



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

23rd August 2018 Term 3 Week 5

2018

Dates to Remember

Term 3

August

Week 5

Thursday 23rd Diocesan Athletics
 Friday 24th Author Visit— Yr 4-6
 Deborah Abela

Week 6

Tuesday 28th Father's Day stall
 Wednesday 29th Year 5 PD Night 6.30pm
 Friday 31st Fathers Day Breakfast
 Fathers Day Mass
 Primary Assembly—
 Year 4—2.15pm

September

Week 7

Monday 3rd STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
 Wednesday 5th Primary Parent Workshop
 Geometric Reasoning &
 Multiplicative Thinking
 Friday 7th Year 3 excursion—
 Featherdale Farm
 Infants Assembly—
 Year 1—2.15pm
 Stage 2 Boys & Girls
 Touch Football Gala Day

Dear Parents

This week, children and staff at St Patrick's Parramatta celebrated Book Week. This was an opportunity for us to reflect on the importance of Literacy, in particular Literature, and to celebrate our favourite books or stories. The theme this year expressed how some readers feel about books and encourages children to look for books that inspire and delight them. **'Find Your Treasure'** challenges children to look for those little treasures found in stories. As Walt Disney said, 'There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.' Some treasures are special places, maybe ideas or imaginary worlds. Some treasures may be finding characters that understand how we feel or have the same dreams we have. Some treasures may help us to imagine a new perspective on a situation or challenge our own perspectives. Treasures in books are there for the taking. They are free gifts donated to us by the author / or illustrator. It is up to us to find them.

Those that love reading feel an intimate bond with some stories and authors and for good readers, that is those who have learned the magic of **visualisation** when reading, snuggling up with a good book is one of life's pleasures. Making movies in our minds as we read - or brain movies - is an important aspect of reading and assists the reader to comprehend with detail what is happening in the text. Good readers visualise before, during and after reading. They visually organise their thinking, visualise the possible content and link background knowledge, as well as form predictions. During reading they begin to form a visual representation of what they are reading.

Interestingly not all readers visualize as they are reading - they are usually those readers that don't enjoy reading. Even adults can fall into this category. 'How do I know if my child is visualizing when reading? I can hear you ask. Here are some ideas:

YES!	NO?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants to keep reading • Can give details from the story • Laughs or cries when appropriate • Makes predictions • Reads with expression • Can describe the characters • Can extend the story beyond the page 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks interest in reading • Can't retell in her own words • Lacks interest in finishing • Can't describe characters, setting, or events from the story

There are many ways to assist children to visualise. Some simple ideas include asking children to draw what they have read - even simple sentences (Sketch to Stretch) or asking them specific questions about the scene they have read or heard. Encourage them to describe these aspects: what (What are they seeing?), size (How big?), colour (What colours are they seeing?), number (How many _____ are there?), shape (What shapes do they see? are there textures or patterns), where (Where is the scene taking place?), movement (Are the characters or objects moving? Are they going up, down, around, twirling, fast or slow etc?), mood (How do you feel as you read/hear? How are the characters feeling?), background (What is in the background in you brain movie?), perspective (How are you seeing the picture? Are you in the picture? Are you looking down at it or looking up?), when (When is the picture happening eg what time of day?), sound, (Are there any sounds in your picture? If this was real would you expect to hear any sounds? What would they be?)

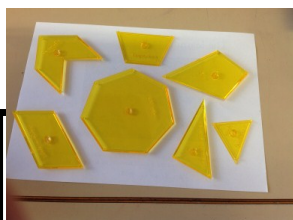
I hope you find some of these ideas helpful. Take some time to discuss your treasured story with your children. Our mum used to share bible stories with us. God bless you and your family
 Bernadette Fabri
 Principal

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 88.7%			
K = 82.4%	2 = 87.5%	4 = 88.3%	6 = 81.7%
1 = 94.9%	3 = 90.3%	5 = 95.0%	

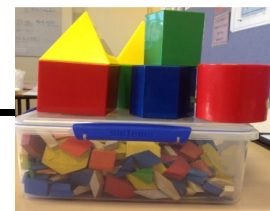
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (Monday 3rd September)

Dear Parents,

On Monday 3rd September the school will be holding a Staff Development Day. On this day the staff will be undertaking professional learning in the area of Religious Education in particular the use of the scriptures to unpack the 3 levels of meaning for Reconciliation. Children do not attend on this day.



PARENT WORKSHOP - GEOMETRIC REASONING AND MULTIPLICATIVE THINKING - PRIMARY



Wednesday the 5th of September at 7pm.

All parents of our Primary students (Years 3 -6) are invited to attend a parent workshop on Mathematics. If you would like to be participate in solving challenging Maths problems that involve thinking multiplicatively and using reasoning skills in Geometry then join with the staff and other parents as we work together on the rich tasks similar to those done by our students. A letter will be sent home next week with more details on the workshop.

Information regarding Naplan Readiness Online -

Last term Years 3 and 5 completed the **NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)** This was a pencil and paper test.

