

**2018**

## **Dates to Remember**

### **Term 2**

#### **June**

##### **Week 7**

Friday 15th      Athletics Carnival  
Years 3—6  
(including Year 2—  
children turning 8yrs old  
only)

##### **Week 8**

Tuesday 19th      Stage 3 Boys Soccer  
Gala Day  
Friday 22nd      School Photos  
Year 3 incursion—'What's  
Hot & What's Cold?'  
Year 1 Celebration of  
Learning—2.10pm

##### **Week 9**

Tuesday 26th      Parent Teacher Interviews  
Commence  
Stage 2 Boys & Girls  
Soccer Gala Day  
Year 6 excursion—  
Parliament House

##### **Week 10**

Tuesday 3rd      Walkathon  
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

14th June 2018 Term 2 Week 7

*Dear Parents*

*Thank you for the many expressions of welcome received this week since my return from leave. It was a wonderfully refreshing time and I found that learning about other countries and cultures including their history is so fascinating. I know that many travellers experience the feeling that I felt on returning to Sydney after a 14 hour flight and that is that "There is no place like home!" Whilst I just loved my travels, I do believe that Australia is one of the best countries in the world and that we are very lucky to be living in this clean, organised and safe place. It makes me thank my parents for having the courage to leave their homeland to come here.*

*May I continue by thanking Mrs Benkovich for her leadership of our community during this time and to the staff for supporting her. I have enjoyed hearing all about the wonderful parent events, especially the Mother's Day evening and the Maths Information session which sounded very successful. On my return it is good to see that the children have kept up their enthusiasm for learning and good behaviour. Well Done!*

*In the newsletter last week Mrs Benkovich wrote about our mid year reports soon to be distributed to children. Her summary explained the E to A reporting and some of the subjects and items featured. Since my return I have been reading the children's reports and an aspect that always draws my attention and one that sometimes engenders less attention in the home is the table found on the last page.*

*This table outlines the Personal and Social Development and Learning Behaviours demonstrated by the student and will indicate to you whether your child is displaying particular learning skills under the following standards; Enthusiastic and Conscientious, Usually or Greater Application Required. These areas are critical to all subjects - to all learning.*

*When I listen to educational speakers commenting on contemporary learning, they often remind us that the jobs that our Kindergarten children will most likely be engaging in, have not even been invented yet. Whilst teachers understand that content is necessary in giving learning a context, most would acknowledge that with the continual 'information explosion' it is no longer possible for anyone to know all the information about the world which was once possible and expected by students of the past. The focus has shifted. Learners are required to do more than, 'know' but rather are required to think and to do this in conjunction with other thinkers. They are required to be adaptable, flexible, be creative, be problem solvers, be inventors, ask questions, manage and give feedback and more importantly manage change; to learn, unlearn and relearn. Children are required to work cooperatively, to organize and pace their assignments, work independently, and keep on task. How often have we as adults been required to do this in our workplaces? These skills require students to accept responsibility for their own learning and this begins with accepting responsibility for their own behaviour. This is an empowering position as it is teaching children that they are capable of being in control of outcomes.*

*When reading reports I am always keenly interested in whether the child is beginning to take responsibility for their own actions; including that of learning and if they are developing collaborative skills. I am interested in their ability to demonstrate independence and organisational skills and if they are beginning to show empathy - emotional intelligence towards others.*

*When you receive your child's report I encourage you to spend a little extra time on this section and to assist them to work towards an enthusiastic and conscientious approach to all they do.*

*God Bless you and your family  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal*

### St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 93.1%

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| <b>K = 87.7%</b> | 2 = 90.1% | 4 = 95.0% | <b>6 = 91.7%</b> |
| 1 = 94.9%        | 3 = 93.5% | 5 = 98.3% |                  |

### 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:**

Clare Camenzuli,  
Raymond Wehbe, Aiden Ebrahim,  
Jacob Wehbe, Remon Wehbe,  
Thomas Aguilera, James Loader,  
Carmela Poblete, Anthony Sassen,  
Jacob Tamaro, Eliza El Bayeh,  
Grace Talbot, Barbie Koima

### 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

## Athletics Carnival Reminders

Our Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow. Just a few reminders to assist us with the smooth running of the day. 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.

