



Newsletter

26th September, 2019 Term 3 Week 10

2019 Dates to

Remember

Term 3

Week 10

Friday 27th Sept

Stage 3 Boys & Girls

Touch Gala Day

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Children return to
school for Term 4 on
Monday 14th October.

Term 4 Dates to

Remember

- Walkathon
18th Oct
- Footsteps Dance
commences

Sports Days for Term 4

Children are required
to wear their sports
uniforms on the
following days:

Wednesday:
5C 5T KA 1S 6P

Thursday:
4G 4B 2Y 2M 6W

Friday:
1C KM 3T 3L

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the end of term 3 2019 I would like to sincerely thank you all for your continued support of the school, in the many and varied ways you do. I would also like to thank you for your feedback, especially those that have taken the trouble to directly contact me or their class teacher, and I hope that we have successfully addressed any concerns you may have regarding your child(ren). Thank you also for the many expressions of gratitude for aspects of the school you wished to commend. These are also very much appreciated. I would especially like to thank Mrs Benkovich and staff for their continual commitment to the school over the past 2 weeks and to the many parent helpers that assisted them at the various events.

As you know I have just recently spent 2 weeks at KU Leuven University Belgium, studying 'Enhancing Catholic School Identity' This was an interesting course delivered by a number of very intelligent and passionate Belgium, French and Dutch professors of Theology, Psychology and Epistemology. Every day was strictly timetabled with lectures or visits to local sites and schools.

I could not help but be grateful for our wonderful school St Patrick's Parramatta; rich in Catholic traditions, rituals and symbols and with a community committed to their faith. I reflected daily on the importance of dialogue with regard to our faith and of bringing up our children to have a strong knowledge of scripture and prayer. This includes a confidence to ask questions and explore what these beautiful narratives mean to them in their lives in 2019. We were taught the importance of a faith that is kept relevant and alive and were challenged to explore what this means in a Catholic school.

Over the coming weeks, let us pray for the universal Church; that under the leadership of our Holy Father Pope Francis, it will be guided to serve and engage its people in a way that helps make their faith relevant and inclusive - just as Jesus did in His time. We pray for people of other faith traditions and non believers; that they may also find God in their lives and through God will continue to be their higher selves.

Please find some highlights on the following page.

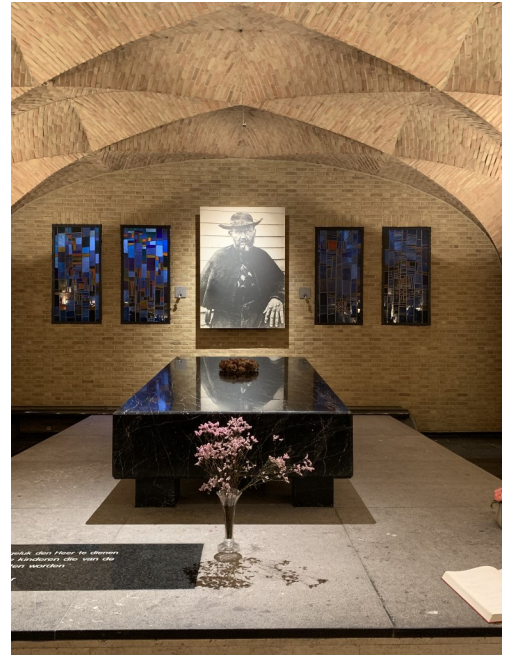
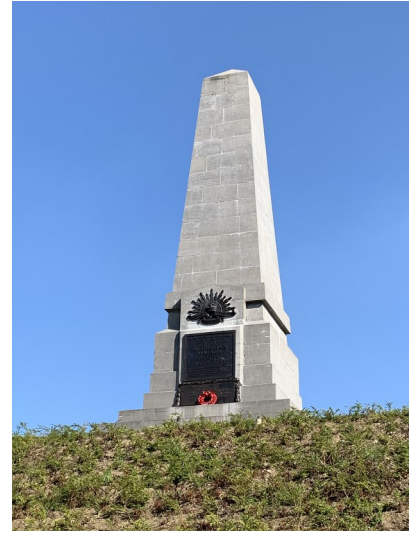
Wishing each and every one of you a restful and enjoyable holiday break and I look forward to commencing term 4 with you soon.



God bless you and your
family

Bernadette Fabri
Principal





Uniforms/ Haircuts

Dear Parents,

As the weather starts getting warmer we thought it was a perfect time to remind our school community about the school's protocols around hair cuts and appropriate hair attire. As is outlined below boys hair should be of an even and regular cut and girls hair ribbons should be green.

