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2019 Dates to

<u>Remember</u>

<u>Term 2</u>

Week 4

Friday 24th May

Primary Assembly— Year 4

Week 5

Friday 31st May

Infants Assembly— Kindy

Week 6

Friday 7th June

Primary Assembly— Year 5

Week 7

Monday 10th June

Public Holiday — NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 12th June

Athletics Carnival

Friday 14th June

Year 3 excursion— Taronga Zoo

Week 8

Wednesday 19th June

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

Week 9

Parent Teacher Interviews commence

Monday 24th June

Reports to Parents

Wednesday 26th June

Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day

Newsletter

23rd May, 2019 Term 2 Week 4

Dear Parents,

Over the coming weeks teachers and children are preparing to share the mid year reports, interviews or student led conferences and for some children their personal plans.

In the scheme of the child's learning journey over their lifetime, these interviews are simply a snapshot of what the learner has chosen to disclose over the semester. For some children showing teachers what they know and what they know how to do is difficult for them; they lack confidence in themselves and in their ability to learn. Over the period of the year it is hoped that the relationship between the student and the teacher engenders them with the confidence to enjoy their learning and to relax making mistakes and taking learning risks. This stretches learners and pushes them out of their comfort zone. Teachers are really good at breaking down these barriers and that is why many people can recall the name or names of teachers who made a difference in their lives.

Teachers are not the only ones that can make a difference in this area. Parents have a critical role in developing an effective learning mindset from the very early years. When I sometimes hear parents be harshly critical of their child's learning, I often wonder what has happened to those endlessly encouraging words we often hear parents articulate, when children first learn to speak and walk. I don't ever see parents ask their little ones to repeat their first steps over and over again because these tentative movements were not done perfectly or to repeat the words mother or father instead of 'dadad' or 'mummum' when they first learned to speak. The unconditional knowing and confidence that they will walk or speak competently one day, is very positive and important to children. This does not mean that everything is always rosy and that honest feedback should not be given. On the contrary, this is to be encouraged, however during this time of term children need to feel reassured that we the school and the family know that they have the capacity to learn well and to continue to grow and excel rapidly.

Working with parents in the education of the children is indeed an honour. Each learner has their own individual learning journey and whilst all children engage with the key learning areas programmed, they learn at their own rate and styles. Together we can work to focus on giving students the best educational experiences possible; encouraging effort, acknowledging success and growth however large or small, promoting discipline, supporting creativity, modelling respect, developing resilience and instilling compassion. These are very ambitious goals, but so worth every effort.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support of our school and look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership for your children.

God bless you and your family Bernadette Fabri Principal



The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter

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	3L	Phillip Boutros	Elio Layoun
	ЗТ	Christian Jreij	Joel Lahoud
	4B	Meagan Erive	Isabella Bousimon
	4G	Max Barakat	Clio Encarnacao
•	5C	Anthony Nakhoul	Carl Cauan
	5T	Isabella Chivers	James Loader
	6P	Elias Nakhle	Jacob Sayegh
	6W	Christian Sarkis	Jeremy Saliba

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st patríck's award

The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

	3L	Chloe Geagea	Joseph Maroon
	3T	Gabrielle Vella	Abbey Matta
	4B	Christopher Mekdessi	Weyata Lamin
	4G	Adam Jurisic	Amariah Tamaro
	5C	Catherine Said	James Fraser
	5T	Olivia Gebrael	Liam Jocson
	6P	Evelyn Gereige	John Paul Wehbe
	6W	Kiara Haddad	Mary-Jo El-Sabbagh

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 90.3%			
K = 93.5%	2 = 90.0%	4 = 93.5%	6 = 90.0%
1 = 89.5%	3 = 81.1%	5 = 92.9%	



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week: Christopher Mekdessi, Alex Layoun, Julia Vytingco, George Rizk, Nina Kancijanic, Sara Jabbour

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS NOW Chatterbox Live event with Greg Whitby

Free tickets are now available to reserve your seats for the upcoming Chatterbox Live event with Greg Whitby. This is a terrific opportunity for you to ask our Executive Director questions which you may have been waiting to ask or to listen to the questions of other parents. Please follow the link below

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/chatterbox-live-qa-with-greg-whitby-tickets-59149834748

Regards Bernadette Fabri

CHATTERBOX LIVE FOR PARENTS WITH GREG WHITBY

(Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta)

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

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.