In August/September 2018, schools in NSW will be participating again in a readiness test of NAPLAN online. This will include Years 3 and 5 at all diocesan schools. The purpose of this is to ensure that schools and school systems are ready for the digital version of NAPLAN which will begin in 2019. **Results of this testing will not be made available to schools.** Year 3 and 5 children at St Patrick's Parramatta will sit for the online test on the following dates:

Year 5 Writing: 27/8/2018

Year 3 and 5 mixed discipline test (omnibus): 29/8/2018



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Annabelle Johnson, Stephanie Saab, Josephine Behan, Elaine Xue, Amyllia Maneze, Amariah Tamaro, Ashton Grohs, Justin Makhoul, Shannelle Wambeek, Zara Diuco, Isaac Loulach, Aidan Vancuylenberg

BOOK WEEK 2018 "Find your Treasure"

Congratulations to Mrs O' Dwyer and the 2018 Book Week Committee for another fabulous Book Week Parade this year. The children and their 'helpers' at home did an outstanding job in preparing some of the most creative costumes. Everyone commented on what a fun afternoon it was—celebrating the wonderful treasure world of books. Thank you to all the teachers who joined in the fun and to the parent visitors who added to the atmosphere. It was suggested by an enthusiastic mum that perhaps next time the parents can also dress up. Look out for the invitation in 2019. Thank you to Mr Gittany, Mr Baird and Mr Gale for some outstanding photos. Thank you Troy & Denise Tannous for lending us the Sound System. Enjoy!



BOOK WEEK 2018 "Find your Treasure"



Important Information regarding GALA days

After feedback over the years regarding Gala Days the school is looking to providing more children with an opportunity to attend by sending more teams. We feel that whilst the Gala Days are competitive the main aim is for children to be part of the fun, gain more skills, meet new friends and be part of a not so serious competition. In light of this Mr Baird and Mr Younis will be looking to send teams made up of as many children that want to go, within the given restrictions of course. Next year the children may be asked to nominate their preferred event - this will assist even further. It is hoped in doing this we expose many children to this fun event rather than a select few. The start of this concept was to be the Touch Gala Days this term.

The complication we now face is that the date of the Gala Day has been changed by CEDP - totally out of our control - but it has landed on the same day as the Year 3 excursion. The buses have been booked and everything arranged with excursions taking the priority. CEDP have apologised for the sudden change. This will mean that this year the Stage 2 Touch Gala Day will involve only Year 4 students. Year 3 will get this opportunity when it is presented again in 2019.

CREDO ST. PAT'S  WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019 FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL HALL
TICKET INCLUDES BBQ DINNER

7 PM \$20 PER TICKET
25 AUG \$150 TABLE OF 8
2018 SAT \$10 CHILDREN 10 YEARS AND UNDER
FREE FOR CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND UNDER

BRING GOLD COINS FOR ADDITIONAL GAMES AND BAKED GOODIES!

COME WITH THE BEST THINKING SOMBRERO AND WIN A PRIZE!



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AFTER MASS OR AT PARISH OFFICE 02 8839 8400 | credoatstpatscathedral.com.au

All families are welcome to attend this Trivia Night at St. Patrick's Cathedral on 25 August at 7pm. It will be a great night full of fun, laughter and fantastic food! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mindy

Credo Youth Ministry Coordinator.

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FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

TICKETS \$2 ea

1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered
Supplied by **PowerCosmos** (02) 4752 2777

2nd Prize: **COSMOS** \$2000 Gift Card
Donated by Cosmos - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash.

3rd Prize: New iPhone X
Donated by **SECURE AGILITY**

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5th Prize: New iPhone X
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6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
Donated by **Campton College Australia**

7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500
Donated by **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Donated by **Automated Centre Solutions**

9th Prize: Apple Watch
Donated by **Catholic Church Insurance**

10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card
Donated by **The Catholic Foundation**

DRAWN at LIFTED LIVE on 27th October 2018

For tickets and further information please contact Michael.Hendrick@parramatta.catholic.org.au
Privacy: All information collected will be securely stored and protected by the Diocesan Fundraising

World Youth Day 2019 - Our Very Own Pilgrim

Dear Parents,

As part of the WYD 2019 initiative the Diocese holds a number of Fundraising events to support the pilgrims. The main one being the Diocesan Raffle. Thank you to the parents who have returned their sold tickets, **all tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to the school by 21st September, 2018.**

If you wish to purchase tickets they are available for sale in the office.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am for the support of the St Patrick's community in this Diocesan Fundraiser for World Youth Day in 2019.

Mrs Louisa Daou
Year 1 Teacher



How would you like to win \$500 and your very own iPad? Keep reading! We have fabulous composers here at St Patrick's, and now we want to show off your talents to the world! The competition is open from Kindergarten all the way to Year 12 and winners can also have their work published in the Write 4 Fun hardcover book that your myriad of fans will be able to purchase!



Here is what you have to do!

1. Compose a poem (16 lines or less) or a short story (500 words or less)
2. Enter online at <https://www.write4fun.net/>
3. Go to: enter competitions > poetry and short story competition > complete your details and submit your entry!