Please be mindful of this protocol when attending the hairdresser or barber shop. I know it is difficult to go against what is currently trending, however by enrolling in our school you have also agreed to the protocols outlined below.

Please have the conversation with your child if you believe their current hairstyle does not conform to our school's outlines, than adjust the cut or style as needed, over the holidays. Thanking you for your continued support regarding this area.

UNIFORM

- Full school uniform is to be worn at all times.
- Uniforms and shoes should be clean and neat.
- School hats are to be worn when outside buildings.
- Girls hair ribbons should be green.
- Girls long hair must be plaited or tied back.
- Boys are to have hair cut neatly, above the collar, and of an even and regular cut.
- The use of hair gel or hair dye is not permitted.
- No nail polish is to be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted apart from a wristwatch, sleepers or small plain studs in pierced ears.

From the start of term 4 all students will be wearing their full summer uniform including their school hat.

SUMMER UNIFORM

All children are required to be in their Summer Uniform. Parents can you please note that as per school uniform guidelines, joggers for sport are to be mainly white.

<u>Girls' Summer Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Summer Uniform</u>
Tartan School Dress	Grey Shorts
Short White above ankle Socks	Grey Short Sleeve Shirt
Black Shoes	Grey above ankle Socks
Green Hair Ribbon	Black Shoes
Green School Hat	Green School Hat
<u>Girls' Sports Uniform</u>	<u>Boys' Sports Uniform</u>
Green Shorts	Green Sports Shorts
Sport Shirt with School Emblem	Sports Shirt with School Emblem
White above ankle Socks	White above ankle Socks
White Sports Shoes	White Sports Shoes
Track Suit with School Emblem	Track Suit with School Emblem

All School Uniform items available from Oz Fashions 115-127 Parramatta Road Granville NSW 2142 Phone 9897 3121
www.ozfashions.com.au

Thanking you for your cooperation in ensuring that the school uniform code is upheld.

Remember to label ALL clothing and NO HAT NO PLAY.

National Rosary Day

Last year on the 7th Of Oct 2018 the world prayed the rosary in 56 countries on six continents, including Australia 'united' as a Global Rosary, in publicly praying the Rosary for our country and the world.

In Australia on that day there were over 200 locations in all states, we prayed the rosary in churches and in over 100 school locations and other locations. During this time Mrs Tuetue (Nee. Azar) organised a special day for each class to come together in prayer as we prayed the rosary.



The countries of the World Wide Global Rosary will again pray for world peace, penance and reparation for the world. This will take place on the 13th October, 2019, on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

October is a special time in our church's liturgical calendar that encourages us to honour Mary our Mother and pray for her intercessions through the Rosary. St Patrick's students are invited to pray the rosary during October starting on **Monday 14th October**. If your child has rosary beads please encourage them to bring them to school during the month of October.

Australia's intentions are: protection of the country and her people, priests and religious, sanctity of life and marriage, the consecration of the country to the Immaculate Heart Of Mary and for the country to live out it's calling as the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit.

Disco Under the Stars

Wow what a night! Perfect weather, lots and lots of families (I think it was a record attendance at a community event), plenty of food, what more could we ask for? We had a wonderful gathering of old faces and many new ones as well. The children all seemed to enjoy the freedom of the playground and some of them had some great moves on the dance floor, thanks to the Footsteps DJ - Alexa.

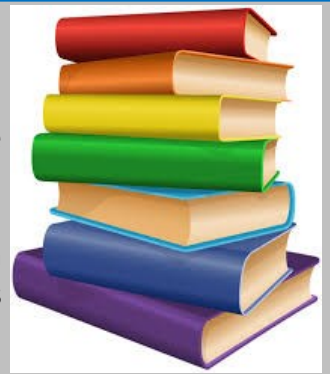
A big thank you to Dianne Loulach (Isaac 3T) for coordinating the lead up to the evening and the many parents who volunteered to assist on the night . An unbelievable amount of donations were received, which once again showed the generosity of our amazing community. I also want to thank the parents who helped clean up after the music stopped, it ensured that the teachers also got home at a reasonable hour. Thank you to the staff who gave up their evening to support the event, many of whom had been at school from 7am.

