



Newsletter

5th September, 2019 Term 3 Week 7

2019 Dates to

Remember

Term 3

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

Wednesday 25th Sept

Celebration of
Learning—Year 4 2.15pm

Thursday 26th Sept

Celebration of
Learning—Year 6

Friday 27th September

Stage 3 Boys & Girls
Touch Gala Day

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Sunday was Father's Day and it is a time when we remember and thank all our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and father figures in our lives. During last week at school we enjoyed remembering our dads with a number of events; the Father's Day stall, the Father's Day Breakfast, Father's Day mass and finally the raffle. The children had so much fun enjoying time with their dads or simply focussing on these special men in their lives last week.

At the school mass, this year, held in the hall due to the weather, Father Bob made some very good points in his homily that I have been reflecting on. He reminded us that for most of our professions we have an opportunity for rigorous training and even in apprenticeships people learn the skills of the job they are intending to undertake. Fathers and mothers do not have the luxury of this training and with their first-borns especially it is learning on the job so to speak. How tough is that!

Some families are lucky enough to have the support of their family and friends to assist them in this new role however as Father Bob said, parents would be fortunate to get it right by their fifth child - it is the hardest role ever and is one of the most important things a person ever does - being a father or a mother.

He also reminded the fathers at mass that their job is to teach their children wisdom and to do this in a way that equips them to demonstrate this wisdom independently by the time they get older or become adults. I am sure that the fathers in our community must really delight when they see their teenage or adult children making very good decisions without their guidance or even having the sense to ask for guidance would be impressive.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, passionately speaks about the importance of a father's presence in the family. He encourages fathers to be present by their wife's side; sharing the joys and pains, hard work and hope. He speaks about the importance of being there for the children as they grow up. Pope Francis reminds fathers that a father needs to be there for his kids, "when they play and when they work hard, when they are playful and when they are distressed, when they are communicative and when they are taciturn, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they have strayed and when they have found their way again," he says.

Pope Francis also makes the distinction between fathers being present and being controlling and warns fathers that being too controlling can be suffocating for their children. He encourages fathers to correct and guide their children without demeaning or demoralizing them, protecting them at all costs. Just like the father in the gospel account of the prodigal son, Pope Francis encourages fathers to know how to forgive sincerely from the heart and to be patient and merciful.

Pope Francis concludes that a wise and mature father will be able to say to his children after they've grown: "I taught you things that you didn't know, I corrected errors that you did not see. I let you feel an affection that was both deep and discreet that perhaps you did not fully recognize when you were young and unsure and I gave you witness of rigor and willpower that perhaps you did not understand when you just wanted complicity and protection."

May I take this opportunity to thank all the men in our community - fathers and father figures - for all that they do for their families and ask that we continue to think of and pray for all fathers who have entered eternal life in heaven.

May God bless all fathers!
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 85.9%

K = 83.9%

3 = 84.9%

5 = 89.4%

1 = 70.2%

4 = 90.3%

6 = 90.0%

2 = 91.7%

FOR YOUR DIARY: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - TOMORROW 6th September.

The next Staff Development Day will take place tomorrow, **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.

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. 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.

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



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

Sheoni Perera, Zachary Haddad, Nicholas Drosos

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.

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.

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

7. MAKING PATTERNS

Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry.

Activities include:

