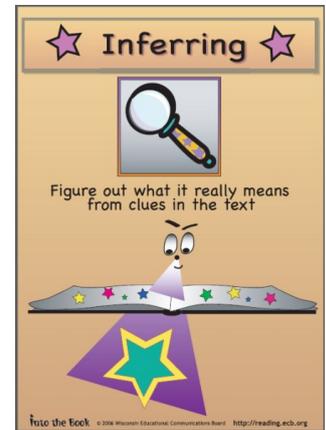


Newsletter

19th September, 2019 Term 3 Week 9



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Continuing the theme of Reading Comprehension and literacy terms, this newsletter will focus on one of the most important and difficult skills required for effective reading - Inferring.

Simply put, Inferring is the ability to figure out what the author is communicating to the reader, from clues in the text.

For many children, words can be very sneaky; they can change meaning depending on the context or the words around them. Consider this example reference from a document prepared by Debbie Draper, DECS Curriculum Consultant, Northern Adelaide:

The word **ate** means different things in each of these sentences.

- The boy **ate** the apple in the pie. (took in solid food as nourishment)
- The acid **ate** the metal. (caused to rust or disintegrate)
- His guilt **ate** into him. (produced worry or anxiety)
- The stapler **ate** staples. (used up)

The analysis of words is only one challenge for readers. They must also learn to create personal meaning from the text by combining it with the relevant prior knowledge. This is quite a complex skill and as mentioned in a previous newsletter the richer the experiences the children have, the easier it is for readers to make this link.

How can I help my child to improve their ability to make inferences?

- Give children many opportunities to practice. Show them a tool eg a potato peeler or masher and ask them what it is used for. Show them a potato and see if they can make the link.
- Play this guessing game. Give the children the following scenarios and ask them to infer what could be happening (Suggestions in brackets but there are many other possibilities)
 - Sue blew out the candles and got presents. (Sue's birthday)
 - Mary plays her flute for 2 hours every day. (She is part of a band or is preparing for a performance)
 - The boat drifted in the middle of the lake. (the boat was unattended and came off its moorings)
 - John went running into the street without looking. (John was in a hurry)
 - Rasheeta was the star pitcher but she had a broken finger. (Was Rasheeta going to play today?)
 - We bought tickets and some popcorn. (At the movies)
 - I forgot to set my alarm clock last night. (Was late for school or work)
 - When I woke up, there were branches and leaves all over the yard. (It was a windy or stormy night)
 - Yesterday we cleaned out our desks and took everything home. (The last day of the year at school)
 - Everyone stopped when the referee blew the whistle. (The end of the game)
- Model how you make inferences based on what the author says.
- Ask your child to make predictions about what she/he is reading and explain the reason for that prediction.
- Use the cartoon section of the newspaper to help your child understand the humor in the comic strip.
- Encourage your child to talk about his/her response to what is read.
- Honour your child's thinking about what is read.
- Talk about the inferences your child makes during the day (when to ask a parent for permission to do something and when not to ask).
- Point out the inferences that are made based on a person's body language (smile, hands on hips, slouch).
- Play word games that require inferential thinking (Twenty Questions).
- Make inferences about unfamiliar vocabulary words.
- Share riddles and riddle books.
- Play charades.

Wishing you many moments of happy inferring.

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 boy's 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 weekend. Next week, parents will be contacted by the student's classroom teacher if we deem the haircut to be unsuitable.

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.

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.

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.

2019 Dates to Remember

Term 3

Friday 20th Sept

Celebration of Learning—Kindy 2.30pm

School Disco—gates open at 5pm

Week 10

Wednesday 25th Sept

Celebration of Learning—Year 4 2.15pm

Thursday 26th Sept

Harmony Day Activities

Celebration of Learning—Year 6 2.00pm

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

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

Dear Kindergarten Parents! Tomorrow at 2.30pm Kindergarten will be having their celebration of learning. They will be presenting posters about a specific animal or plant they have researched in groups. Please come and join us! Thank you.

The Parents of year 4 are invited to visit the classrooms, on Wednesday 25 September for their child's Celebration of Learning. The children will showcase the work that they have been doing this term including; writing based on our author visit from Jess Black, our Religion work on saints and our Geography research. We hope to start at 2:15 and would like to see as many parents there as possible.

Year 6 will be having a Celebration of Learning this term on Thursday 26 September. They are very excited to share with you their understanding of 'How we are globally connected and how it affects our everyday lives'. The students will be presenting a multimodal presentation where it hoped they will inform and persuade their audience of our connections with Asia and if they agree or disagree it has an affect on our lives in Australia. Our celebration of learning will take place at 2pm in the Year 6 learning space.