Harmony Day

Today the students of St Patricks celebrated the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day in conjunction with Harmony Day. The students were given the opportunity to listen to an Aboriginal Dreamtime story called The Rainbow Serpent to gain a deeper understanding of the Aboriginal Culture. Each grade was given a focus question to reflect upon and create a response that demonstrated their understanding of the teachings and culture of our Indigenous People. All responses were recorded on our own Rainbow Serpent, which can be found in the Cave area. We invite you to visit the Cave and read the brilliant responses from the children.



The proven benefits of reading with your child



Parents and carers who read aloud with children in a secure, safe and comfortable context motivate their children to read. Parents' perceptions, values, attitudes, and expectations play an important role in influencing their children's attitudes toward reading, and subsequent literacy development. When children share a book with someone who makes them feel special, the attitude that reading is pleasurable is transferred to other reading encounters.

Relationship building

At the core of reading is a relationship and it is the bond between children and parents that is enhanced through reading together. It only takes ten minutes a day to build this relationship.

Children's reading improves

The research is conclusive: When parents successfully support their children's literacy learning from an early age, everyone benefits. When teachers and parents work together to support children's reading and academic success, learning outcomes for all children improve.

Children read more

Students who read with their parents are better prepared for school. They begin school with knowledge of book language and familiarity with concepts of print. They understand how books work and have many more exposures to text types and vocabulary.

Children's self-esteem improves

Knowing someone cares enough to take time out of a busy schedule to give you undivided attention around a book makes a significant difference to how students perceive themselves as learners and readers. When parents show an interest in their children's learning, children respond positively.

Reading unites families through shared stories

When a family reads together, stories form a common ground for communicating. Stories bind families and help students make sense of where they fit in the world.

Not only does parent involvement have a specific and profound impact on children's reading, but also on children's language and literacy learning in general. It is through interactions with parents and carers that children learn new vocabulary, seek clarification of new understandings, and learn to comprehend their expanding worlds. Talk is the key to reading and writing success. Talking with children (walking to school, at the table, in the car, bedtime) has a significant effect on literacy learning in general.

Adapted from Parents' guide to helping children with reading and writing at home PEETA, 2019



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week and over the school holiday: Leah Wahbe, Joseph Maroon,

Angelina Bounassif, Elio Layoun, Alexandra Elphinstone, Daniella Gereige, Gabriella Volante, Jerome Santos, Nyagua Koima, Tony Karam, Isaac Bechara, Joetta Khoury, Joshua Nasr, Molly Moses, Meagan Erive, Emma Barrientos Salazar, Christian Jreji,

Talia Kalouch, Feima Koima, Christian Kalouche, Sienna Khattar, Serena Semaan, Lourdes Saleh.

SCHOOL WELL-BEING COUNSELLING SERVICE

The wellbeing of children and young people in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools is of paramount importance. A sense of well-being and connectedness in schools promotes optimal development of the person and contributes to academic success.

Access to counselling services can be made by contacting your child's classroom teacher or Ms Fabri, who will then put forward a referral. Mrs Ricketts will then contact you for further information. Further details can be found in previous newsletters.

IS YOUR CHILD NOT RETURNING TO ST PATRICK'S IN 2020?

If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2020 please send a letter to Ms Fabri stating the last day of attendance at St Patrick's and which school they will be moving onto in 2020. Please note that a term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or 10 week's fees will be payable. This does not apply to year 6 students

Cricket NSW

On Monday 23.9.19 we had two visitors that came to school to teach us skills in cricket. Their names were Sabrina and Cassandra and the Year 4 classes had lots of fun with them.

We learnt how to play Rolling Soccer and in the game you roll a ball to each player in your team and try to hit the stumps with the ball, but when you have the ball you can't move and if you fumble or throw the ball the other team gets the ball. Another game we played was Catch Tennis which is basically when you throw the ball to the opposing team and if they drop the ball the other team gets a point. Another way you can play is when the other team drops the ball, that player is out or eliminated and if all the players on your team is out, you have lost the match. Also another way to play catch tennis is when you catch the ball then you are out and who ever loses all their team mates first wins the match.

After recess we played a game that taught us how to bowl a cricket ball and for your team to win you need to knock down 3 of the wickets and hit 3 cones. After that, we played a game called Rapid Fire and it was played with 4G against 4B and this game was played by one team fielding and the other team batting. There were 2 people batting at one time and they each had 3 cricket balls to hit and once all the 6 balls are hit the fielding team would run and have to set up the 6 balls how they were before, while the fielding team does this the batters try to get as many runs as they can from one stump too the other tapping it with their bat. At the end of the game when every batter is done hitting the balls then they add up all their runs. After that, the fielding team switches with the batters and they have another match and at the end who ever has the most runs wins.

