



Newsletter

4th July, 2019 Term 2 Week 10

2019 Dates to

Remember

Term 2

Week 10

Friday 5th July

Year 6 Celebration of Learning—9.30 am

**LAST DAY OF
TERM 2**

Term 3

Week 1

Monday 22nd July

Children return to school for Term 3

Tuesday 23rd July

Life Education Begins

Week 2

Tuesday 30th July

Stage 2 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Thursday 1st August

Grandparents Mass & Morning Tea

Open Classrooms

Friday 2nd August

Whole School Assembly

SRC Presentations

2.15pm

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that Term 2 holidays are already upon us. We have had such a busy but successful term and hopefully, after the mid year reports the children have a clear direction on what their areas of strength and areas of challenge are, so as to develop some achievable goals for Semester 2. As has been discussed with many a parent, learning attitudes, effort and engagement and the social and emotional aspects of school often affect all other aspects of the learning. Children need to feel safe and happy at school and need to learn how to manage anxiety to effectively navigate their social scene with the minimum of conflict.

Understandably some of the concerns that parents have is how do their children manage the social and emotional aspects of school. These elements are part of the Personal Development section of the curriculum and includes making friends, learning how to work with others and knowing how to be more responsible for yourself. Other aspects include how to manage feelings and get on with others. This kind of learning starts from a very early age; many years before children start school.

Teachers help children manage social and emotional skills on a daily basis. Much of Mrs Benkovich's role in student management is to do with helping children develop these skills. As parents this is a key factor of your parenting within the family context. Based on the discussions I have had with parents some of the topics often relating to their children include, coping with frustrations and worries, getting along with others and solving problems. Interestingly these skills are lifelong skills and are needed by people of any age. Research says that explicitly teaching these skills has a positive impact on wellbeing.

The kinds of social and emotional skills that are important for children to develop have been outlined in the Mental Health Initiative Publication, 'Mind Matters'. These include;

Self Awareness – understanding feelings, self confidence

Social Awareness – respecting and understanding others, and appreciating differences between people

Self Management – managing, making friends and emotions, being able to set goals and stick to them

Responsible decision making – choosing wisely and thoughtfully and

Relationship skills – cooperating communicating, making friends and resolving conflict

Being able to manage feelings, getting on with others and solving problems, really helps children learn better and feel better. Holiday time is a perfect opportunity for your children to participate in 'Play dates' and for them to learn the very important skills above.

Wishing you and the family all the very best for a happy and safe holiday break. I will see you early next term.


God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri
Principal

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS DURING MISS FABRI’S LEAVE

Congratulations is extended to Mrs Standring on her appointment as Acting Assistant Principal and to Mrs Barclay for her appointment as Acting Religious Education Coordinator for the period of Miss Fabri’s leave. These appointments will not alter any teaching roles.





Life Education

Dear Parents,

Next term all students will be participating in the Healthy Harold Program as part of Life Education. This program fulfils part of our curriculum requirements for Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. To ensure that children do not miss their session we are including the date that each class will be attending the Life Education Van at school.

Tuesday 23 July	5C, 2M, 4B	Wednesday 24 July	5T, 3L, 1C
Thursday 25 July	2Y, 3T, 1S	Friday 26 July	6W, KM, 4G
Monday 29 July	Parents, KA, 6P		

The topics to be covered in each grade are as follows:

Kinder
Harold’s Friend Ship
Explore how to build friendships and care for others, feelings and emotions, safe and unsafe situations, safe places and people to turn to for help

Year 1
Ready Steady Go
Discover the benefits of healthy eating, physical activity and how our body reacts in different situations

Year 2
Growing Good Friends
Explore what contributes to positive health and wellbeing - such as physical activity, nutrition, understanding health messages, personal safety, and positive relationships.

Year 3
All Systems Go
Focus on the human body, how unique it is and what is needed to keep it healthy. Maintaining a healthy body and brain is the key to leading an active and productive life.


Year 4
bCyberwise
Help students to be wise when it comes to relationships - both off and online.

Year 5
Relate, respect, connect
Explore building positive, safe and respectful relationships.

Year 6
On the Case
Make informed, safe, and healthy choices if confronted with decisions about smoking or in situations where they are exposed to smoking

A parent session will be offered on Monday 29th July from 9:00am - 9:45am. If you are interested in attending please complete the skoolbag online form. Numbers are limited. This ONLY needs to be completed if you are interested in attending the Parent Session.

