



Newsletter

29th August, 2019 Term 3 Week 6

2019 Dates to

Remember

Term 3

Week 6

Friday 30th August

Fathers Day Breakfast
and Mass

Primary Assembly—
Year 3 at 2.15pm

Week 7

Friday 6th September

Staff Development Day

**NO CHILDREN AT
SCHOOL**

Week 8

Monday 9th September

Year 6—VOY Eastern
Cluster Final

Friday 13th September

Stage 2 Boys & Girls
Touch Gala Day

Week 9

Friday 20th September

School Disco—more
details to come

Week 10

Friday 27th September

Stage 3 Boys & Girls
Touch Gala Day

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations on the absolutely marvellous effort you all placed in assisting your children to dress up as a character at last Wednesday's Book Week Parade. I think anyone who was present would agree that the children had so much fun walking around the playground, to music, in the glorious sunshine. The children loved seeing their teachers having fun with them and from all accounts the parents and pre-schoolers enjoyed it too.

CYBER PRIVACY

One of the advantages in today's world, especially on occasions as this, is the access to smartphones which often take just as high quality photos as the traditional camera. I like you cannot help myself in trying to capture exciting, emotional and memorable family occasions. I delight in scanning through my photos to view happy life events.

Unfortunately in today's world one needs to be very mindful as to what one does with the photos and vision that we take of our family. This particularly applies to other people's children including our relatives. It is not the taking of the photos that is the issue it is how we choose to share these photos.

In an article by Colin Anson from 'Parenting Ideas' we are informed about the dangers of sharing our children's photos without the necessary consideration to their safety. He makes some very valid points about their online footprint and although some of the information shared is confronting I believe it is worth considering.

Some of the key points include:

- Seek consent - it is very important that you ask permission from other parents before you share a photo of their children online, especially social media. It is so easy to assume that they will be happy but it is always better to check.
- Understand the settings - Understanding the settings of your social media platforms is not only important for your children but for yourselves as well.
- Think about the detail - Remember images these days can be easily enlarged and often minute details in the background can be detected. A good question to ask is 'what am I disclosing to the world about my child or other people's children through this post?'
- Be selective - Often innocent images of children playing around the home can sometimes be misconstrued or can be used by adults of ill intent.
- Remove Metadata - the article gives some very sound advice on Metadata.

You will notice that some of the children are featured in the Book Week photo montage. Please be reassured that, as for all newsletters, parent permission has been gained, and that no surnames are included next to the photos.

For more information on Digital Privacy follow the links below from the Office of ESafety Commissioner.

- [What are the risks?](#)
- [How can I protect my child's privacy when they are online?](#)
- [Can I safely share photos of my kids online?](#)

God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

st patrick's award

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

3L	Makayla Kalouche	Benjamin Maroon
3T	Phillip Ayoub	Jazmyne Drosos
4B	Emmanuel Missak	Remon Wehbe
4G	Ethan Xue	Louis Wehbe
5C	Biaggio Volante	Isobel Rahme
5T	Cedric Guino	Elisa Daher
6P	Savannah Chiha	Jayden Farah
6W	Diana Granados Gavito	Sebastian Mayonado



Honour Award

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

3L	Isaiah Johnston	Germain Toledo
3T	Gabriella Volante	Steven Abraham
4B	Alexandriya Izimestyeva	Adrian Sicurella
4G	Jake Doueihi	Jacob Wehbe
5C	Christian Sta Rosa	Anthony Nakhoul
5T	Bryan Bracks	Zoe Samar
6P	Christiana Kalouche	Dante Dagostino
6W	Isabella Moses	Mark Abraham

Changes to Sports days for Week 7

Due to the Staff Development Day next Friday, 6th September there have been changes to the children's sports day. Children will wear their sports uniform on the following days for next week only.

Wednesday - Year 6, Year 5, Year 2 & 1C

Thursday - Year 4, Year 3, 1S & Kindy

Voice of Youth Cluster Final 2019

On Monday 26th August, all of Year 6 attended the Parramatta Cluster Final for the 2019 Voice of Youth, which was held in the Morley Centre at Westmead, to support us. We enjoyed the experience of being on stage and the thrill of talking in front of a massive audience. We had the pleasure of being able to share our voice on stage in front of people who believe in us (our peers, our family and teachers).

Brooklyn Munro

I felt really nervous because I never talk in front of many people but when I got up there I felt my nerves slipping away and all my fear left my body. It was nerve wracking being the last of the 8 speakers but it also gave me an opportunity to witness how the other speakers presented. I have been rehearsing my speech at school and home and after overcoming my nerves I presented the way I had planned. I achieved first place. I will now go on to the Eastern Division Semi Final on Monday 9th September.

Dante Dagostino

I felt nervous at first but when I looked around I saw my parents and it gave me the courage to go up on stage and read my speech. I applied feedback given to me and was expressive and showed emotion. I achieved second place.

