



2018

Dates to Remember

Term 2

June

Week 6

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

Week 7

Monday 11th **NO SCHOOL—
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Thursday 14th School Photos
(postponed until 22nd June)

Friday 15th Athletics Carnival

Week 8

Tuesday 19th Stage 3 Boys Soccer
Gala Day

Friday 22nd School Photos
Year 3 incursion—'What's
Hot & What's Cold?'

Week 9

Tuesday 26th Parent Teacher Interviews
Commence
Stage 2 Boys & Girls
Soccer Gala Day

Week 10

Friday 6th **LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

Students will return to school for Term 3 on
the Monday 23rd July.

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

7th June 2018 Term 2 Week 6

Dear Parents,

At the end of the term you will be receiving your child's mid-year report. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet with your child(rens) class teacher for up to 15 mins to see how they are travelling in their learning journey. Some grades will ask the children to come to the interview to be a part of the discussion around the learning and maybe to set goals for the next semester. You will be informed by letter if the children are required at the meeting. Meetings will be booked online and these are available now.

For those who are new to school reports, reports follow the A – E common grade scale for the 7 Key Learning Areas for Grades 1 to 6. The scale describes; The depth of knowledge and understanding and the range of skills that students working at that standard typically show. In line with the National Curriculum the strands within the subject are not reported separately. Knowledge and skills are seen as fully integrated eg, a student uses the skills of talking/listening, reading and writing in composing and responding to text within the English Curriculum. Computer skills and the use of the Library are also not seen as separate from the key areas of learning but rather integral tools with associated skills within each of them.

Other features of the report include;

- a report on effort
- information about the distribution of grades across the year - that is how many students achieved A, B, C etc
- comments for the three key areas of Religious Education, English and Mathematics
- a grading for Personal and Social Behaviours and Learning Habits
- a general comment.

In keeping with Government guidelines, Kindergarten reports do not use an A – E common grade scale as they are still emerging as learners. There are however three brief descriptors; Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond for each Key Learning Area.

A record of absences and partial absences is given at the end of the report. It is worthy of note that significant absences and/or partial absences can have a significant impact on a child's learning and thus the report results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support during Ms Fabri's period of leave. Along with all of you, I look forward to welcoming her back next week.

God bless you and your family
Elly Benkovich
Acting Principal

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 93.1%

K = 91.2%	2 = 90.2%	4 = 95.0%	6 = 88.3%
1 = 94.9%	3 = 93.5%	5 = 98.3%	



Honour Award

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

3L	Baxter Gittany	Jo Harb
3T	Isabella Bousimon	Jake Doueihy
4B	Christian Barakat	Renee Kougelis
4G	Frank Agostino	Carl Cauan
5C	Alex Layoun	Sheridan Achie
5T	Scarlett Weaver	Jeremy Saliba
6P	Jethro Cauan	Gabrielle Sabat
6W	Darcy Fraser	Keenen Rosauero



st patrick's award

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

3L	Justin Mawad	Carmela Poblete
3T	Alisha Katafono	Lewis Khalil
4B	Brian Chen	Zoe Samar
4G	Malcolm Nasr	Christine Kahwaji
5C	Ben Aguilera	Katerina Yannakis
5T	Sebastian Mayonado	Evelyn Gereige
6P	Joshua Lorenzo	Ivanka Markovic
6W	Oisin Ryan	Mikayla Saleh

URGENT "Drive Through" Considerations

Thank you so much to the parents who have made an effort to support last week's request to be a little more patient when using our 'Drive Through' service. I have been able to observe the Trott St and Grose St intersection on a number of occasions and am very pleased that parents are making the effort not to block Grose St. I understand that some parents have been asked to circle the block, and yes I am aware that a few people have done this a number of times. I am sure our local businesses are appreciative as well and ask that you continue to observe these requests even when the police or staff are not there to prompt you.

Just to remind you again:

- **No parking** in Ross St and Trott St before 3pm
- Start to line up in Trott St **from 3pm**
- If there is no space in Trott St please **DO NOT** stop in Grose St
- Circle the block until there is room to join the queue in Trott St
- Consider coming later - we offer the service until 3.30pm

We ask that there is **NO lining up in Grose St at any time** as this street is a busy through road from Church St to O'Connell St. When we block Grose St cars have no alternative but to drive up the wrong side of the road.

