank you  
Elly Benkovich  
On behalf of the Staff



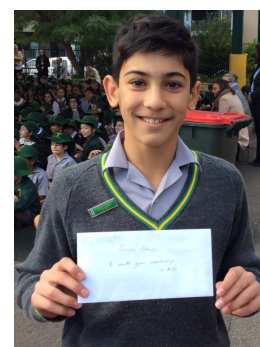


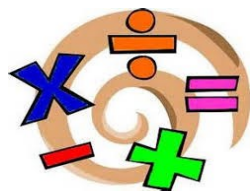
	Prize	Winner	Class
1	6 Month gym membership	Luke Takchi	6W
2	6 Month gym membership	Sandra Moussa	6W
3	1 month Gym Membership	Alana Medak	6W
4	9ct gold Cubic Zirconia Neck-	Jo Harb	3L
5	Meat & Wine Co Voucher	Jesse Sabat	6W
6	Mimco Handbag	Julian Camenzuli	6W
7	9ct gold solitaire Cubic Zirconia	Olivia Saab	3T
8	Homebaker Cake	Tharuki Randeniya	6P
9	\$100 Movie Voucher	The Elzahoul Family	
10	PeepToe clutch	Ashton Grohs	KM
11	Escapadehfb (Deluxe Ritval &	Gabriella Mendoza	5T
12	Artego Hair Product Pack	Renee Kougellis	4B
13	SPAR Hamper	Jo Harb	3L
14	Tupperware Package	Christian Kalouche	2M
15	Tupperware Package	Claire Camenzuli	2M
16	Deluxe pedicure (Beauty Spot)	Michael Ayoub	4B
17	JAGS Restuarant Voucher	James Agostino	2M
18	JAGS Restuarant Voucher	Jennifer Mekdessi	6W
19	'Sealed with Love' Voucher	Sophia Bousimon	KM
20	'Sealed with Love' Voucher	Isabella Bousimon	3T
21	Lacoste Beach towel / Bag	Tharuki Randeniya	6P
22	Indulged by Beauty	Patrick Semaan	KM
23	Indulged by Beauty	Eliza El Bayeh	6P
24	Escapadehfb (Laser voucher)	Frank Agostino	4G
25	\$50 Xcentrik Hair Voucher	Malia-Rose Campbell	2M
26	\$50 Xcentrik Hair Voucher	Jacob Semaan	3T
27	\$50 Xcentrik Hair Voucher	Katerina Yannakis	5C
28	\$50 Xcentrik Hair Voucher	Vincent Camenzuli	KA
29	\$50 Xcentrik Hair Voucher	Meagan Erive	3L
30	\$50 Xcentrik Hair Voucher	Jayden Farah	5C
31	Perfume	Phillip Boutros	2Y
32	Bathrobe	Jessica Bechara	6P
33	Bathrobe	Christian Barakat	4B
34	Natio Body Pack	Danielle Tannous	3L
35	Perfume	Katerina Yannakis	5C
36	Shiraz Wine Bottle	Syrus Dig	6W
37	Shiraz Wine Bottle	Caitlin Maroun	6W
38	Moscato	Jacob Semaan	3T
39	Moscato	Antonio Moussa	3L
40	Tempus Two - White Wine	Makayla Kalouch	2M
41	Tempus Two - White Wine	Mary-Jo El-Sabbagh	5C
42	Handbag & Wallet	Anthony Malek	1S
43	The Container Coffee Voucher	Gabriella Mendoza	5T
44	The Container Coffee Voucher	Rafael Buitizon	6P
45	The Container Coffee Voucher	Jimmy Sahyoun	KM

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Another successful Mother's day raffle. Congratulations to all the winners!!!

A very big thank you to Mrs Barakat for securing and organising a number of the gifts. Also thank you to the many families who donated gifts for the raffle as well.





## Infants Maths Night

Thank you to all the parents who braved the chilly weather and came out to participate in a range of maths activities. It was great to see all our parents working with the number triad, reasoning mathematically, visualising and recording their explanations. Most parents agreed that the children at St Patrick's are using their thinking skills in mathematics. Thank you to our wonderful teachers who gave up their evening to share their expertise with our St Patricks Community.



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 [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.





## SPOTLIGHT ON

Today we are shining a spotlight on the RE leaders: **Christian Moujalli and Jade Takchi**. This term the leaders will introduce to you some interesting question answer sessions with our school leadership team. We hope you enjoy their insights and thoughts.

*Christian Moujalli:*

**What is your favorite food?**

My favourite food has to be dumplings, I just love the texture and the taste.

**What is your favourite sport?**

My favourite sport would be soccer. I love to defend.

**How many people are in your family?**

I have 5 people in my family including me, one brother, one sister and my mum and dad.

**What nationality are you?**

My nationality is Lebanese and a bit of Italian and Syrian. As well as Australian.

**What is your dream job?**

My dream job would be either an architect or a photographer.

*Jade Takchi:*

**What country would you like to travel to and why?**

My favourite place in the world is Mykonos in Greece because it has memorable, scenic views and great places to experience.

**What is your favourite subject in school?**

My favourite subject in school is history because I learn about lots of things that I didn't know about before I came into Year Six.

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

The best thing I've ever achieved is receiving a badge and becoming the Vice Captain of St Patrick's Parramatta.

**Name three words describing you?**

Kind, hardworking, active

**What sport or music do you play?**

The sports that I enjoy playing are soccer and touch football.

## Writers Corner



Writers Corner is back for another term! We'll be looking at lots of different topics and you're invited to send through your imaginative, persuasive or informative pieces of writing for display in the library! Parents, we would love to read and display your contributions too!

This week's topic is: **What is your favourite memory?**

Remember that these will be displayed, so ensure they are typed or written clearly!

**All submissions are due on Wednesday, May 30.**

Happy Writing!





OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

## College Open Morning Tour

### Wednesday May 23, 2018

*expanding beyond what we know we can be*



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.



*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)