



Newsletter

4th April, 2019 Term 1 Week 10

2019 Dates to Remember

Term 1

Week 10

Friday 5th April

St Patricks Day Celebration

Motiv8

Week 11

Monday 8th April

Triskills

Thursday 11th April

Year 4 Celebration of Learning

2.15pm

Friday 12th April

Infants Assembly—Kinder 2.15pm

LAST DAY OF TERM

Term 2

Week 1

Monday 29th April

Return to school for Term 2

Friday 3rd May

Year 5 Excursion— 'The Rocks'

Week 2

Tuesday 7th May

Diocesan Cross Country

Mothers Day Stall

Wednesday 8th May

Year 4 Excursion— Botany Bay

Friday 10th May

Mother's Day Mass and Morning Tea—more details to come

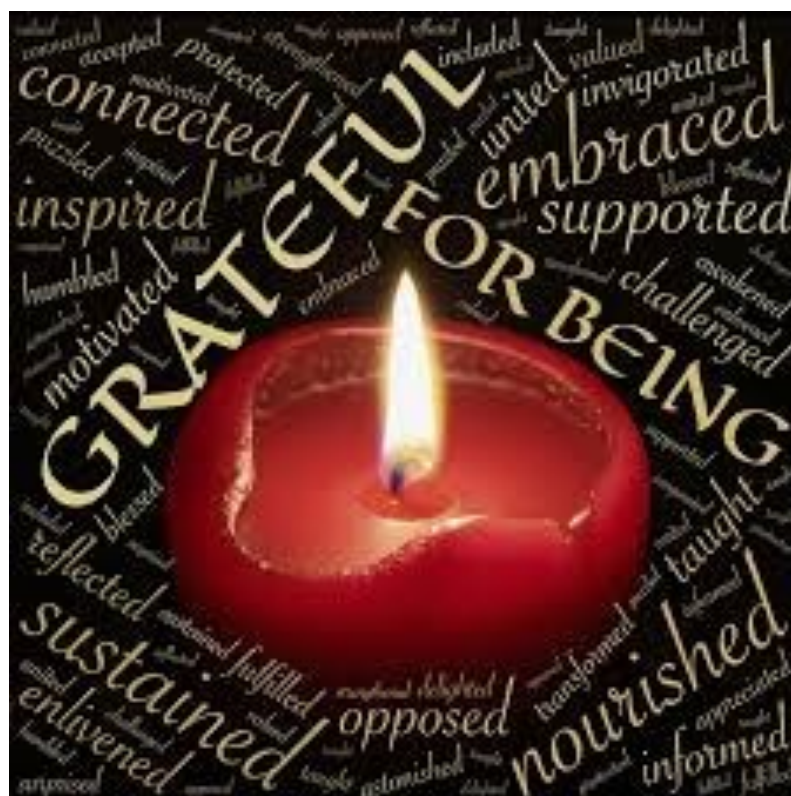
Dear Parents

A number of weeks ago the staff were lead in prayer by Mr Baird . The theme of the morning prayer was 'Gratitude'. I have always been a big believer that gratitude is one of the most powerful characteristics a person can have. The Google definition of gratitude is: 'the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness'. I feel that the word 'readiness' is key here as it shows that a person is always ready to see the world through the eyes of one that appreciates all that is in their lives - before they look at what they lack. Sometimes we do not see how lucky we are and in many ways we lose sight of the joy of what simple things bring us.

Another thought was expressed by one of our priests last year when he said that gratitude is the healer of all sins. I understood what he meant here and I believe this to be very true; it is hard to be unforgiving, lack compassion, mean or spiteful or vindictive when one is grateful.

The closing reflection, the teachers shared with us has been included in this newsletter. Some simple but profound thoughts.

*God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal*



GRATITUDE

"You think that this is just another day in your life?
It's not just another day.
It's the one day that is given to you – today.
It's given to you. It's a gift.
It's the only gift that you have right now
and the only appropriate response is gratefulness.

If you do nothing else but to cultivate that response
to the great gift that this unique day is...
If you learn to respond
as if it were the first day in your life
and the very last day
then you will have spent this day very well.

Begin by opening your eyes, and be surprised
that you have eyes you can open.
That incredible array of colours
that is constantly offered to us for our pure enjoyment.

