



# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

13th September 2018 Term 3 Week 8

**2018**

## Dates to Remember

### Term 3

### September

#### Week 8

Friday 14th	<b>MERCY DAY</b>
	Year 6—Celebration of Learning—2pm

#### 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

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow, 14th September, is Mercy Day and for schools whose origins are connected to the Sisters of Mercy, it is a time when we remember the life and works of Catherine McAuley - foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy were integral in the establishment of St Patrick's Parramatta, Catherine McAuley Westmead and Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta as well as many other schools in our diocese.



Some people may not realise that Catherine McAuley was born in Dublin in 1778 into a comfortably wealthy home. Her father's family, the McAuleys, had ruled as lords for generations but they like all Catholics, suffered the tyranny of the penal laws. Although they were wealthy her father James had a special love for the poor and he demonstrated a compassionate and generous spirit. Catherine learned much from her father and combined with the refinement, graciousness, independent mind and the personal charm she learned from her mother, she was well admired by others throughout her life. She lived a life that demonstrated Respect, Compassion and much Resilience from the many trials she faced in her life.

On December 12, 1831 Catherine McAuley professed her vows as one of the first Sisters of Mercy a community of sisters "**established for the visitation of the sick, poor, and protection and instruction of poor females**" (Sullivan, Correspondence, Letter 12)

*From 1874-1888 the Sisters of Mercy, Head House Monte St Angelo, North Sydney, were teaching at St Patrick's School, in a building which was standing in front of the present O.L.M.C. in Victoria Road, then known as Pennant Street. These sisters were replaced by the Sisters of Mercy from Callan, Ireland, by the invitation of Cardinal Moran*

***In 1926 that building was demolished and a new building was erected at the corner of Villiers Street and Ross Street, the current administration block and library.***

*In 1966 the senior girls moved to Westmead, to form **Catherine McAuley High School**. The primary school remains to this present day, continuing as St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta.*

*In 1985 the Sisters of Mercy handed the responsibility for the School to the first lay Principal Ms Joan Coyle. Since then there have been 2 more lay principals, Mrs Gloria Bryant and myself. This Mercy Day let us continue to pray for the St Patrick's Parramatta community with due consideration for those who came before us in its establishment. Like Catherine McAuley let us pray that through our daily acts of Mercy we can be 'shining lamps, giving light to all around us'.*

May God Bless you and your family  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal



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

Sara Lorenzo, Elijah Vella, Olivia Saab, Isabella Moses, Jubran Sayegh, Ashintha Joseph, Julian Camenzuli

### Student Excellence Awards

Last Thursday night some of our leaders and their parents attended the Student Excellence Awards held at the cathedral for Year 12 students. This is the 7th year these awards have been presented and it was wonderful hearing all about what they have achieved at such a young age in a variety of areas including: academic, sporting, creative, vocational or community endeavours.

The Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL acknowledged these children as future community leaders and encouraged them to continue witnessing to their faith amongst their peers. For students it was a wonderful opportunity to hear inspiring citations on what can be achieved when they get older.

Thank you to all our students for representing the school so well and to the award recipients from all Catholic secondary schools



### Year 6 Celebration of Learning

Just a gentle reminder Year 6 will be holding our Celebration of Learning tomorrow starting at 2pm.

Come and be persuaded by the students that our global connections affect our everyday lives.

We look forward to sharing our learning with you and thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 Teachers and students

### **Sacraments of Initiation Information Evening - Reconciliation and First Eucharist**

The next program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for children already Baptised will commence in School Term 4. There will be an **INFORMATION evening on Tuesday 25th September at 7.30pm in the Cathedral hall** for parents who are interested in registering their child/ren for the upcoming program and would like to learn more about the process in St Patrick's Cathedral parish. Please note that children must be 7 years or older to be eligible for the program at this time. For more information regarding the upcoming program for Reconciliation and Eucharist or any other enquires about the Sacraments of Initiation at St Patrick's Cathedral please contact Meg Gale:

[sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au)

If you are interested, a letter is available at the front office with further information.

## St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 88.7%

<b>K = 82.4%</b>	<b>2 = 89.3%</b>	<b>4 = 86.7%</b>	<b>6 = 80.0%</b>
1 = 94.9%	3 = 90.3%	5 = 96.7%	



**Sports Update**

My name is Luke Takchi and I am in Year 6 and I have recently participated in the Cumberland diocesan for the 800m and the 200m events. I went with 3 other students, who also made it to this high level for running.

