



Newsletter

9th May, 2019 Term 2 Week 2

Dear Parents

This Sunday is Mother's Day and a time when the family can show gratitude and love to one of the most influential people in our lives, our mothers.

On January 1st, this year Pope Francis shared his homily at the Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Some of his words describing Our Lady, connect for me the wonderful traits mothers show on a daily basis: their continual focus on the well being of their children, their nourishment of the family, their unconditional tenderness and love, their unwavering belief in their children, their continual maternal gaze which instils confidence and trust, their understanding of our individuality, their acts of love; aiding, visiting, helping, encouraging, healing and being present. Pope Francis said,

"Today is also a day to be amazed by the Mother of God. God appears as a little child, held in the arms of a woman who feeds her Creator. The statue before our eyes depicts the Mother and Child so close as to appear as one. That is the mystery we celebrate today, which gives rise to boundless amazement: God has become one with humanity forever. God and man, always together, that is the good news of this new year. God is no distant lord, dwelling in splendid isolation above the heavens, but love incarnate, born like us of a mother, in order to be a brother to each of us, to be close to us: the God of closeness. He rests on the lap of his mother, who is also our mother, and from there he pours out upon humanity a new tenderness. Thus we come to understand more fully God's love, which is both paternal and maternal, like that of a mother who never stops believing in her children and never abandons them. God-with-us, Emmanuel, loves us despite our mistakes, our sins, and the way we treat our world. God believes in mankind, because its first and preeminent member is his own Mother..."

In today's fragmented world, where we risk losing our bearings, a Mother's embrace is essential. How much dispersion and solitude there is all around us! The world is completely connected, yet seems increasingly disjointed. We need to entrust ourselves to our Mother. In the Scriptures, Our Lady embraces any number of concrete situations; she is present wherever she is needed. She visits her cousin Elizabeth; she comes to the aid of the newlyweds in Cana; she encourages the disciples in the Upper Room... Mary is a cure for solitude and dispersion. She is the Mother of consolation: she stands "with" those who are "alone". She knows that words are not enough to console; presence is needed, and she is present as a mother. Let us allow her to embrace our lives. In the Salve Regina, we call her "our life". This may seem exaggerated, for Christ himself is "life" (cf. Jn 14:6), yet Mary is so closely united to him, and so close to us, that we can do no better than to put our hands in hers and to acknowledge her as "our life, our sweetness and our hope."

During the season of Easter the children and staff will be replacing the daily praying of the Angelus with the Regina Coeli. Perhaps you would like to spend some short time praying this beautiful prayer with your family during the month of May.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



2019 Dates to

Remember

Term 2

Week 2

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

Regina Coeli

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who through the
resurrection of your Son

Jesus Christ

gave rejoicing to the world,
grant, we pray, that through
his Mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joy of
everlasting life.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



God our Creator, we pray:

For new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities ;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who are tired, stressed or depressed;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

*For mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work and
family;*

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

*For mothers who are unable to feed their children due to
poverty;*

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

*For mothers whose children have physical, mental or emotional
disabilities;*

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who raise children on their own;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who have lost a child;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers who care for the children of others;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers whose children have left home;

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

For mothers whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.

*For mothers, who for various reasons, have not been able to
fulfil their role as mothers.*

Loving God, bless them and give them strength.





MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS INVITATION

A special invitation is sent to all mothers and mother figures to join us tomorrow 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.

NB: Please be aware that the morning bell will ring 5 mins early to allow students and teachers to prepare for Mass.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

The raffle will be drawn tomorrow, 10th May after the Mother's Day morning tea (approx. 11.30am). Thank you to the many families that donated and sourced prizes. We have over 30 prizes to award to our lucky students.

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	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5
Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3
10.00am	Writing	Reading	Language	Maths

Term 2 Week 4

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

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>

CONGRATULATIONS - TERM ONE 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following boys and girls who were able to attain 100% attendance in Term 1, 2019.

