



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

27th September 2018 Term 3 Week 10

2018

Dates to Remember

Term 3

September

Week 10

Friday 28th LAST DAY OF TERM 3

School resumes for Term 4 on the 15th October

Happy Holidays!!!!

Term 4

October

Week 1

Tuesday 16th Footsteps Dance Begins
for Term 4

Week 2

Tuesday 23rd Footsteps Dance
Friday 26th World Teachers Day
Infants Assembly—Kindy
2.15pm—School Hall

Week 3

Tuesday 30th Footsteps Dance
Friday 2nd Nov Primary Assembly—Year 6
2.15pm—School Hall

November

Week 4

Tuesday 6th Footsteps Dance
2019 Kindy Orientation
Wednesday 7th 2019 Kindy Orientation
Thursday 8th 2019 Kindy Orientation
Friday 9th Infants Assembly—Year 1
2.15pm—School Hall

Week 5

Tuesday 13th Footsteps Dance
Wednesday 14th 2019 Kinder
Parent Information Night

Dear Parents

With the September holidays just around the corner it is a timely reminder to speak to your children about the importance of the 'Stranger Danger' message.

I am sure that you would agree that the safety of our children is paramount and sadly unlike the 'olden days' children have no longer the freedom to roam around the neighbourhood or play by themselves at the park with other children like we used to when we were young perhaps.

Sometimes I am surprised to see very young children by themselves in the shopping centres or walking home from a nearby park near where I live, in what appears to be an unsupervised situation. I can also imagine the pressure children place on parents to allow them to 'grow up' and do what older children do. When visiting the school the police often remind children that there is 'safety in numbers' and being alone is unsafe; even for teenagers.

For children that have to walk a distance by themselves a mobile phone is a very handy device. It is good to keep in mind also that 'Stranger Danger' is applicable when children venture to the online world. Supervision is needed here as well.

Some ideas from an article written by,"Catherine Gerhardt" entitled Keep Children Safe in Public with these 5 Ideas, are;

- Never go anywhere with anyone without asking permission,
- Noticing your personal alarm,
- Trusting your instincts,
- Personal space vs safety zone and
- Safe places, safe people.

The school will continue to reinforce these and other safety rules as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Program.

May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Leanda Standring and Ms Chantal Azar for all that they have contributed to the school during the period of their higher duties this term as Acting Assistant Principal and Acting Religious Education Coordinator. They each shared their special gifts with us over the last 10 weeks and did a wonderful job.

Welcome back Mrs Benkovich!

I would also like to wish you all a very happy, relaxing and safe holiday break with the family and look forward to sharing more highlights on learning next term, from our hopefully newly carpeted school and renovated playground.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 90.1%

K = 86.0%

2 = 89.3%

4 = 86.7%

6 = 85.0%

1 = 96.6%

3 = 91.9%

5 = 95.1%

New afternoon procedure

Dear Parents

Next term we will be trialling a change to the afternoon pick up for parents collecting children by walk. This is in response to feedback that the amphitheatre area is too congested after school. Guidelines are as follows:

- From Term 4 children waiting for parents who are picking up by walk will be seated under the COLA in their class lines. This is the same lining up position as for morning assembly.
- We ask all parents to try to **remain on the outside of the COLA** - similar to morning assembly so that careful supervision can still take place. Children will walk to you.
- **Year Six will stay in their classrooms.**
- Supervision by a teacher on the gate or on the street will still be happening to ensure extra safety.
- Please note that the amphitheatre may still need to be used in wet weather

This is a trial so we shall see how it goes.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week and over the school holidays: Joseph Maroon, Elio Layoun, Angelina Bounassif, Daniella Gereige, Gabriella Volante, Alexandra Elphinstone, Jerome Santos, Nyagua Koima, Isaac Bechara, Jesse Sabat, Gabrielle Sabat, Joetta Maria Khoury, Joshua Nasr, Rose Rizk, Meagan Erive, Molly Moses, Emma Barrientos Salazar, Christian Jreij, Christian Kalouche, Feima Koima, Talia Kalouch, Alana Medak, Sienna Khattar, Nyah Khalil, Lourdes Saleh



FOOTSTEPS DANCE CLASSES

This term the children will be participating in a dance program delivered by the company 'Footsteps'. Footsteps is run from Kindergarten to Year 6 and specialises in curriculum integrated dance programs that use dance as a vehicle to develop students' inter/intra personal skills and fitness levels. Every grade has a dance class once a week and from all accounts the children really look forward to these sessions. Our children really love dancing - it seems natural to them, so we look forward to an opportunity later in the term to present some of their 'groovy moves!'

Children will wear their normal school uniform not sports uniform to participate in dance as students are required to wear leather soled shoes.

Sports Days for Term 4

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 4:-

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

All children are required to wear the Summer Uniform from Term 4, Week 1 (15/10/18). Parents can you please note that as per school uniform guidelines, joggers for sport are to be mainly white.

