

Dear Parents and Caregivers

*This Sunday is Father's Day. Did you know that Father's Day is celebrated in seventy two countries around the world and on many different days throughout the year. In Catholic countries in Europe for example, such as Spain, Italy and Portugal, Father's Day is celebrated on 19 March, which is the Feast of St. Joseph the patron saint of fathers.*

*The first Father's Day was started in 1972 by the then President of the United States, Richard Nixon, who signed it into law. The idea originally came from Sonora Dodd who, after listening to the pastor of her church talk about the virtues of mothers, felt inspired to propose that fathers receive equal recognition. Sonora lost her mother when she was fifteen, and was looked after by her father whom she remembered as being a 'kind and loving parent who kept them together and happy'.*

*Like many events this year, COVID -19 will have an impact on many a Father's Day celebration. This is such a shame, I know, and even at school we have not been able to have our usual Father's Day stall, breakfast, mass and raffle. But I think in a year of sacrifice and patience we must not forget the power of small gestures of love and gratitude that can still be expressed to these special men in our lives.*

*I often speak of my father, at this time of year, who passed away in 1994. I think of what a great role model he was for us and what courage he must have had to leave his mother and siblings to start a new life with his family in Australia. Many parents, reading this newsletter now, have benefited from the sacrifices our fathers or grandfathers made for us. It was not uncommon in those days for the men to come out first, get established with a job, and then bring out the mother and children. Whilst in my experience the family came out together, I know some relatives who followed this process. These stories are worth telling our children.*

*Other sacrifices include going to war and fighting for peace overseas or living through post war rations and restrictions.*

*Once in Australia it was certainly a huge challenge for these men who often had to learn a new language, get used to a culture they did not know and even familiarize themselves with a vast transport system, very different from their homeland. After a few years, our dad bought his own car but he also had to learn to drive first, as riding a bike was the usual form of getting around, 'back home'.*

*It was an honour to hear my brother speak of our father, at his funeral, and particularly remember him reminding us that our father continues to live on in us. I am very conscious that we have had at least 5 families of children who have lost their father over the years and know how hard it is for them. The legacy of these men however is still present with us through their children and I pray that their beautiful fathers will continue to give them wisdom and courage in the years ahead in their prayers.*

*I would like to wish all our father and father figures like uncles and male cousins a wonderful Father's Day.*

*God Bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri*

*Principal*

# Prayer for Fathers

Most gracious Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for our earthly fathers,  
those to whom you have entrusted the responsibility  
to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children.

We thank you, also, for our priests and bishops,  
whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of your people.

May our earthly fathers imitate the manly courage of Abraham, Jesse and Joseph,  
and all the holy fathers of the past in providing wise counsel to the children you have given to their care.

And may our spiritual fathers be guided by the examples of Saints Peter and Paul,  
all the Apostles and their saintly successors.

Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in times of trouble and sorrow,  
and steadfast love for you, for their families, and for all your people throughout the world.

Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers, and all Christian men, that through your Grace they may  
steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth.

May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them.

As you, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world, sending your only Son to be our Savior and Redeemer,  
we ask you to help all men to imitate His fatherly gentleness  
and mercy toward those who are weak; His humility, perfect obedience to your Will,  
and fearless witness to your Truth.

May their lives be examples to all of heroic faithfulness to you.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted fatherhood.

May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy,  
wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love.

May they receive your Grace abundantly in this earthly life,  
and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord,  
AMEN.

"Women for Faith & Family – [www.wf-f.org](http://www.wf-f.org)"

## QUOTES ON FATHERS

"I know what a good man is because I saw it in my father." **Raymond Gaita**

"Your children need your presence more than your presents." **Bertrand Russell**

"A father is someone who will play with you, even though he has his own age to play with" **Unknown**

"If you give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be enthusiasm." **Bruce Barton**



## Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers and those who are Father figures too, in our St. Patrick's community. We especially remember our Father's who are not with us today, but remain close in our hearts.

Our students at St. Patrick's Primary, will be participating in our online Father's Day Mass and creating their own Father's Day classroom liturgy, which will be recorded and shared.

Once again, thank you for your continuous support throughout these times. It is especially important to keep the presence of Jesus in our hearts and in our minds throughout our daily lives.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Tuetue

### REMINDER: DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for your cooperation regarding the early pick up in Term 2. Due to the current outbreaks in our local area this procedure will continue until further notice.

