



Newsletter

2nd May, 2019 Term 2 Week 1

2019 Dates to Remember

Term 2

Week 1

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

Thursday 9th May

Year 5 & 6 — 6km Walk for Water

Friday 10th May

Mother's Day Mass 9.15 am
St Patricks Cathedral
Morning Tea to follow in the School Hall

Mother's Day raffle draw after recess

Week 3

Monday 13th May

Stage 1 Science Incursion

Year 6 Excursion—Parramatta Walk

Tuesday 14th May

Naplan Yrs 3 & 5—Writing

Wednesday 15th May

Naplan Yrs 3 & 5—Reading

Thursday 16th May

Naplan Yrs 3 & 5—Language

Friday 17th May

Naplan Yrs 3 & 5—Numeracy

Infants Assembly—Year 2

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2! It was so good to see all the students back at school and ready for another great term of learning. Although our nation commemorated ANZAC Day last Thursday 25th April, which was a week ago it would be remiss of us not to acknowledge what this day stands for.

ANZAC DAY

In 2014 I had the honour of travelling with a group of principals and system leaders on a pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey and Italy, following the footsteps of St Paul the Apostle. One of the highlights of the tour was our visit to Anzac Cove in Turkey.

Many of you have undoubtedly seen recent TV documentaries honouring our ANZAC heroes, at Gallipoli in 1915. You would have learned of the soldiers' courage and hardships and their sense of mateship and love of their king and country. Like all recounts of war the stories are extremely sad, as we remember that these very brave men were often just teenagers or young adults, the same age as some of your children or family members. All were volunteers and many having no previous military experience. What I find so interesting is that true to the makeup of modern Australia, many of our ANZACS came from countries all around the world or had parents who migrated to Australia. In fact it is estimated that 30 percent of Anzac soldiers were born overseas. Some of these countries included: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, China, Lebanon, Philippines, Malaysia, Greece, South Africa, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Italy, Malta, Germany, Switzerland, New Zealand, India, France and Sweden. There are probably other members of our Australian community that have Anzac connections that we do not know about. It is also very worthy of note that 1,300 Indigenous Australians managed to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF), although the Commonwealth Defence Act of 1909 prevented them from entering military service legitimately.

Let us remember some of our multicultural ANZACs as we prepare recall ANZAC Day, 25th April, 2015

- **Sicily/Ireland** Jack Vincent Corigliano c. 1911-13. Jack was eldest son of Sicilian born Father and Irish born mother. By the time he retired Jack had given almost 37 years of his life to naval service. Brother Charles enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy and brothers, Maurice and Peter enlisted in the AIF in 1915.
- **Greece** Greek born Sergeant Nicholas Rodakis enlisted in the AIF in 1916. Nicholas died at the age of 83 in 1961
- **Germany/Holland** Victoria Christensen was the daughter of German born mother and Dutch born father. Victoria enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service in 1915 and served in hospitals in England and Bombay, India. She had 3 brothers that also enlisted.
- **Lebanon** Private Vincent Mahboub was just a baby when his parents brought him and his older sister to Australia in the 1900 from the Ottoman province of Syria. He joined the 4th Battalion in 1918. He was just 18 when he was tragically killed after only a week on the front line.

As described in the text "Ancestry: Stories of multicultural Anzacs" pg3

Australians from all kind of background served together during the Great War. For many, wartime service gave them the equality that was not available to them in Australian Society either before or after the war. They became mates serving alongside each other, wearing the same uniform, and experiencing the same conditions and hardships

God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

Let us reflect on and acknowledge the bravery of all these men and women and all those who have lost their lives in pursuit of peace and safety for others. Let us also pray for the thousands of service men and women and their families currently serving in the Australian Defence Force.

A prayer for the Australian Defence Force

God of love and liberty,
 we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy.
 It was won for us through the courage
 and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.
 We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,
 but that their spirit may live on in us
 and in generations to come.

