



2018

Dates to Remember

Term 4

November

Week 3

Friday 2nd Nov Infants Assembly—Kindy
2.15pm—School Hall

Week 4

Tuesday 6th Footsteps Dance
2019 Kindy Orientation
Wednesday 7th 2019 Kindy Orientation
Thursday 8th 2019 Kindy Orientation
Friday 9th Primary Assembly—Year 3
2.15pm—School Hall

Week 5

Tuesday 13th Footsteps Dance
Wednesday 14th 2019 Kinder
Parent Information Night
Friday 16th Family Fun Night
(more details to come)

Week 6

Tuesday 20th Footsteps Dance
Thursday 22nd Year 6 Camp
Friday 23rd Year 6 Camp
Infants Assembly—Year 1
2.15pm—School Hall

Week 7

Tuesday 27th Footsteps Dance
Friday 30th Swimming Carnival
Year 2—6

Week 8

Tuesday 4th Dec Footsteps Dance

St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

1st November 2018 Term 4 Week 3

Dear Parents

Today November 1st is the feast of All Saints Day. In his homily on All Saints Day in 2013 Pope Francis stressed that the saints are not "supermen" or women, who are "born perfect," but rather are ordinary people who followed God "with all their heart." He said, "They are like us, they are like each of us, they are people who before reaching the glory of heaven lived a normal life, with joys and griefs, struggles and hopes."

Pope Francis reminds us that "They spent their lives in the service of others, they endured suffering and adversity without hatred and responded to evil with good, spreading joy and peace," When reading his sermon to the pilgrims on this feast day I was very impressed with the wisdom of our Holy Father's words. I think that when we think of saints we think of extraordinary people whom we could not possibly emulate, but Pope Francis dismisses this assumption by encouraging us with an alternative view.

I would like to share with you some of his reflections and encourage you to discuss these with your children.

- *Each saint changed his or her life "when they recognized the love of God, they followed him with all their heart, without conditions and hypocrisies."*
- *"The saints give us a message. They tell us: be faithful to the Lord, because the Lord does not disappoint! He does not disappoint ever, and he is a good friend always at our side."*
- *"To be a saint is not a privilege of a few... all of us in baptism have the inheritance of being able to become saints. Sanctity is a vocation for everyone. "All of us are called to walk in the way of sanctity, and this way has a name, a face: the face of Jesus Christ."*
- *"The saints are men and women who have joy in their hearts and spread it to others. Never hating, but serving the other, is the greatest need. To pray and to live in joy: this is the way of sanctity!"*
- *"The saints encourage us with their witness not to have fear of going against the current or fear of being misunderstood and derided when we speak of the Lord and of the Gospel,"*
- *"They show us with their lives that the one who remains faithful to God and to his words experiences now on this earth the comfort of his love and then experiences it a 'hundredfold' in eternity."*

St Patrick - Pray for Us

St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Pray for Us

*May God bless you and your families
Bernadette Fabri*

AFTERNOON PICK-UP (Children left at school after 3.30pm)

Dear Parents,

Since our return to school this term I am noticing that although the school's finishing time is 3.00pm, quite a few children are not being picked up until after 3.30pm. I appreciate that the traffic conditions around the school are often hectic and frustrating but as you can appreciate I cannot extend the teachers' work day and children picked up late **ie after 3.30pm impacts on all staff; some of whom need to attend to their own young children or family responsibilities. The teachers have already been asked to supervise children for an extra half hour to try to assist with our local school conditions.**

I respectfully ask that all children be picked up before 3.30pm. If you know that this is a regular occurrence for your family please arrange for after school care or make other arrangements for pick up.

As always I thank you for your cooperation.
Bernadette Fabri

New afternoon procedure

Dear Parents

Afternoon pick up from the COLA seems to be going very well. Some of the feedback from parents so far are as follows:

- Less congested
- Can easily find the children
- Children have more room and are more comfortable
- It is not so noisy
- Easier access out the gate
- More room to stop and have a chat with other parents

We will continue to trial this procedure so if you have any more feedback please see the teacher on duty. Thank you for your cooperation.