**Date:** Friday 28 July

**Venue:** Barton Park

114 Gladstone Road, North Parramatta

**Start Time:** Approx 9.30am with the 800m

**Finish Time:** 2:00pm (Buses leave at 2:15pm for school)

Thank you to all the parents who have very kindly offered to assist on the day. Only parents assisting with the carnival will be allowed on the oval and will be identified by a Helper badge. Mr Younis will be down at the oval from 8.30am and would appreciate some assistance with setting up the oval before the students arrive. If you are able to assist it would be very much appreciated. All parent helpers please report to Mr Baird when you arrive at the oval and he will allocate you your job for the day.

Students need to ensure they have the following on the day:

- Wear your **school sport uniform**. Wear your shorts under your tracksuit if it is cold in the morning. You may wear a coloured T-shirt in your sport house colours. Please ensure all items of clothing are **labelled**
- Spikes may be worn for 100m & 200m events only
- A school **hat** and **sunscreen as shade is limited**.
- Any necessary medication such as **epipens** or **puffers**
- Lots of **water** & recess & lunch
- **Coffee and tea facilities will be available for adults only through a Coffee Van on site between the hours of 8.30am and 2.00pm.**
- **NO CANTEEN facilities will be available at the carnival.**
- A small back pack
- Lots of enthusiasm

***A reminder again that all students are expected to stay until the conclusion of the carnival and to sign off with their supervising teacher before they leave.***

We anticipate a fun day and look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on the day. Should there be a weather change with rain, an alert will be sent through the Skoolbag app.

Thank you  
Athletics Committee

## Year Six - Sharing our Stories.

Currently Year Six are investigating the history of migration from Federation to today. We are focusing on the inquiry questions below;

- Who were the people who came to Australia? Why did they come?
- What contribution have significant individuals and groups made to the development of Australian society?

If you or a family member immigrated to Australia, we would love to hear your story. It is a great opportunity for them to hear the oral history and develop an understanding of the experienced faced by you and the impact it had on your family. If you are interested in sharing your story please contact one of the Year Six teachers and we will organise a time that fits your schedule. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

The Year Six teachers - Ms Kelly, Mrs Milic and Mrs Standing

### 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 last week 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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018.** Please ensure that you read the instructions on the envelope carefully and complete the envelope in full.



## 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 last week with instructions. Please go to

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code **agrrs** and follow the simple instructions.

## Year 1 Celebration of Learning

Dear Parents,

This Term in History, we have been researching and investigating schools and technology in the past and present. We have asked students to brainstorm what they think computers will be like in the future and as a result, have designed and made their own. Alongside this, students have written a description about how their computer works. They look forward to sharing their thinking and creations with you.

We invite you all to come and be a part of our celebration of learning on Friday 22nd June, 2018 at 2:10 in the Year One classrooms.

Please come ready with your questions to ask our little inventors.

Kind regards,

Mrs Daou and Miss Azar

### *First Holy Communion*

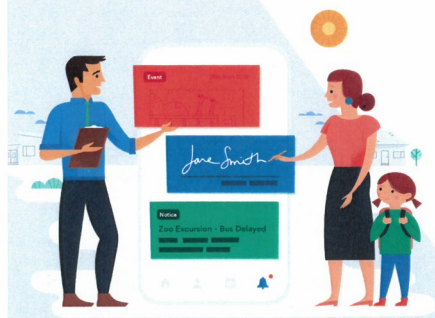
Last Sunday 10 June members of our school community came together to celebrate our faith by attending the First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral. The following candidates received the body of Christ for the first time at a beautiful ceremony Antonio Moussa, Baxter Gittany, Sophie Gahdmar, Lewis Khalil, Matthew Draybi, Daniella Gereige, Raymond Joe Khoury, Crystella Geagea, Remon Wehbe, Jacob Wehbe, Jacob Semaan, Maria Khoury

The second ceremony will take place this Sunday 17 June at 2pm. May we continue to keep these students in our prayers as they celebrate this moment in their Sacramental journey.

Thanking you for your continued support,  
Leanda Standing  
(Religious Education Coordinator)



# Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.