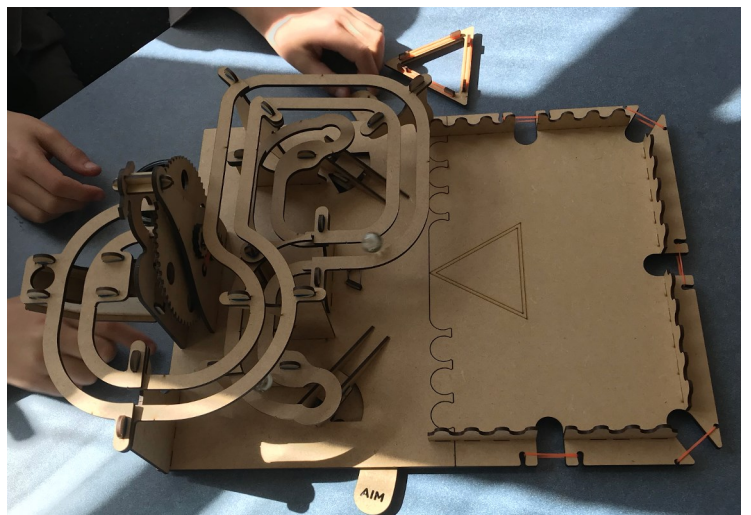
- » Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, buildings, crockery, cards and furniture. Create a scrapbook to refer back to for ideas during arts and crafts.
- » Use coloured pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery to begin a pattern for your child to continue. Once confident, ask them to create a pattern of their own.
- » Try to incorporate some patterns in rhythm. Create a clapping pattern and ask your child to copy and then create their own pattern.
- » Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders on greeting cards.



Marble Roller Coaster

This Marble Roller Coaster project was built in the Makerspace in the Library at lunchtime. It has helped us all find new friends and talents in each other. In the process of building we were soon able to see everyone's strengths (like strength itself particularly with elastic bands) and we were surprised to see how parts work together and how clever design can ensure the marble runs in between the wood instead of on the wood. So meet our brand new marble roller coaster nicknamed AiM.BOT!

-Emily Johnson, Rosemary Gonsalves,
James Fraser, Anthony Nakhoul,
Shanelle Wambeek and Isabella Chivers.
Year 5



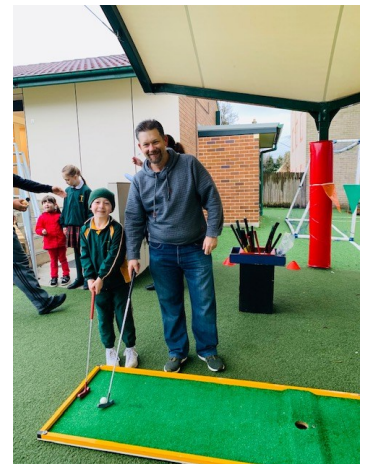
Father's Day Activities

The school would like to express their sincere gratitude to any one who assisted with the Father's Day celebrations last week.

Thank you to:

- all the parents who came to assist with the organising of the Father's Day gifts before and on the day of the stall
- all the parents who spend a considerable amount of time selling the gifts to the children and assisting them to choose something 'just right' for dad
- Mrs Bousimon for coordinating the Father's Day Breakfast and putt putt fun this year and her team of helpers. As you all know an event such as this takes often months of organising but she said that it was made much easier with the assistance of so many wonderful families
- All the families that donated special treats for the breakfast - it is very much appreciated - as always.
- All the families who were able to come to the school to be a part of the breakfast and mass on Friday.

Many visitors commented on the fact that this is what makes a great school - community! A special thank you is extended to Mrs Benkovich for her outstanding liaising with parent helpers this week and for her management of the school events. Thank you also to Mrs Jones for her interest and enthusiasm in ensuring the success of the stall and the raffle. Thank you to the staff for their assistance also, particularly Mr Younis, Mrs Standing, Mrs Carroll, Mr McIntosh, Mrs Attard and Mrs Fardell who supervised the Putt Putt Golf.



ST PATRICK'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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THANK YOU

to our Year 4 mums for proudly hosting
Father's Day HI-TEE Breakfast



The kids & dads enjoyed the morning with a delicious
Hi-Tea Breakfast courtesy of our year 4 mums
as they played a game of Putt Putt golf.