We look forward to our visit from Healthy Harold in Term 3



FOR YOUR DIARY: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - 6th September.

The next Staff Development Day will take place on **Friday 6th September**. The staff will be working with Mr Scott Carrol (Teacher Educator in Religious Education) and exploring the new Religious Education Framework by preparing learning cycles for the students in their class. It is a great opportunity for the staff to build on the work we have been participating in throughout this year as part of the curriculum development team.

Grandparent's Mass Invitation

Each grandparent is unique and irreplaceable. As society changes, the role of grandparents changes. But things about grandparents are constant. Join us in celebrating the gift they are in our lives!

Dear Grandparents and Parents,

You are one of the most important members of a family, especially when passing on our faith. On **Thursday 1 August at 9.15am** we are inviting you to celebrate the wonderful gift of Grandparents by sharing the Eucharist at a Mass.

We would love you to attend with your grand/children, and then spend some time visiting their classrooms and sharing some time together.

After the Mass you are also invited to attend a special morning tea in your honour, in the school hall. This will be followed by Open Classrooms.

Kind Regards,
St Patrick's Staff



7 ways to build your child's vocabulary



Talk about objects and events that interest the child

Have many conversations with children

Engage in sustained interactions

Read and discuss books

Use varied words while expanding world knowledge

Talk about past events

Engage in pretend play

Athletics Champions & Runners up

Congratulations to the following children:

Boys

Junior Boy Champion Joint Winners

Liam Jocson & Baxter Gittany

11 Year Champion Joint Winners

Michael Ayoub & Charlie Romanos

Senior Champion

Zachery Khattar

Runner Up

Lorenzo De Guzman

Girls

Junior Girl Champion

Christina Elzahoul

11 Year Champion Joint Winners

Georgia Wright & Feima Koima

Senior Champion

Nyagua Koima

Runner Up

Crista-Nicole Gahdmar

Runner Up

Elisa Daher



NAIDOC Week 7th—14th of July 2019

As NAIDOC week falls in the first week of the School Holidays, the St Patrick's community celebrated NAIDOC week with a beautiful assembly last Monday. The Aboriginal flag was raised on our school flag pole as well as the commissioning of the schools "Welcome to Country" plaque in the school office.

Flying the Aboriginal flag demonstrates our recognition of our First Nation peoples, promoting a sense of community and a commitment toward reconciliation.

The Aboriginal Flag was designed by Harold Thomas, a Luritja man from Central Australia. According to Mr Thomas, the meaning of the flag is represented through 3 main colours and symbols:

The Black rectangle; representing the Aboriginal peoples of Australia

The Yellow circle: representing the Sun, the giver of life and protector

The Red rectangle: the red earth, red ochre and a spiritual relationship to the land

As we look at the Aboriginal flag flying high in our playground, we encourage you to appreciate all our Nation's First people.

May we encourage all families to partake in the NAIDOC Week celebrations in Parramatta. See details below

BURRAMATTA NAIDOC (From Parramatta Council Website)

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. NAIDOC week (7 – 14 July) showcases a national Indigenous program of events that acknowledge the diversity of Aboriginal culture and celebrating reconciliation. This year's NAIDOC theme, "Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future" will be a platform for acknowledgement, conversations and understanding of our history in order for all Australians to move forward together.

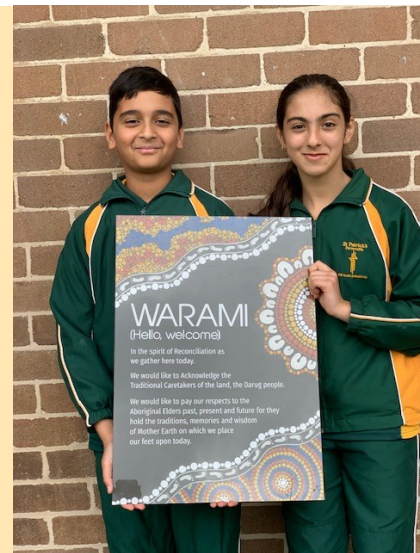
In Parramatta, Burramatta NAIDOC is part of the City's Warami Indigenous program that kicked off with the NRL Indigenous Round on 23 May at Bankwest Stadium followed by National Sorry Day on 26 May, Reconciliation Week from 27 May to 3 June and Parramatta's special Reconciliation Week celebrations at Centenary Square on 31 May with guest performer, Archie Roach. Burramatta NAIDOC held on 14 July, at Parramatta Park is focused on the Darug people, land and places in Parramatta and its surrounding areas.