St Patrick's Parramatta - Do You Have Talent?

We are searching for talented members of St Patrick's Primary School to be part of a talent quest.

Whether you are a singer, dancer, 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 'Winter Appeal'. A note is available from the office, where a group is performing only one note per group is required. The children can enter as a group or individually, each entry requires \$1.00 donation per child.

Protocols for choosing and rehearsing: Group:

- Use the gifts of all members of the group some may be gifted with organisation, design, composing while others may be gifted with the ability to perform.
- Include all members of your group.
- Once your group has been decided you cannot change who is in it.
- No more than six people per group.
- There can be a leader but a leader does not boss people around. They encourage them to use their gifts.
- The act must be safe and appropriate for school.

Solo:

- Use your gift to entertain the audience.
- The act must be safe and appropriate for school.

Protocols for entering:

- You can enter a maximum of two times.
- Entry fee is \$1 per person. If entering as a group it is \$1.00 entry per group member.
- Entry fee will be charged for every event you are in.
- Each item cannot exceed 3-4 minutes duration.

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.

On behalf of the SRC committee

2019 COMPLIANCE SPOT CHECK

Yesterday a panel from the Catholic Education Office came to the school to undertake a Compliance Spot Check. Compliance Audit Spot Checks are conducted as part of the risk management processes by the School Compliance and Improvement Team to complement the Compliance Audits program in schools.

The process involves the selection of a random number of Primary and Secondary schools every year. One curriculum and one non-curriculum area is chosen for each school.

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



Catholic Rugby League Trials-Canberra

Hi my name is Zac Khattar and I am in Year 6. On the 10th of May 2019 I went to Canberra to play in the Opens Parramatta Rugby League Team for the Combined Catholic School Competition after being selected to represent the Parramatta

Diocese through a trial process. I was overjoyed and honoured to represent my school, my football club, the Parramatta Diocese as well as myself.

It was a tough competition as all of the players were selected because of their great skills. It was an extremely wet and cold day, which made the ground and the ball very slippery. We played four games and won three of them. With each game we played the air seemed to get colder and colder until I couldn't feel below my neck.

It was an awesome experience for me to test my skills and also learn new skills and techniques. I had the opportunity to make connections and meet some really enthusiastic and friendly people. This experience has made me more determined to follow my dream of becoming a first grade football player and I will keep on persevering to succeed and hopefully achieve my goals.



Condolences

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Kougellis (Thomas 6W, Oliver 5C & Renee 5T) family on the passing of their Grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The school was recently contacted by a concerned parent worried about the lack of attention some children are demonstrating when being dropped off in the morning. She observed that children were not looking where they were going and even the older high school children seemed to be distracted by the earphones they were wearing. This may be a timely reminder to speak to your little ones about the importance of the 'Stop Look and Listen' message.

Thank you to this interested parent!

Catholic Hockey Trials-Canberra

Hello my name is Finn Giron and I'm in 5T. I went to Canberra to on Friday 10th of May to represent the Parramatta Diocesan Boys team in field hockey.



It was a great experience trying to make the Mackillop team. I played four games against boys from Sydney, Goulburn, Wagga Wagga and some were even from Albury right near the NSW/Victoria border! Unfortunately I did not make it into the Mackillop team, but I'm hoping to be able to try again next year.



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

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. <u>http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/home</u>



Spotlight

Mrs. Benkovich

If you had \$1,000,000 to spend in a day, what would you spend it on? I would probably help my children pay off their mortgages

Who is your biggest inspiration? My parents were my biggest inspiration.

If you were a animal would it be?

I would be a cheetah because I would like to be able to run like the wind.

What is your biggest fear?

Walking into a cobweb especially if there's a spider still in it.

Name 5 words describing you?

Emotional, passionate, organised, responsible, nurturing.

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

I would grab my family photo.

Evelyn Gereige—WARATAH HOUSE CAPTAIN

What is your favourite book?

My favourite book is Matilda because it's very funny.

What is your biggest fear? My biggest fear are big bugs and heights.

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

I would invite one of my friends, my favourite singer and my favourite actor.

What one country would you like to travel to most and why? I want to go to Paris, France.

Your least favourite dish? My least favourite dish is avocado on toast.

Mrs. Fardell

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

I would pay off my mortgage, I would help any family or friends that needed financial help, I would donate to the Cancer Council and Diabetes Australia, then go to Europe on a holiday.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

I would have the ability to heal people so that I could take away the suffering and pain of sick people.

What is your biggest fear?

Heights and needles. I would love to climb The Sydney Harbour Bridge but am too scared. Hopefully one day I can overcome this.

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My mum because she's very strong and independent and has a lot of love for her family. She is happy with the simple pleasures in life and is very giving to others.

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

I would love to travel to Malta and Italy so I can not only experience my family heritage and culture but also eat all of the delicious bread, pasta, gelato, wine and view the marvellous landscape and historical sites.

Lorenzo De Guzman

What do you do in your spare time?

I watch Basketball and youtube or I practice basketball at home.

Name five words describing you Funny, sporty, annoying, humorous, friendly

What is your ideal job?

I would be a professional basketball player because it is my passion to be one.

If you were an animal what would it be?

If I were an animal I would be a dog because I can be disciplined for my caretakers and friends and defend them, but also be fun to play with.

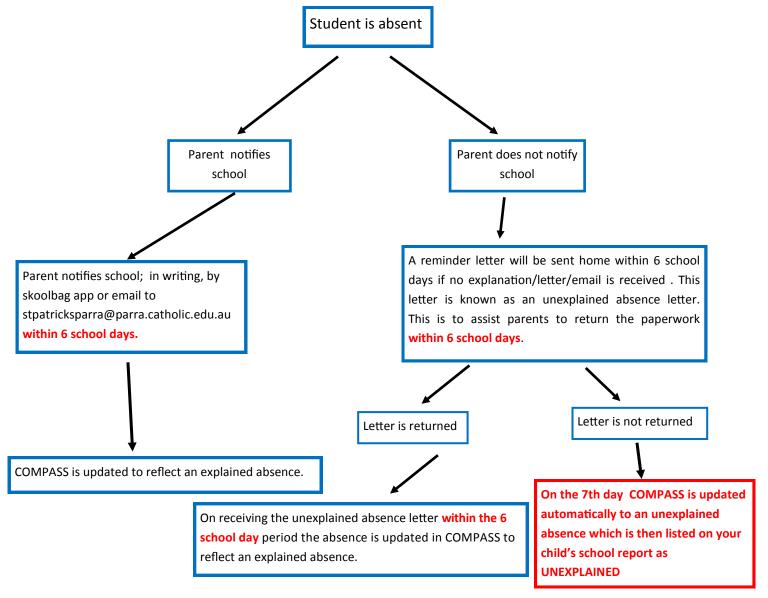
What's your favourite place in the world?

My favourite place in the world would be the Philippines because it is my family's home country, and they have the best food. Everyone is friendly and I can play basketball at anytime because it is the country's national sport.

Absences

Dear Parents,

In your child's school bag today there may be an unexplained absence letter. From time to time these letters are sent home as there has been no explanation for your child's absence. Sometimes an absence that has been sent through our Skoolbag app may not come through to the office for various reasons and this letter is just a double check to say the absence is still outstanding. It is very important that the unexplained absence letters are returned promptly. As the school reports are issued at the end of this term it is worth noting that all absences appear on your child's report. Below is flowchart of the process we follow as per CEDP guidelines.



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



Welcomeasy (.we.) are a family owned and operated business specialising in healthy (nut free) children's meals. .we. are passionate about a healthy lifestyle for children and are committed to working together with you to benefit your school community. .we. love what we do and do it with the utmost honesty and integrity whilst adhering to our four-core philosophies: Healthy, Convenient, Affordable and Giving back. .we. acknowledge the important role that nutritious food plays in the growth and

development of children and are therefore committed to providing students with a variety of fun & healthy menu options every day. The ingredients are carefully selected for high sources of nutrients whilst limiting

saturated fat, sugar and salt intake.

HOW TO ORDER YOUR LUNCH

Order through our website till 10:59PM for delivery on next school day -#welcomeasvlife © Single meal order is available or SAVE up to 30% on your meals by subscribing to a 3-day or 5-day meal, drink and snack plan.

> Note: (R) denotes Regular meals and (L) are for Large.

Seasonal Special R: \$5.00 (L: +\$2)

Welcomeasy

To clarify Welcomeasy will now have 1 delivery time-12.50pm for the hot food orders. Please be mindful to pack the children fruit break and recess. Any child that has order a snack will need to wait until lunch time to eat this.

children The that have ordered this week give the hot food two thumbs up and say it is DELICIOUS!!!