Honour Award

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

KA	Mia Golossian	Ethan Sivashanmugam
KM	Jasmine Rizk	Anton Bayssari
1C	Gabriella Sta-Rosa	Angelina Bounassif
1S	Shaneli Perera	Luke Wehbe
2M	James Morson	Christian Donaldson
2Y	Elio Layoun	Troy Daniel



st patrick's award

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

KA	Liza Navasardyan	Olivia Zhang
KM	Isaiah Maroon	Sophia Khoury
1C	Celine Joachim	Wren Chua
1S	Lawrence Wahbe	Madeleine Talbot
2M	Clare Camenzuli	Gabrielle Vella
2Y	Aiden Ebrahim	Tiffany McCloskey

St Patrick's Parramatta
RETURN TO SCHOOL 2019 DATES

Week One 2019	Monday 28th January 2019	Tuesday 29th January 2019	Wednesday 30th January 2019	Thursday 31st January 2019	Friday 1st February 2019
	Public Holiday	Staff Development Day – Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments	Staff Development Day – Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments	Years 1 to Year 6 Commence school	Kindergarten commence school (full day)
		Year 1 to 6—Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 2 days.			
		Kindergarten Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 3 days.			

Education Mass

Last Thursday 25 October, Joshua L, Erica J, Jade T and Christian M represented our school at the annual Diocese of Parramatta Education Mass. It was the first time students, teachers and parents have come together and celebrated education as a learning community. During Bishop Vincent's homily he spoke of the importance of this union and how we are called to serve others. Bishop used an analogy of our faith being like a tree - where the trunk represents our relationship with God and the roots are our interconnectedness with others. This image was present in the many schools who showcased what they do to raise awareness and funds to support Catholic Mission. The students visited many of the stalls and gained some great ideas which they hope to share with next year's leaders so the community at St Patrick's can continue its work in Mission.



Sun Safe: Hats Hats Hats



Just a reminder that all students should have a school hat at school every day. As the weather starts to warm up it is important for all students to wear their school hat when on the playground. From next week any student without a hat will be required to sit in the shade during times they are on the playground. The school hat is a compulsory component of the school uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Happy Teacher's Day!

- I love my teacher **Mrs Stojanovski** because she makes me do hard work. Because I can learn (Patrick S)
- I love my teacher **Miss Brown** because she helps me do everything, like teaching me how to learn writing, because I don't know how to do hard things. I sometimes forget things (Sofia)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Daou** because she is nice and she helps us when we need help for work, such as when people are stuck. (Karabo)
- I love my teacher **Miss Azar** because she is loving, helpful, nice and funny. Sometimes she does funny stuff and sometimes and we do lots of fun stuff. (Madeleine)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Masefield** because she's funny. She is a good teacher because she makes learning fun by finding a better way to make learning interesting (Sienna and Christian)
- I love my teacher **Miss Onorato** because she jokes with me alot and it makes me feel good and happy. I love learning in her class. (Isaac)
- We love our teacher **Miss Hagi** because our learning is important to her and she wants to improve. She always tells the truth because in first term she told us about her mum and we like how she shared this with us. She is a determined teacher – she doesn't give up and gives everything a go. We love how she wants us to always be safe. Miss Hagi is organised and tidy. (Takeshi and Isabella)
- I love my teacher **Miss Alphonse** because she is, like, creative by doing lots of art with us. She is happy and kind. (Jacob)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Warn** because she's really funny and she teaches us really good things like art. The Maths we learn is really cool. (Zara)
- I love my teacher **Miss Fardell** because she guided me throughout the whole entire year. She hasn't been too tough and she gives everyone chances. This is important because everyone needs a second chance as everyone makes mistakes. She is very creative. She makes funny jokes and she really likes teaching. (Finn)
- I love my teacher **Mr Baird** because he makes our learning happy and fun and when we read our class novel he uses funny voices and that makes it enjoyable. He is smart and lets us do new things. (Claire)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Carroll** because when we don't understand she will find a way of helping us understand. This is important because it helps us get a growth mindset to find other ways of solving problems. She is very kind and caring to us. (Scarlett)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Williams** because she actually cares about our safety. She also gives us special projects when we are doing science and other subjects. She is not that strict to people who pay attention to their learning and she is very kind. (Sebastian)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Standing** because she is very enthusiastic and is always there to support and guide us in our work. When she wears the earpiece microphone she always says something like, "Stop me singing like Madonna." (Caitlin)
- I love my teacher **Ms Kelly** because she is like very kind and she is only strict to people who are doing the wrong thing because she wants to help everybody. She is also very silly at times and also funny. At times she can be serious but she also makes us laugh. This is important because then we don't feel stressed. (Clyde)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Milic** because she encourages me to draw. This is important because not a lot of teachers realise how important this is to me. In my drawings I show my emotions so if I am sad I will put it in my drawings. This helps me to be happy at school. (Hamish)
- I like my teacher **Mrs Mannino** because she is very nice and we have some time together to watch and learn using her laptop and doing some work. She sometimes helps me to learn, like she helps me with my mistakes so I do not make mistakes any more. She does things her own way sometimes. This is good. (Samuel)
- I love **Mrs Benkovich** because she is very friendly. She doesn't always jump to conclusions when something happens. She finds out the information first. She is sometimes serious but then she is sometimes funny. She does her job very well and she is always thinking about how to make our school better. She is a very nice teacher. (Aidan V)
- I love **Mrs Attard** because she always helps me be happier by sometimes being with me during lunch or recess. Sometimes she takes me to the library and lets me fix the books with her. I love her. (Ellen N)
- I love **Mr Younis** because he always helps me be fit. He is a great teacher because he lets us do fun activities outside and teaches me about road safety. He always says, "bring you hat!" (Weyata)