You are invited to enjoy a range of free activities to celebrate the rich Indigenous culture through workshops, traditional arts and crafts, bush tucker, music and dance, heritage tours and market stalls.

When: SUNDAY July 14, 2019

Where: Parramatta Park - Pavilion Flat Picnic Area

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm



Sacramental News

Next term the Sacraments of Initiation program continues with the preparation of our students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The dates for session times are below. If you are interested in your child preparing for this Sacrament and have yet to register your interest, please contact Margaret Gale through the St Patrick's Parish Office. The Parish Office is open from 9.00am to 4.30 daily.

Confirmation 2019

Confirmation 1	7:30pm Tuesday 23 July	Parents only
Confirmation 2	7:30pm Tuesday 30 July	Parents only
Confirmation 3	4:30pm Saturday 10 August	Parents & children
Confirmation 4	4:30pm Saturday 17 August	Parent & children
Practice for Confirmation	4:00pm Saturday 24 August followed by 6:00pm Mass	Parents & children
Order of Confirmation	7:00pm Friday 30 August	

Many parents are interested in how they can help their young children gain skills in Numeracy.

Welcome to the numeracy@HOME resources website for families.

<https://www.numeracyathome.com/>

Parents might like to watch each of the videos called '11 ways to Maths'

Here you will find activities, tips, and information to support your children's maths learning during everyday activities.

The numeracy@HOME resources acknowledge that families are children's first maths educators.

The numeracy@HOME resources focus on **11 ways to maths** learning during everyday activities, such as when families are preparing meals, playing games, or walking down the street.



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week and over the school holidays: Melinda Malkoun, Marley Burgess, Mary Gilchrist, Eva Jakopovic, Scarlett Eid, Mia Daher, Wren Chua, Ethan Zaiter, Alexander Markovic, Jacinta Azizi, Noah Younan, Zoe Samar, Joshua Day, Chanel Wakim, Biaggio Volante, Brooklyn Munro, Matthew Tocher.

Celebration of Learning Year 6 — Friday 5th July—9.30am

During History Year 6 have been engaging in activities and research around our driving question: 'How can we inform the school community about the journey of minority groups from Federation to today?'. As part of their learning the students have been researching events in Australia's history and using them to inspire their Historical narratives. All Year 6 parents are invited to a special book signing on Friday 5 July at 9.30am, where the students will be sharing their new understanding of this time in history and signing their published book. We look forward to sharing this time with you.



Spotlight

Today we are focusing on our St Patrick's Ms Hagi, Mrs Rodricks, Miss Stephenson and Miss Onorato.

Miss Stephenson:

What's your favourite place in the world?
Paris, because it's so beautiful and magical.

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

Name 5 words describing you?
Kind, compassionate, fun, adventurous and athletic

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?
My mum because she's a fantastic teacher and a great mother.

What is your biggest fear?
Spiders.

Mrs Rodricks:

What is your biggest fear?
If I forget my words on stage when I'm singing.

Name 5 words describing you?
Animated, happy, smiley, always excited, talented

Who is your biggest inspiration?
My music teacher because she inspired me.

How do you want to help the world become a better place?
By throwing rubbish in the bin and cleaning.

What is the best thing you've ever achieved that you thought you never would?
I've always wanted to come to Australia and to be loved.

Ms Hagi:

What's your favourite line from any book or movie?
Harry Potter "you been looking shocking for weeks"

If you could have any superpower what would it be?
To freeze people then put them in the cupboard then defrost them to see if they are ok

What do you do in your spare time?
I would love to have spare time

What hobbies do you have?
Sleeping

If you were an animal what would it be?
A duck

Miss Onorato:

If you had \$1,000,000 to spend in a day, what would you spend it on?
Clothes a nice car and heaps of food (should probably buy a house)

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

What one country would you like to travel to most and why
I would love to go back to Italy and go back to Rome to see all the monuments that were getting refurbished when I went last time!!!

If you could have any superpower what would it be?
I would totally love to read minds!!!

What do you do in your spare time?
1.Eat
2.Sleep
3. Repeat

Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

We welcome all local families to join us each Wednesday morning during school term weeks from 9.30-11.30am.

We encourage parents with non-school aged children to come by and meet other parents and carers with children of similar age.

For weekly updates please go onto our Facebook page: Parramatta St Pats Playgroup

We hope to see some of our school families soon.

