

2018

Dates to Remember

Term 2

June

Week 8

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

Thursday 28th	Year 4 Celebration of Learning—2.15pm
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July

Week 10

Tuesday 3rd	WALKATHON - PJ'S
Friday 6th	LAST DAY OF TERM 2

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

Upcoming events in Term 3

- Life Education
- Grandparents Mass/
Morning Tea
- School Dentist

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

21st June 2018 Term 2 Week 8

Dear Parents

Last Sunday, children from our school received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time - their First Holy Communion, at Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Harris Park. This is the third group of children from our school to receive this very important sacrament, this year; the first group being those that attend St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. It is always wonderful to see all the children and their families, including their extended family, making this a priority on Sunday. For many children this will be a day they will never forget.

I know many Catholic adults remember their First Holy Communion. I certainly do. Like these children I was just 7 or 8 years old and unlike today our lessons were solely held within the school day with very little parent involvement regarding extra catechesis. Looking back I feel I was so lucky that our mother regularly embedded our faith into our daily lives. Attending mass every weekend it was just natural that one day it was to be our turn to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. We witnessed our parents receive communion every week, regularly received the sacrament of Reconciliation and enjoyed the gathering of family and friends outside St Anthony's Girraween. Faith that is only experienced at the school level cannot possibly have the same impact as that which is lived and spoken about daily at home. The catholic school plays a very important part in faith development however for faith to be sustainable and enduring it is best nurtured in the home first. I have often repeated an idea shared by a parish priest years ago when he surmised: 'if faith is only experienced at school then there is the likely danger, that the student takes off their faith when they take off their uniform'. It is this key principle which recommends that children's learning about the sacraments is best achieved through a Parish Based, Family Centred approach.

I know that all parents want their children to one day grow up to be kind, forgiving, generous, compassionate adults who will behave as good citizens in service of community. They want their children to be happy and have a love of God and one day, God willing, to have their own beautiful families. Who knows they may even send them to St Patrick's Parramatta.

Children are learning to become these adults, now, from you, their parents and family. If we wish them to attend church regularly and receive the Eucharist every Sunday we need to be demonstrating that now by taking them to Mass and by showing them what it looks like to be an adult Catholic who is active in their faith. We pray that over time we will see them actively choosing this life, while we watch with great satisfaction of a job well done.

Can I ask you all to keep in your prayers all the children who made their First Holy Communion this year and to pray that their families will continue to gift them with a faith that is true and active. May God continue to bless you in your role as parents and grant you wisdom, patience and hope in this, our next generation.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 92.5%			
K = 87.7%	2 = 89.3%	4 = 95.0%	6 = 88.3%
1 = 94.9%	3 = 93.5%	5 = 98.3%	

URGENT “Drive Through” Reminders

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- **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
- **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.
- Please consider parking and walking if the weather permits.
- Please continue to follow the road rules.



First Holy Communion

Last Sunday 17th 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 Danielle Tannous, Jo Harb, Louis Wehbe, Elie Wehbe, Adrian Sicurella, Alex El Khoury, Justin Mawad, Nathan Romanos, Noah Romanos, Jake Doueihi.

May we keep these children in our prayers as they continue their Sacramental journey.

Thanking you for your continued support,

Leanda Standring (Religious Education Coordinator)



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:

Aidan Connolly, Matthew Khreich, Isaiah Maroon, Mariah Jreij, Nathan Nguyen

School Dentist

On Wednesday each family received a hard copy of the letter found within this newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Baird who is coordinating this service.

Year 4 Celebration of Learning

Dear Families,

Year 4 teachers and students invite you to attend their **Celebration of Learning on Thursday 28th June in the Year 4 classrooms at 2:15pm**. The students have been learning about different forces and how forces impact on the movement of objects. The students are designing and making a toy to demonstrate their understanding of forces and would like to showcase this learning to you. We hope that you are free to attend our celebration of learning. **May the forces be with you!!!!**

**Yours Thankfully
Year 4 Teachers**

“Wear Your Best Pyjamas”

2018 Walkathon Fundraising Event

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that on **Tuesday 3rd July 2018** (Week 10) our school will be holding its annual **Walkathon** to help raise funds to support our student's learning.