Reading with Your Child

To Parents and Carers

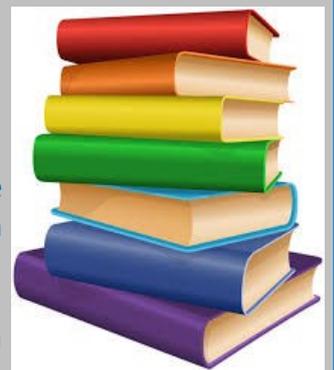
You can make a difference to your children's reading journey. Your role as an advocate for your children's reading success cannot be overestimated. It has a direct impact on the ease and confidence with which they pursue their reading and writing.

It is the joy and love of sharing a good book on a nightly basis that sets the foundation for their reading success, and ensures that reading is given the priority it deserves. Reading regularly with someone who cares is the inspiration that all readers deserve.

As parents and carers, you create the home context for reading and set the tone for how reading is valued. The 'payoff' for reading together has to be worth coming back to night after night after night. When reading together is the best time of your children's day and the best time of your day, it is worth turning up. The right book infused with fun, laughter, and love goes a long way in creating life-long readers who in thirty years' time recall with joy being snuggled on the lounge with you and their favourite book.

In the following weeks, the Literacy Team will share with you some more tips you can use when reading with your young learner.

Mrs Williams and Mrs Warn



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

Phillip Said, Joanthony Tannous, Ava Takchi, Ethan-Jordan Firmeza, Lauren Polintan, Olivia Zhang, Sheridan Achie, Samson Sayegh, Jayden Blazek

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

Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

Year 3

On Friday Year 3 went to the Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day. Throughout the day we played 6 games. We only won 1 game, but we still had a lot of fun. We worked as a team and tried our best. While we were on the side line we cheered for our team. We had so much fun and can't wait to go to another gala day.

By Phillip, Christian J, Liam, Paul, Isaac, Zavier, Joshua, James A, James M, Elio



Year 4 Boys

On Friday we went to the Touch Football Gala Day. It was an enjoyable day because we all got to play together and we had an experience of how people play with their skills and tactics. We won all our games because of our teamwork and when we made a little error we didn't start getting angry we just kept our heads up and kept on playing the game. It was a really fun experience I loved how we all cooperated and listened to each other.



We had an enjoyable day with lots of excitement we played well and scored some amazing tries we used a lot of teamwork and fortunately we came out on top. Thank You to Mr Younis, Miss Alphonse, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Saleh and Mrs Gittany for helping us throughout the day.

By Elie, James.K, Baxter, Dylan, Alex, Matthew, Louis, Daniel, Raymond Joe

Year 4 Girls

On Friday the 13th of September 2019 we travelled by bus to the Kingsway, St Mary's Penrith Park, where we would be spending our day! On our way there, we all felt very nervous and didn't know what to expect. We had never had as much fun and loved working together as a team that we had never worked with before. We did really well and managed to come equal 2nd on the ladder. We had won 3 games, tied 1 and lost 2 games. We had the best day and loved it and are excited for our next games together. We were really proud of how we went for a team who had never played together. Mr Younis had told us that we had come equal second we were going to faint. We all tried our best and never gave up even in those times that we had lost. We were sometimes annoyed at each other, but got there in the end. We always fought the battle face first and did the best we could. It was the best day ever. Our team was very supportive of each other, and we had an awesome team manager and a great team captain.



By Oliva, Estelle, Weyata, Maria, Amariah, Emma, Isabella

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

On Thursday 26th September (Week 10) the students will be celebrating the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day in conjunction with Harmony Day. The focus of the morning will be on creating a deeper understanding of our Indigenous culture and reflecting on how the Dreamtime stories carry the knowledge of the Aboriginal culture and faith. The students will focus on the Dreaming story "The Rainbow Serpent" and discovery what the Dreaming story reveals to us about the Aboriginal Culture.



As part of the celebrations, students are invited to wear colourful mufti clothing on the day.

Footsteps Dance Presents

Family Disco 'Dancing Under the Stars'

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow, St Patrick's will be holding our annual '**Dancing Under the Stars' Family Disco**, weather permitting. It is a great opportunity to meet up with families who have joined St Patrick's this year. The evening will be led by one of the FOOTSTEPS Dance Instructors who work with the students each year teaching them dance and movement throughout Term 4. The disco will begin at 6pm and conclude at 8.30pm. Gates will be open from 5pm.

Why not have a night off cooking and grab dinner at the disco? Food will be available from 5pm. We will have **the Outback Steak House BBQ and many other delights as well as tea, coffee, water and drinks for sale on the night.** Parents are more than welcome to bring their own picnic supper. Students will also be able to purchase glo-sticks from the canteen to help light up the dance floor.

Please remember that **no alcohol is to be consumed on the premises, the school site is a smoke free zone and parents are required to supervise their children for the duration of the event.** N.B The children do not need to know the dance steps to come along.