Thank you
Diane



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*



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SCIENCE ACADEMY

BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

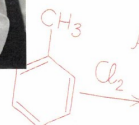
AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Join our exciting science programs for Years K-6 during the school holidays

With more than 50 classes available in July 2019, you're bound to find a class you will love!

Now includes Robocamps (Years 1-4): Legobots, Space Robots and Medieval Mayhem.

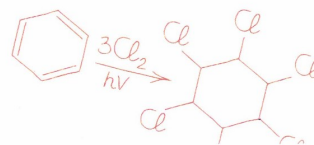
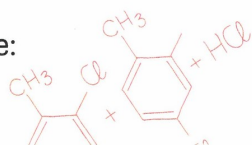
- Class topics include learning about dinosaurs, volcanic eruptions, DNA, how to analyse blood for diseases & why animal poop is so fascinating!
- Our courses are designed to teach scientific concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
- New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.



Creative Kids vouchers (value is \$100) can be claimed for any robotics or coding class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher).

Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50

Want more information? Visit our website:
mq.edu.au/about/holidays



Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.



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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)



EVENTS

JULY

6

**OPENING
NIGHT**

JULY

17

**OPEN CHOIR
REHEARSAL**
7.30 PM - 8.30 PM
MAIN CATHEDRAL

JULY

10

**ORGAN
RECITAL**
8.00 PM - 8.30 PM
MAIN CATHEDRAL

JULY

18

FAMILY NIGHT
7.30 PM - 9.30 PM GAMES
AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
IN THE CLOISTER

JULY

11

FAMILY NIGHT
7.30 PM - 9.30 PM
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS IN THE
CLOISTER

JULY

19

**CATHOLOGY
LIVE**
7.30 PM - 8.30PM
FAITH TALK FEAT.
DR ROBERT TILLEY
AND COFFEE IN THE
CLOISTER

PROJECTIONS RUN FROM
6PM-10PM ON WEEKNIGHTS
AND 7PM - 11PM ON WEEKENDS

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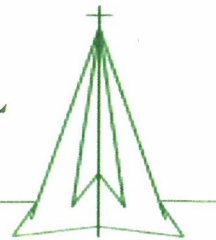
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GUS AND IGGY
7.30 PM PERFORMING
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PAYCE *Light Up St Pat's*

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA



11 June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Sacramental Team at St Patrick's Cathedral invites you to enrol your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation as the final step for completion of the Sacraments of Initiation. This will take place through a Parish Based and Family Centred process. That means that it is you who do the preparation with your child but we help you with this through a process of guided reflection.

To be eligible for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time your child must be 10 years of age by 30th of June 2019 and have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist. While this is the minimum age for children to join in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important to note that there is no maximum age for children who have been baptized as infants to complete their Initiation into our Faith Community. It is important for you to discern if your child is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time.

For further information about registration and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Meg Gale: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Bossini'.

Very Rev Robert Bossini
Cathedral Dean and Parish Priest

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meg Gale'.

Meg Gale
Sacraments of Initiation Coordinator

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Winter School Holiday Activities

Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new uncirculated \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

Sessions for Kindergarten - Year 2
Monday 8th July, 10.00am - 11.30am
Wednesday 10th July, 10.00am - 11.30am
Friday 12th July, 10.00am - 11.30am

Sessions for Year 3 - Year 6
Monday 8th July, 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Wednesday 10th July, 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Friday 12th July, 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Cost: Free
Registrations of interest are now open. To register your child please visit the Museum Website www.museum.rba.gov.au/events

Important Information:
Offers for attendance to School Holiday sessions will be sent 5-10 business days out from the event. As this is a highly subscribed event we cannot guarantee all registrations will be offered a place for this school holiday period.

Email: museum@rba.gov.au
Phone: (02) 9551 9743
Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place Sydney NSW 2000



Changes to HILLS BUS timetables

There will be service adjustments for Hillsbus public routes from **Sunday, 28th July 2019**. Your school travel advice sheet is not affected by these changes.

The changes may still impact how students travel, we advise all students to check their services before travelling. For more details about the coming changes, please visit www.transportnsw.info



Next Level Sports Winter Clinic Dates Confirmed:

- Week 1: Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th July.
- Week 2: Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th July.

Location: ST PATRICK'S PS, PARRAMATTA.

To book or for further enquires:

E: nextlevelsports@live.com.au

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**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA
JULY 6 - JULY 21**

**LIGHT SHOW STARTS : 6PM MON - FRI
& 7PM ON WEEKENDS**

Free event for the whole family.