

# Newsletter

21st March, 2019 Term 1 Week 8

St Patrick's Primary School

Parramatta



sub tuum praesidium

Dear Parents and Carers

At a recent principal's meeting I was given the opportunity to read an extract from Pope Francis' homily on Ash Wednesday at the Basilica of Saint Sabina in Rome. I found it so relevant and inspiring I thought I would share it with you with some of my own reflections after reading it.

*Lent seeks to slow down our life, which is so fast-paced, yet often directionless. It is a summons to stop, to focus on what is essential, to fast from the unnecessary things that distract us. It is a wake-up call for the soul.*

- What do we do to take time to slow down; to focus on what is important; to check in on our direction?
- What gives us direction? What has been our focus lately?
- What unnecessary things have distracted us?

*Lent is a time to rediscover the direction of life.*

*Because in life's journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal. The Lord is that goal of our journey in this world; the direction must lead to him.*

- What do we do in our lives to lead us to God
- What do we do in our lives that takes us away from this goal?

*The small mark of ash, which we will receive, is a subtle yet real reminder that of the many things occupying our thoughts, that we chase after and worry about every day, nothing will remain. Earthly realities fade away like dust in the wind. Possessions are temporary, power passes, success wanes.*

- What worries us?
- Are these worries worth focusing on?
- Are we worrying about possessions, power, success?

*The culture of appearance prevalent today, which persuades us to live for passing things, is a great deception. It is like a blaze: once ended only ash remains.*

- Do we enter into the deception of focussing on passing things?
- How does this affect our relationships?

*Lent is a time to free ourselves from the illusion of chasing after dust and for rediscovering that we are created for God, not for the world; for the eternity of heaven, not for earthly deceit; for the freedom of the children of God, not for slavery to things. We should ask ourselves today: Where do I stand? Do I live for fire or for ash?*

God bless you and your family  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal

## 2019 Dates to Remember Term 1.

### Week 8

Friday 22nd March

**Kindy Assembly—postponed**

**Motiv8—postponed**

### Week 9

Monday 25th March

Triskills

Tuesday 26th March

Triskills

Wednesday 27th March

Primary Cross Country—Runners only (weather permitting)

Thursday 28th March

Year 5 Celebration of Learning  
2pm

Friday 29th March

School Photos—Summer Uniform

### Week 10

Monday 1st April

Triskills

Tuesday 2nd April

Triskills

Thursday 4th April

Year 1 Celebration of Learning  
2.15pm

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

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

## **St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 93.5%**

K = 93.5%	2 = 95.0%	4 = 95.2%	6 = 93.3%
1 = 91.2%	3 = 92.6%	5 = 93.0%	

### **Condolences**

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Barakat Family (Christian 5C) on the passing of his Father.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Jaitani Family (Levi 2Y & Scarlett 1C) on the passing of their Great Grandmother.



**Please keep all families and extended families in your prayers.**

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May they rest in peace.**

**Amen**



### **IMPORTANT BEFORE SCHOOL GUIDELINES**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we have noticed an increasing number of children waiting on the footpath before 8.00am in the morning. These children are unsupervised and their safety cannot be monitored. Some children have been reported to be playing with balls on the street which is highly dangerous. The supervision and safety of children before the supervised time of 8.20am is a parent responsibility. Supervision on the playground commences at 8.20am where teachers are assigned to playground duty. School commences at 8.50am. I understand that many families need to get to work so I highly recommend securing a place with a Before School Care service. (Please find the contact details below)

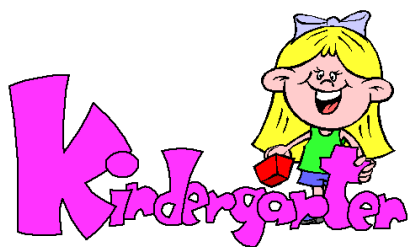
With thanks

Bernadette Fabri

**NORTH PARRAMATTA OOSH**  
**PH NUMBER: 9683 3009**

### **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.



## **ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 KINDERGARTEN**

**Sibling enrolments forms are due back no later than Friday 29th of March 2019.**

When you return the enrolment you will need to bring your child's original Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Passports (parent's and child's if born overseas), Immunization Certificates and proof of address (council rates, drivers licence). We will photo copy these and return them to you at this time.

### **School Photos – Friday 29th March**

Earlier this week a note was sent home regarding school photos for the 29th March , 2019 unfortunately the second page of the note was not included on how to order the photos online. **We encourage you to pay online for both individual photos and sibling photos. The website for ordering photos is [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)** This can be done in the convenience of your home. An email receipt will be mailed to you as confirmation and you can pay for all children or sibling photos in 1 easy payment. **The online code for our school St Patricks Primary, Parramatta is MKW J3F KMB. This needs to be completed at least 48hrs prior to photo day.**



Every child received a separate school photograph envelope earlier this week, which if paying by cash or cheque must be returned to school with the correct payment (no change is able to be given) by **Tuesday 26th March 2019**. Please ensure that you read the instructions on the envelope carefully and complete the envelope in full.

Your child is required to be neatly dressed in **full Summer School Uniform on that date.**

## **WHY IS NAPLAN GOING FROM PAPER TO ONLINE**

For more information on NAPLAN online please follow the link below  
[watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)

### **NAPLAN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

**If you are interesting in NAPLAN online please watch this space for regular FAQ**

#### Will students be completing the same test?

NAPLAN questions have always assessed a wide range of difficulty. What differs from student to student in the online test is targeted questions of either higher or lower complexity, depending on the student's performance. These targeted questions are designed to provide more focused, detailed results that can be used to target teaching.