We would like to thank our Year 6 teachers, the judges Mrs O'Dwyer, Mrs Williams and Mrs Warn, our Year 6 peers and of course our parents for their support and feedback to help us prepare. Thank you also to Ms Fabri for her feedback before the Cluster Final.

Brooklyn Munro and Dante Dagostino





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

Isaac Loulach, Sophia Paguia, Deon Don, Emily Johnson, Zachary Tannous, Karabo Khama, James Kerr

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. This does not apply to year 6 students

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.

SCHOOL FEES

A friendly reminder that Term 3 school fees are now due. There was a second mail out of invoices. If you have paid your school fees please disregard the second invoice. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused. If you have not received an Invoice at all for school fees, please contact the school Finance Officer Fiona Mitterer Ph:8832 4600.

Father's Day Mass and breakfast

Please join us on tomorrow, Friday 30 August as we celebrate our fathers, grandfathers and those who are like fathers to us. Through the love and goodness of God, who is like a loving father, we can see how fathers can be models of strength and gentleness, justice and compassion, and mercy and kindness. Celebrations will begin at 7.00am with a hearty breakfast followed by a whole school Mass at 9.15am.

We look forward to seeing you all here and know your children will enjoy sharing this special morning with you.

SAVE THE DATE



Father's Day
Hi-Tea Breakfast
Friday 30 August 2019
7am – 8:30am

TEE off with DAD



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.

Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Ebrahim (Aiden 3L & Aaliya KA) family on the passing of their Grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Book Week



Party Parade

Book week had arrived! An overwhelming amount of people transformed themselves into book characters creating a sea of colour in the playground. The tension was palpable. Colourful balloons danced in the breeze and the sparkling sunshine covered the school. A feeling of amazement was bubbling up inside everyone. The chatter of kids and paparazzi parents filled the school with excitement, while superheroes took the school into hostage.

Abruptly Mrs Jones interrupted the parade, " Teachers Assemble!!" Curiosity got the best of us and instantly a group of teachers in vibrant colours shot out of the office like meteors with capes flapping wildly across the playground. With booming loud music making our ears shiver, kids rushed over to the edge of the parade pathway , hoping to get a "high five".

Kids swiftly hustled across the playground with joyful smiles on their faces. The start of the parade made everyone curious to know what is to come.....

By Carl Cauan 5C

Author Jess Black's Visit

Book Week this year was fantastic. Not only did St Patrick's have a fun time at our annual Book Parade, but we learnt many new writing skills from award winning Jess Black's fantastic teaching. Year four were lucky to share a Writing Masterclass with her and wow, were we excited!

Jess Black currently lives in Newcastle, although she was born in South Africa, with her husband and two lively daughters. She loves animals and has so since she was a little girl. She now enjoys writing stories and has been writing fiction for a very long time.

I feel that Jess Black inspired others to live a more exciting life and make others feel more happy or thrilled through her writing. Jess gave an interesting speech about some of her famous novels like 'Mr Walker', the 'Little Paws' series and the 'Bindi Wildlife Adventures series. I treasured her talk as it gave me many good ideas for my own writing too! Like for example, how to create, surprise and connect. And it seemed like everyone else in the school loved it as well. Jess Black has a heart-warming inspiration that she talked about. That inspiration was her family. And I'm quite sure that's what adds so much magic and action to her stories.

Learning was happening at Book Week this year, as year four were very lucky to have Jess Black give us a master class all about how to make our stories more interesting, unique and humorous. Everyone came up with such amazing ideas for stories and we will be lucky enough to have the privilege of emailing to her our finished copies of our stories we started in the masterclass . I learnt so many new things like how to be an evil writer. This means to turn a boring, predictable story into an adventure or a journey for the main characters and to use your imagination. This also means to make it as hard as possible for the main character in your story to get their way. I am also very excited about emailing my work to Jess Black very soon.

Jess Black is a loving mother, and a unique, funny author who has inspired St Patricks to love to learn and we hope that she visits us again in future, as she is one to remember.

By Amariah Tamaro 4G



Last week we had a visit from award winning author Jess Black. Book Week was amazing - we didn't just have an extraordinary parade but Year Four had a masterclass with the one and only Jess Black!! Jess loved telling us about her useful tips about writing fiction , like you should add lots of unrealistic things and you should make the description of the main character really humorous to catch the reader's attention. She also taught us about how to make a book more interesting and enthuse the reader.

Personally I loved Jess Black she told us all these hilarious stories and what its like to be a writer. She is a very bright person and is a very intelligent person. She read us some of Mr Walker which I found really interesting and showed us some of the series that she has written.