Look at the sky.
We so rarely look at the sky.
We so rarely note how different it is
from moment to moment, with clouds coming and going.
We just think of the weather, and even of the weather
we don't think of all the many nuances of weather.
We just think of "good weather" and "bad weather."
This day, right now, with its unique weather,
maybe a kind that will never
exactly come again in that form.
The formation of clouds in the sky
will never be the same as it is right now.

Open your eyes. Look at that.
Look at the faces of people whom you meet.
Each one has an incredible story behind their face,
a story that you could never fully fathom.
Not only their own story, but the story of their ancestors.
We all go back so far.

And in this present moment on this day,
all the people you meet, all that life from generations
and from so many places all over the world
flows together and meets you here
like a life giving water
if you only open your heart and drink.

Open your heart to the incredible gifts
that civilisation gives to us.
You flip a switch and there is electric light.
You turn a faucet and there is warm water,
and cold water, and drinkable water.
It's a gift that millions and millions in the world
will never experience.
So these are just a few of an enormous number of gifts
to which you can open your heart.
And so our wish today is to open your heart
to all these blessings and let them flow through you.
That everyone you will meet on this day
will be blessed by you,
just by your eyes, by your smile,
by your touch, just by your presence.
Let the gratefulness overflow
into blessing all around you.
Then it will REALLY be a good day."

Brother David Steindl-Rast (Benedictine)



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

Andrew Batti, Ella Abdallah,
Madeleine Talbot, Brian Chen,
Joanna Khoury

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 91.7%

K = 91.9%

3 = 85.2%

6 = 93.3%

1 = 89.5%

4 = 93.5%

2 = 95.0%

5 = 92.9%

2019 SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

Term 1 2019 statements are now due. If you have any concerns with school fee payment please contact the School Finance Secretary Mrs Fiona Mitterer.



Condolences

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Adaymy (Victoria KA) family on the passing of her Grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.

CHANGE TO MORNING GATE OPENING TIMES - 8.20am TO BEGIN FROM MONDAY 29TH APRIL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your feedback with regard to the notification of the new opening time for the Ross Street Gate. It was good that you took the time to speak to me personally or email the school with your thoughts. I have certainly taken your concerns seriously and indeed share some of your concerns. The school is committed to finding a reasonable solution that will both ensure the safety of all children on site and to assist families to get in and out of the area effectively. I have continued to make some inquiries to see if we can come up with a solution that works well for all. I will keep you posted. If you have any other feedback/ideas for solutions concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office 8832 4600.

Thanking you always for your interest and support

Bernadette Fabri

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2019 hosted by MOTIV8SPORTS

Date: Tomorrow, Friday 5th April 2019 **Uniform:** Sports uniform and school hat

Venue: St Patrick's College Dundas. Please note parking is restricted to street parking (eg., Kirby Street)

Cost: Covered in resource fee and augmented with school funds

Time: Children will participate in 2 sessions on the day. Children will need to bring their own recess, lunch, full water bottle and **a small towel to sit on packed in a backpack**. Not school bag preferably. The timetable is as follows:

Buses leave St Patrick's Parramatta : 9:00 am

OPENING CEREMONY: 9:45 am to 10:00 am

MORNING SESSION 10:00 am to 11.10 am

Recess: 11:10 am to 11:40 am

AFTERNOON SESSION 11.50 pm to 1.10 pm

Lunch: 1:10 pm to 1:40pm

CLOSING CEREMONY and AWARDS 1:40 pm to 1:50 pm

Buses Depart to return to school: 2:00pm

The day is completed at approx 2.00pm. If you wish to take your child home from the oval you will be directed to see the class teacher. If you are taking any other child home please ensure that parent has given the school written permission.

NAPLAN ONLINE

14/5/2019 to 24/5/2019

Term 2 Week 3

Start Time	Tuesday 14/5	Wednesday 15/5	Thursday 16/5	Friday 17/5
Year 5 9.00am	Year 5 Writing	Year 5 Reading	Year 5 Language	Year 5 Maths
Year 3 10.00am	Year 3 Writing	Year 3 Reading	Year 3 Language	Year 3 Maths

Term 2 Week 4

Start Time	Tuesday 21/5	Wednesday 22/5	Thursday 23/5	Friday 24/5
Year 5 9.00am	Catch up Naplan Tests for children who are absent			
Year 3 10.00am	Catch up Naplan Tests for children who are absent			

Frequently Asked Questions

[Can students use paper to work out or plan answers?](#)

Students can use paper to work out or plan their answers for the conventions of language, writing and numeracy tests. This paper is collected by a test administrator at the end of the test.