First Name	Last Name	Homeroom	First Name	Last Name	Homeroom
Victoria	Adaymy	KA	Makayla	Kalouch	3L
Xavier	Bayssari	KA	Gabriel	Kalouche	3L
Melissa	Black	KA	Joseph	Maroon	3L
Christopher	Hanna	KA	Alicia	Remaili	3L
Nadia	Maroon	KA	Phillip	Ayoub	3T
Hannah	Nasr	KA	Jacinta	Azizi	3T
Olivia	Rizk	KA	Clare	Camenzuli	3T
Esperanza	Thompson	KA	Christian	Donaldson	3T
Alyssa	Vella	KA	Paul	Khoury	3T
Isaiah	Zaiter	KA	Joshua	Nasr	3T
Marcella	Abboud	KA	Gabriella	Volante	3T
Oliver	Jakopovic	KM	Julia	Vytingco	3T
Tony	Karam	KM	Emma	Barrientos Salazar	4B
Elias	Kazzaz	KM	Isabella	Bousimon	4B
Ava	Khoury	KM	Sophie	Gahdmar	4B
Jessica	Lim	KM	Alexandriya	Izmestyeva	4B
Ian	Mason	KM	Alisha	Katafono	4B
George	Rizk	KM	Justin	Mawad	4B
Serena	Semaan	KM	Noah	Romanos	4B
Zavier	Skaf	KM	Olivia	Saab	4B
Sebastian	Vella	KM	Elie	Wehbe	4B
Anton	Bayssari	1C	Remon	Wehbe	4B
Sofia	Bousimon	1C	Rafaella	Bautista	4G
Vincent	Camenzuli	1C	Tara	DiChio	4G
Isaiah	Maroon	1C	Adam	Jurisic	4G
Anastasia	Naudi	1C	Aireen	Kwa	4G
Jasmine	Rizk	1C	Amyllia	Maneze	4G
Patrick	Saab	1C	Nathan	Romanos	4G
Grace	Talbot	1C	Amariah	Tamaro	4G
Elaine	Xue	1C	Jacob	Wehbe	4G
Jayden	Blazek	1S	Ethan	Xue	4G
Joshua	Day	1S	Carl	Cauan	5C
Mia	Golossian	1S	Brian	Chen	5C
Mariah	Jreij	1S	James	Fraser	5C
Patrick	Katar	1S	Christine	Kahwaji	5C
Catherine	Kwa	1S	Catherine	Said	5C
Logan	Munro	1S	Jake	Buxton	5T
Ethan	Sivashanmugam	1S	Finn	Giron	5T
Owen	Abraham	2M	Sienna	Golossian	5T
Benjamin	Aitkins	2M	Joseph	Sassen	5T
Ray	Chen	2M	Ryan	Day	6P
Taran	Dinesh Kumar	2M	Crista-Nicole	Gahdmar	6P
Eva	Jakopovic	2M	Zachary	Haddad	6P
Nicholas	Reyes-Mangabat	2M	Christiana	Kalouche	6P
Antonia	Romanos	2M	Gabriella	Mendoza	6P
Angelina	Bounassif	2Y	Brooklyn	Munro	6P
Michel	Kazzaz	2Y	Mark	Abraham	6W
Sara	Lorenzo	2Y	George	Draybi	6W
Elijah	Skaf	2Y	Diana	Granados Gavito	6W
Chloe	Vella	2Y	Kiara	Haddad	6W
Luke	Wehbe	2Y	Brandon	Roque	6W
			Jacob	Tamaro	6W
			Julian	Tanna	6W

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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

Can I encourage all parents to consider attending

Ms Fabri

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.



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

Christiana Kalouche,
Nadia Maroon, Panayioti Yannakis,
Louis Wehbe, Brandon Roque,
Owen Abraham

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.

For your Attention

Prayers for Peace

Included in this newsletter are two letters regarding the recent tragedies in Christchurch and Sri Lanka. Let us continue to pray for victims of religious persecution and of peace in our world regardless of one's race, ethnicity or religion.

Election 2019

Next week the school will be sharing with you some important information regarding funding for Catholic Schools. They will come through the skoolbag app.

Monday—The facts on School Funding in Australia

Wednesday—Frequently asked questions

Friday—2019 Federal Election Party Responses

Kind Regards

Ms Fabri

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey (27 May-14 June)

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey during the survey period. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Patrick's Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below from 27 May.

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm>



We are collection Earn & Learn stickers again this year!!

Ask your family and friends and drop them into the box in the office.

Our target this year is 40,000 stickers.

Spotlight on... Year 4 SRC's

Today we are focusing on our Year 4 SRC's -

Ysabel Daelo & Max Barakat

Maria Khoury & Emmanuel Missak

Ysabel Daelo

What is your favourite movie or TV show? Why?

I like Harry Potter because of all the cool characters.

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

I'd spend it all on food because I'm always hungry.

What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subject is math.

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

I want to travel to America to see some of my family.

If you were an animal, what would it be?

I would be a dog.

Max Barakat

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

I'd spend it on a nice yellow Lamborghini.

Favourite celebrity/sport icon?

Mine is Lionel Messi.

Name 5 words describing you

I would describe myself as cool, sporty, fast, amazing, TV watcher.

What is your least favourite dish?

I don't like pumpkin soup

If you had any one superpower what would it be?

I'd like to have Laser eyes to shoot out lasers.

Emmanuel Missak

Favourite movie?

My favourite movie is the "Avengers : Endgame"

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is creepy spiders.

Which famous person can you relate to the most?

The celebrity I can relate to most is Lionel Messi

What is your least favourite dish?

My least favourite dish is pumpkin soup because I don't like pumpkin.

What are you most excited for Term 2?

I made it into academy for soccer and I get to train with more students and get better at my soccer skills.

Maria Khoury

If you had a super power what would it be?

Running super fast like Flash.

What hobbies do you have?

I have a lot of different sporty hobbies such as soccer, netball and gymnastics.

What is your biggest fear?

At night I get scared of the dark.

What is your favourite book?

Enid Blyton - The Magic Far Away Tree.

What country would you like to travel to and why?

I would like to travel to Lebanon because some of my family come from there and I would like to see what it looks like.

