

Newsletter

24th June, 2020 Term 2 Week 9



OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week I wanted to again express my sorrow at the passing of one of our dear mothers, Louise, which occurred last Saturday, June 20th. I know from the many conversations I have had with other mothers in the school, Louise was a very valued member of the community and much admired for her positive attitude and friendliness. Even mothers who did not know Louise very well commented on how they used to love to say hello after school when she would pick up her daughter Ellen. I know the news last Saturday must have been very difficult to those who are Louise's friends and you must feel her loss deeply. Like anyone who has experienced grief it is hard to understand why these tragedies happen. All we can do is to continue to assure the family that the school community is there for them, especially young Ellen, in the days and years ahead.

The funeral for Louise will take place on Wednesday 1st June at Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium at 1.30pm, however due to the COVID restrictions and the size of the chapel, attendance is limited to only 35 people - who will be invited family members only. Members of our school community who wish to show their respect through participation will be able to attend virtually by following the link in Wednesday's alert.

During this time we also remember the loss of some of the fathers who we farewelled in 2018 and 2019. Please keep in your prayers also Mr Sam Takchi - 15/9/2018 (Olivia Yr 6), Mr Badwi Barakat - 18/03/2019 (Christian Yr 6) and Mr Ray Malkoun - 30/10/2019 (Frank Yr 2 and Melinda Yr 1) and all members of our families who have passed into eternal life.

I invite you to say this prayer with your family.

Let us Pray

Dearest Jesus,

*who wept at the death of your friend and taught that they who mourn shall be comforted,
grant us the comfort of your presence in our loss.*

*Send Your Holy Spirit to direct us to show your love and compassion,
to give us courage to support each other and to bring us your peace.*

*O sweet mother Mary, who knew the sadness of mourning those your heart loved most,
Jesus, your Son, and Joseph, your devoted spouse,*

Please help the Nikolakopoulos family in their time of loss.

Amen.

God bless you and your families.

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

You are invited to watch a livestream of Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta led by Fr Bob Bossini and Fr Christopher Del Rosario through the St. Patrick's Parramatta Cathedral facebook page:

Watch the Mass live on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).



FAREWELL TO REV FATHER BOB BOSSINI

Last week the school received some sad news that our wonderful and much loved Dean and Parish Priest of St Patrick's Cathedral will be leaving. Fr Bob has been a great support to both the school and to me personally in my role as principal. He has always been very flexible with arrangements ensuring that the children's needs always come first and has been very keen to contribute to a strong and positive school and parish relationship. Father will be greatly missed by the staff also who have greatly benefited from Father's pastoral and spiritual leadership. He is a regular facilitator at Professional Learning Meetings and we have learned much about our Catholic faith traditions, scripture and sacraments from him. The school is organising a suitable farewell from staff and the children, either this term or early next term.

We will miss you Father Bob!

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH

To acknowledge the wonderful work that Fr Bob has done in the Cathedral over the last 6 years, there will be a farewell lunch organized in the hall and cloister on July 4 after the 11am Mass. it is hoped that the restrictions will be further eased by then. Please RSVP by calling the parish office on 8839 8411 or email enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

St Patrick's 2nd Annual Art Exhibition

1 MORE DAY TO GO

We invite you to express your ideas/ thoughts in a visual art form.

Guidelines

- No larger than A4 sheet
- Must include some tones of red
- Any medium

Due Date

Friday 26 June



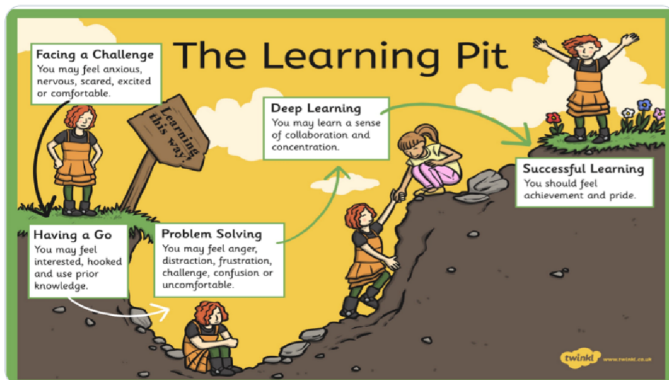
SEMESTER ONE REPORT REMINDER

Dear Parents

Just a reminder that Semester One reports will be issued at the end of Week One Term 3. It is highly recommended that parents who wish to speak to their child's teacher, regarding their progress over the phone, wait until these reports go out, so that you will have a document to refer to. At this stage, due to the restrictions inhibiting visitors from attending the school, Parent/Teacher interviews will not be taking place in person. **As always if you have a matter that is regarding safety or concern please contact the school through the office.**

Thanking you in advance

Bernadette Fabri



FROM THE LEARNING PIT

'Asks questions to deepen their learning'

When we think of questions within the classroom environment, we may picture students being asked them by their teacher; however throughout their schooling students questioning skills are continually being

developed. The importance of asking questions can never be underestimated - it is an essential part of the learning process. As students question unfamiliar concepts, they are in fact directing their learning by making connections between their prior knowledge and new information.

