



## **2019 Dates to Remember**

### **Term 4**

### **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**25TH November 2019**

**NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL**

### **CHANGE OF DATE FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Thursday 12th December 2019 (Evening)**

#### **Week 3**

**Friday 1st November**

World Teachers Day to be celebrated

Infants Assembly—Kinder—  
2.15pm

#### **Week 4**

**Tuesday 5th November**

Footsteps Dance continues

**2020 Kindergarten**

**Orientation 9.15am**

Tues 5th Nov, Wed 6th Nov &  
Thurs 7th Nov 2019

**Friday 8th November**

Year 1 excursion to Aquarium

Primary Assembly—Year 6—  
2.15pm

#### **Week 5**

**Tuesday 12th November**

Footsteps Dance continues

**Wednesday 13th November**

Kindy 2020 Parent Information Night—7.30pm

**Friday 15th November**

Infants Assembly—Year 1 —  
2.15pm

# **Newsletter**

**31st October, 2019 Term 4 Week 3**

Dear Parents,

Last Friday was World Teacher's Day. At St Patrick's Parramatta we will be celebrating this special day tomorrow. It is an opportunity for students and families to acknowledge the wonderful work teachers do all around the world. Most people I know have been influenced by a teacher at some stage in their lives. They may have been a teacher in primary school, high school, technical college or university. They may be teachers in a sporting or leisure context or life skills. For some of us our favourite teacher is our parish priest or pastor who demonstrates for us how to be wise, patient and compassionate.

One year we asked the children what makes a good teacher. None of their responses surprised us, however, what did surprise us, was the maturity and wisdom expressed by the children – even the young ones. They commented that a good teacher is kind. That quality seemed to be the most popular. Good teachers, they said, are those that help them to learn. They appreciated teachers that knew their topics and were organized and prepared. Children liked teachers who let them make mistakes without getting 'cranky' and they especially liked teachers who could take a joke now and then. From what I have gained from their responses they didn't mind firmness, but appreciated fairness also. They said that a good teacher is one that listens to children. All the children's responses were quite insightful and their pictures of teachers were equally delightful. The answer I like the most, however, was a little girl who said ' a good teacher is one that teaches from her heart not her head only. Very special indeed!

When I ask teachers why they chose this vocation, the most common reason is that they wanted to make a difference in the lives of children. What we may not recognise however is that in hoping to make a difference what really happens is that our students and families make a difference to us; to what makes us the people we are today. So thank you!

**May I take this opportunity to thank the wonderful teachers at St Patrick's Parramatta. Their dedication and interest in your children is obvious in the many ways they go that extra step to assist them to be happy and fulfilled at school. They are creative and enthusiastic and demonstrate to the children the importance of teamwork and commitment on a daily basis. Their love for their faith is one of their greatest assets, each bringing their own unique gifts to our community.**

Lastly, may I wholeheartedly recommend the profession of teaching. The future of our world needs intelligent and faith filled people, who are willing to share their minds and hearts as teachers in our Catholic Schools.

God bless you and your families.

Bernadette Fabri  
Principal



## Honour Award

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

<b>KA</b>	Aaliya Ebrahim	Liam Makhoul
<b>KM</b>	Jessica Lim	Oliver Jakopovic
<b>1C</b>	Molly Moses	Benjamin Kalouche
<b>1S</b>	Liza Navasardyan	Logan Munro
<b>2M</b>	Olivia Fayad	Annabella Remaili
<b>2Y</b>	Edan-Grace El-Chaar	Panayioti Yannakis



## st patrick's award

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

<b>KA</b>	James Younis	Marcella Abboud
<b>KM</b>	Michael Agostino	Leah Wahbe
<b>1C</b>	Lourdes Saleh	Ethan Zaiter
<b>1S</b>	Georgia-Rose Rizk	Frank Malkoun
<b>2M</b>	Eva Jakopovic	Jonah Shehadie
<b>2Y</b>	Kaylani Elphinstone	Luke Wehbe

## After School 'Drive Through'

In order for our afternoon 'Drive Through' to run as efficiently as possible we need your assistance by following these guidelines. Please:

- Have a clear label displayed in your front windscreen in **Large bold black text** (highlighter and biro are impossible to read)
- Have children enter the car from the **footpath only**
- Avoid having children put **bags in the boot** (if another car accidentally accelerated your child could be crushed)
- Remain in your car as it is **illegal to leave your vehicle** in this area as it is 'NO PARKING'
- Make sure that your child/ren can fasten their own seatbelts (this is a requirement if using the 'Drive Through' service)
- Use the designated crossings around the school rather than crossing in between the traffic.

Please note that if you park outside the school or in Trott Street before 3 pm the parking officers have the right to ask you to move as this area is a **NO PARKING AREA FROM 2.30PM—4.00PM.**

We ask that you please follow the road signs and cooperate with our parking officers as we would prefer our parent community do not receive any parking fines.