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 90.0%

K = 91.9%

2 = 93.3.0%

4 = 93.6%

6 = 90.0%

1 = 89.4%

3 = 79.2%

5 = 91.2%



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

Statement on behalf of senior leaders from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Statement on behalf of leaders from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

On 17 March, Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv made a strong [statement](#) about the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand. We share Bishop Vincent's horror, grief and distress at this senseless violence and loss of life.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta condemns Islamophobic, racist and extremist violence in all its forms. Together, we take up the invitation of Pope Francis and the Grand Imam, Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, to "all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity, to unite and work together so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters." ([Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together](#), Abu Dhabi, 4 February 2019).

As leaders in our school communities and the Catholic Education Office, we reject the language of racism and intolerance, and proudly commit ourselves to work together for mutual respect and human solidarity.

This statement, issued on 12 April 2019, is made on behalf of the leadership of 80 Catholic systemic schools as well as system leaders from the Diocese of Parramatta.



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3 May 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent bombings and deaths in Sri Lanka have shocked many of us and those to whom we pastorally minister.

Whilst not all who died were Catholic, the majority were Catholic, and in keeping with Catholic tradition particularly in South Asia, the Diocese of Parramatta will celebrate a Month's Mind Requiem Mass to pray for all who were killed in Sri Lanka.

A Month's Mind Requiem Mass is typically celebrated one month after a person's death and is held in memory of the deceased.

I will be celebrating this Mass at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on Sunday 19 May at 10am.

I ask too that you make this Mass known to your communities and invite them to this celebration.

During these sad times when people continue to sin against God's gift of life in such a violent way, let us continue to pray for and support each other.

Every blessing in this Holy Season of Easter.

Very Rev Christopher de Souza
Vicar General
Episcopal Vicar for Education & Formation



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

Invitation to Chatterbox Live Q&A Event

27 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 AM KSG
Executive Director

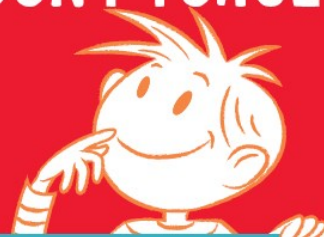


Murphy House, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

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*

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

orders are due:

17th May

Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

We welcome all local families to join us each Wednesday morning during school term week's 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

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



*sub tuum
praesidium*

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

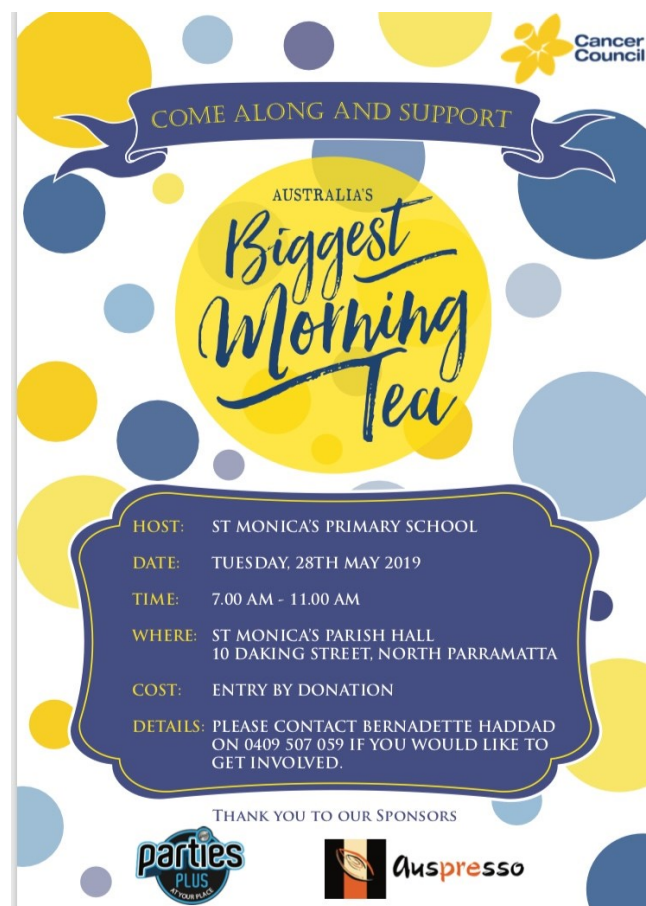
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini

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)



Throughout the year parents are asked to volunteer for excursions, special events, reading and many other school activities. To enable you to participate as a volunteer you are required to complete the online training following the link. Once the paperwork has been received by St Patrick's we add you to a database that is accessed by the teachers/admin staff to request helpers.

Building Child Safe Communities – New procedures reminder for volunteers

Volunteers make a significant contribution to students and our community. As part of our new 'Building Child Safe Communities' initiatives, we request the following from volunteers:

Step 1: Complete the 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form for each volunteer location

[VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

Step 2: Complete the online training module – required every second year.

[TRAINING MODULE](#)

These can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then scrolling down to 'Volunteers and Contractors – click here'.

Please contact your school if you require any assistance. We thank all volunteers for their continued support.