[If a student is sick, can they complete the tests online at home?](#)

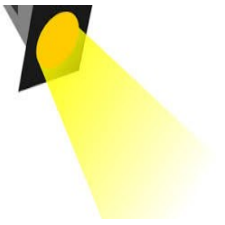
As with the paper NAPLAN, students who are sick cannot complete NAPLAN at home. Students who are absent on the day of testing may be able to complete catch-up tests if they return to school within the NAPLAN test window.

[Will students with limited keyboard skills be disadvantaged in the writing test?](#)

The writing test is not about handwriting skills and NAPLAN Online is not about keyboarding skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type, just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand.

ACARA research shows that online writing is similar to handwriting in terms of the quality of writing produced by students at each year level. It also shows that students generally appreciate the use of online features such as editing tools (noting that online features such as grammar and spell-check are disabled during NAPLAN testing).

Students do not have to be able to touch type to successfully complete the test.



Spotlight on...

Today we are focusing on our Year 2 SRC members -
2Y - Lawrence Wahbe and Bailey Grohs
2M - Hunter Morson and Fleur Perrett

Bailey Grohs

1. What hobbies do you have?

My hobbies are gymnastics and reading. I like them both.

2. If you were an animal what would it be?

If I was an animal I would be a meerkat because they can climb and move a lot.

3. Favorite book?

My favourite book is Series of the Fortunate Events.

4. What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subject is maths.

5. What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is snakes because they are scary.

Fleur Perrett

1. What is your favourite animal?

My favourite animal is a dog.

2. Who is your biggest inspiration?

I look up to my Mum and Dad.

3. What is your least favourite dish?

My least favourite food is soup with not much inside.

4. What hobbies do you have?

I am good at helping others.

5. What is your favourite movie?

I like the movie Mary Poppins.

Lawrence Wahbe

1. What is your favourite place in the world?

My favourite place in the world is at the beach.

2. If you were to ask anyone any question who would you ask and what would it be?

I would ask my parents when they were born.

3. What is your favourite book?

My favourite book is Charlie and the chocolate factory.

4. What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subject is science.

5. What is your ideal job?

I want to be a lawyer.

Hunter Morson

1. Who is your biggest inspiration?

My biggest inspiration is my parents, grandparents and Godparents.

2. What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time I play basketball in my room because it's fun.

3. What country would you like to travel to the most and why?

I would like to go to Vanuatu because I love it and it is so much fun.

4. Favorite movie?

My favourite movie is The Mighty Ducks 2.

5. If you could have a superpower which one would it be?

I would have teleportation because it is cool and takes me to different places at once.



Next Level Sports Clinic

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY Program! **REGISTER NOW!** nextlevelsports@live.com.au

Why Choose Us?

NLSC is an active school holiday experience for primary school students. An experienced team of PDHPE teachers and coaches create a program to make it fun and engaging for all our clients. NLSC has been operating in the Parramatta area for over five years providing a healthy option for parents and students over the holidays.

Mr Younis and the Next Level Sports Clinic team will be running their clinic over the first week of the easter break! Join us from the 15th of April through to the 18th for fun with plenty of activities, games, exercises & a free lunch on the Thursday!

Please note the locations of the clinic; **NLSC Easter holiday clinic will be held at; St Patrick's, Primary School Parramatta.**

DATE

Clinic 1

Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April.

Students are welcome to attend the whole Clinic or selected days. **Act now, as spots are limited! For a better understanding of what we do check out our Facebook page with plenty of memories from previous clinics.**

For more information and other enquiries please contact us!