If you are after some exercise consider the other alternative and park your car. Then enjoy a lovely, brisk afternoon walk. I have noticed that more families are taking up this option.

Please note that our Procedures have not changed we just ask that you consider the road rules and others in the community.

Thanking you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Mrs Benkovich

Tell Them From Me Survey

This survey is now over. We thank the 33 families who took the time to have a look and respond. We appreciate your efforts. The information you have provided will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing here at *St Patrick's Primary School*.

Leanda Standing
TTFM Survey Coordinator

Birthdays at St Patrick's

Each day any student who has a birthday will be entitled to sit on a special birthday bench for morning assembly. Mr Macintosh has painted one of our benches a different colour just for this purpose. Once 'birthday children' are seated on the bench our student leaders will present them with their birthday sticker.

Every Friday morning assembly the children who had a birthday that week will have the birthday song sung to them. Birthdays are also acknowledged in the weekly newsletter for the coming week.

Parents are reminded that we **do not** allow birthday treats or birthday cakes at school due to the fact that we have a large number of students with anaphylaxis and allergies. In this way we can be confident that all our children remain safe while at school. We appreciate your support in this matter.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Geshua Toledo, Brendan Lima, Sophia Semaan, Elisa Daher, Mateo Barroso, Isabella Bousimon, Laurice Behan, Liam Jocson, Joshua Jaitani

First Holy Communion

On Sunday 3rd June, some of the students from St Patrick's Parramatta received their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to the following children:

Thomas Aguilera, Emma Barrientos Salazar, Rafaella Bautista, Isabella Bousimon, Brian Chen, Amelia Coles, Ysabel Daelo, Tara Di Chio, Zara Diuco, Clío Encarnacao, Meagan Erive, Sean Feng, Magdalena Gilchrist, Alisha Katafono, Nyagua Koima, Feima Koima, Aireen Kwa, Weyatta Lamin, Takeshi Liu, Amyllia Maneze, Emmanuel Missak, Oscar Morgan, Ellen Nikolakopoulos, Sheoni Perera, Estelle Perrett, Camela Poblete, Noah Reyes-Mangabat, Olivia Saab, Christian Sta Rosa, Amariah Tamaro.

A reflection from some of the children....

Before the Mass began some students were having their photos taken. When the Mass began we joined in the procession that walked into the Church to receive the Eucharist. All children were given the body and blood of Christ from Father Bob. At the end of the Mass we received our certificates and had a group photo. It was a very special day for all the children and their families and many children went on to enjoy celebrations with their families.



On Sunday 10th June more students from Year 3 will be participating in their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lebanon at 2pm. May we keep these children in our prayers as they continue their Sacramental journey.

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**2018 Year 6 Farwell
dinner**

Friday 7th December 2018

More details to come

Year 5 excursion to The Rocks

Last week Year 5 had an excursion to the Rocks in Sydney. We went by bus and when we arrived there we were introduced to Rangers Toni and Kirsten, our tour guides. We discussed what Year 5 have been exploring in history such as Sydney Cove and the Parramatta settlement in the 1800's.

Our first stop was at a replica of a poor family's home. Ranger Kristen showed the cramped conditions that early settlers had to live in, which was up to nine people living in two small rooms. We then went into another room which was once a common kitchen area and Ranger Kristen told us if we were really quiet we could still hear the women cooking.

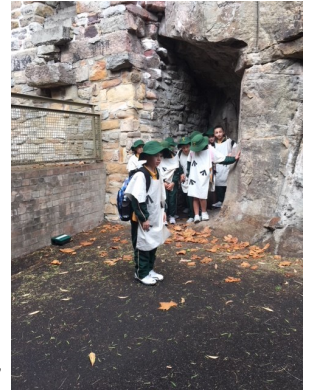
Then we took a stroll on the smallest street in Sydney and were shown homes that were designed by Italian and Irish immigrants. We also visited a rich man's home and its beautifully carved sandstone blocks.

Then we swapped groups and Ranger Toni took us to the Suez Canal, one of the first sewers in Sydney and then to the first hospital in Sydney which treated patients with scurvy, small pox and the measles that come from England.

Finally we went to the first bank and police station where Ranger Toni told us about the biggest bank robbery ever, and that the criminals were never caught.

After the tour we took a hike up to Observatory Hill. We had lunch and spent the rest of the day sketching, writing, and playing games. Then we had to go back to school and we said bye to Ranger Toni and Kristen. They were great tour guides. We had so much fun and learnt so much more on the Australian colonies.