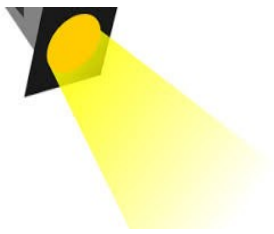




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1	Oatlands Golf Club 18 holes of Golf (4 players)	Anthony El-Sabbagh	KA
2	Western Sydney Wanderers Signed frame print	Adam Jurisic	4G
3	Genesis Parra 6 mth Gym Memb	Daniel Semaan	2Y
4	Genesis Parra 6 mth Gym Memb	Marie Rahme	3T
5	Family Pass Featherdale Wildlife Park	Finn Giron	5T
6	Milwaukee Radio	Samuel Navasardyan	4G
7	Coffee Machine & pods	Annabella Remaili	2M
8	Escapade Hair pack	Christiana Kalouche	6P
9	2 x Corporate tickets to Eels v's Manly	Lucy Parkes	6P
10	Vasco's Charcoal Chicken voucher	Jo Harb	4G
11	Coles/Myer Voucher	Olivia Saab	4B
12	Bunnings Voucher	Olivia Pijaca	4G
13	\$50 Pablo's Voucher & Bowling	Evelyn Gereige	6P
14	\$50 Pablo's Voucher & Bowling	Ian Mason	KM
15	Artego Hair Products	Jacob Wehbe	4G
16	Uniden Accident Camera	Brian Chen	5C
17	Outback Steakhouse Voucher	Dante Dagostino	6P
18	Outback Steakhouse Voucher	Dunya Grudic	6P
19	Jags Ristorante	Joshua Day	1S
20	Jags Ristorante	Jim Sahyoun	1S



21	CJ's Car Wash Voucher	Dunya Grudic	6P
22	CJ's Car Wash Voucher	Brian Chen	5C
23	CJ's Car Wash Voucher	Clare Camenzuli	3T
24	CJ's Car Wash Voucher	Jayden Blazek	1S
25	\$50 Netflix Voucher	Zachary Tannous	KA
26	\$50 David Jones	Zachery Aguilera	2Y
27	\$50 David Jones	Jasmine Rizk	1C
28	Nautica Perfume	Xavier Bayssari	KA
29	Johnnie Walker	Victoria Nassif	2M
30	Johnnie Walker	Chloe Vella	2Y
31	Dimple Scotch	Kiara Haddad	6W
32	Bay Vista Voucher	George Rizk	KM
33	Bay Vista Voucher	Kiara Haddad	6W
34	Screwdriver Set	Michael Sunwar	1S
35	Screwdriver Set	Kalim Azar	6P
36	Screwdriver Set	Lourdes Saleh	1C
37	BBQ Gift pack	Lourdes Saleh	1C
38	Shower Pamper Set	Audrey El Bayeh	1C
39	Gift Pack	Clio Encarnacao	4G



Spotlight on... Year 1—Src's

Today we are focusing on our Year 1 SRC's-

1C — Patrick Semaan & Cayenne Lleva

1S — Ashton Grohs & Catherine Kwa

Patrick Semaan

What one country would you like to travel to most?

I would like to travel to Lebanon because I've heard it is a really beautiful place.

Name 5 words describing you?

Nice, cute, helpful, friendly and respectful.

What is your favourite subject?

My favourite subjects is mathematics because I love numbers.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is the dark.

If you were a animal would it be?

If I were an animal I would be a lion because they are really fierce and cool.

Catherine Kwa

Favourite book?

My favourite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I would have the power of super speed so I can go to school really fast.

What are you most excited for currently?

I am excited for my birthday because I get lots of presents for free.

What hobbies do you have?

My hobbies are gymnastics, playing piano, swimming, tennis and ice skating.

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

The country I want to travel to is America because it has a lot of youtubers that I want to see.

Cayenne Lleva

What do you do in your spare time?

My favourite thing to do when I have spare time is spending time with my sister.

Favourite Movie?

My Favourite movie is Frozen because it gives me a lesson about caring about others.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is spiders.

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be a pastry chef because I want to make sweets.

What is your favourite place in the world and why?

Universal Studios is my favourite place because when you get to Harry's school and enter you will see some photos moving. It's the coolest thing ever!

