



# Newsletter

20th June, 2019 Term 2 Week 8

## 2019 Dates to

### Remember

### Term 2

#### 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

#### **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**

### Term 3

#### Week 1

#### **Monday 22nd July**

Children return to school  
for Term 3

#### **Tuesday 23rd July**

Life Education Begins

*Dear Parents and Carers*

*In last week's newsletter I shared with you some maths terminology in preparation and support for the mid year reports and the Child/Parent/Teacher Feedback Sessions. I hope you found these visuals helpful. This week Mrs Barclay has identified a number of other subject specific terms often used by teachers to explain mathematical thinking and skills. Looking forward to hearing your feedback and any requests for other terms, in the reports, you wish explained further. You are invited to do this through the skoolbag app, or school email.*

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri  
Principal

## STEM Makerspace



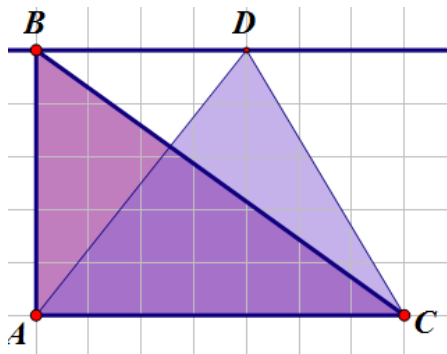
Next term we will be reopening our maker space in the Library and we have new Lego and construction kits to make and construct. Some of these products are kaleidoscopes, car racing tracks and a mechanical music machines. Everyone who comes to the makers space will be welcome to build them. We also have robots to program and have fun with.

From Scarlett and Jacob the 2019 STEM leaders.

### St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 87.3%

K = 85.5%	2 = 86.7%	4 = 91.9%	6 = 90.0%
1 = 75.4%	3 = 88.7%	5 = 92.9%	

# Maths Terminology



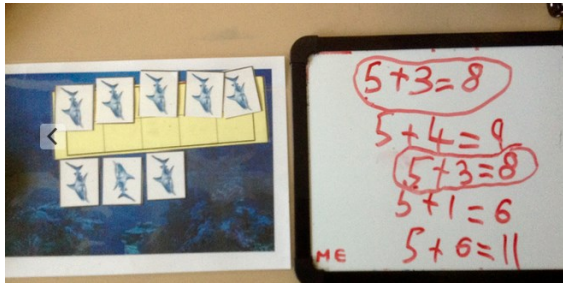
A rich task is:

- one that engages all children
- challenging
- worked out using more than one strategy
- **open** if it involves more than one answer
- working mathematically

Eg

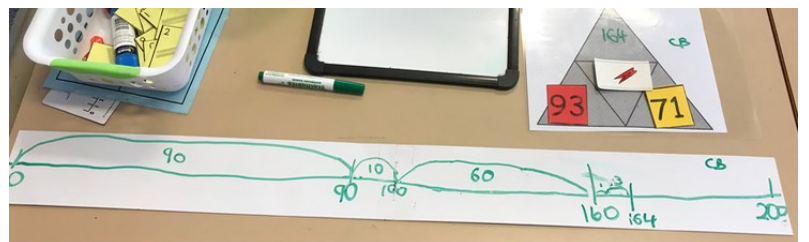
Does the triangle BAC have the same area as the triangle DAC?

Prove your thinking. Can you draw another triangle that would also have the same area?



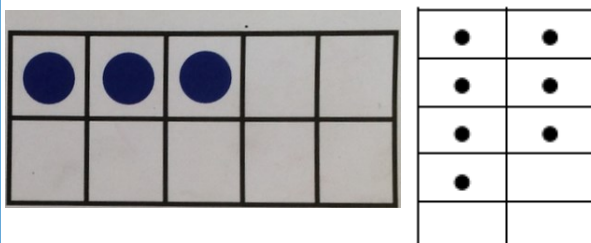
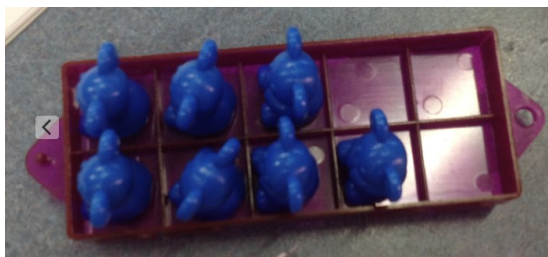
**Additive:** additive reasoning enables students to see some of the interesting possibilities for joining, separating, and comparing numbers.