Eternal God, the only source of peace,
 We pray for all who serve in the defence force of this land.
 Give them courage and comfort in danger,
 Patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of force.
 Help us to seek for all people
 The freedom to serve you and each other in compassion and peace.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



'World Vision Global 6k For Water'

Clean, safe water is essential for life, but for 844 million people around the world it's out of reach. On Thursday 9 May, Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) will be participating in a 6 km walk. '6K for Water' is an opportunity for the students to help people around the world who do not have access to clean water and who have to walk an average of 6 km daily to access it.


Throughout the walk the students will stop and reflect on different crosses people are called to accept and how we, as Christians, are challenged to walk with others during their time of need. This event will launch the Stage 3 students into an inquiry learning cycle designed to lead them to a deeper understanding of sacrifice being part of the call to discipleship and the mystery of knowing, loving and following Christ.

Stage 3 students are asked to make a monetary donation (a gold coin or above) on the day which allows them to wear orange or blue mufti and also helps raise funds and awareness of the charity - World Vision.

As part of the pilgrimage the students will be carrying containers of water to help them empathise with children around the world who live this every day. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you have a container at home that carries a minimum of 2 litres could you please send it to school on Monday. It could be a bucket, large milk or water bottle or any other container with a screw top lid.

We look forward to sharing our reflections on our pilgrimage with you in upcoming newsletters.

Stage 3 teachers



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:
 Alyssa Vella, Gabriel Rahme

Sports days for Term 2

The children will wear their sports uniform on the following days for Term 2.

Wednesday - Year 2, Year 4 & 6P

Thursday - KA, 1S, Year 5 & 6W

Friday - KM, 1C & Year 3

NB: Please note that in Week 2 (8th & 9th May) Year 4 and Year 5 will swap days due to excursions.

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| St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 91.7% | | | |
| K = 93.5% | 2 = 95.0% | 4 = 95.1% | 6 = 91.6% |
| 1 = 92.9% | 3 = 79.5% | 5 = 92.9% | |

CHANGE TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Congratulations is extended to the following teachers on their appointments as Acting Coordinator 1 for the rest of the year. Mrs Williams (Acting Leader of Learning- Literacy Yrs 4-6) and Ms Onorato (Leader of Learning - Diversity) The position of Leader of Learning - Diversity is a position that focuses on how the school can best make adjustments for children with additional needs. The teachers will be released from class one day a fortnight to undertake higher duties. We welcome Ms Mentis who will be teaching 5T and 2Y to the equivalence of once a fortnight for Term 2. Thank you to Mrs Carroll who will now be working with Mrs Benkovich to coordinate our sporting events.

FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Benkovich (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au, or through Skoolbag App. The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy. <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | | | |



MOTHERS DAY STALL

On Tuesday 7th May 2019 the children will be able to purchase gifts with prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$7.00. Please note that while we have endeavoured to have a mix of gifts, numbers are limited; each child will be able to purchase 2 gifts and receive 1 complimentary bag. Should there be gifts left over at the end children will be invited to purchase additional gifts. Please send small denominations of money (to assist with change) and make sure your child's money is in a secure wallet or zip lock bag with their name on it.

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS INVITATION

A special invitation is sent to all mothers and mother figures to join us on 10th May at 9.30am as we celebrate the beautiful gift of mothers. It is a wonderful opportunity for our community to praise and thank our God for these special women whose nurturing, motherly love shows us a glimpse of the great love God has for us all. It is also a beautiful way to acknowledge all the things our mothers do for our school community. We look forward to celebrating with you.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

This week and next week some of our Yr 6 students will be selling raffle tickets for our much anticipated Mother's Day Raffle. This is an exciting event for our students and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 10th May after recess. Thank you to the families already donated prizes and also have some parents sourcing more prizes. We are always willing to accept donations from anyone who is in a position to contribute. Tickets will be sold before and after school for 50c each or 3 for a dollar.