Contact David Younis at: nextlevelsports@live.com.au (Emails returned promptly)

Like us or contact us on Facebook! Search for "Next Level Sports Clinic"

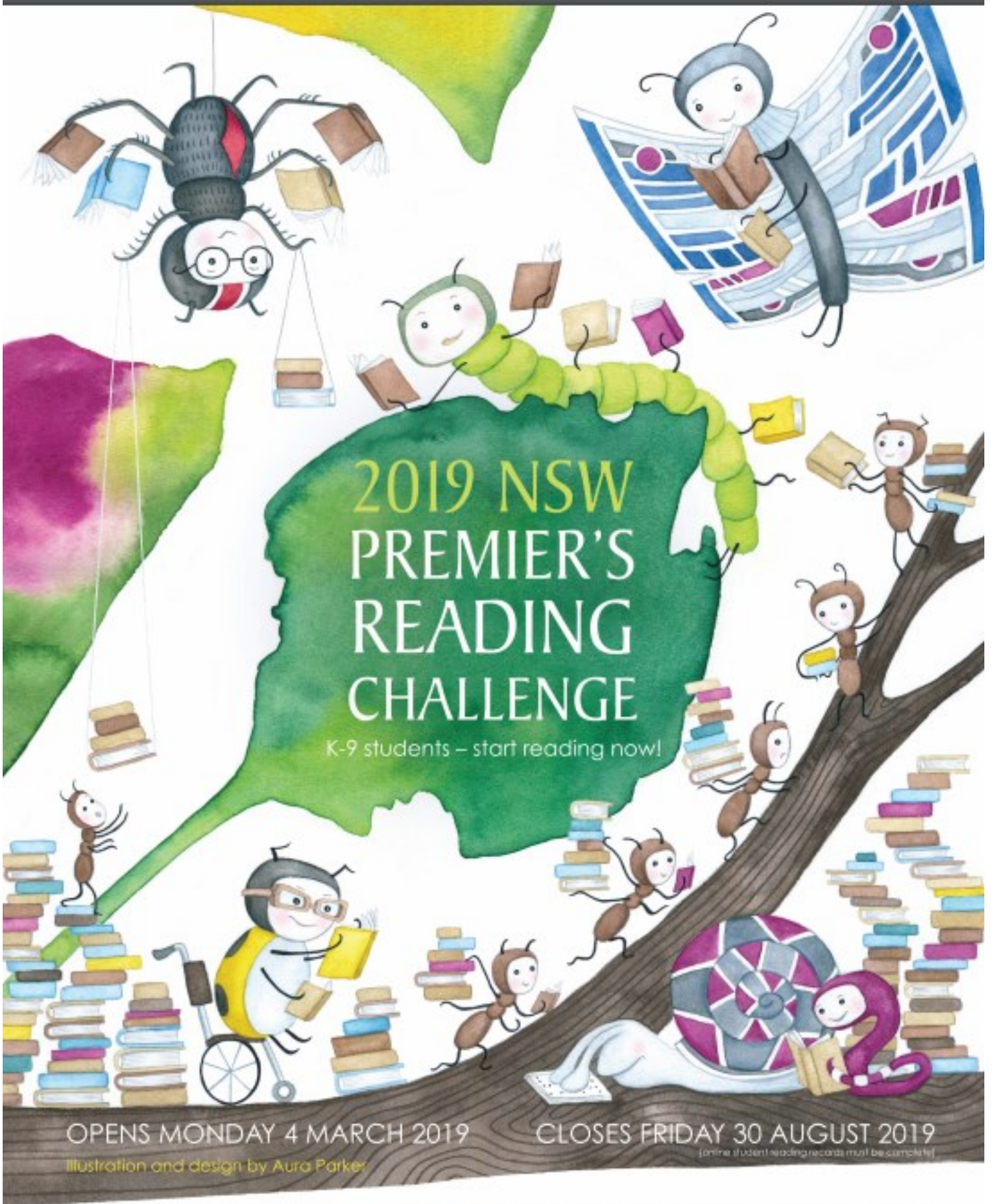
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**ST PATRICK'S
GIFT SHOP**
Murphy House, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

*Wide range of religious gifts and cards to
celebrate any special occasion.
Open 10am to 4pm on opening day
Drop in and have a look*





2019 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

K-9 students – start reading now!

OPENS MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019

CLOSES FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019

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(online student reading records must be complete)

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



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INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE NOTICE

Please sign and return to the classroom teacher

Dear _____

Your child _____ in class _____ has been reported for swearing / inappropriate language / inappropriate manner.

Can you please discuss this matter with him/her.

Regards

_____ Date: _____

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE NOTICE RETURN SLIP

I have read and discussed the Inappropriate Language Notice with my child _____ in class _____.

I would/would not like to arrange a meeting with the teacher who issued the notice.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

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

*sub tuum
praesidium*

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 Christopher Del Rosario Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Meg Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst) Mindy Mercado (Youth Co-ord)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary) Donna Missio (Receptionist)