Students' questions play an important role in meaningful learning and motivation. The types of questions asked by students reveal their quality of thinking and conceptual understanding as well as confusions, their reasoning, and what they want to know. Expressing questions during learning is essential when problem solving and whilst trying to deepen their understanding.

As students' progress through their schooling, the depth of questions develop and lead to the ability to critically analyse issues and ideas.

Questioning may look different depending on the age of the student; Kindergarten students tend to ask factual and exploratory questions based on personal experiences whereas Year Four pose questions to help expand their knowledge of their world. By the time students' reach the end of their Primary schooling they are using questions to clarify, interpret and probe for information including causes and consequences. At all stages of schooling, asking questions deepens students' learning.

Mrs Leanda Standring



Honour Award

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

KA	Jude Rahme	Sierra Usman	KM	Juana Bobby	George Kazzaz
1C	Scarlett Eid	Michael Agostino	1S	Joanna Angela Khoury	Ava Takchi
2M	Joshua Day	Nour Kahwaji	2Y	Catherine Kwa	Frances Thomas

ST PATRICK'S AWARD

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

KA	Samuel Betros	Charlize Malkoun	KM	Jessica Izmestyeva	Julian Badr
1C	Sofia Barroso	Sophia Khoury	1S	Aaylia Ebrahim	Samson Sayegh
2M	Araminta Jackson	Georgia Rose Rizk	2Y	John Bardetta	Olivier Touche





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3L	Alessandra De Guzman	Olivia Fayad	3T	Joseph Norman	Wren Chua
4B	Chloe Geagea	Zavier Moujalli	4G	Ava Lao	Troy Daniel
5C	Thomas Aguilera	Sophie Gahdmar	5T	James Kerr	Clio Encarnacao
6P	Shanelle Wambeek	Oliver Kougellis	6W	Frank Agostino	Renee Kougellis

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3L	Ray Chen	Taran Dinesh Kumar	3T	Annabelle Johnson	Josephine Behan
4B	Clare Camenzuli	Paul Khouri	4G	Elio Layoun	Nardos Addisu
5C	Daniella Gereige	Oscar Morgan	5T	Tara Di Chio	Remon Wehbe
6P	Jerome Santos	Olivia Gebrael	6W	Michael Aboumelhem	Aaliyah Johnston



As a member of our school community, I have the **RIGHT** and **RESPONSIBILITY** to ...




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- practise safe and appropriate behaviour
 - practise safe and appropriate internet use
 - listen to the teachers who will guide me to be safe
 - follow school and class rules
 - keep our classroom and playground clean

- pay attention when a teacher or my peers are helping me to learn
- follow and listen to instructions or rules
- take ownership of my learning

- respect other people's opinions
- treat others the way I want to be treated
- speak clearly and use appropriate words
- show courtesy and respect when listening and speaking to others

- be fair to others
- be welcoming of others
- be positive

- use equipment in a safe and appropriate way, including technology
- be respectful of the school and personal property
- use only what resources I need

- ensure that my words and actions do not discredit the school
 - wear my uniform with pride
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RESPONSIBILITIES

Understanding School Talk ???

Super Shamrock

Super shamrocks are part of the school's positive behaviour scheme. They are small tokens awarded to a student or students who demonstrate desirable behaviours, either in the classroom or the playground. These behaviours and made explicit to the children in the Student Charter.



Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week—

Isaiah Maroon,
Mariah Jreij,
Nathan Nguyen,
Sharbel Georges,
Dylan Amaral

NEW REQUIREMENTS TO VOLUNTEER AT ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY, PARRAMATTA

Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking

Dear Parents/Carers

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.

CEDP has launched a new *Building Child Safe Communities* form and online training module that **all volunteers** are required to complete. The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au and clicking on *about us/building child safe communities*. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Bernadette Fabri

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.

Hello Parents,

It is with great excitement that Mr Younis and the NLSC team announce the upcoming Next Level Sports holiday clinic dates.



Dates:

Clinic 1: 8th, 9th and 10th July.

Clinic 2: 15th, 16th and 17th July.

(Wednesday, Thursday and Friday both weeks)

After COVID, the same measures implemented in NSW schools will be taken to ensure our holiday clinic is fun, safe and hygienic above all. If you're interested in sending your child to the clinic, please email us at atnextlevelsports@live.com.au or contact us through Facebook.

Thank you and stay safe.

NLSC Team

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION -CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Have your say on the future of our hospitals

The Children's Hospital at Westmead is currently planning and designing a new Paediatric Services Building as part of the Westmead Redevelopment project. This new building provides us with an opportunity to redefine the way we deliver services to sick and injured children and create a facility that supports the latest in best practice models of care.

This is an exciting opportunity and we need the help of the community to design the hospital to ensure the facility meets the needs of patients, their families and the community now and into the future!

We invite you to join us in the design process by completing the short survey or activity sheet for younger children. Your feedback will help us to shape the vision for this important project.

If you are an adult or over 13 years of age we recommend you complete the [adult's survey](#) and if you are under 13 years of age we recommend you complete the [children's survey](#). For younger children, the children's activity sheet attached to last week's newsletter can be completed using pictures and words. We encourage parents and carers to sit with their kids to help them fill out the activity sheet or survey if they need it.

Please make sure you submit your responses to us by July 1, 2020.

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