Joetta Maria Khoury





THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents

Parent teacher interviews will be held from Tuesday 26th June 2018 to Friday 6th July 2018.

BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 22nd June at 4pm.

A letter was sent home earlier this week with instructions. Please go to

www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **agrrs** and follow the simple instructions.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics Carnival is to be held on **Friday 15th June** at Barton Park North Parramatta. Permission notes were sent home and all should have been returned.

Just a reminder that there will be **NO canteen** facilities available on the day so all students **MUST** bring their own lunch and recess, as well as water (lots of it), with them on the day. Parents may wish to bring their children's lunch but all students need to have their recess and drinks with them on the day as parents will not be allowed inside the oval unless assisting with the carnival.

All children should be at school by 8.45am to ensure they are marked on the roll and are on the bus with their own classmates. All children are **expected to remain until the conclusion** of the carnival when they will be returning to school by bus or leaving with a parent.

School Photos – Friday 22nd June

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to postpone our School photos to Friday 22nd June. Please ensure that your child is neatly dressed in **full Winter School Uniform on that date.**

We encourage you to pay online for both individual photos and sibling photos. This can be done in the convenience of your home. An email receipt will be mailed to you as confirmation and you can pay for all children or sibling photos in 1 easy payment. **The online code for our school St Patricks Primary, Parramatta is MKW J3F KMB. This needs to be completed at least 48hrs prior to photo day.**



Every child will receive a separate school photograph envelope tomorrow, which if paying by cash or cheque must be returned to school with the correct payment (no change is able to be given) by **Tuesday 19th June 2018.** Please ensure that you read the instructions on the envelope carefully and complete the envelope in full.



Spotlight-This Week's Spotlight is on our ARTS Leaders Andre and Gabby!

Gabby:

Question 1: Who is your favourite celebrity/character and why?

1. Ariana Grande
2. Homer Simpson
3. Cameron Smith

Answer: I would chose Ariana Grande because she is a great singer and she is very inspiring and she helped others after the Manchester One Love Tour.

Question 2: If you had \$1,000,000 to spend in a day what would you spend it on?

Answer: I would give half to my parents and family so they know how much I appreciate them and then give a quarter to charities and then spend the rest on buying clothes for myself.

Question 3: What one country would you like to travel to most and why?

Answer: I would want to visit America because there are many places to visit and many shops to buy from.

Question 4: What flavour Pringles Chips do you like the least and why?

1. Nacho Cheese
2. Grilled Ham and Cheese
3. Hot and Spicy

Answer: I dislike Hot and Spicy flavour Pringles Chips because I cannot handle the heat of the chilli.

Question 5: Name 5 words describing you?

Answer: 5 Words that describe me are funny, crazy, smart, loyal and a great friend.

Andre:

Question 1: If you could ask anyone one question that they must answer who would you ask and what would you ask?

Answer: I would ask Zac Efron what his middle name is because he is very popular and I want to know another fact about him besides his occupation.

Question 2. Favourite celebrity/sport icon?

Answer: Jayson Tatum, a good basketball player from the Boston Celtics because he is entertaining to watch, and I like to play basketball.

Question 3. How do you want to help the world become a better place?

Answer: I would like to make the world a better place by teaching others what I know about God.

Question 4. What's your favourite line from any book or movie?

Answer: "Protect the barrier and get this man a shield"- Black Panther 2018 from Marvel Avengers Infinity War.

Question 5. What are you most excited for currently?

Answer: I am excited for the weekend because I get to spend time with my whole family.

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.

All parents who have volunteered for the Athletics Carnival will be required to complete the training.

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.

First Aid—Medical Updates

Last week an audit was completed by Mrs Jones to ensure all action plans for both Anaphylaxis and Asthma were in date. It was found that some of the asthma plans had not been updated for sometime.

In the best interest of your child's health and safety we ask you to consider the following:

- update action plans every 12 months.
- monitor expiry dates of epipens and Ventolin.

Last week a letter was sent home with some children whose plan had expired. If your child no longer suffers from asthma could you please inform the office by returning the letter.



Catherine McAuley Westmead

School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am

Wednesday 13th June 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. This is the last school tour until November.

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.

Each of us (parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, teacher or friend) influence the life of a child. How will you touch the life of someone today?



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)