**Decade:** Decades are multiples of 10 (i.e. 10, 20, 30...). Bridging decades involves using multiples of 10 as landing points for adding and subtracting.

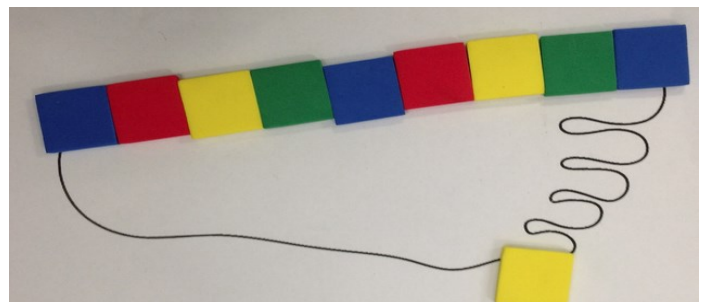


Eg  $93 + 71 = 164$  because  $90 + 10 + 60 = 160$ , then  $3 + 1 = 4$  so  $160 + 4 = 164$

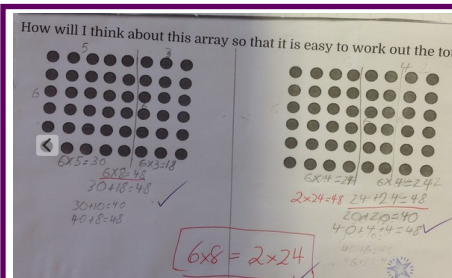
**Friends of ten:** These are 2 numbers that add together to make 10. Students use 10 frames to see their friends of 10. They subitise how many altogether. They ask: How many more to make 10?



Students record the friends of 10 as 7 and 3. They know that the numbers commute and so they also know that 3 and 7 are friends of 10. They also investigate friends of 10 using subtraction. So they know that because 7 and 3 are friends of 10, then if we have 10 and we subtract 7, we'll have 3 and if we have 10 and we subtract 3, we'll have 7.



**Informal measures** Informal units are not part of a standardised system of units for measurement. For example, an informal unit for length could be tiles of uniform length. An informal unit for area could be uniform paper squares of any size. Informal units are sometimes referred to as nonstandard units. *Informal measures are used by Infants students before they move to using the standard units of the metric system.*



Is there a more efficient way of solving this?

**Efficient strategies:** Students solve problems using **non counting, mental** calculations. To do this they need **understanding and fluency** in using addition and subtraction facts to 20 and multiplication and division facts to 100.

## **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.

### **Walkathon Update**

Our walkathon is one of the main fundraisers for our school community. This year we have decided to postpone this event, which was to have been held on 2nd July, until early Term 4. With the wonderful effort in supporting our Athletics Day BBQ and so many students and staff being sick and unwell, we feel that moving this event is in the best interest of all involved. More details to follow at a later date. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Mrs Benkovich

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

Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete the Tell Them From Me parent survey. This data is now being collated and will soon be available to schools. The school is always very interested in ideas to support us to continue to create a safe, vibrant and highly effective learning community and we appreciate the time gifted to us through your efforts. A summary of the data will be communicated in future newsletters.

## **Celebration of Learning**

### **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:** Melissa Black, Barbie Koima, Michael Remaili, Oliver Jakopovic, Mariah Jreij, Isaiah Maroon

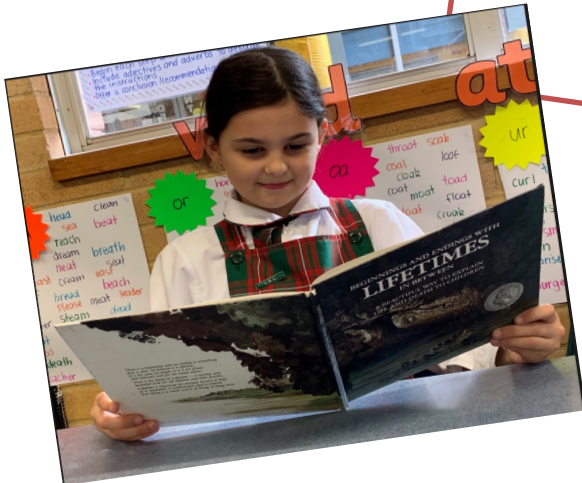


## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Athletics' Carnival BBQ. We are very happy to report that we have raised \$3077 -- which will be used towards upgrading the speakers in the hall



**Why can't we skip reading tonight?**



By the end of the school year, student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days. Student B will have read for only 12 days. Which child do you think will be the better reader? (Nogy and Herman, 1987)

**Student A** reads for 20 minutes every day. This means 3600 hours per school year. Student A will read approximately 1,800,000 words.