<u>Girls' Summer Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Summer Uniform</u>
Tartan School Dress	Grey Shorts
Short White above ankle Socks	Grey Short Sleeve Shirt
Black Shoes	Grey above ankle Socks
Green Hair Ribbon	Black Shoes
Green School Hat	Green School Hat
<u>Girls' Sports Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Sports Uniform</u>
Green Shorts	Green Sports Shorts
Sport Shirt with School Emblem	Sports Shirt with School Emblem
White above ankle Socks	White above ankle Socks
White Sports Shoes	White Sports Shoes
Track Suit with School Emblem	Track Suit with School Emblem

- Full school uniform is to be worn at all times.
- Uniforms and shoes should be clean and neat.
- School hats are to be worn when outside buildings.
- Girls hair ribbons should be green.
- Girls long hair must be plaited or tied back.
- Boys are to have hair cut neatly, above the collar, and of an even and regular cut.
- The use of hair gel or hair dye is not permitted.
- No nail polish is to be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted apart from a wristwatch, sleepers or small plain studs in pierced ears.

All School Uniform items available from

Oz Fashions

115-127 Parramatta Road Granville NSW 2142

Phone 9897 3121 www.ozfashions.com.au

World Rosary Day

On Thursday the 27th of September all of our students participated in the Rosary prayer. We were asked to bring a set of rosary beads, and then we prayed in classes. The older students were able to say the full rosary while the younger students said a few prayers that were in the rosary. The whole school felt a very strong connection with The Holy Spirit and they could all feel the presence of God with them. The rosary is a religious symbol that all Catholics use to pray with, it helps us to connect with God and the Holy family in a way where we repeat important prayers that have a special connection to the Catholic church. Some prayers that we said were Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father and many more. All the students prayed so calmly and gently. Overall the students felt a strong connection with God and Mary.

Isla Giron 6W



Today was World Rosary Day. Grade by Grade we came up to the library to pray the Rosary. I would like to thank Miss Azar for all the effort she put in to making a wonderful praying space. I felt very happy when I prayed even though I did get a little bit mixed up. I hope everybody had fun praying the rosary today. I am also including the whole wide world. Thank you to every teacher and child who helped make the praying space in the library. If you did not know, the rosary is the most important prayer because the rosary is one prayer but it has all the prayers that we may pray. Even though World Rosary Day is once a year please remember to pray the rosary once a week. I hope every one not only in school but every one in the world enjoyed praying the rosary today.

Beth Roumanus 1S

CONGRATULATIONS MRS CARROLL! YOU ARE A CHAMPION!



A few weeks ago Mrs Carroll (5C class teacher) competed in the International Triathlon Union (ITU) Age Group Triathlon World Championships in the Gold Coast. To compete she had to race in State Championship races which occurred last Summer at which she accumulated points to qualify for selection for the Australian team. The race consisted of a 750m swim, 20km bike race and a 5km run.

Australia was the host nation this year and was able to finish on top of the medal tally ahead of USA and Great Britain. Congratulations Mrs Carroll on a wonderful achievement!



Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day

On the 21st of September the stage three students were lucky enough to participate in the stage three gala day in Penrith. This year was the first year that St Patricks had five teams. Two year 5 teams, two year 6 teams and one year 6 mixed team. All the teams did extremely well and had lots of fun. All students were on their best behavior and played with lots of sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mr Baird, Mr Younis and Mrs Carroll. We would also like to thank the parents who came to support the students and help with the running of the day. And lastly a big thank you to all the students who participated on the day.



By Isabella Younes and Aidan Vancuylenberg in 6P



Sports Update....

On Monday the 24th of September I went to the Mackillop stage of running at the Sydney Olympic Park for the 800m run. There was a lot of people there and I am pretty sure it was all of the Catholic schools



in Sydney. Everyone there was very talented and they all tried very hard but unfortunately I didn't make it through to the next level, I am still very proud that I have made it that far and hope that next year someone else will to. I'm sure that if I want to keep making it to this level I will have to train very hard to make it back. I read a quote once and it said that "When you want to succeed as much as you want to breathe then you will be successful".

Luke Takchi 6W

Two In One! Writing and Illustrating Workshop with Jacqueline Harvey and Mitch



Join us for an extra-special day of writing and illustrating with best-selling author Jacqueline Harvey and award-winning illustrator (and this year's WestWords and Parramatta Artist Studios Illustrator-in-Residence), Mitch Vane!

Kicking off with the creator of Kensy and Max, Alice Miranda and Clementine Rose, Jacqueline Harvey will show you some of her top tips and tricks for building your own worlds and characters, and how to make them believable, no matter how quirky!

THEN Mitch Vane (The Poppa Platoon, Danny Best, Little Lunch) doubles the fun in a workshop that will have you creating an urban forest creature for your very own mini zine!

