

2018

Dates to Remember

Term 3

September

Week 7

Friday 7th	Year 3 excursion— Featherdale Farm
	Infants Assembly— Year 1—2.15pm
	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Football Gala Day

Week 8

Friday 14th	Year 6—Celebration of Learning—2pm
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Week 9

Tuesday 18th	Vision Australia Visit
Thursday 20th	Kinder—Celebration of Learning—2pm
Friday 21st	Stage 3 Boys & Girls Touch Football Gala Day

Week 10

Thursday 27th	World Rosary Day
Friday 28th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

**School resumes for Term 4 on the 15th
October**

Happy Holidays!!!!

Upcoming Term 4 events

- Footsteps Dance
- Family Fun Night
- 2019 Kindy Orientation
- Swimming Carnival
- 2018 Year 6 Graduation

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

6th September 2018 Term 3 Week 7

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday Night you may have seen the Channel 9 television program 60 minutes featuring two children who were experiencing an addiction to video games. The children in this program were so addicted to the world of gaming that they spent countless hours in their bedrooms to the exclusion of school, friends, exercise, family time and conversation. It was reported that their socialising was reduced to online friends and the world of virtual experiences. In recent months I have heard more and more references by children to online games and online friends. Whilst the use of devices has enormous benefits it is becoming increasingly concerning when I hear children spending all their spare time only focussed on video games.

The safe use of devices and the internet is such an important issue in today's society that the Australian Government has set up the Office of the e-Safety Commissioner. This office is "committed to helping Australians to have safe, positive experiences online." The website states that:

"The Office co-ordinates and leads the online safety efforts of government, industry and the not-for profit community. It has a broad remit which includes providing:

- *a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying*
- *identifying and removing illegal online content*
- *tackling image-based abuse.*

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-the-office/role-of-the-office>

One of the most useful features of this website is the section on games, apps and social networking. This can be found under the eSafety Information tab. In this section parents can find very valuable information on a number of games and apps. The information is under a number of categories in the Frequently Asked Question section. They include: Who can access this? User and family controls, How can I report cyberbullying or abuse?, Are there ways to spend money?, Where can I get more information?

An example of this information is regarding a very popular game named 'Fortnite Battle Royale'. This is a very popular game amongst the older children who have reported to their teachers that they love playing this game at home. According to the advice from the Office of the e-Safety Commissioner:

Fortnite is not recommended for children under 12 years of age, as prescribed by PEGI, but you do not need to provide your age to be able to play online.

It should be noted however, that these ratings do not take into account the actual content of the game. Players have direct contact with other players and may be exposed to offensive or inappropriate language or unwanted contact through the chat or voice function.

The site also has other useful information on how to control settings such as Voice Chat, and changing settings from Public to Private. It also informs parents about online purchases.

As parents of children who live in the world of the internet and online games it is important to become as informed as possible. In this way you will be well equipped to make decisions that assist your children to, "explore the online world safely." May I recommend you take a look at this site. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking>

*God bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri (Principal)*

Honour Award

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

KA	Mia Freifer	Frank Malkoun
KM	Mia Gebrael	Olivier Touche
1C	Annabelle Johnson	Joseph Norman
1S	Angelique Saliba	Elijah Skaf
2M	Sophia Semaan	Joshua Nasr
2Y	Gabriella Volante	Shavene Perera

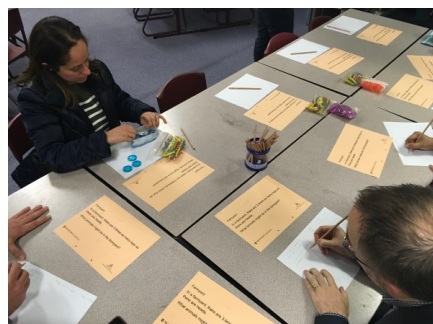
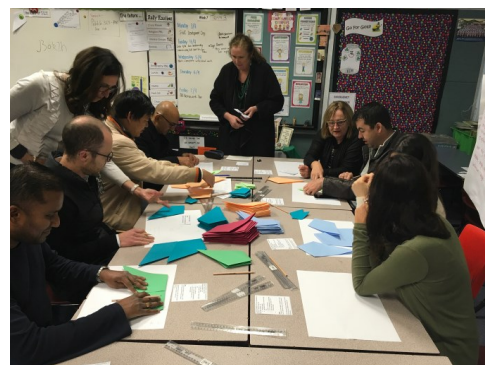
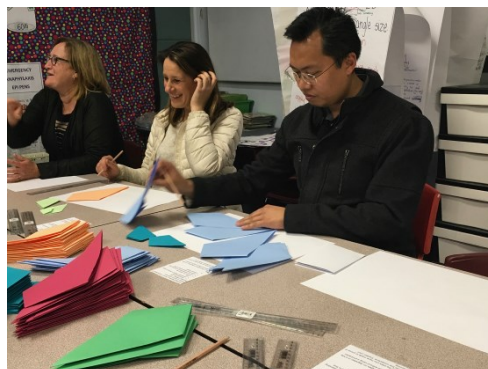
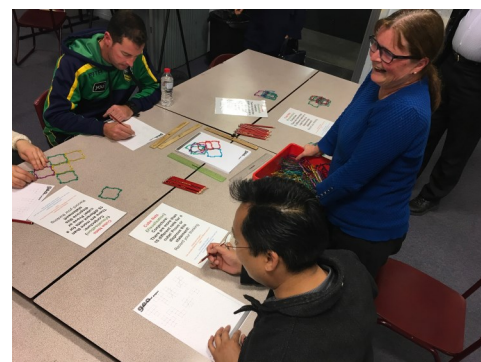
st patrick's award

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

KA	Elaine Xue	Andrew Khalil
KM	Araminta Jackson	Michael Sunwar
1C	Eva Jakopovic	Raymond Wehbe
1S	Beth Roumanus	Phillip Said
2M	Stephanie Jabbour	Christian Jreij
2Y	Lara Samar	Noah Younan

PARENT WORKSHOP - GEOMETRIC REASONING AND MULTIPLICATIVE THINKING - PRIMARY

Thank you to all the parents who participated in last night's maths workshop. There certainly was a great amount of 'hard thinking' and mathematical discussion as parents worked together to solve problems involving kites, angles and algebra, problems with taxis, farmyard animals and multiplicative thinking and problems involving visualising and reasoning in geometry and cube nets. We thank you all for the attendance and hope you will complete the survey (<https://goo.gl/8AWywo>) with your feedback.





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

Marytiana Koikkara, Sheoni Perera, Nicholas Drosos, Zachary Haddad, Alisha Katafono

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 89.6%

K = 82.4%

2 = 89.3%

4 = 90.0%

6 = 83.3%

1 = 94.9%

3 = 90.3%

5 = 96.7%

FATHER'S DAY

On behalf of the staff and our wonderful men in our community I would like to sincerely thank the mothers who organised such a spectacular Father's Day Breakfast. Although Mrs Standing and I were on a school visit in Melbourne we heard that the numbers that attended were unprecedented. What a great testimony to our community and how we value fathers, grandfathers and uncles. Again we all know that everyone is busy but without those that can sacrifice some time to hold these very valuable events we are unable to do them. Thank you coordinator Mrs Marietta Maroun and her trusty band of helpers.



The money raised for the Happy Farmer's Day Drought Appeal was \$2082.00. This money will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Drought Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.



Father's Day Raffle Winners

	Prize	Winner	Class
1	Oatlands Golf Club 18 holes of Golf (4	Stephanie Jabbour	2M
2	Genesis 6 month Voucher	Patrick Katar	KM
3	Genesis 6 month Voucher	Elaria Fayad	6W
4	Revolution Gym Membership 3 months	Jennifer Mekdessi	6W
5	\$100 Meat and Wine Co Voucher	Ethan Zaiter	KA
6	\$100 Crinitis	Anthony Khouri	5C
7	Voucher for Mens Luxury Service	Jimmy Sahyoun	KM
8	Calvin Klein Perfume Pack	Daniel Semaan	1C
9	Cool Water Perfume Pack	Patrick Semaan	KM
10	Remington Shaver Pack	Tharuki Randeniya	6P
11	Jack Daniels Whiskey Pack	Christian Golossian	6W
12	Sports Back Pack / Lolly Pack	Anthony Wehbe	4G
13	Versace Aftershave	Sandra Moussa	6W
14	Trussardi Aftershave	Julian Tanna	5C
15	Villiers Street Canteen Voucher	Noah Gebrael	6P
16	\$50 Rebel Voucher	Julian Tanna	5C
17	\$50 Alex & Co Voucher	Olivia Saab	3T
18	\$50 Car Wash Voucher (CJ's Car wash)	Zavier Moujalli	2M
19	\$50 Car Wash Voucher (CJ's Car wash)	Darcy Fraser	6W
20	\$50 Car Wash Voucher (CJ's Car wash)	Lourdes Saleh	KM
21	\$50 Car Wash Voucher (CJ's Car wash)	Jacob Semaan	3T
22	\$50 Car Wash Voucher (CJ's Car wash)	Hunter Morson	1S
23	\$50 Voucher Teeth Whitening	Laurice Behan	6P
24	\$50 Mouda Laser & Skin Clinic Voucher	Lourdes Saleh	KA
25	\$50 Coles Myer Voucher	Patrick Semaan	KM



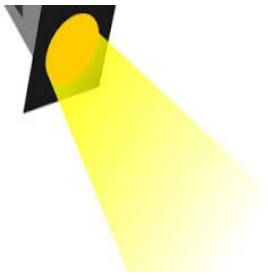
26	\$50 Coles Myer Voucher	Daniel Semaan	1C
27	\$50 Bunnings Voucher	Brian Chen	4G
28	\$50 Event Voucher	Antonio Moussa	3L
29	\$50 Voucher Indulged by Beauty	Jessica Wehbe	6P
30	\$50 David Jones Voucher	Tharuki Randeniya	6P
31	\$50 David Jones Voucher	Laura Scanlon	2Y
32	\$50 David Jones Voucher	Levi Jaitani	1C
33	Great Northern Case of Beer & Lolly	Christian Barakat	4B
34	Calvin Klein Aftershave	Noah Gebrael	6P
35	Dimple Scotch	Sandra Moussa	6W
36	Johnnie Walker	Shaneli Perera	1S
37	Wine Pack	Jasmine Rizk	KM
38	\$40 Coles Myer Voucher	Shanelle Wambeek	4B
39	\$40 Coles Myer Voucher	Jasmine Rizk	KM
40	\$40 Coles Myer Voucher	Anthony Malek	1S
41	\$40 Coles Myer Voucher	Sara Jabbour	KA
42	Verdelho (Wine)	Lewis Khalil	3T
43	Rose (Wine)	Michel Kazzaz	1S
44	\$30 Bayvista Voucher	Andrew Batti	KA
45	\$30 Bayvista Voucher	Nour Kahwaji	KM
46	Darrell pack and Lynx aftershave	Olivia Moussa	1S
47	Electric Hair Cut Kit & Toiletry Pack	Mrs Veljkovic	
48	Electric Hair Cut Kit & Toiletry Pack	Stephanie Saab	6P
49	Dart Board	Jayda Tarabay	6P
50	Toiletry Pack	Joanthony Tannous	1C



**Thank you Thank you
Thank you !!!!!**

The Father's Day raffle was a great success again this year.

Thank you to Mrs Belinda Barakat and her many helpers for organising all the great prizes. Thank you to following businesses and parents for donating a prize to our raffle: Oatlands Gold Club, Genesis Gym, Revolution Gym, Meat & Wine Co, Crinitis, Mes Cheveux, The Barakat Family, Villiers Café, Rebel, Alex & Co, The Jreij Family, Tanya Skaf Beauty, Mouda, The Jabbour Family, Indulged by Beauty, The Wehbe Family, The Moses Family, Jeremy & Olivia Moussa's Grandparents, The Matta Family, The Wakim Family, The Sahyoun Family, The Moussa Family, Bayvista.



Spotlight on... Ivanka Markovic, Hamish McGlinn and Caitlin Maroun

Ivanka Markovic:

What is your ideal job?

I want to be an architect because I like to design and I'm very creative.

What is your favourite sport/activity?

My favourite sport is gymnastics because I like to do flips and floor routines.

What is your favourite song?

I like the song when I kissed the teacher by ABBA because it's a very catchy song.

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

I would spend it on books because I love to read.

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

A- Ariana Grande

B-Bob the builder

C-Justin Bieber

I would be A- Ariana Grande because she is a very talented artist I would love to have a voice like her.

Hamish McGlinn:

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is crowds on trains because i always feel as if i am going to lose my parents.

What's your favourite place in the world?

Japan because there is a lot of places to experience.

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My biggest inspiration is my mum because she is always there for me and is always kind and loving.

Who is your favourite celebrity/icon?

James from theodd1sout because he is always really happy and when stuff gets in his way he puts it behind him and going on.

Who's your best friend?

Keenen because I've known him since pre-school and i we know that we'll always have each others backs. He is like a brother to me.

Caitlin Maroun:

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

I want world peace, for people not to judge each other and for everyone to love each other for who they are and not their appearances.

What are you looking forward to most in high school?

I look forward to making new friends and to achieve higher in my studies.

What is your favourite food?

Garlic bread and mash potato.

What is your favorite sport?

I have played many sports over the years but the 2 i most desire are netball and touch football.

What is your favorite show?

A- The Vampire Diaries

B- Spongebob

C- My Kitchen Rules

The Vampire Diaries because it includes my favorite genres which is comedy, action and romance.

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FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

TICKETS \$2 ea

1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered
 Sponsored by **PowerCrusades** (02) 4022 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**

4th Prize: New iPhone X
 Donated by **SECURE AGILITY**

5th Prize: New iPhone X
 Donated by **SECURE AGILITY**

6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
 Donated by **Campion College Australia**

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

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

COSMOS GIFT CARD

For tickets and further information please contact Michael Henderson at mhenderson@stpatricks.org.au. Please note information collected will be stored, shared and processed by the Diocese Fundraising Office. All information collected will be stored, shared and processed by the Diocese Fundraising Office.

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



Sick Children

We know that it can sometimes be difficult to determine whether your child is too sick to attend school. In the interests of the wellbeing of our whole school community we ask you to take a moment to review the

"Too Sick To Go To School?" chart created by NSW Health which is accessible from the following webpage -

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

This chart reminds parents of the advisable periods of time children should be away from school during and after an illness. *When your child is sent to school unwell it is impossible for them to focus on their learning. If your child becomes distressed, due to being unwell, we will be making a phone call to ask you to collect your child.* We appreciate your co-operation with keeping our school healthy and happy.

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@stpatricks.org.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)

Donna Missio (Receptionist)

NEIGHBOURS

NEIGHBOURS PLAY THEIR PART TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING AND HELPING EACH OTHER AND WORKING TOWARDS A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

Be a positive role model. Be aware of your behaviour, what you say, how you say it and the way you act. Children and young people learn from the people they spend time with, so make your influence positive!

Build positive relationships with the children and their families in your neighbourhood. Smile, say hello, remember their names and listen to them when needed. This shows young people that they are important in their community, and that you care.

Talk to your neighbours and take the time to build relationships among parents in your street, apartment building or in your community. Know where your children are and get to know the families that they enjoy visiting.

Offer to care for your neighbour's children or practical help - like shopping - to new parents. Offering a helping hand provides an opportunity for parents to rest or spend some time together.

If everyone in the neighbourhood works together to make protecting children everyone's business this will increase the circle of people your child knows and can learn from which increases their safety.

Welcome newcomers. Make up a "Welcome Pack" with information on local schools, playgroups, child health centres, kids sporting clubs, music lessons, the closest all night chemist, etc.

If you're worried about someone, offer help or recommend where they can access help to strengthen their family's resilience and resources.

Care for your neighbourhood. By offering to hold a 'clean up your street' day you recognise and share the impact of a clean environment on young people's wellbeing.

Get the kids in your street to map your neighbourhood. Talk to them about safety and ask them to identify the places where they don't feel safe. Let them know that it is the adults' responsibility to do something about it!

Include your neighbours in an emergency plan. When something unexpected happens, neighbours are often the people to get assistance from. Involving children and young people in your planning ensures that they feel included and are informed.

Think about safe and respectful ways to be an active bystander if you see an adult being inappropriate towards a child or young person.



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PCYC Parramatta October Holiday Camps 2018

Week 1

10 days of fun Activities

Boxing/Taekwondo Mon 1/10

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu/Multi Sport Tue 2/10

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Bollywood/Kick Boxing/ Arts and Craft Wed 3/10

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Cricket/ Table Tennis/Cooking Class Thurs 4/10

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Soccer World Cup/ Dodgeball Fri 5/10

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Bookings Required: parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au

- Children to bring water bottle, Morning tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea
- Programs starts from 9am to 4pm
- \$28 per child
- PCYC Membership required. \$10 for Juniors

PCYC Parramatta October Holiday Camps 2018

Week 2

10 days of fun Activities

Boxing/Taekwondo Mon 8/10

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu/Cricket Tue 9/10

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Bollywood/ Kicking Boxing/ Arts and Craft Wed 10/10

- Program runs from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Kids Fitness/ Table Tennis/ Cooking Thurs 11/10

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child
- Dress up as your Favorite SUPERHERO