**Student B** reads for 5 minutes each day. This equals 900 minutes per school year. Student B will read approximately

## Sacramental News

More of our students will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this 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	

## Kindergarten 2020

All letters of offers have been sent out. Please return your signed acceptance and enrolment deposit by Monday 24th June.

*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.

## **Condolences**



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Johnson (Emily 5T & Annabelle 2Y) family on the passing of their Grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.



## Soccer Gala Day



On Wednesday, 19th of June St Patrick's Parramatta entered a Stage 3 Boys team into the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala day. We all travelled to Jamison Park in Penrith. The boys played really well, coming home with 4 wins 3 losses and 1 draw. The Stage 3 boys represented the school well and should be proud of how they performed on the day. We would like to thank all the parents for supporting us through the day and a special mention to Mr Abraham and Mr Younis for coaching and managing the team. Good luck to the stage 2 teams representing our school next week.

By Mark A, Anthony K, Jacob S and Julian T



## 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 TOMORROW 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!! The competition is coming to and end so please get your stickers in as soon as possible. Our target this year is 40,000 stickers



## Spotlight

Today we are focusing on Ms Fabri, Mr Baird, Mrs Barclay and Mrs Masefield

### Mr Baird

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

I'd pay off my mortgage and invest the rest. (I am my favourite charity)

**Who is your biggest inspiration?**

Anyone who gives up their time to volunteer for the SES, St Vincent DePaul or any other organisation or group that looks after people who have needs in our community. (Funnily enough - a serious answer)

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

Some would say a goat because I eat just about anything. I am hoping that, that is the reason.

**What is your biggest fear?**

Alpacas with maracas. That smiling face is definitely hiding something sinister.

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

Both my ears!

### Ms Fabri

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

I am already doing it. Sometimes when you are young you don't know what you are going to be doing in your work but the minute I stepped in a classroom I knew this was for me.

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

A would be a giraffe because they can see the world around them from their height. I think seeing a bigger picture is a good thing.

**What is your biggest fear?**

One of my biggest fears is that children grow up thinking that they are only worth the value of their report. I think that this is not good for them. They are way more than their reports. Everyone knows I also hate getting lost because I have a poor sense of direction.

**What is your least favourite food?**

My least favourite food is celery. I don't like the taste of it.

**What is your favourite line from a book or movie?**

"We are but travellers here" Mary McKillop

### Mrs Barclay

**What would you do if you had \$1 000 000 to spend in a day?**

I would divide it by 12 and spend that amount every hour on maths equipment for the school. I would sleep for the other 12 hours.

**If you were an animal what would you be and why?**

I would be a dolphin because I like swimming and they have a highly intelligent system of communication

**If you could invite any 3 people to dinner in the world, who would they be?**

I would host Elvis Presely, Nelson Mandela, and Marie Curie.

**Which country in the world would you like to visit, and why?**

I would visit Canada, because I want to visit someplace different to Australia in weather and landscape.

**If you could have one superpower what would it be and why?**

I would just love to be able to fly so I can travel places and faster!

### Mrs Masefield

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

I would rescue or buy every single puppy there is to buy.

**Name 5 words describing you?**

Loud, quick witted, fussy, thoughtful, dramatic.

**Who is your biggest inspiration?**

My father for all he has done for me and for others.

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

I want people to be more considerate of each other, and I want people to care about animals and the environment.

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

I can relate to the most Aaron Blabey, the author because we both have a strong sense of humour.



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](mailto: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*

### 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



*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)



*Light Up St Pat's*

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

INDUCTION NIGHT: JUNE 25, 2019 | ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL HALL  
- 7:00PM | 1 MARIST PLACE, PARRAMATTA 2150

Contact:

[credo@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:credo@stpatscathedral.com.au)  
[secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au)  
88398411

**Contact the parish to RSVP your attendance and join us on induction night.**

Responsibilities include: Information Desk Team, Refreshments Team - Serve and sell tea and coffee, Welcome Team - Direct visitors around Cathedral precinct and Evangelisation Team - Invite people from the Winterlight Festival to come to the Cathedral and project our faith

*Corpus Christi*

OVERNIGHT ADORATION

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

7PM, SATURDAY 22ND JUNE - 7AM, SUNDAY, 23RD JUNE

Join us for an overnight adoration for the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

The extended adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will include time for quiet reflection, prayers and music.