Unsure what to write about? Well, that's easy. Write something you would love to read! There are some great examples on their website if you need some inspiration, or check out the brilliant poems and stories in our library!

The competition is one entry per student and entries close on August 31st.

****NB: All entries are submitted online! If you'd like some help submitting your child's entry, please make an appointment to pop in and see me!**

Happy Writing!

Mrs Stojanovski



New library Books for Purchase and Donation during Book Week

Please visit the library (Mon-Wed 8.30am—9.00am and 2.50pm –3.10pm) to purchase a book to donate to our library collection. A book plate will be placed in the book to commemorate your family's kind generosity. Your child will be the first to borrow that book as soon as it has been processed.

ACARA STUDENT BACKGROUND DATA - PRIVACY NOTICE

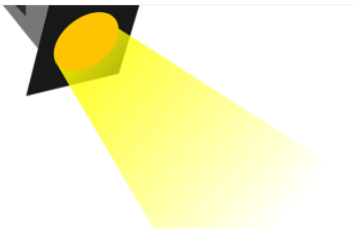
Dear Parents

A few weeks ago you would have received the above document.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to CSNSW.

This notice is available in a number of community languages. If you require a this notice in a particular language please contact the office and we will send one home with your child - if available in the language you request.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise the school. Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.



SPOTLIGHT ON

Wytske:

If you had 1 million dollars what would you spend it on?

If i had a million dollars I would spend it on a holiday to the snow in Japan with my family.

What are you looking forward to most about high school?

Making new friends.

Name 5 words describing you.

Fun, Artistic, Loyal, Loving and Grateful.

What is your favourite hobby?

My favourite hobby is netball and reading.

What is your favourite subject in school?

My favourite subject is Art.

Darcy:

If you could spend one day at a place in the world what would it be?

At a pizza place in italy so I can eat everything.

If there was one person you could spend a day with who would it be?

Allen Soso because he is living in Fiji and he is my best friend.

What is your favorite game?

Roblox because it has a bunch of games in it.

What is your favorite hobby?

Building and coding robots every Wednesday.

What are you looking forward to in the future?

To get my dream job as a robotic engineer

Elaria:

If you could chose 3 celebrities in the whole world to go to Disneyland who would it be?

I would choose Liza Koshy, Zendaya and Ariana Granda

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is birds and lightning.

What place would you like to visit?

I would like to go to Europe.

Name 5 words that describe you.

Funny, AWESOME, Smart, Kind and Loving.



Noah:

What is your favorite place in the world?

Italy because i love pasta pizza and their traditions

What is your biggest fear?

Jigsaw the movie and Five nights at Freddy's

Who is your favorite family member?

My mum and dad because they feed me, give me clothes and put a shelter over my head.

What is your favorite animal?

Rabbit because they are cute

What are you looking forward to in the future?

Taking over my dad's business which is electrical engineering or being a singer

Chelsea

If you could go on a holiday where would you go?

I would go to France because I love the fashion and food there.

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is pasta.

What are you excited most about for high school?

I am excited to make new friends and learn new things.

If you were an animal what would you be?

I would be any animal from the cat family.

What is your ideal job ?

I would want to be a fashion designer or a pediatriationist (doctor)

Alana:

Who is favorite celebrity?

Emma Watson because she is a good actor

What is favorite game?

Hotel hideaway because I play with my friends

What do you look forward to do in the future?

Moving on to highscool because so I can learn new subjects

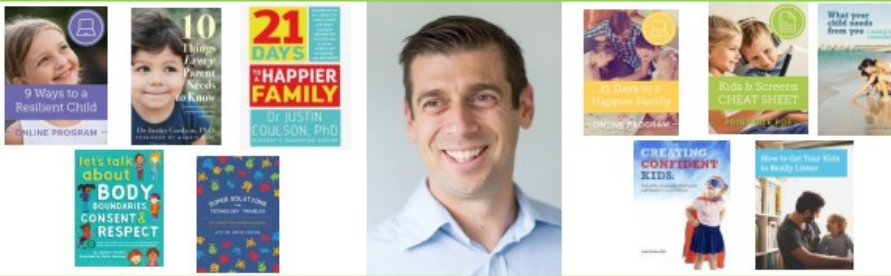
What is your favorite hobby?

Playing soccer because i get to interact with friends

What is your favorite movie?

Harry Potter because I want to pay for Voldemort's nose job

10 Things Every Parent Needs to Know



Back by popular demand! Raise your children in positive ways!

Simple and effective strategies for the main issues parents confront in everyday family life.

Justin shares his secrets of effective attention, communication and understanding; how to discipline effectively and set limits; and how to manage hot-button issues such as sibling conflict, chores, school and screens – yet still have fun as a family.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dr Justin Coulson

Author, Parenting Expert, International Speaker and Father of six (Yes, 6!) beautiful girls

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 27 August 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

Term 3 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session

at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary, 90 Andromeda Dr, Cranebrook NSW

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116



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@stpatrcathedral.com.au

Junior Credo Edge is a Parish based Ministry run by

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta



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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	6.30am, 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)

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