Mrs Benkovich

## 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.

### St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 85.8%

<b>K = 83.9%</b>	<b>2 = 91.5%</b>	<b>4 = 91.9%</b>	<b>6 = 83.3%</b>
<b>1 = 73.2%</b>	<b>3 = 88.7%</b>	<b>5 = 87.7%</b>	

**St Patrick's Parramatta**  
**RETURN TO SCHOOL 2020 DATES**

<b>Week One 2020</b>	<b>Monday 27th January 2020</b>	<b>Tuesday 28th January 2020</b>	<b>Wednesday 29th January 2020</b>	<b>Thursday 30th January 2020</b>	<b>Friday 31st January 2020</b>	<b>Week 2 Monday 3rd February 2020</b>
	<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>Staff Development Day –  Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments</b>	<b>Staff Development Day –  Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments</b>	<b>Years 1 to Year 6 Commence school</b>		<b>Kindergarten commence school (full day)</b>
		<b>Year 1 to 6—Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 2 days.</b>				
		<b>Kindergarten Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher on any of these 4 days.</b>				

**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:**

Christian Chivers, Sophia Zhang, James Said, Lucia El Hani, Justin Mawad, Isaiah Zaiter, Christine Kahwaji

**WORLD  
TEACHERS  
DAY -  
1st November,  
2019 at  
St Patrick's  
Parramatta**





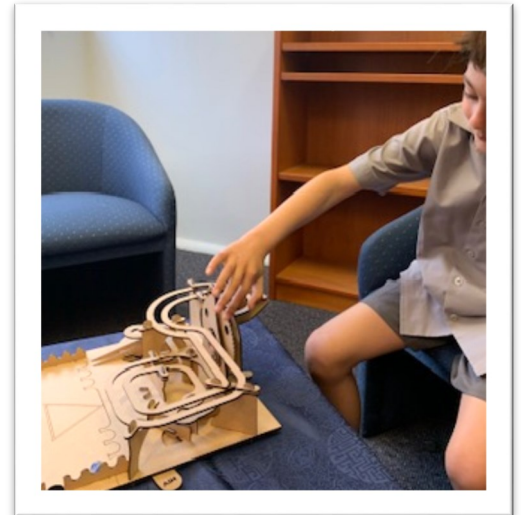
### ***News from the STEM Makerspace***

Last week we built a mechanical 'Xylofun' music machine. We really enjoyed this experience even though it was quite frustrating at times. We have learnt how to read instructions carefully and to be accurate so the finished product works. We really had fun constructing this machine and working as a team. If you get a chance you should "say **YES** to the Makerspace" to challenge yourself and make new friends.

Amelia Coles, Danielle Tannous and Clio Encarnacao

Miss Fabri took me to the Makerspace to pick a favourite invention. I picked the rollercoaster. We took the rollercoaster to Miss Fabri's office to play. Imagine if you shrink yourself into a little marble then you could ride down and around on the track.. I had to aim which way the marble would go at the end so it would go into the right hole and get caught by the bands. It was fun. Mrs Standring played this game with me and I liked playing with her.

John Bardetta 1C



## **Extended Leave**

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you know it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged as every school day is important for every child.

If you intend taking your child out of school for five days or more you must make a formal application in writing to me and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance, and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

These regulations are in place to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and I know you will understand the reasoning behind them.

The last day of Term 4 for 2019 for students will be Wednesday 18th December.

If you have any questions in regards to leave please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Thanks

Bernadette Fabri



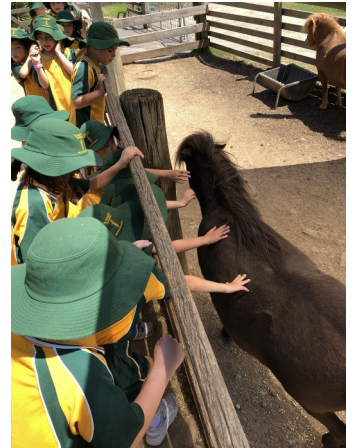
## Kindergarten Excursion—Calmsley Hill Farm

At the farm we caught a big big big bus, then we ate recess. After that we saw the hens and the rooster. We also saw the cows, lizards and snakes. Then we patted some sheep and milked a cow. We watched 3 shows.

Scarlett KM

On Friday Kindy went to Calmsley Hill. First we went on the bus and next we had recess. Then we got to pat a rabbit and a chick. Then Mrs Higgins and Miss Stephenson got to do the whip.

Alyssa KA



## Year Two's Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm

Yesterday, Year Two went on an excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm. We met three wonderful tour guides called Toni, Anne and David, who split us into 3 groups and took us around the farm. We learnt about the Rouse Family and saw things that they used to complete jobs over 120 ago. We got to wash and hang out clothes, pump water from the well, milk a 'cow', look at old vehicles and carts and walk through their famous horse stables. We had such an awesome day and learned a lot.