Please accept our apologies for the amount of test alerts that may have come through your phone this week through the Skoolbag app.

Recently an update took place with their app and it changed some of the settings.

Skoolbag no longer is able to have individual schools setup on their platform so they have designed a new platform where all schools access the app through one central app. This will enable you to have multiple schools on the one app perhaps one in our school and one in high school.

**We are asking that all parents delete their current app and download the new skoolbag app. The instructions are to the left. Please ensure you select the year groups that relate to your child.**

If you would like any further information please feel free to contact Mrs Jones on 8832 4600.

## 1 Download the app

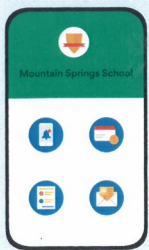
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

## 2 Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

## 3 Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups



SkoolBag

## 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.





# OAKHILL COLLEGE

## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA DAY



**Saturday 16 June 2018**  
**9.00am - 4.00pm**



**Come along and join in the fun.**  
**There is something for everyone**



- Sports Home games of Rugby, Soccer, Tennis and Netball.
- Stalls Food, Books, Basket, Jewellery, Clothing and Accessories and more.
- Fun & Rides Giant Jumping Castle, Obstacle Course, Horizontal Bungy, 9D Movies, Bucking Bull, Chocolate Wheel, Farm animals and Raffle Prizes.



**You are all welcome and**  
**we look forward to seeing you there!**

OAKHILL COLLEGE | 423 - 513 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154  
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2018 Gala Day



*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)



## SEMINAR

### Dealing With the Legal System

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Richard Brading**  
 Solicitor

At this Seminar you will learn

- How the Legal Process Works
- How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
- How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer so as to minimize your legal fees.
- The importance of having a Will
- Options if you can't afford a lawyer or representing yourself
- Opportunity for Question Time

**DATE**

Tuesday, 05th June 2018

**TIME**

7pm—9pm

**VENUE**

13 Buller St,  
 North Parramatta

**FEE**

\$7.00



*Further Details and Bookings Essential*

Solo Parent Services  
 Contact Rita  
 PH: 8843 2575  
 Email: [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

On Monday each family will be receiving a hard copy of the letter found below with a consent form. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Baird who is coordinating this service.

# Future Care Mobile Dental Services

## Information for Parents

### What service is offered?

Future Care Mobile Dental Services is a unique initiative that provides high quality, on-site, general dental care to children aged 2-17. Under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), funded by the Australian Federal Government, our service for eligible\* students comes at no cost to the school or the parents.

### Who are the dentists?

Future Care Mobile Dental Services comprises of a team of accredited and experienced dentists with a keen desire to provide the essential dental care to your child.

### What sort of services are provided?

After receiving written consent from you as their parent/guardian, your child will be provided the following services:

- Dental health education
- Comprehensive oral examination and treatment plan
- Cleaning of teeth and fluoride application
- If applicable (and with further parental consent) on our return visit to your school x-ray, fillings, fissure seals, extractions if required.

### What does it cost?

Eligible students: \*For eligible students the total benefit is capped at \$1000.00 over a two calendar year period. We confirm eligibility with Medicare prior to your child's consultation with our dentist.

Ineligible students: For students not covered under the CDBS we can provide the same level of preventative care for \$59.00 per student.

Should X-Rays/fillings/fissure seals/extractions, etc. be required such will be detailed on the Treatment Plan that will be provided to your child. We normally return to the school to undertake this restorative work and contact all parents to explain what work is required and if agreed the child is booked into our clinic for our next visit. For students who are ineligible to be Bulk Billed we provide the parent with a quote as per the CDBS bulk billed fee schedule. Payment is available via EFT/Credit Card/PayPal for your convenience.

### How can my child participate in the program?

Your child can participate in the program after filling in our consent form and medical questionnaire. We need these returned prior to your child being seen by our dentist.

### Where can I go for more information?

To learn about the CDBS, head to the Medicare website at:  
[www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/child-dental-benefits-schedule/](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/child-dental-benefits-schedule/),

Call our team on 9723 0333  
for more information

[www.fcmdental.com.au](http://www.fcmdental.com.au) | [admin@fcmdental.com.au](mailto:admin@fcmdental.com.au)