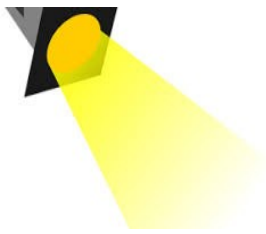
So if all of you are all wondering where doe does many of her ideas for adventures her books come from. Her own adventures when travelling. Jess Black gets her inspiration from her 2 daughters and also from her dog Pippi. How cool is that?

In the morning all of us gathered in the school hall and listened to Jess tell us about herself and her life, it was a privilege to share this great experience with my classmates and my friends. She also told us about the dog character that lives in a hotel in Melbourne. His name is Gus and he's a guide dog. Jess said that she went to Melbourne just to see Gus the guide dog and write a story about his adventures.

She was born in South Africa and by the time she was twelve years old she had lived in Johannesburg, Hobart, Cape Town, Melbourne and Brisbane! Later she moved to New Zealand. Later moving to Sydney for twelve years. She said that she likes travelling to alot of places. She acted in a theatre got her Bachelor of Arts and did you know that she's worked as a book buyer and a book seller? Her favourite books when she was little were *Nancy Drew The Magic Faraway Tree series* and *the Wizard of Earthsea Trilogy*

By Jubran Sayegh





Spotlight on... Year 2—Src's

Today we are focusing on our Year 2 SRC's-

2M — Ray Chen & Beth Roumanus

2Y — Edan-Grace El-Chaar & Daniel Semaan

Ray Chen:

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

I would spend it on a PS4 and a big house.

If you were an animal, which animal would you want to be?

I would be a swordfish.

If you could have one superhero power, which power would you want to have?

I would have the power to summon twisters and lightning bolts.

What do you do in your spare time?

I would play games in my spare time.

Who is your favourite celebrity/sport icon?

My favourite sport icon is Ronaldo.

Edan-Grace El-Chaar:

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is pasta.

If you were to invite 3 people to dinner in the whole wide world, who would you invite and why?

I would invite 3 of my best friends because I can talk to them.

What is your favourite line from a book or movie?

'When the Uncle died' in the Lion King.

What are you looking forward to?

I look forward to going on more excursions than normal.

Which celebrity/sport icon can you relate to the most?

The celebrity that I can most relate to is Bruno Mars.

Beth Roumanus:

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is burgers.

If you were to invite 3 people to dinner in the whole wide world, who would you invite?

I would invite Madeleine, Angelina and Rose.

What is your favourite line from a book or movie?

My favourite line from the movie Home Alone is 'Your what the French call Les Incompetents.'

What are you most looking forward to?

I am most looking forward to my 8th birthday.

Which celebrity/sport icon can you relate to the most?

The celebrity that I can relate to the most is Delta Goodrem.

Daniel Semaan:

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

I would want to buy a mansion, buy a Ferrari and buy NRL items and merchandise.

If you were an animal, which animal would you want to be?

I would want to be a Lion because I can be King of the Jungle.

If you could have one superhero power, which power would you want to have?

I would want to have the power of strength because I can be strong and defeat all the enemies against me.

What do you do in your spare time?

I play on the PlayStation or my iPad and have snacks while watching TV.

Who is your favourite celebrity/sport icon?

My favourite celebrity is Dwayne The Rock Johnson because he's in a lot of movies and he is a good fighter.



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 3 SESSIONS

FRIDAY 2ND AUG
FRIDAY 16TH AUG
FRIDAY 6TH SEPT
FRIDAY 20TH SEPT

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

FUN EXPERIENCES GAMES PRAYER MUSIC

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Absences from School

All absences from school are required to be explained within 7 days of the absence, as per CEDP guidelines.

The quickest and easiest way to do this is, is to complete an online absence form through the Skoolbag app or alternatively an email to the school : stpatriksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au.

On occasions this form of communication may not make it to us. In this instance the office will send home with your child an unexplained absence letter, as the absence remains unexplained. It would be greatly appreciated if you receive this letter that it is returned immediately.

Safety is always paramount here at St Patricks and children that are dropped at school after 8.50am are required to be walked into the office and signed in by a parent or carer. Unfortunately we cannot see what is happening out on the street and do not know that your child has been dropped off. If they do come in unaccompanied after 8.50am this is also recorded as an unexplained partial attendance.

Mrs Jones



Sick Children

We know that it can sometimes be difficult to determine whether your child is too sick to attend school. In the interests of the wellbeing of our whole school community we ask you to take a moment to review the "Too Sick To Go To School?" chart created by NSW Health which is accessible from the following webpage - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/family-wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

This chart reminds parents of the advisable periods of time children should be away from school during and after an illness. *When your child is sent to school unwell it is impossible for them to focus on their learning. If your child becomes distressed, due to being unwell, we will be making a phone call to ask you to collect your child.* We appreciate your co-operation with keeping our school healthy and happy.