Ashton Grohs

What is your ideal job?

When I grow up I would like to be a chef.

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

I would spend it on a nice two storey house.

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

I would like to help the world become a better place by planting more trees.

What is your favourite TV show?

My favourite TV show is Teen Titans.

What sport(s) or music do you play?

I play tackle footy.

Sacraments of Initiation Information Evening

Reconciliation & First Eucharist

The next program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for children already Baptised will commence in School Term 4.

There will be an **INFORMATION EVENING** on

Tuesday 24th September

7.30pm

Cloister Function Room (Hall)

1 Marist Pl. Parramatta

This is for *parents only* who are interested in registering their child/ren for the upcoming program and would like to learn more about the process in St Patrick's Cathedral Parish. Please note that children must be 7 years or older to be eligible for the program at this time.

For more information regarding the upcoming program for Reconciliation and Eucharist or any other enquires about the Sacraments of Initiation at St Patrick's Cathedral please contact Meg Gale: sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au



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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

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)

FREEDOM OF ENTRY PARADE | 14 SEP



Freedom of Entry parade Saturday 14 September 2019

An opportunity for our community to honour the men and women of the Royal Australian Navy and our city's namesake, HMAS *Parramatta*.

10.30am – 12pm

Performances at Lennox Bridge, Church Street

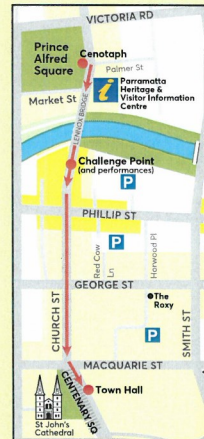
12pm – 12.30pm

Freedom of Entry parade will commence at the Cenotaph, Prince Alfred Square including the 'Challenge' on Lennox Bridge, and conclude at Parramatta Town Hall.

ALL WELCOME

For more information visit

cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/freedomofentry



HMAS Parramatta Exhibition

9am – 5pm | 2 – 15 September 2019

Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre
346A Church Street, Parramatta

Explore the history of Parramatta's special connection with HMAS Parramatta. See the 1961 brass bell, inscribed with the names of babies born to crew members, discover the history of the HMAS Parramatta I including the Memorial at Queen's Wharf Reserve, as well as the history of HMAS Parramatta II, III and IV.



CITY OF PARRAMATTA



FAMILY FUN DAY

at the
NSW Parliament
October School
Holidays!

**FRIDAY
11 OCTOBER
10 am to 3 pm**

Member for a Day: What would you say?

Free fun educational activities at
Australia's oldest Parliament for
children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers and places rarely open to the public; give your first speech as a Member of Parliament in the chambers; be entertained by roving musicians.

FREE ENTRY

Activities

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location

6 Macquarie Street –
opposite Martin Place

The public café
will be open.

Sausage
Sizzle
\$3.00
per person



FREE ENTRY • All Welcome
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www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

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10 OR MORE ESSENTIAL
9230 2047



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



Junior
SCIENCE ACADEMY

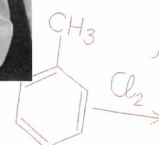
BLAST OFF INTO THE WORLD OF SCIENCE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Join our exciting science programs for Years K-6 during the school holidays

Science classes offered at Blair Wark VC Community Centre, West Lindfield.

Robotics classes offered at Cheltenham Girls' High School.

- Class topics include learning about dinosaurs, volcanic eruptions, DNA, how to analyse blood for diseases & why animal poop is so fascinating!
- Our courses are designed to teach scientific concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft & other hands-on activities.
- New courses are always added & all-time favourites are rotated each school holidays.



Creative Kids vouchers (value \$100) can be claimed for any robotics class. Apply through ServiceNSW for your child's voucher.

Drop off	8.30am - 9.30am
Activities	9.30am - 4.30pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cost	\$126.50

Want more information? Visit our website:
mq.edu.au/about/holidays