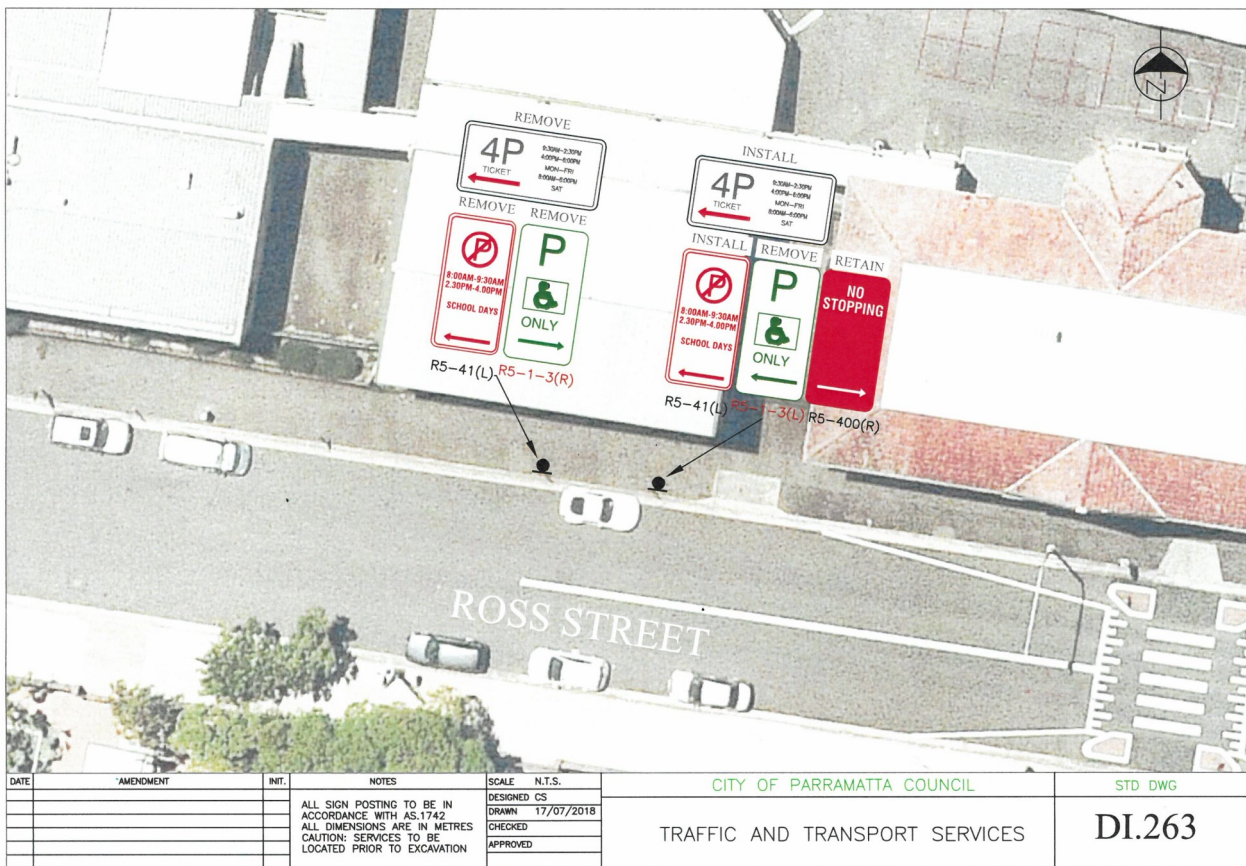
Touch Footy/ Soccer World Cup Fri 12/10

- Program starts from 9am - 4pm
- \$28 per child

Bookings Required: parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au

- Children to bring water bottle Morning tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea
- Programs starts from 9am to 4pm
- \$28 per child
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Please note change of street signage in Ross Street



Smart City - Safe School Parking in Parramatta

Child safety is greatly affected by speeding and illegal parking around school drop off and pick up zones.



The City of Parramatta teamed up with Sydney start-up Spot Parking to use technology to better educate people driving their children to and from school.

The Safe School Parking Finder is a pre-journey planning tool to show drivers where they can park safely around schools. Parents new to a school, or people who don't normally drive the children will find it extremely useful.

Many drivers do not realise that there are increased fines and demerit points in active 40 km school zones. The Safe School Parking Finder can show busy parents the safe options, and avoid any risks and fines.

The Safe School Parking Finder covers over 60 schools and includes translation in over 15 community languages.

Check out the Safe School Parking Finder online parramatta.schoolparking.com.au/schools

For more information, contact 9806 5050.



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