The last game we played was a game to practise our catching and awareness of where the ball is going to go. If you don't catch the ball you are out but if you catch the ball you advance to the next round and every round it gets harder and harder. Who ever is the last two people that are left in the game win and get a prize.

In the end we all cooperated with each other and respected Sabrina and Cassandra while we were playing games and having fun. Thankyou Mrs Masefield and Mr Baird for letting us play. Also we thank Sabrina and Cassandra for running our games, teaching us new skills in cricket and new games.

Written by the 4B SRC's
Dylan Amaral and Zara Diuco



NUMERACY TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY K to Yr 2

10. ASKING QUESTIONS TO INVESTIGATE

Ask your child questions like these to encourage them to investigate maths:

- » What shapes can you see?
- » How could we measure the...?
- » How will we find half? » What is the best way to share the...?
- » How do I get from ... to ...?
- » Which is closer: the sandpit or the swing?
- » How tall can you build a tower before it falls?



NEXT LEVEL SPORTS SPRING CLINIC DATES:

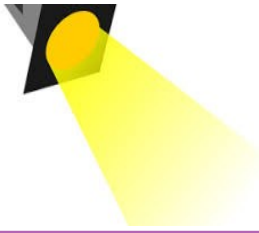
- WEEK 1 Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October.

- WEEK 2 Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October.
LOCATION: St Patrick's PS, Parramatta

To book or further enquiries:

nextlevelsports@live.com.au

Or find us on FaceBook. Mr David Younis.



Spotlight

Today we are focusing our Spotlight on....

Sienna Ghazaryan, Annette Francis, Christian Sarkis and Lorenzo De Guzman

Sienna Ghazaryan

What are you looking forward to the most in high school?

I am looking forward to getting good grades

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

My phone so I can call emergency services

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

I would like to travel to Armenia so I can see the rest of my family

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

I would invite my best friends Brooklyn ,Savannah and Sheridan to dinner because in high school i wont be able to see them that much.

Which famous person can you relate to the most?

I can relate to Selena Gomez because some people say I look like her.

Christian Sarkis

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

Stranger things because I like the action and it keeps me interested

Name 5 words describing you?

Funny, Crazy, Sporty, Fun and Social

What do you do in your spare time?

Play football by myself for fun and playing on my ipad

What are you most excited for currently?

Touch football gala day

What is your ideal job?

Be a commentator for the footy

Annette Francis

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My Grandma because she didn't have enough money to support herself and her family and so she worked hard to achieve what she has now.

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is a doctor.

Name 5 words describing you?

Shy, modest, kind, caring and full hearted.

If you had \$1,000,000 what would you spend it on?

I would spend it on electronics, a nice holiday and charity.

Favourite book?

'It all started with a apple' because it is very inspirational and interesting.

Lorenzo De Guzman

Favourite celebrity/sport icon?

Lebron James because he struggled in his childhood but still strived to be one of the greatest basketball players in the world and donates to charity.

What hobbies do you have?

Playing basketball and watch TV.

What's your favourite place in the world?

My favourite place in the world is the Philippines because it is my families home country also because they have the best food and basketball is a national sport.

What is the best thing you have ever achieved that you thought you never would?

The best thing I ever achieved that I never expected was winning MVP in my basketball competition against 13 year olds I never expected that I would win out of all the people in the competition.

If you could have one superpower which power would it be?

The one superpower I would have invisibility.

Pedestrian Safety Before & After School

Just a reminder that we have a designated Pedestrian Crossing outside our school. We have noticed a number of parents crossing their children outside the school gate from the OLMC side of Ross St, often opening the car door into traffic. Please take a minute or two extra and cross your child at the crossing to ensure their safety. We encourage the students to enter and leave their cars from the curb side. We all learnt these safety measures when we were at school so please re-enforce them with the most important people in your life - YOUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN.

EXTENDED LEAVE (APPLICATIONS NEEDED FOR 5 DAYS OR MORE)

- Parents or carers may approach the school to seek permission for extended leave during the school term. Extended leave is now considered to be 5 or more days.
- Parents/Carers must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave **prior** to commencing leave OR apply for extended leave in writing to the principal directly.
- Please note that if the child does not return to school on the specified date in the application the school must be notified. If the family is not contactable the Department of Education and Training must be informed.
- On most occasions it is in the child's best interest for all holidays to be scheduled in gazetted holiday times.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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

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praesidium*

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)

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Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary) Donna Missio (Receptionist)