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

9. MEASURING THINGS

Understanding measurement and scale are crucial to your child's understanding of maths. Here are some tips and activities:

- » Use a wall measuring chart to measure the height of people in your family.
- » Talk to your child about objects around them and help them judge which is bigger or smaller, taller or shorter.
- » Cut a piece of string for your child – any length will do. Use the string to measure the objects in your house to find out what is longer or shorter than your 'string measuring tape'. Ask your child to identify anything that is the same length.
- » Explore other ways of measuring, such as using a cup, jug, teaspoon, icy pole sticks, footprints or hand lengths.
- » Help your child to build a tower of blocks that is taller than a favourite toy. Ask your child to count the total blocks to measure the height of the tower.
- » Estimate and measure who can jump the furthest, or stand on one foot for a longer period, or how many buttons might fill a jar.
- » Explore the size of different containers by pouring and filling. Estimate, then check to see which holds more or less.
- » Notice changes in the weather and the time of day. Use an old bottle and create a 'rain gauge' to measure and monitor how much it rains.

NEXT LEVEL SPORTS SPRING CLINIC DATES:

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

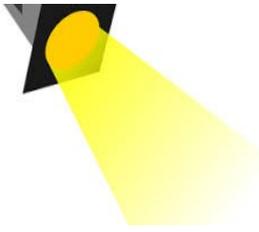
- WEEK 2 Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October.
LOCATION: St Patrick's PS, Parramatta

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....

Mr Younis, Ella Abdallah, Mary-Jo and Benjamin Aguilera.

Ella Abdallah

If you were an animal what would you be?

I would be a cat since they laze around all day and have no responsibilities.

What's your favourite movie?

A House With The Clock In Its Walls because I like scary movies and it is kind of creepy.

Who is your biggest inspiration?

My Mum since she is a great role-model and cares for my opinion.

What's your favourite place in the world?

YogurBerry because it has the best food in the world (it is an ice-cream buffet)!

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

I would be an artist since I enjoy doing art.

Mr Younis

What's your favourite line from any book or movie?

It is from Fast and Furious when Vin Diesel says; "ask any real racers, they will tell you, whether you win by a mile or an inch, winning is winning!

If you were an animal would it be?

Silver back gorilla - the real king of the jungle.

Your least favourite dish?

Brussel sprouts

What are you most excited for currently?

Parra to win the grand final!!!

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

JT squared(Jacob Tamaro and Julian Tanna)

Mary-Jo

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

I would buy a Mansion for my family and give some to my family's family.

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

I would help the world become a better place by respecting everyone I meet and teaching others they way to live so they too can make the world a better place.

When you leave this earth how do you want people to remember you by?

As the girl that was always there when we needed her.

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

Full house. I love this show because I can relate to it and it makes me interested.

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

I would want to go to Lebanon. I think this because that is where my family is from and learning about my family heritage is fun.

Benjamin Aguilera

If you had \$1000000 to spend in a day what would you spend it on?

I I would spend it to pay back the bank for the money my parents owe.

What country would you like to travel to and why?

I would travel to America so I can go to Disneyland.

Your least favourite dish?

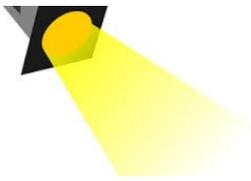
My least favourite dish is brussel sprouts.

What are you currently excited for?

High-school since I am excited since I do not know what is going to happen.

Name 3 words describing you

Quiet, creative, thoughtful



More Spotlight on... our Year 6 class Members

Today we are focusing on our Year 6 class members

Sheridan Achie 6P

Name 5 words describing you?

Funny, encouraging, friendly, goofy, sometimes annoying

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

A holiday, charity, shoes, food

If you were an animal what would it be?

A fly because I annoy people

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

Jesus because He is my saviour. He died for my sins.

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

Tom Holland, Austin McBroom and Grayson Dolan because they seem fun.

Chiara Banzato 6P

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

Save it and give half to charity.

What is your biggest fear?

Spiders and fish

If you were an animal would it be?

A UNICORN BECAUSE I WANT MAGIC POWERS!

Your least favourite dish?

Curry

Name 5 words describing you?

Evil, smart, pretty, annoying and magical

Lacey Bond

What are you looking forward to the most in High School?

I am most excited about having a fresh start and meeting new friends, as long as I have my old friends.

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

France because I feel like I could immerse myself in the culture and I love Paris and the Eiffel Tower, although I've never been I know it is the city of love and I love reading romance books

What is your favourite place in the world?

Bali because of the culture and all the places, especially the monkey forest.

If you were an animal what would you be?

If I were an animal, I would be a sloth because they are so relaxed and laid back.

Favourite book?

My favourite book would probably be 'Sisters' by Raina Telgermeier.

Dante Dagostino

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

I never thought I would achieve coming 2nd in the Voice of Youth cluster finals.

If you could have any job (that might not even be possible in real life e.g a koala driving instructor?) what would it be? Why?

I would want to be a doctor, scientist or detective because all of the jobs are interesting and have their own special aspects which I enjoy.

Your least favourite dish?

My least favourite dish would be cooked octopus

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

My favourite tv show would be Adventure Time because there is a great plot and good characters.

Name 4 words describing you?

Funny, Relaxed, Good Friend, Trustworthy.

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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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

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Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV

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