Where: WestWords Centre for Writing 91B Grose St North Parramatta NSW 2150

When: Wednesday 3 Oct

Age: 9-13 yrs

Time: 10am - 3 pm

Cost: \$30 per child



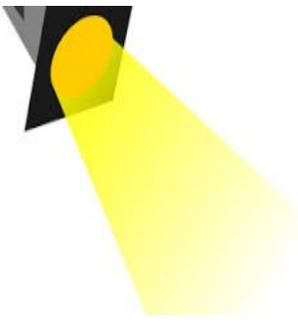
Book Tickets online via www.westwords.com.au
For more information email hajer@westwords.com.au



Mitch Vane Visit

On Tuesday we moved classrooms to year 5 to meet an illustrator named Mitch Vane. We were invited to learn about how to illustrate, how to draw and create our own characters. We were able to express our imagination. It was so much fun.

Zara 3L



Spotlight on... Jessica Wehbe, Jesse Sabat, Aidan Vancuylenberg and Isabella Younes

Jessica W:

What is your favourite sport?

My favourite sport is touch football because I work with my friends in a team and I am good at it.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is spiders because they crawl everywhere and they just scare me.

What is your favourite song?

My favourite song is Beautiful by Bazzi and Camila Cabello

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

I would spend it on shoes, a phone and go on a shopping spree because I love all of these things.

If you could live in the life of a celebrity who would be?

A- Thomas the Tank engine B- Cardi B C-Bob the builder

I would be Bob the builder because I can build a city.

Jesse Sabat:

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My biggest inspiration is Usain Bolt because he has inspired me to be a great runner.

What's your favourite place in the world?

My favourite place in the world is

Name 5 words that describe you?

Five words that describe me are fast, sporty, random, hectic mad, super mad and fun.

What is your favourite animal?

My favourite animal is a dog.

Who would you rather be?

A- Gabby (your twin) B- Cookie monster C- Justin Bieber

I would rather be cookie monster because I get to eat cookies.

Aidan Vancuylenberg:

Name 5 words to describe you?

5 words to describe me are chef, hectic mad, fully sick, awesome and smart.

What are you looking forward to most in high school?

I am most looking forward to food tech because I want to be a chef.

What is your favourite food?

My favorite food is pasta because it tastes nice.

What is your favourite sport?

My favorite sport is soccer.

What is your favourite show?

A- Paw patrol B- Peppa pig C- Spongebob

Peppa pig because she looks just like me.

Isabella Younes:

If you had 1 million dollars to spend in a day what would you use it on?

I would use it on food because I always am hungry.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is death because I don't want to die

Who is your favourite celebrity?

My favourite celebrity is Kanye west.

What is your favourite food?

Chicken because it tastes nice.

What is your favourite sport?

Touch football because I play with my friends.

Dear Parents

You are invited to complete a School Choice Parent Survey to help the Catholic Education Office Parramatta better understand what matters most to parents and carers, particularly when it comes to choosing a Catholic school for their child.

I encourage you to give this very valuable feedback. Please find attached a letter detailing further information.

Kindest Regards
Bernadette Fabri



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

GBW:vt

24 September 2018

Dear Parent and Carers

2018 CEDP School Choice Parent Survey

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) would like to undertake some important research to improve its understanding of what matters most to you when it comes to choosing a Catholic school for your child.

We are working with independent research company, JWS Research (<http://jwsresearch.com/>) to carry out this study which will include a 15-minute online survey for parents and carers.

The survey will be emailed to you in the week commencing 8 October 2018.

JWS Research will email you a link to the survey. We are very keen for all parents to complete the survey. Your opinion is very important to us. The survey is *completely anonymous*.

Thank you in advance for your support. It will go a long way to helping schools better understand how we can best support the needs of students.

If you want further information on the survey, please contact Rashid Chaudry, (Project Manager) at rchaudry@parra.catholic.edu.au or mobile 0434 608 434 or your school Principal.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta



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nextlevelsports@live.com.au

Why Choose Us?

Next Level Sports Clinic will be running a clinic in the second week of the upcoming October school holidays. Join us for two days of fun with plenty of activities, games, exercises & a free lunch on Friday!

Please note that the upcoming clinic will be held at St Margaret Mary's, Merrylands.

DATES

Thursday 11th – Friday 12th October.

Students are welcome to attend both days or selected days.

Act now, as spots are limited!

For more information and other enquiries please contact us!

Contact David Younis at:

nextlevelsports@live.com.au

(Emails returned promptly)

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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	6.30am, 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 Michael Gitau

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)

Donna Missio (Receptionist)

Parish Youth Group Junior Credo: EDGE

- for children in Yrs 4-6

**Fortnightly on Fridays - 5pm-6pm (school terms only) at
St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall.**

Email Mindy for more info: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au

Junior Credo Edge is a Parish based Ministry run by

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta