



# Newsletter

13th June, 2019 Term 2 Week 7

## 2019 Dates to

### Remember

## Term 2

### Week 7

#### **Friday 14th June**

Year 3 excursion—  
Taronga Zoo

### Week 8

#### **Wednesday 19th June**

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala  
Day

#### **Thursday 20th June**

Year 3 Celebration of  
Learning—2.15PM

### Week 9

Parent Teacher  
Interviews commence

#### **Monday 24th June**

Reports to Parents

#### **Wednesday 26th June**

Stage 2 Boys & Girls  
Soccer Gala Day

### Week 10

Parent Teacher  
Interviews continue

#### **Tuesday 2nd July**

Walkathon—more  
details to come

#### **Thursday 4th July**

Year 2 Celebration of  
Learning—2.15 pm

#### **Friday 5th July**

Year 6 Celebration of  
Learning—9.30 am

**LAST DAY OF  
TERM 2**

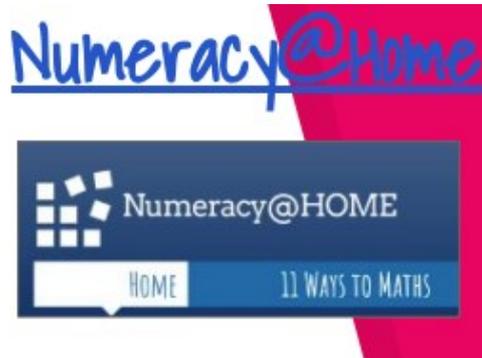
*Dear Parents and Carers*

*Over the long weekend I had an opportunity to read some of the children's Mid Year Reports. It was so good getting to know the children through their teacher's eyes and I was able to understand a little more about what the children are choosing to disclose to their teachers about their learning journey.*

*What I found particularly interesting is the growth in the number of children who have been congratulated on their ownership of the learning by the positive manner to which they are accepting or considering the feedback given to them. I also noticed that for some children they are showing a particular strength in an area of interest such as Creative Arts, Science and Technology or History. I always find it fascinating that children show us their gifts from such a young age.*

*Teachers are often challenged to keep what they wish to report on the children within the character/word count available. For this reason they sometimes use one subject specific word instead of the full explanation. To assist in clarifying some of these words I have recorded some definitions in this newsletter. This week the focus is Maths. Hope you find this interesting.*

God bless you and your families  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal



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

**Welcome to the numeracy@HOME resources website for families.**

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.

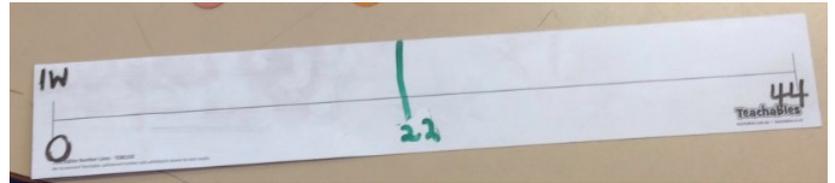
The numeracy@HOME resources focus on **11 ways to maths** learning during everyday activities, such as when families are preparing meals, playing games, or walking down the street.

# Maths Terminology

**Array:** An array is an ordered collection of objects or numbers. Rectangular arrays are commonly used in primary mathematics.

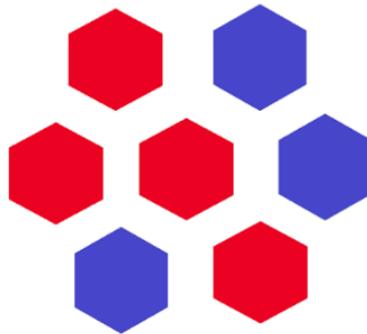


This array shows six rows of 6.

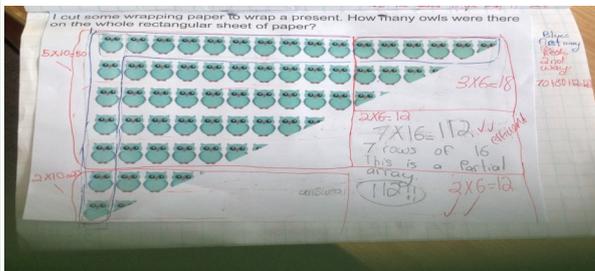


**Number Line:** A number line gives a pictorial representation of real numbers.

**Subitising:** This is where students recognise the number of objects in a collection without consciously counting

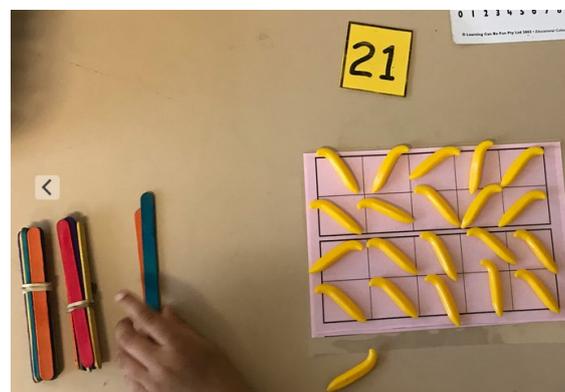


"I see seven because 4 and 3 makes 7"



**Partial Array:** This where some of the array is visible but the total collection of objects has to be deduced.

**Multiplicative:** Multiplicative situations are problems that involve multiplication or division. This can include using terms such as 'times as many' and 'each'. It can also include modelling arrays and working with ratios.



There are 21 bananas. There are 21 popsticks and 1 more popstick makes 22

**One to One correspondence:** This refers to the matching one and only one number word to each element of a collection

## TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

This is a friendly reminder that school fees for Term 2 2019 are now due for payment. If you have paid, thank you.

## Kindergarten 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
The Offer of Enrolment to Kindergarten 2020 letters have been sent home today 13/6/19 with the eldest child. I ask that you please make note, the return of acceptance with the \$100 Enrolment Deposit is due by Monday 24th June 2019.

## EMERGENCY DRILL: LOCKDOWN

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today the school had an emergency Lockdown Drill. There are many reasons why a school chooses to go into a Lockdown and this would happen if it is deemed that the children and staff are safer inside. The school is obliged under Work Health and Safety to regularly undertake emergency critical incident drills. After each drill the staff evaluate any changes that need to be made to refine the process. This is the purpose of the drill. Children in the younger grades are given a social story to read and take home to enable them to talk about the experience. They are taught what to do in a safe way.

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

Thank you to the parents who have already provided feedback on their experience of our school using the 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. This period concludes on Friday 14 June. 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 can access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below.

<https://tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/3t6xd>

**Please consider taking some time to complete the survey. This is an opportunity for you to have your say and help us to continue to improve the student learning and general wellbeing of all here at St Patrick's.**

Elly Benkovich  
TTFM Survey Co-ordinator

## Celebration of Learning

### Year 3 — Thursday 20th June—2.15pm

This term Year 3 have been researching 'animals of the world that are near extinction'. As part of this unit students have researched about their chosen animal and created a habitat. Students would love any available parents and carers to visit the Year 3 exhibitions and see what we have been working on over the past several weeks.

### Year 2— Thursday 4th July—2.15pm

Welcome to the Year Two Celebration of Learning. Year Two will be presenting their persuasive and informative advertisements on water preservation. Students would love any available parents and carers to visit the Year 2 exhibitions and see what we have been working on over the past several weeks.

### 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.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week:** Liam Jocson, Joshua Jaitani, Raymond Wehbe, Clare Camenzuli, Aiden Ebrahim, Jacob Wehbe, Thomas Aguilera, Remon Wehbe, Benjamin Chu, Carmela Poblete, Anthony Sassen, Jacob Tamaro, Grace Talbot, James Loader

## **BOOK YOUR FREE TICKETS NOW**

Free tickets can be secured by visiting [chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au) and RSVP is essential for parents attending on the night.

**Wonderful Opportunity** **Tickets are going fast**

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

**Date:** Tonight, 13 June

**Venue:** St Andrews College Marayong

**Time:** 7.00pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEdParra/videos/2532329310113943/>

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 [andrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:andrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au) or on 9840 5790.

## **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Congratulations is extended to all the children and staff on a wonderful Athletics Carnival 2019. Although there were some major complications with the buses (a situation totally out of the school's control as all bookings were made in plenty of time with confirmation) all reports highlighted how well the children behaved and considering how many staff were absent sick, how dedicated the staff were to ensure the day ran smoothly for the children and visiting family members. Can I particularly thank Mrs Benkovich and Mrs Carroll for all the organisation and to the OLMC girls and staff for assisting on the day. Thank you to our parent helpers and to all parents for your patience regarding the unusual delay back to school. I can only imagine your frustrations and we do apologise.

Thank you also to the marvellous parents who organised a delicious BBQ with treats for all to enjoy. Thank you to Mrs Annette Romanos and Mrs Monique Wehbe and their team of helpers and to all those who donated cup cakes. You were amazing! I would also like to thank John's Quality Meat (Audrey El Bayeh 1C) for the donation of the sausages, Mrs Sahyoun (Jimmy 1S) for the donation of over 400 poppers, Mrs Ryan (Donnacha 3T) for a great price on the bread rolls and to Welcomeasy for the donation of the drinks. Looking forward to bringing you more highlights in next week's newsletter.

Kind regards  
Bernadette Fabri

Wow, what a great day we had yesterday at the Athletics Carnival. A lot of this is due the army of parent support we had. Thank you to the team that organised and served lunches for the children so efficiently - they really enjoyed the treat. To all the parents that helped to support children at the different field events throughout the day - thank you. And lastly for the very patient family members who waited for those students and teachers who were delayed in their arrival back at school. We really appreciate and acknowledge your assistance to help make yesterday the success it was.

Mrs Benkovich and Mrs Carroll

## Sacramental News

Last weekend many students from our school received their first Holy Communion in two beautiful ceremonies at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral Parish. It is such an important time in the sacramental journey of these students and we congratulate them and their parents. Congratulations to the following students: Phillip Ayoub, Phillip Boutros, Cynthia Daher, Marcelino El Halabi, Lucia El Hani, Sebastian El Hani, Gabriel Kalouche, Makayla Kalouch, Christian Kalouche, Paul Khouri, Isaac Loulach, Xavier Moujalli, Gabrielle Vella, Jacinta Azizi, Chloe Geagea, Stephanie Jabbour, Sienna Khatrar, Joel Lahoud, Elio Layoun, Benjamin Maroon, Joseph Maroon, Abbey Matta, Joshua Nasr, Sophie Salloum, Anthony Sassen, Sophia Semaan, Mia Wehbe, Noah Younan.

More of our students will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on Sunday 23 June at 9.30 am St Patrick's Cathedral. Members of our school choir will also be leading the singing under the guidance of Mrs Venitia Rodericks. Any siblings of children receiving First Holy Communion are invited to sit with the choir and add their voices to the singing. If any family has some time and would like to show their support to the St Patrick's school and parish community please come and join the choir also. Our children are renowned for their great singing and Father Bob loves to hear them sing at mass.

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	

### 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.

# DON'T SPREAD FLU





-  Get a flu shot
-  Sneeze into your elbow
-  Clean your hands
-  Stay at home if sick

It's in your hands  
[health.nsw.gov.au/flu](http://health.nsw.gov.au/flu)

## Online Permission and Newsletters

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

After trialling online notes using the Skoolbag App and with consideration to parent feedback we have decided to continue the use of this method for all permission notes eg excursions, sporting events, community events and general notifications.

As these events often require the booking of buses and the notification of final numbers we ask you to please respond as soon as possible.

**If you still require hard copy notes or newsletters please let the office know by phoning them on 8832 4600, email [stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au) or through Skoolbag and we will put this on record for future reference.**

Kind Regards  
Mrs Jones



## THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents

Parent teacher interviews will be held from Tuesday 25th June to Friday 5th July 2019.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 21st June at 4pm.**

A letter was sent home earlier this week with instructions. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the code **u484u** and follow the simple instructions.

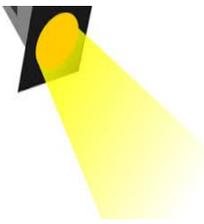


### **FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS**

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](mailto:stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au), or through Skoolbag App. The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy. <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

**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 Year 1 Teachers and Green House Colour Captains

Today we are focusing on our St Patrick's Year 1 teachers, Mrs Daou and Mrs Tuetue and our Boronia House Captains Ryan Day and Dunya Grudic.

### Ryan Day

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

France because it is very calm, natural, nice food.

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

I play guitar and tennis

**What is your favourite subject?**

Math because I can relate to my everyday life

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

I would spend it on video games because you can interact with it and solve mysteries and adventures.

**What is your favourite movie/tv show ever? Why?**

My favourite movie never ending story because it is a classic and it is about two boys from different worlds that help each other from destruction.

### Mrs Tuetue

**Who is your biggest inspiration in life?**

My Mother has to be my biggest inspiration in my life. She installs so many valuable morals and lessons into my life which I am forever grateful for.

**Name 5 words describing you?**

Passionate, kind, loving, gentle, resilient

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

Hawaii

**What is your favourite movie/tv show ever? Why?**

Annie- I love the main character's resilience and determination.

**Which famous person can you relate to the most?**

Oprah Winfrey- She is such an inspirational person who never gives up and is forever giving to those in need.

### Mrs Daou

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

In an emergency, I would grab my phone to call for help.

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

I would be a bird because I would feel free and fly to different beautiful places.

**Favourite celebrity/sport icon?**

Prince Harry because he's charming and has a great sense of humour.

**If you could have any superpower what would it be?**

I would like to fly around the world to experience different countries because it's cheaper than buying a plane ticket LOL!

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

EVERYTHING!!!!!!! Lol I would give some money to my family and to charity and then I'd travel around the world

### Dunya Gudric

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

Nelson Bay because it is a family vacation place.

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

I would go shopping and go on a holiday.

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Help my mum with the house chores and watch movies

**What hobbies do you have?**

Swimming, Running, Touch Football.

**Favourite movie?**

Harry Potter because it's like its fantasy



Junior Credo, part of Credo Youth Ministries, is a youth group for **primary school students**. The group aims to bring young people closer to their **Catholic faith**.

**TERM 2 SESSIONS**

FRIDAY 10TH MAY  
FRIDAY 24TH MAY  
FRIDAY 7TH JUNE  
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL HALL  
5PM – 6PM

**Credo Youth Mass: Every 3rd Sunday at 6pm**

**FUN EXPERIENCES GAMES PRAYER MUSIC**

credo@stpatscathedral.com.au  Credo St Pats  credo\_youth\_parramatta







## 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*

## 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.

**Hours of Operation**  
Tues 10am-2pm Wed-Fri - 10.00am-4pm  
Sun 9am-2pm Closed Mon & Sat Email: giftshop@stpatscathedral.com.au



*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)