Protecting your child's online privacy

by Colin Anson



From sharing pictures of a child's first day at school to key moments at high school, many adults don't consider the potential risks or breach of future privacy for kids. In fact, it is now become a ritual to announce the full name and date of birth of a child online within hours of them being born. This is just the beginning of a child's digital footprint.

Although children are now 'born digital', exposure in the online world can present just as many risks as the physical world can pose. Images and identifying details can be used for numerous activities that put your child at risk, from stalking, to cyberbullying, identity theft, and even digital kidnapping.

The Australian eSafety Commission warns that half of all images on paedophile image-sharing sites originate from social media sites and blogs. Parents are responsible for protecting kids until they are old enough to make their own decisions about their online presence.

So, what can parents do?

Start by 'thinking privacy' before posting images of children online. You'll be protecting their digital footprint and setting them up for a healthy relationship with the digital world.

Seek consent

Always ask others before sharing images of their children, even your family. Speak up about how you feel about images of your child being shared. When your child is old enough, ask them for consent, empowering them to understand they have a right to their privacy online. As they become teenagers, hopefully they will have more respect for what they post online and have confidence to speak to others about their consent guidelines.

Understand the settings

Check the settings of your social media channels to ensure your posts are not public. Speak to your friends and family about this and don't be afraid to ask for help to get it right. If your child has social media channels of their own, go through the settings with them to minimise the risk of unwanted shares.

Think about the detail

Avoid including children's identifiable details such as school badges, logos, uniforms, name tags or identifiable locations such as your home area or school. Alternatively, blur these details prior to posting.

Be selective

Create a simple checklist to help make decisions regarding posting online easy. What do you deem appropriate? Are you happy to share images of your children in swimwear? Do you want to avoid full-frontal face shots?

If your child is old enough, explain why you are selecting certain pictures and not sharing others. If you have a teenager who is sharing their own images, talk to them about what is appropriate and potential repercussions of not setting boundaries.

Remove metadata

Metadata on digital images records the time, date and GPS coordinates of where the photo was taken and can be accessed through shared images, and your sharing service may record your IP address. You can wipe this information with appropriate software or share screenshots of your photos to avoid metadata sharing. Screenshot sharing creates a lower resolution photo, so it's less likely to be tampered with by a third party.

Think 'privacy first' to reduce many of the risks involved with image sharing. Have conversations with your children to instil this mentality; help them build empathy; and identify the steps for minimising risk whilst helping them build a healthy relationship with technology so they can become responsible digital citizens.



Colin Anson

Colin Anson is a digital entrepreneur, and the CEO and co-founder of child image protection and photo storage solution, pixevety. Find out more about Colin at pixevety.com.

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

6. PLAYING WITH SHAPES

Playing with shapes helps develop your child's awareness of different shapes. It also improves their hand-eye coordination. Here are some tips and activities:

- » Jigsaw puzzles, tangrams or shape sorting toys help teach your child problem solving skills and spatial awareness.
- » Name and notice the similarities and differences between shapes. For example, shapes with curves, corners or straight sides.
- » Help your child draw shapes, cut them out and sort them into groups. Ask your child to explain why they have sorted the shapes this way.
- » Use cookie cutters to explore different shapes using playdough. Encourage your child to identify shapes in their everyday life, such as a round ball, a square window or an octagonal 'STOP' sign.
- » Making paper planes together combines many mathematical concepts, including angles, shapes, halving and symmetry. Once complete, you can compare which plane flew the furthest and have fun measuring too.
- » Use building blocks to create a tower. Using the same number of blocks, ask your child to build another tower that's different to the first tower.

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 85.6%

K = 83.9%

3 = 84.9%

5 = 89.4%

1 = 70.2%

4 = 90.3%

6 = 88.3%

2 = 91.7%



Free hearing test for schoolchildren.

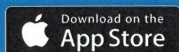


An estimated **1 in 10** school children suffer from hearing loss, which left undetected can lead to speech, learning and behavioural problems.

The Sound Scouts hearing check is a simple way to identify if a child has a hearing issue, including listening difficulties in noise. The test incorporates the science of a hearing test in a fun interactive game. Evidence based, accessible and delivering immediate results, it's the perfect screening solution.

"All children should have their hearing tested when they start school" World Health Organisation. If children can't hear the teacher properly they will struggle to learn.

The Sound Scouts App is now free to test all Australian school-aged children. Download it today.



Potential consequences of undetected hearing loss:

- Speech & language issues
- Difficulty reading
- Trouble in social situations
- Increased risk of academic failure
- Disruptive behaviour
- Depression

Signs of hearing loss in a child:

- Speaks louder than others
- Turns the TV up too loud
- Frequently say 'what' or 'huh'
- Has trouble pronouncing words
- Struggles at school
- Has trouble hearing in noisy places
- Loses focus in noisy places



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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

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Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini

Fr Christopher Del Rosario Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

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