Congratulations to Caitlyn Maroun, Maria Khoury and Jesse Sabat and better luck next time.

Luckily I have made it to Mackillop, which is the next level for the Diocesan stage. I will be participating this race on the 24th of September. This is a big achievement for me as this is my first time making it past the Diocesan level of running. I'm sure I will have to train very hard if I want to make it to the next level of the 800m run. Making it this far has been a thought and hope of mine for a long time and I am really glad about making it this far.



**OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! REGISTER NOW!**  
[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au)  
 (Emails returned promptly)  
**Like us or contact us on Facebook!**  
**Search for "Next Level Sports Clinic"**

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### Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

The students from Year 4 attended the Touch Football Gala Day on Friday 7th September. Apart from the weather turning nasty on us and having to end the day early, every child had an enjoyable day. We would like to thank the few parents who came to support the students as managers and helpers on the day.

"It was fun and I enjoyed it. I like playing sport. It was good to do something different." Ava

"Everyone likes Touch Football. I like how the coach, Mr Georges, helped us improve during the day." Frank

"It was an enjoyable day." Gabriel

"It was good to play on grass." James

"It was a challenge." Malcolm

"I'm new at Touch Football so I was glad when we won. It was also good to spend time with my friends." Alexandra

"It was fun playing against different schools and learning about them." Aoife

## Year 3 Featherdale Farm Excursion

Last Friday, Year 3 went to Featherdale Wildlife Park for their excursion. We couldn't wait to see the animals. We saw koalas, reptiles, birds, echidnas and a very noisy bird that we even tried to quieten. We also saw many kangaroos, quokkas, fairy penguins, wombats, and lizards. We went to the school assembly area in Featherdale and learnt facts about a camouflaging bird, the two headed lizard, a small snake and also a koala. All of us got to pat and feel these animals.

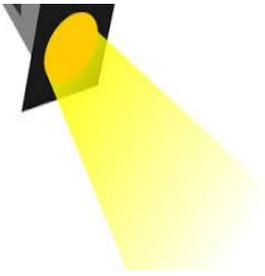


Did you know that the two headed lizard sometimes put their head with no eyes in the air and trick their predators into eating the wrong head. Also the small snake is able to eat rats. After that we went to feed and pat kangaroos. We saw wallabies, ghost bats, pelicans and a REAL crocodile.

We went to a small farm with sheep, ducks, pigs, horses, chickens and cows. It was amazing and exciting experience for Year 3.

Meagan Erive 3L





## Spotlight on Kyah, Tharuki and Nicholas

### Kyah:

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

If i had 1 million dollars, i would give some to charity, I would give some to my par-  
ents and save up for a new car and a new house for when I'm older. I would also

buy a phone and go on a holiday.

What are you excited for most about high school?

I am excited to make new friends and have a variety of sport to play as well as learn new things. I also want to go camping and trips at school.

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

I would go to America because there is many famous celebrities and there is fun things to do there.

Name 5 words that describe you?

Funny, athletic, pretty, kind and active.

What is your favourite sport to play?

My favourite sport is tackle football.

### Tharuki:

What is your favourite hobby?

My favourite hobby is drawing

If you could meet 3 celebrities who would it be?

Jojo Siwa, Lucas and Marcus Dobre

What is your favourite subject at school?

My favourite subject is Art.

If you could be any animal what would it be?

I would be a unicorn because i could fly, have magical powers and have sparkly horn

Who is your favourite celebrity?

My favourite celebrity is Jojo Siwa

### Nicholas:

What is your dream job?

My dream job is to be an inventor

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is honey soy chicken

What is your favorite game?

My favourite game is Halo.

Who is your favourite family member?

# 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](mailto: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



Call 02 9635 8242 to register or  
Email us on [Parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:Parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au)  
Junior PCYC Club membership costs \$10



# 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

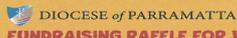
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**DIocese of PARRAMATTA**  
**FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019**

**TICKETS \$2ea**

**1st Prize:** Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered  
Donated by: PowerExpression (02) 4122 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: Celeste, Doulos, Tokumitsu

**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

For tickets and further information please contact Michael Headley, michael.headley@parramatta.catholic.org.au  
 Privacy: All information collected will be stored, stored and protected by the Diocese 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



### 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@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:credo@stpatscathedral.com.au)**

**Junior Credo Edge is a Parish based Ministry run by**

**St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**



*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	6.30am, 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)