- I love my teacher **Mrs Rodricks** because she has always been an inspiration to me. She has encouraged me to stand on stage to perform. I did not want to do this but I ended up doing it and my courage was built up. (Lacey)
- We love our teacher **Miss Issa** because she has a beautiful voice. She teaches us new songs which we really love; they inspire us. She is funny and makes jokes which makes us happy. We even play games. (Crystella and Kiara)
- I like **Mr McIntosh** because he works so hard to install things into our school and keep us safe. (Brian)
- I love **Mrs Barclay** because she encourages me to do the right thing and she pushes me more than I know myself in learning; particularly Maths. She is a great teacher because she will not give us the answer straight away but will give us clues so that we can work it out ourselves. After going to her I was in the top seven and she kept checking on me to see how I was going. This was important to me because she really helped me know what to do. (Olivia S)
- I like **Mrs Jones** because she is there practically every day for me to give me my medicine. I really feel safe when she is there to help me do this. I really appreciate that she takes up her time to give me my medicine and I will definitely miss her next year. (Nicholas R)
- I like **Mrs Nutter** because she is a very positive person and when you are sick she is always smiling. She always knows what to do and she makes sure that every child is taken care of. She treats everyone like we are her own kids and she treats them with love and kindness; making them happy. She is a bright person and good at what she does eg finance. We are very lucky to have her at this school and without her the school will fall apart. I know this because I have been here a long time. (Stephanie S)
- I love **Mrs Yuen** because she is respectful to the kids and lets them come into the harmony space even if they don't have a pass. She is the best harmony teacher because she is tidy, organised and lets people be helpers. (Barbie)
- I love **Mrs Veljkovic** because she nice to me and kind. She is a good teacher because she helps me read. Because of her I have become a better reader. I now like reading a little bit more (Joel L)
- We love our teacher **Mrs Turkington** because she makes learning easier to understand because when someone doesn't know she explains it to them. She helps us improve and she encourages us to do our best work. She is kind and generous and we like her. (Carl and Cedric)
- I love my teacher **Mrs O'Dwyer** because she makes reading fun and she shows passion for what she does. I have learned a lot from her over the years. She is so encouraging of her students and she wants to see them love reading. I personally love reading and learning about reading at school and Mrs O'Dwyer has helped me foster this love. (Daniel P)
- I love **Mrs Baidia** because she is really helpful. She cheers me up by saying really nice things to me. She is kind and respectful. (Aireen)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Lake** because she is good at drawing and is a good artist. She gives us hard work and we like hard work at school. She is kind and shows us what we need to do (Joshua)
- I love my teacher **Mrs Rayess** because when we do hard work she rewards us by letting us play a game. She has nice hair! She helps us when we make a mistake – on a hard one. She is really good at teaching. (Luke and Olivia)
- We also acknowledge Mrs Pope and Mrs Jabrabieb for the work they have contributed to our school.

*We Love you and we Thank you,
Staff of St Patrick's Parramatta!*

Apologies for the shorter infants responses. We wanted to use their words

Dear Parents

Thank you so much to all those who shared their expressions of gratitude and appreciation to the staff at St Patrick's Parramatta for World Teacher's Day last Friday. Your very kind words are certainly not necessary however in a world where thankfulness is a rare commodity it added to a very happy and satisfying day for staff, knowing that they have your support is very reassuring. Thank you!

Bernadette Fabri

MINI WRITERS' FESTIVAL YEARS 3-6

Last week we were offered a wonderful literary opportunity to hold a 3 hour Mini - Writers Festival at our school.