#### What is automated essay scoring?

Automated essay scoring (AES) can mark thousands of essays consistently, reliably and quickly. The system uses computer algorithms that are designed to mirror human scoring.

#### How long will it take for student reports to be received after the tests?

Delivery of assessments online will significantly reduce the time it takes to provide results and feedback to schools, students and parents.

**NEW DATE FRIDAY 5TH APRIL (weather permitting)**

**Date:** Friday 5th April 2019

**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. There will be a recess break and a lunch break. 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

**Uniform:** Sports uniform and school hat

**Please note: An alert was sent out last week regarding permission for your child to attend the St Patrick's Day Celebrations.** We are trialling a new permission process, where money is not required, to eliminate lost notes and what we hope will be more convenient for parents/carers.

As you would fill out an absentee form on the Skoolbag app, the permission note is a similar process. Please go into eforms and complete the Motiv8 permission slip by Wednesday 13th March.

You are able to list all the siblings on the one form. If you need any assistance please contact Mrs Jones.



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

Noah Reyes-Mangabat,  
Sebastian Vella, Carl  
Cauan, Bailey Grohs, Phillip Boutros,  
Timana Gutierrez Caceres, Emily  
Hamilton, Isla-Rose Eid, Audrey El  
Bayeh, Anton Bayssari, Phillip Ayoub,  
Jeremy Moussa

### Sports News

Last week, on Thursday 14th of March I had the opportunity of going to South Windsor to try out for the Parramatta Diocesan netball team. When I arrived we were allocated into teams and played against each other. It was a lot of fun. I played against a lot of girls with a range of netball skills. Even though I didn't make the Diocesan team, I had a really fun time meeting many new people and playing on the court. I learnt so much from this experience and hope to try out again for other netball teams applying the new skills I gained from this experience.



Written by Scarlett Khoury 6P

# Prayer for Victims of Terrorism

## Opening Prayer

In sadness and grief at the latest terrorist attack so close to home and so closely linked through the perpetrator of this violence, we gather, arms joined as a community, a nation, a people to send our prayers and thoughts to our neighbours in New Zealand. We stand today with all our Muslim sisters and brothers everywhere and send our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who have perished in the two mosques. We pray for healing and grace for all who have been injured in body and spirit and those who keep vigil with them. We pray for the emergency responders and all who are helping to secure, heal, comfort, tend, calm and restore.

## Prayers of Intercession

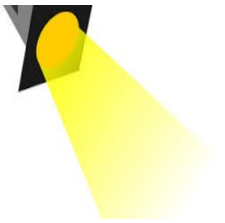
For healing and justice for all those in Christchurch who have been touched by violence, let us pray to the Lord.

For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture, let us pray to the Lord.

For our faith community, that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord.

For the courage to have difficult conversations about racism, and for a better appreciation of how our words and actions – or even our silence – can impact our communities, let us pray to the Lord



## Spotlight on... Kindy SRC

Today we are focusing on our Kindergarten SRC members -

**KM** - Elias Kazzaz & Melinda Malkoun **KA** - Xavier Bayssari & Alyssa Vella

### Elias Kazzaz

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

I would buy yummy cake and paint if i had no paint.

**What sport (s) or music do you play?**

I play racing and i like to dance.

**What is your ideal job?**

I want to be a chef to cook yummy food.

**What is your biggest fear?**

I am scared of nothing.

**What's your favourite place in the world?**

I like the beach because i like swimming in it and making sand castle.

### Melinda Malkoun

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

I would spend it on cake and ice cream.

**What sport (s) or music do you play?**

I just play soccer

**What is your ideal job?**

I want to be a vet because i love animals

**What is your biggest fear?**

I am scared of lizards and spiders

**What's your favourite place in the world?**

I love home because all my stuff is there and my family and i love them.

### Xavier Bayssari

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

If I could travel to a country I would go to Lebanon because I like it and I have never been to Lebanon before.

**If you were an animal what would it be?**

If I was an animal I would be a dog because they are fun to play with and they are always running away.

**Favourite Movie?**

My favourite movie is Cars 3 because it is cool, and I really like cars.

**What is the best thing you've ever done?**

The best thing I have ever done is going to school, because I make new friends at school, and playing at recess and lunch.

**Favourite food?**

My favourite food is noodles and rice, because I like how it tastes and it's really yummy and tasty.

### Alyssa Vella

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

*If I could travel to a country I would go to Lebanon because I have never been to Lebanon, and since I'm Lebanese I would like to know more about my culture.*

**If you were an animal what would it be?**

If I were an animal I would be a butterfly, because I like their wings, they are my favourite animal and I love how butterflies are colourful.

**Favourite Movie?**

My favourite movie is Trolls, because I like Poppy and how she has pink hair and how she is so calm all the time.

**What is the best thing you've ever done?**

The best thing I have ever done is going on holidays, because I don't have to do any work on holidays.

**Favourite food?**

My favourite food is ice cream, because it's yummy, and when it's hot outside I like to have it because its cold.





OPENS MONDAY 4 MARCH 2019

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CLOSES FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019

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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.

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#### 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)