All School Uniform Items available from

Oz Fashions
115-127 Parramatta Road
Granville NSW 2142
Phone: 9897 3121

www.ozfashions.com.au

Girls' Winter Uniform

Tartan Pinafore
White Long Sleeve Blouse (Peter Pan collar)
Tartan School Tie
Green above ankle socks or Green Tights
Black Shoes
Green Woolen Jumper
Green Jacket with Emblem

Girls' Sports Uniform

Track Suit with School Emblem
Sport Shirt with School Emblem
White Above ankle socks
White Sports Shoes

Boy's Winter Uniform

Grey Long Trousers
Grey Long Sleeve Shirt
Green tie
Grey above ankle socks
Black Shoes
Grey Woolen Jumper
Green Jacket with Emblem

Boy's Sports Uniform

Track Suit with School Emblem
Sport Shirt with School Emblem
White Above ankle socks
White Sports Shoes

All children are required to have a Green School Hat with Emblem and Green School Bag with Emblem

Winter Uniform Changeover

The children can continue to wear their summer uniforms. We will be changing to winter uniform at the beginning of **Week 4, 20th May**, however with such unpredictable weather winter uniform can be worn prior to this date. When wearing either winter or summer uniform, it requires students to be in full school uniform eg boys winter long pants, long sleeve shirt and tie.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations is extended to Mrs Tuetué (Formerly Ms Azar) who was married over the holidays. We wish her all the best as she takes some leave for her honeymoon.



Its a Girl!!

Congratulations to the Vella Family (Chloe 2Y & Alyssa KA) on the birth of their baby girl, Ava



St Patrick's Parramatta - Do You Have Talent?

We are searching for talents members of St Patrick's Primary School to be part of a talent quest. Whether you are a singer, dance, acrobat, juggler or have a talent that doesn't fit any of the areas listed we want to see you!

The SRC will be running a talent question at the end of the term to raise money for St Vincent de Paul Society. A note will be sent home early next week explaining how to enter the Talent Quest.

We are very excited to hear and see the amazing talents our students have so get together with your friends or family and start preparing now

Wonderful Opportunity

CHATTERBOX LIVE FOR PARENTS WITH GREG WHITBY
(Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta)

Date: Thursday, 13 June
Venue: St Andrews College Marayong
Time: 7.00pm.

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Question & Answer (Q&A) session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.

Held at St Andrews College in Marayong, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.

Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via our Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before we go live!
Free ticket registration for this event will be available from Monday, May 20th at 9am.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.



Spotlight on... School Captains and Vice Captain

Welcome to our first leader's newsletter article for 2019. Over the next few instalments you will have an opportunity to hear from our school leaders for 2019. Today we are focusing on our School Captains - Daniel Pinto and Crista-Nicole Gahdmar and our Vice Captains - Joetta- Maria Khoury and Elias Nakhle.

Crista-Nicole Gahdmar

Name 5 words describing you.

Five words that would describe me are, quirky, shy, funny, positive, bubbly

If you had a superpower what would it be? Why?

If I had a superpower it would be to be invisible as I am really shy and sometimes I become an introvert in front of other people and worry a lot about what others think of me, so sometimes I like to think no one can see me. This helps me calm down and stop worrying.

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

If I had one million dollars to spend in a day I would spend it on books, as I love reading all sorts of books, then I would donate some books to a charity so children in the world can enjoy reading books just like I do.

Which three people (in the whole world) would you invite to dinner? Why?

If I had to invite three people in the whole world to dinner, I would invite Jungkook and my two grandfathers. I would invite Jungkook because I enjoy listening to bts and he is my bias and has his own solo songs in both korean and english, also in my opinion he sings better than most singers like Shawn Mendes, etc. I would invite my two grandfathers as I have never met them and have heard so many positive things about them and would love to meet them in real life and get to know them.

Who is your biggest inspiration? Why?