Six prominent Australian authors and illustrators will be attending and providing 20 minute sessions for our students, along with book purchasing and signing opportunities on the day. Students may bring copies of author's books for signing or pre order books from the order form and pay by Friday 2nd of November to pick up on the day of the visit.

There will also be a limited range of books available for purchase on the day. The pre - order purchase is made directly to the bookshop and by returning the order form in a clearly marked envelope MINI - WRITERS FESTIVAL ORDER FORM by Friday 2nd of November 2018.

This will be a great learning experience for our students and will help to foster the love of reading and also forge valuable connections between reader and author. Parents are also invited to attend to make this an inclusive community experience.

When: Wednesday 7th of November 9:15am - 12 Noon
Cost: \$2 per student
Venue: School Hall
Organisation: Writers Festival by 'Westwords'
Books: Own books for signing/ pre-purchase order/ purchase on the day. (optional)
Parents: Cordially invited



Family Fun Night 2018

We are excited to announce that St Patrick's will be holding our Family Fun Night on **Friday 16th of November (Week 5)**. This evening continues to build community spirit within the school and allows families the opportunity to meet and form friendships, especially new families to our school. St Patrick's prides itself on having a friendly and welcoming school culture and we endeavour to maintain and continue building this family spirit.

The evening will be led by one of the FOOTSTEPS Dance Instructors who has worked with the students this year, teaching them dance and movement throughout the term. The disco will begin at 6pm and conclude at 9pm. Gates will be open from 5pm to allow families to find a comfy spot in the playground and have a chat with each other and make new friends. You are encouraged to bring fold up chairs or a picnic rug/blanket.

Why not have a night off cooking and grab dinner at the disco? Food will be available from 5pm. We will have **pizza, hotdogs, corn on the cob, zooper doopers, lollies, water and drinks for sale on the night**. Parents are more than welcome to bring their own picnic supper. If you bring your own snacks to the event please remember that **St Patrick's is a NUT FREE ZONE!!!!**

Make sure you fill out the permission note that was sent home today and get your tickets. We are looking forward to a great night.

2018 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the **department**), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a *statement of addresses*, in accordance with the *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (Cth) (the **Regulation**).

A *statement of addresses* contains the following information about each student at the school:

- Student residential address (**not student names**)
- Student level of education (i.e. whether the student is a primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (i.e. whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

Schools generate a record number for each student for the purposes of this collection, which is also provided to the department.

Purpose of the collection

This collection is routinely used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure that Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent.

The National School Resourcing Board recently completed a review of the socio-economic status (SES) score methodology used in the calculation of the Commonwealth's needs-based funding arrangements for non-government schools. The information collected in the *statement of addresses* will be used to progress the Board's recommendations, which have been accepted by the Government.

Further information on this review and the Government's response can be found here:

<https://www.education.gov.au/review-socio-economic-status-ses-score-methodology>.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Any use and disclosure of your personal information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with the Regulation.

Your personal information may be used by the department, or disclosed to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (the **ABS**), for the purposes of SES score policy development, reviewing SES score methodology, calculating SES scores, Commonwealth school education policy development (including school funding), or where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

For example, your personal information may be provided to the ABS for statistical and research purposes, which includes data integration projects such as the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information on the MADIP can be found here:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/Statistical+Data+Integration+-+MADIP>.

The department may, from time to time, carry out audits of school submissions. In the event of an audit, contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school. These contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

The department may also be required to disclose your personal information to contracted providers for the purposes of the provision of ICT support services to the department.

The department does not intend to disclose personal information to overseas recipients.

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department, however, please ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the process for the *statement of addresses* collection.

If you have any further questions regarding the collection, you can contact the department by:

- Email: seshelpdesk@education.gov.au
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

The department's privacy policy is available on the department's website at www.education.gov.au. The privacy policy contains information about:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) can be made; and
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

If you wish to contact the department about privacy-related matters, please email the department at EducationPrivacy@education.gov.au or write to:

Privacy Contact Officer
Schools, Childcare and Corporate Legal Branch
Department of Education and Training
GPO Box 9880
Canberra ACT 2601

Not Returning to St Patrick's in 2019

Thank you to the parents who have informed the office that their child will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2019. If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2019 please send a letter to Ms Fabri stating the last day of attendance at St Patrick's and which school they will be moving onto in 2019. This does not apply to year 6 students.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:
Rafael Buitizon, Justin Mawad, Lucia El Hani, Christine Kahwaji

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



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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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