To order go to

www.welcomeasy.com.au

Sandwiches & Salad Meal Pack

Sandwiches (GF) \$4.00 (+\$1.50)
Wraps (GF) \$6.00 (+\$1.50)
Garden Salad (GF) \$5.50
Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

Basic Sandwiches (Smooth Wholemeal or GE) Vegemite, Ham, Cheese or Jam

Wraps

- (White, Wholegrain or GF)
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo
- Tuna Mayo & Salad
- Cheese & Salad

Kids Garden Salad (GF)

(Lettuce, carrot, tomato and corn) Add: Pasta or Cheese (+\$1.00) Add: Chicken or Tuna (+\$1.50)

Weekly Specials R: \$7.00 (L: +\$2)

Includes fresh seasonal fruits!





hordes dig in! Chickee Bites (GF) Fried fresh chicken marinated in our secret soy and honey sauce with crunchy coating, served with rice. Add Sauce: Tomato (GF), BBQ or Mayo (GF) (+\$0.50)



Includes fresh seasonal fruits! **Pork Sausage Roll Bites** The classic freshly made from scratch with Irish pork and pastry in easy to eat



Lunch Meal Box R: \$7.00 (L: +\$2)

Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

Baked Penne Bolognese

Penne Bolognese with vegetable mix. Topped with cheese baked till golden brown – YUM! (GF Available)

Chicken Fried Rice



A delicious Asian-inspired dish packed with flavour. Delicious sweet soy marinated chicken fried rice with vegetable mix. (GF Available)

Meatball Bolognese

Delicious meatball pasta loved by all: juicy meatballs in a rich Bolognese sauce served over penne for easy eating. (GF Available)

Mini Sushi Roll Pack Healthily balanced sushi pack with

teriyaki chicken, tuna mayo, avocado and cucumber rolls (2 of each kind). Perfect finger-sized meal. (GF Available)

Mild Butter Chicken (GF) 'Best butter chicken ever!' Dairy free,



Gluten free, grain and starch free.. Served on a bed of rice - Hungry yet?

Snack Bag \$4.00		
Includes in-house fruit jelly cup!		
Crunchy Vege Mix (GF) Welcomeasy Mixed Berry Yoghurt Cup (GF) Baked Mini Pretzels *NEW* Roasted Fav-va Beans Snack (GF) Crunchy Rice Bites Fresh Muffins (Blueberry OR Cocoa Choc)		
Drinks (Served chilled)		
Pure Spring Mini Bottled Water \$1.90 Milk Full Cream, Chocolate, Strawberry \$1.90		
Soy Drink		
Original, Chocolate\$2.50		
Organic 100% Juice Apple, Orange, Apple & B'currant, Tropical \$2.50		
Watermelon Water \$2.50		



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Healthy communities through meals

Coconut Water \$2.50

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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

All children should now be dressed in FULL winter uniform

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. The training module needs to be completed every 2 years.

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 <u>http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au</u> 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.





Open 10am to 4pm on opening day Drop in and have a look

My First Communion







St Patrick's Gift Shop (located in Murphy House)

Children are now preparing for their First Holy Communion. Get in early to buy your card and gift. Many beautiful items to choose from

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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

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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.

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Fami

Oam, 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)

Opportunity for all



Presented by OLMC Parramatta

Tuesday 4 June, Wednesday 5 June and Thursday 6 June

6.30pm Edith Angel Hall, OLMC Parramatta

Come early and make a night of it with Food Trucks and Snack Stalls available from 5pm

Tickets: \$20 Ground Floor | \$25 Mezzanine Tickets can be purchased at www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Celebrating 130 Years of Mercy Education

OLMC WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP FORUM Wednesday 29 May 2019

You are invited to join us in our 130th anniversary year for our third annual Women in Leadership Forum. This is an opportunity to be inspired by four renowned women from a variety of fields, as they share their perspectives on women in leadership and discuss how each of us can boldly expand beyond what we know we can be.

Wednesday 29 May 2019

Light refreshments from 5pm. Panel Presentation and Q&A session from 5.30pm Venue: Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta Susan Giacomelli - susan.giacomelli@olmc.nsw.edu.au by Wednesday 22 May, 2019



Date:

Time:

RSVP:





Celebrating 130 years: Honouring the past. Serving the future.