This event will be held in Parramatta Park, in and around Old King's Oval, from 9:30am-12:30pm.

The course will be set up to allow the students to walk safely around and enjoy the sun and have fun with their friends and teachers. Supervised checkpoints will be set up around the course so students can have their sponsor sheet marked to confirm how many laps they have walked. At the completion of the event, students will return to school where they will be receiving an ice block.

We will also be having a sausage sizzle on the day with the students being given the opportunity to pre-order. Please make sure that your orders are in by Thursday 28 June.

We are positive that thanks to your help and support our 2018 walkathon will be just as successful as last years.

VISITING AUTHOR

Next Tuesday, 25th June, Years 4 and 5 will be treated to a presentation by well known children's author Jacqueline Harvey. This presentation has been organised and offered for free by WestWords, Western Sydney's Literature Development Organisation for Young People, based here in Parramatta. Jacqueline Harvey is the author of the Clementine Rose and Alice-Miranda books, and most recently of Kensy and Max. These books are available through our school library. She is a vastly popular writer among primary students, and she is a very experienced and inspiring speaker and teacher. It is hoped that listening to great writers may inspire children to love being writers themselves and to work towards becoming published authors one day.

Light Up Cathedral Art Display

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the students who entered the Light Up St Pats Competition. Your creativity and artistic skills are outstanding and you should all feel very proud of your beautiful pieces of work. Unfortunately the major sponsor for the Light Up feature has withdrawn and Father Bob has made the decision to cancel the event for this year.

Mrs Azar and Mrs Standing have decided to hold a special exhibition of the artwork in week 2 of next term, to coincide with the Grandparents' Mass. It is hoped the exhibition will be held in the hall and will allow students, parents and grandparents to visit and view the beautiful pieces of work.

Thank you once again for your efforts and we look forward to sharing the pieces with your community early next term.

Mrs Standring and Mrs Azar.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations Melaleuca!!

In second place was Wattle, followed by Boronia and finally Waratah. We have ordered trophies for our senior, 11 year old and Junior champions. Once these arrive our winners will be announced and the trophies conferred. Age champions, separate from the trophy winners, will be announced over the course of next week. Our representative team for the Zone Carnival will also be announced early next week.

I would like to join Mr Baird, Mr Younis, Mrs Milic and staff in thanking the parents helpers for their great contribution in making the Primary Athletics Carnival last Friday so successful. The children really appreciated having such an enthusiastic 'cheer squad' and we certainly could not have run the day without our dedicated group of parent helpers. I would also like to thank the students and staff of Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta who assisted us by leading the rotational activities and at the finishing line. The staff all commented on how wonderful it was to watch the children play on the expansive oval. It makes me lament on how great it would be for us to have our own grounds to use daily. Considering our small size I believe the children do really well - with very little complaints. Thank you is also extended to the Tannous Family (Danielle and Joe Anthony) for the donation of the sound equipment. We really appreciate your generosity Denise and Troy. Thank you also to Jason from Tuck2U for the donation of 300+ water bottles and morning tea. Again we are so appreciative of your generosity and support.

Thank you to Mr Baird, Mr Younis, Mrs Milic and Mrs Benkovich and staff for their outstanding organisation on the day. Thank you also to our Colour Captains for leading their teams and assisting with the events. Well Done!



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

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 Standring

STAGE 3 BOYS GALA DAY

Congratulations to all the boys who participated in this event. It was a very cold, windy and wet day but the boys kept their spirits high and played well as a team and as individuals. On the day our opposition was a little too good for us but the boys certainly made them work hard.