Lennon Stella is my biggest inspiration, as her song 'la di da' has helped me with many situations and problems I have had to face in the past.

Daniel Pinto

Name 5 words describing you

Five words describing me would be brave, shy, caring, polite and smart.

What's your favourite line from a book or movie?

My favorite line would be from the book "Gangsta Granny" - 'You aren't that boring after all!'

What's your least favourite dish?

My least favourite dish would be boiled cabbage and eggplant. I don't like the taste and look of it.

What is your ideal job? Why?

My ideal job would be to become a specialist doctor, a physiotherapist maybe, because I love learning about the human body and the parts of it and how amazing it is and the way it works.

Which famous person can you relate to the most?

I can relate to Shane Watson, because I like cricket, I am good at it and am good at captaining and leading a team.

Elias Nakhle

If there was an emergency, apart from being with your family what would be the thing you grab first?

I would grab my dog, Eli, because he is the second most important thing in my life, other than my HUMAN family.

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My biggest inspiration are my parents, because they are the best people in the world, and even though I could write down any celebrity, to me, they are heroes. They do so many things that I underestimate, and they still have time for family.

How do you want to help the world become a better place?

If I could help the world become a better place, I would make a cure for as many diseases as I can, because many people in the world are dying everyday, and lots of diseases run in my family, so I want to stop these tragedies from ever happening.

When you leave this earth how do you want people to remember you by?

When I pass, I want people to remember me as a person who could always be trusted, and a loving person who treated everyone equally and fairly.

What one country would you like to travel to most and why?

The country I want to travel to most is Japan, because it looks like a place where no one is judged by how they look, and there are places there that look amazing and so fun. In Winter it snows and there is a Disneyland in Japan that (from what I've heard), is better than America's.

Joetta- Maria Khoury

Favourite Book?

My favourite book is Good night stories for rebel girls because each page is a different story and it was small so I didn't need to take long to finish it.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is clowns because they smile all the time, and no one smiles that much, their hats are too big and their cars are too small.

Which famous person can you relate to the most?

The person I can relate to the most is Emma watson because she wanted to be an actress at a very young age and she never gave up on that dream and I want to be like her when I grow up.

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be an actress or tennis player because I want to work all over the world and I want to meet new people and have fun experiences whether in a movie or in a competition.

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

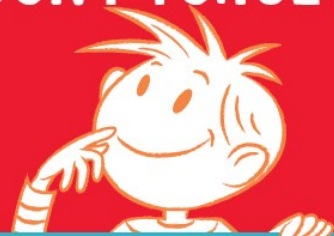
Is my mum and dad because they have helped me all my life overcome my fears and challenges and I always now that when I come home I will have food and a roof over my head because of her.



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

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
17th May



**Earn & Learn
is on again!**

**Let's get
collecting**



*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 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)



Invitation to Chatterbox Live Q&A Event

26 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

CEDP has always valued parent feedback and with the use of new technologies, we now have the opportunity to become more connected with families in real-time. As part of our commitment to promoting student and parent voice in our schools, we have launched a new initiative called *Chatterbox Live*.

We have had success using social media platforms to host Chatterbox Live in a number of primary and secondary schools already. I was impressed with the range of questions students asked me on issues related to schooling in today's world.

I am extending the invitation to our parent community to join us for the first Chatterbox Live event for parents and carers. This will be held on Thursday, 13 June at St Andrews College Marayong from 7.00pm. I'm looking forward to hearing your views and responding to your questions related to Catholic schooling in the Parramatta Diocese.

Registrations to attend the event in person will open on May 20 at 9am. If you would like to attend in person, please register your interest as soon as possible by visiting chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au.

If you're unable to attend in person, you are welcome to tune in live by 'liking' the CEDP Facebook page to be reminded when the event begins. You can do this at www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra/.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regard to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews via lAndrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

I look forward to strengthening our engagement with parents.

Regards

Gregory B Whitby AKM KSG
Executive Director