

# St Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter

31st January Term 1 Week 1



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year for 2019. I hope you all had a restful holiday break and for those who have commenced work that it has been a good start for you. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish the children a year of wonderful learning and success.

I would like to welcome back our school staff who have already been working hard in preparation for the arrival of your children. The staff have returned to work with their usual enthusiasm and have organised some very exciting learning experiences. I take this opportunity to welcome back Mrs Rodricks after a years leave. Welcome to KAs new teacher Ms Claire Stephenson who is very excited about joining our school. I would also like to welcome to the school our new financial secretary Mrs Fiona Mitterer. Mrs Mitterer will be taking on the role previously held by Mrs Nutter who decided to retire from full time work at the end of 2018. I look forward to working with Mrs Mitterer. A special welcome is extended to our new Kindergarten children, who commence tomorrow, and to the new families that have joined the St Patrick's Community. I know that they will soon feel at home amongst us and encourage you to display the spirit of hospitality and friendliness our school is renowned for. These children and all new children and teachers will be formally welcomed at the Welcoming Ceremony on Monday 4th March. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Best wishes is also extended to last year's Year 6 students as they commence the next stage in their schooling - high school. We are all looking forward to seeing them in their new high school uniforms.

**May I also take this opportunity again to remind you that if at any time you need any assistance, have any questions or have any concerns regarding your children or any aspect of the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher or any other member of staff. I am more than happy to speak with you also and if by chance I am unavailable at the time will do my best to contact you as soon as possible.**

God Bless you and your families,  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal

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### SRC/House Captains Whole School Assembly

A Whole school Assembly will be held on **Friday 15th February at 2.00pm** to celebrate the selections of the Student Representative Council (SRC) members and House Captains. During the assembly the selected students will be receiving their SRC badges and House Colour badges. It is also an opportunity to thank Semester 2's SRC members with a certificate. You are all welcome to attend the assembly and congratulate the students on their selection into these important roles.

### Opening School Mass

On Friday 8th February you are invited to join us as we celebrate Eucharist and ask God's blessings for the school year. Mass will begin at 9.15am and is a wonderful way to welcome back returning students, parents and staff as well as welcome new staff, students and parents, especially our new Kindergarten students. During the Mass we will reflect on how we can create a strong community based on the qualities that are the fabric of a Christian life. By recognising the unique gifts, dreams and aspirations we bring to the community of St Patrick's so to be full of Respect, Compassion and Resilience and hope. **During the Mass the 2019 Student Leadership Team will receive their badges and will pledge to work together to share God's love in word and deed.**

# St Patrick's Parramatta

## STAFF

### 2019

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal	Ms Bernadette Fabri
Assistant Principal	Mrs Elly Benkovich
Religious Education Coordinator	Mrs Leanda Standring
Coordinator 2 (Mathematics/Science)	Mrs Jenny Barclay
Coordinator 2 (WHS, PD/H/PE)	Mr Mark Baird
Coordinator 1 (Literacy)	Mrs Jennifer Warn

#### CLASS TEACHERS

K Matilda	Ms Elizabeth Brown
K Alexander	Ms Claire Stephenson
1 Clancy	Mrs Louisa Daou
1 Sebastian	Ms Chantal Azar
2 Mackellar	Ms Alyssa Onorato
2 Young	Ms Julia Hagi/Samantha Pope (Friday)
3 Lindsay	Mrs Jennifer Warn/Samantha Pope (Tuesday)
3 Thiele	Ms Cara-Lyn Kelly
4 Brinsmead	Mrs Tanya Masefield
4 Greenwood	Mr Mark Baird/Mrs Sue Jadrabieb (Wednesday)
5 Coorong	Mrs Bernadette Carroll
5 Timara	Mrs Viviana Williams
6 Park	Mrs Anne Fardell
6 Wrightson	Mrs Leanda Standring/Mrs Sue Jadrabieb (Thur/Fri)

#### SPECIALIST AND SUPPORT STAFF

Teacher Librarian	Mrs Debra O'Dwyer
Music Specialist	Mrs Venitia Rodricks
Physical Education Specialist	Mr David Younis
Reading Recovery	Mrs Lorraine Veljkovic
Numeracy Specialist and Lead Teacher	Mrs Jenny Barclay
Literacy/Learning support	Mrs Michelle Mannino
Leadership Team Release	Mrs Samantha Pope
Leadership Team Release.	Mrs Sue Jadrabieb