Daniel, Edan-Grace, Beth & Ray



# St Patrick's Parramatta Swimming Carnival 2019

This year our St Patrick's Swimming Carnival will be held on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Granville Swimming Centre**. All students in **Years 2 to 6** will be expected to attend the Carnival and participate in either race events or novelty activities.

**Depart School:** **9:00am** students will catch a bus to the pool and prepare for a 9:30am start.

**Depart pool:** **2:00pm**

**What to wear:** Students are advised to wear their **swimming costume** underneath their **Sport uniform**. Students may choose to wear a **coloured t-shirt** to represent their House colour. Students must wear a **hat** and either **sandals or jogggers**.

**NO THONGS WILL BE PERMITTED.** Coloured **zinc** is not permitted.

Please **complete** the online **permission slip** to allow your child to attend the Carnival and **return no later than Wednesday 13th November 2019**. You **must indicate whether your child will be competing in race events or in novelty activities only**.

For your child to compete in race events they **MUST BE A COMPETENT AND CONFIDENT SWIMMER ABLE TO SWIM 50m WITHOUT STOPPING**. **All students who nominate to compete will be assessed prior to the commencement of the carnival and given appropriate wristbands to wear.** Students competing in race events will be given supervised 'free' time at the end of the Carnival in the 50m pool if time permits. If your child is not a confident and competent 50m swimmer please indicate that they will participate in the novelty events only in the smaller pool. They will be under the supervision of teachers and time permitting will receive a couple of sessions. **STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN NOVELTY ACTIVITIES ONLY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE 50m RACE POOL AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY.** The safety of students is paramount and therefore we rely on parents and students to demonstrate their full cooperation.

In order for our carnival to run smoothly we require the assistance of parent helpers to volunteer their time. If you are able to help on the day could you please indicate on the online form **asap or by Friday 8th November** to allow time for the organisation of duties. We appreciate the ongoing support our parents provide and are aware that without your help these days would not run as efficiently.

We look forward to another successful Carnival, weather permitting. Qualifying times for further representation will be based on the student's Heat Time. 50m Freestyle events will be raced in Boys and Girls age groups, however all other events will be raced in Junior, 11 Years and Senior Boys and Girls categories and the 100m Freestyle events in an Open Boys and Girls category.

**Further information regarding what the students should bring to the Carnival, expectations and the organisation of the day will be sent home closer to the Carnival date.**

## Carnival Dismissal

Please be aware that this is a school event and therefore **all students are expected to attend the Carnival for the full duration of the day as if it were regular school hours.**

As the Carnival will run until close to the end of the school day (approx. 2:00pm) we will allow the students to be dismissed from the swimming pool if signed out and accompanied by an adult.

If you wish to take your child home from the pool or give permission to allow another adult to take them home from the pool can you please indicate on the online form so that their classroom teacher is aware of your intentions on the day.

Please understand that although you have indicated that you or another adult will be taking your child home from the pool at the end of the carnival, **you are still expected to approach your child's teacher prior to leaving the pool to have the child's name ticked off the roll.** Any parent of a child not ticked off will be contacted so we ask for your cooperation to avoid this unnecessary complication.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

Thank you

Mrs Benkovich on behalf of the Swimming Committee





## Walkathon 2019

Dear Parents and families,

Congratulations on the wonderful effort regarding our major fundraiser - the walkathon.

This year \$15 287 was raised. WOW!

My sincere appreciation for your generosity and involvement in assisting the children to have their cards and sporting attire ready for the day. The funds raised from this community event will go towards learning resources such as continuing to provide devices for your children to enable research, express their learning and give each other feedback for example. It will also go towards supporting Play Based Learning to help develop literacy and communication in the infant's classrooms.

Once again, thank you so much!!  
Miss Fabri







## Spotlight on our Year 6 class Members

### Brooklyn Munro

#### If you were an animal what would you be?

I would be a Koala because I would sleep all day

#### What's your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is high school musical 2 because it brings back memories that i enjoy laughing about.

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

I would on chocolate because chocolate is my favourite food on earth.

#### What's your favourite place in the world?

Glen Innes because most of my family lives up there and I never get to see them

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

I would be a dance teacher because I am good at dancing and I enjoy making them up.

### Alani Grohs

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

I would really like to travel to New Caledonia since the beaches and environment are really nice. I like the culture, language and food.

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

I would want to be a sloth since sloths are cute, hang on trees and are lazy like me.

#### What are you currently excited for?

Right now, I am really excited for the Year 6 Reflection Camp since it is my last year at St Patrick's and I want to have fun with all my friends and teachers. Also, I love the outdoors.

#### Five words to describe you

Crazy, dumb, energetic, strange and gamer.

#### Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My mum is my biggest inspiration in life, because she tells me right from wrong and gives me good advice for the future.

### Crystella Geagea

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

I would buy 2 dogs, colouring books, a car, a trip around America, save some and give some away

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

To stop people from littering and sending pollution into our oceans and air.

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

I want them to remember me by being kind and helping people out.

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

My favourite movie is the new Maleficent that just came out since it was a bit sad and I love her.

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

I would love to travel to America, I have always wanted to go to America since I want to see the skyscrapers.

### Jayden Farah

#### Who is your biggest inspiration?

My biggest inspiration is God because he is a faithful spirit that can help you with anything.

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

I want to help the world by asking family and friends to pray for others to make the world a better place.

#### What are five words describing you?

Funny, Crazy, Clumsy, Active and sporty

#### If you could have any super power what would it be and why?

My super power would be very strong because I'm not strong now but i want to be strong in the future

#### What's your favourite place in the world and why?

Hamilton island because it is a lot of fun because you can go snorkelling with turtles.



## Christmas Hampers



As the liturgical year draws to a close at the end of this month it seems appropriate to reflect back on the year past and rejoice in the many gifts our Lord has bestowed on us. As we head into Advent - a season of preparation, may we think of those in our local community that have not experienced joys this year but are suffering from financial difficulties and losing hope. This year we have an opportunity to be a shining light to these community members by donating to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

The aim of the appeal is to share the love of Jesus and live our mission of being the hands of Jesus on earth. As John 15:11 states “ **that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete**”, donating to the appeal will model to our children the importance of sharing God’s love and living the Good News. What a great gift!, and an opportunity to show our children the importance of outreaching to others.

To make sure we receive a mixture of items we have suggested some items for each grade, a note will be coming home shortly. However, if you wish to donate an item not listed for your grade, please feel free to do so as long as they are non-perishable food items and preferably not baked beans or sardines. Items will be collected during **Week 8 - 2 to 12 November**.

### Iceblocks

We will be selling ice-blocks every Friday, starting tomorrow. The money raised will be used to support an outreach program for families who are less fortunate than ourselves in our surrounding community. Ice blocks will sell for **\$1 during Primary and Infants lunch times**.

Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this festive season extra special for families in need this Christmas!



## EXPLORING NUMERACY WITH YOUR CHILD

### YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6—Watching the weather

Because it changes daily, the weather can be a great topic to discuss Maths with your child. Try these activities:

- » Visit the website <http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/>
- » Ask your child the difference between each day’s minimum and maximum temperatures. Do they notice a pattern or trend in the weather changes?
- » Find a seven-day forecast, then record the actual temperature for each day and compare. Ask your child if the forecast was accurate. Ask them what similarities and differences they notice.
- » Use the information on the weather website to explore differences in weather between your area and other areas. Ask your child how much rain you get compared to other areas. Ask your child to identify differences in temperature between your area and other areas. Who might be affected by an increase or decrease in rainfall?

### Connecting online

Here are some other useful websites you can access from home or the local library. Some are also available to download as apps on various devices:

- » <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au> (select Primary Students tab)
- » <https://education.abc.net.au>
- » <https://www.wolframalpha.com/> (start with the Elementary Maths link)
- » <http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>
- » <https://www.scratchjr.org/>
- » <https://www.kodable.com/parents>



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# 2020 Team Sport Trials

## Parramatta Diocese 2020 Information For Parents of **current Year 4 and Year 5 students**

**Registration window open**

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2020 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2019 and in 2020. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2020 be invited to attend**. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Basketball	Open boys & girls	19th November 2019	Open 28 Oct 2019	Monday 11th November 2019
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2020	Nominations Open in 2020	Registration via CSSS in 2020
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2020	Nominations Open in 2020	Registration via CSSS in 2020
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Netball	Open girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby League	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby League	11 yrs boys & girls NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby Union	Open boys	May 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Softball	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Tennis	Open boys & girls	22nd November 2019	Open 28 Oct 2019	Monday 11th November 2019
Touch	Open boys & girls	Feb – Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au) ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the **SPORT** you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2020 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

**Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

**Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.**

**\$10.00 trialling fee is payable to your school if your child has been approved and confirmed to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.**





Catholic Education  
Diocese of Parramatta

# 2020 Team Sport Trials

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*Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union. Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought.*

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

### MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan Mackillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

### NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the NSWPSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

### SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and **must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.**
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- **Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.**
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials **please complete the Team Online Registration Form** that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au) ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

**SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS for the sports of Basketball & Tennis close Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

**ALL OTHER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

Information regarding the team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au) and the [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook](#).

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sports Pathway.

Kind Regards,

*Margaret Thornton*

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

FACEBOOK: [Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

## 2020 school travel applications now open

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.



Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.



Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.



*sub tuum  
praesidium*

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)