The New Lego Makerspace

This term the STEM leaders and their committee have worked hard to create a LEGO competition. On Monday was the first day that the lego area had opened and the first grade to have used this area was year six. This trial competition was very successful as the boys and girls who participated showed the value of teamwork as well as having lots of fun. Each week a different grade will have the opportunity to participate over three days to create an invention hoping to be the winner and win a prize. Some of the inventions that were made this week were an amazing spaceship, a castle, a mouse eating pizza, a robot and a mini vending machine. This week's winners are Joseph R, Syrus, Noah and Geshua for building their three in one spacecraft. Thank You to Elna, Tharuki, Laurice and Jennifer for their efforts in the competition.



Kind regards Stephanie and Liam (STEM leaders)



School Photos – Tomorrow Friday 22nd June

Reminders

Please ensure that your child is neatly dressed in **full Winter School Uniform tomorrow.**



If you have ordered a sibling photo please advise the children as sometimes there is a little confusion on whether Mum or Dad have ordered one.

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.**



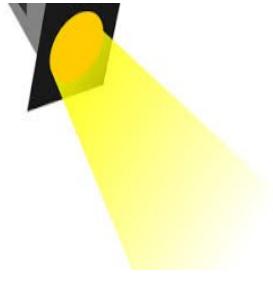
THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

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 **agrss** and follow the simple instructions.



Spotlight on... Mikaela Barrientos Salazar, Jessica Bechara and Eddie Batti

Eddie:

What is your favourite sport or activity and why?

My favourite sport is soccer because it is fun and I get to play in a team with all my best mates.

Who is your favourite celebrity/icon?

Dwayne (the Rock) Johnson because he is a good actor and he inspires me to try acting.

What is your favourite song?

Let It Go (from Frozen 2013) because I sing it all the time at home by myself and it has a great tune and a melody.

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

A McLaren car because it is cool, a yacht because I like sailing, and private jet so I can go wherever I want anytime.

What is your favourite subject at school?

My favourite subject at school is sport because we do sports I like, such as soccer, and touch football.

Mikaela B:

What is your biggest fear?

My worst fear is the fear of scary masks, I have masklophobia. I am scared of masks, scary masks used during Halloween in particular, because when I was 2 I was frightened by a man in a mask and it has scarred me for life.

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

My favourite line is from the book Alice in Wonderland - "Imagination is the only weapon in the war against reality."

Who is your biggest inspiration?

I have a lot of people who have helped me live life but if I had to pick one I would pick my mum. She made me who I am and still continues to help me.

What are you looking forward to the most at high school?

The fact that it is going to be more challenging because of the many different competitive sports and the new subjects and topics we will study.

Who do you like the best out of these 4 authors and why?

1. J.K Rowling (author of Harry Potter)
2. Suzanne Collins (author of the Hunger Games)
3. Rick Riordan (author of Percy Jackson)
4. Lauren Child (author of Ruby Redfort)

These are all very good authors but I would have to choose J.K Rowling because her books have touched the lives of many adults and children including me and it is one of those series you can read over and over again.

Jessica B:

Would you rather have a monkey pet or a magic wand?

I would rather have a monkey pet because monkeys are cute and fun to play with.

If you could have any job that is not realistic what would it be? Why?

If I could have any job that isn't realistic I would be a uni-pug carer because I think that Unicorns and Pugs are both cute

together and it would be fun to take care of.

If you were trapped on a desert island (and you couldn't return to civilisation in any way) what would be the ten things you would bring with you?

1. Food for survival.
2. Water for survival.
3. Family.
4. My tablet.
5. Portable charger.
6. A weapon to fight off pirates.
7. Pet pug
8. Bathing Suit
9. Dog food
10. Clothes

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

I could help the world become a better place by giving everyone unlimited free pizza and water because pizza is essential to survival and everyone obviously needs water so they don't get dehydrated.

What is your least favourite food?

My least favourite food is halloumi cheese because I don't like the saltiness in it.



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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?

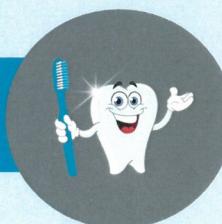
Your child can participate in the program after filling in our consent form and medical questionnaire. We need these returned prior to your child being seen by our dentist.

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/

Call our team on 9723 0333
for more information

www.fcmdental.com.au | admin@fcmdental.com.au



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)