Teacher Assistant/Admin	Mrs Elaine Yuen
	Mrs Dianne Attard
	Mrs Chris Cadman

#### ADMINISTRATION

Senior Finance Secretary	Mrs Fiona Mitterer
Administration Officer (Front Office)	Mrs Jenny Jones
Site Manager and Maintenance	Mr Sean McIntosh

#### Year Six Parent Information Session - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Year Six Parent Information Evening will be held in Week 2, 7 February at 7pm. All parents are encouraged to attend the meeting, where you will be given an opportunity to learn about the year ahead. We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Standring, Mrs Jadrabieb and Mrs Fardell

## ASSEMBLIES and CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING 2019

In 2018 the school trialled a move towards being able to showcase the children's learning using an 'in classroom' model. This was supplemented at the beginning of the term with the usual Friday assemblies in the hall.

It is hoped that by doing this parents are given the opportunity to watch their children working in class or presenting their learning to an authentic audience with a greater capacity to get feedback from adults and other children eg Travel Expos. This also enabled parent involvement on other days of the week and not only Fridays.

In 2019 we will be continuing this model and in this time we will be sending out a survey to parents so that you can give us feedback on how we can further improve the Celebrations of Learning experience. We will also be seeking feedback from the children - especially as this is a vehicle for them to interact with the adults and other children in our community to gain very valuable feedback for further learning.

In summary each term every grade will have either:

1. a Friday Assembly which will be held at 2.15pm (Weeks 2 - 6)

Or

2. a Celebration of Learning held in the classroom or other learning space.

As already explained days for these Celebrations of Learning will vary and may not be on a Friday so as to cater for parents unable to make Fridays. ( Weeks 7 - 11)

For example if a grade had a Friday Assembly presentation In Term One, they will have a Celebration of Learning the following term and visa versa.

These dates will be available as soon as possible and will be advertised in the newsletter, through the Skoolbag Alert or through individual class correspondence. Accommodations will continue to be made to ensure that children will receive their awards.

On occasion there will still be whole school assemblies and Open Days as per previous years.

### Sports Days for Term 1

Children will be participating in Gymnastics in Term 1, so will be required to wear their sports on the following days for Term 1:-

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

## Consent form: Photography, Video, Audio and Works

This week you will receive a note in your child's bag regarding the use of photography, video, audio and works, if you wish to change consent for the use of students' image and/or works, please complete the form and return to school by Friday 15th February.

***If a parent/student changes their consent, it will not be retrospective e.g. already published photos and works will not be taken down/destroyed.***



### ANAPHYLAXIS & ALLERGIES

Several children at our school suffer from food allergies – **some very severe**. Action plans are currently in place to administer medication to these children if it is required. To assist the staff and to help safeguard the health of these children I ask that you impress upon your own children the dangers of sharing their lunches with other students. In line with this policy we ask that you do not send birthday gift items such as lollies, cakes, easter eggs, etc for your child to give to other students. At times, teachers may give food treats to the children but they always check the suitability of these treats with the parents of allergy sufferers. **St Patrick's has a "no nut or nut products" policy, due to the number of children who are allergic to nut products. We ask for your co-operation in not sending nut products (especially Nutella, peanut butter and foods containing sesame seeds).** We will continue to educate the children in the classroom about only eating their own lunches and I will keep you informed of any other protocols we may need to put in place. Thank you for your co operation.

### Change of Recess and Lunch times for Year 3

This term we are trialling a change in Recess and Lunch times for Year 3 in order to have a more equitable distribution of students on the playground at any one time. It is hoped that this will give the older students a little more room to move around the playground and allow the Year 3 students to serve as good role models for the younger children - giving them further leadership experience. We will be seeking feedback from the children at the end of Term 1.

<b>Year 4 - 6</b>	<b>Recess 10.30 - 11.00</b>
	<b>Lunch 1.00 - 1.30</b>
<b>K-Year 3</b>	<b>Recess 11.00 - 11.30</b>
	<b>Lunch 1.30 - 2.00</b>



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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)



# 2019 School Banking Day is TUESDAYS

Should your child wish to start the school banking program please open a Dollarmite account and bring into the office with your BSB and account no and I will provide the folder and deposit book.

Thank you Mrs Jones

## Term 1 update.

# School Banking. Helping kids learn the value of saving.

## What pocket money can teach your child.

Pocket money can help teach kids about the value of money and how to look after it. However, there's no 'one size fits all' approach and it's important to decide what's right for your family. Research of over 1,000 parents of primary school students revealed that 55% give regular pocket money<sup>^</sup> and here's how they manage it:



Over half give less than \$10 per week (\$5 - \$10 is the most common range). There's no right or wrong – the amount should suit your family situation.



Around 4 in 5 parents link pocket money to the completion of a chore or task. This can help children understand that money needs to be earned.



On average, kids save about half of their pocket money each week. Learning to put money aside for a bigger goal is a valuable life skill.

## Join the Dollarmites on a Polar Savers adventure.

The majority of parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour<sup>^</sup>. So to help, our Dollarmites characters (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are taking School Bankers on a Polar Savers adventure, that's full of exciting rewards.

Students participating in School Banking will receive a silver Dollarmites token each time they make a School Banking deposit at school (maximum one per week). Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a Polar Savers reward.



### Polar Savers Rewards:

- Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
- Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler
- Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
- Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

## School Banking Deposit Tracker.

Colour in a number every time you make a deposit at school. For every 10 School Banking deposits you can redeem a reward.



To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

<sup>^</sup>Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144), School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124.



# Book Club

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our School is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

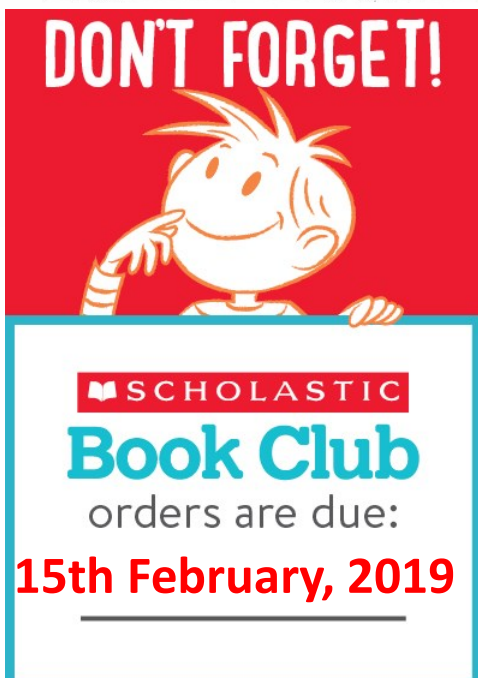
You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.


Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

Mrs Jones



**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
**15th February, 2019**



We do not accept any cash and all orders must be placed through the LOOP platform. If you need help ordering books please come into the office and see Mrs Jones



# 5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

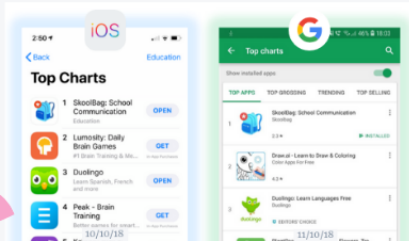


SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

## 1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication



## 2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

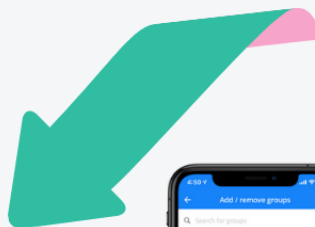
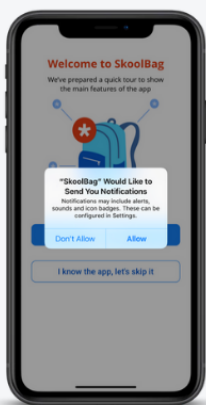
## 3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



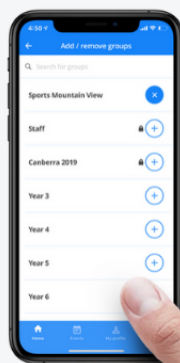
## 4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



## 5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



## Skoolbag App

Please find to the left the instructions on how to download our Skoolbag app.

The Skoolbag app is used for all communication including the weekly newsletter. We do not provide hard copies however there are a small number available in the foyer of the school office.

You can use the app for change of addresses, sending the school an email or sending an absentee form.

If you require any assistance in downloading the app or how it works please come into the school office where I can help.

Mrs Jones