#### Drop off Reminders

A reminder that from Term 3 the front gate will close at 8.50am. Any child arriving at school after this time must be accompanied by an adult who will need to fill in a partial absence form. If this does not happen the partial absence will be recorded as 'unexplained'.

**Pick up will continue at 2.40pm** due to the tightening of the current restrictions. We would like to remind all the adults entering the school that Physical Distancing is expected and we ask you to respect the health and safety of others in our community.

We understand that this is very difficult, especially when meeting up with your friends, however in order for us to continue to open the school gate for entry by parents in the afternoons it is very important that parents make their visits as brief as possible.

Please feel welcome to have a chat outside the school site. We also ask you to demonstrate physical distancing if you are waiting outside the school, especially when interacting with staff who are on duty. We will continue to keep you informed of any further changes.

## **Mass Times**

We are open for Mass with a congregation of 100 people.

Entry is on a first come first serve basis. Mass is celebrated at the usual times :

Monday to Friday - 6.30 am and 12.30 pm Saturday - 8.00 am and 6.00 pm Vigil

Sunday - 8 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am and 6pm

Please click on link for the most up to date information

[St Patrick's Cathedral](#)



## **National Child Protection Week (6-12 September 2020)**

### **CEDP's 2020 National Child Protection Week Pledge:**

*"CEDP is committed to listen to the voices of children and young people and remain vigilant to their safety and wellbeing."*

### **Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking**

The following guidelines are in place in readiness for when COVID - 19 school restrictions are lifted. You may wish to consider updating your training if necessary.

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](http://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.

Miss Fabri

## NEW HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES - COVID-19

Currently, **no student should attend school if they are unwell**. That still applies but now, **each student who is absent from school or who has been sent home because they have flu-like symptoms must have a COVID-19 test**.

- **Students are not able to return to school until they return a negative COVID - 19 result and are symptom free.**
- **A negative COVID - 19 test result must be provided to the school before a student can come back to school.** The test results can be a NSW Health or COVID - 19 Testing Centre letter, SMS or email and/or a medical certificate. Please find a link to [COVID-19 testing clinics](#)

Due to the seriousness of these guidelines we ask all parents to ensure that if your child was sick and has been cleared to return to school after recovery that you provide via email to [stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au)

- **FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS** - The above documentation
- **OR NON FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS** - sufficient detail of why they are away. The school will contact you if there is insufficient detail in the explanation e.g. 'sick', 'a little unwell' so please include as much detail as possible in the explanation.

Please note as you will be required to supply a photo of the results you will be unable to attach it via skoolbag.

### Symptoms of COVID-19

COVID-19 [symptoms](#) include:

- fever (37.5 ° or higher)
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- loss of taste
- loss of smell.

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- fatigue
- runny nose
- muscle pain
- joint pain
- headache
- diarrhoea
- nausea/vomiting
- loss of appetite.

I know for some parents this is difficult however I also know that for all parents the health and safety of our community, especially of our children is paramount. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.





# Honour Award

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

KA	Evie Grohs	Irene Tony	KM	Jessica Izmestyeva	Jayden Bounassif
1C	Edward McCloskey	Jude Hudson	1S	Joanna Angela Khoury	Faith Daniel
2M	Liza Navasardyan	Jewel Sebastian	2Y	Scarlett Jaitani	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	Mitchell Daher	Genevieve Tannous	KM	Lucia Reyes- Mangabat	Nathanael Jaitani
1C	Marcella Abboud	Erika Talbot	1S	Zachary Tannous	Isla-Rose Eid
2M	Sofia Bousimon	Jasmine Rizk	2Y	Christian Chivers	Olivier Touche





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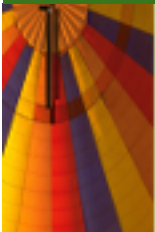
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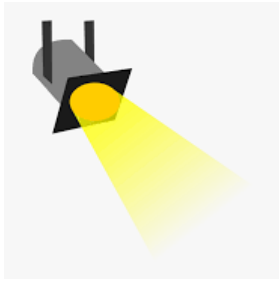
3L	Angelina Bounassif	Mateo Barroso	3T	Phillip Said	Beth Roumanus
4B	Phillip Boutros	Roselle Ghostine	4G	Christian Kalouche	Tiffany McCloskey
5C	Alex El-Khoury	Ellen Nikolakopoulos	5T	Sean Feng	Weyata Lamin
6P	Madison Younes	Jerome Santos	6W	Michael Aboumelhem	Finn Giron

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3L	Taran Dinesh Kumar	Domini Coles	3T	Antonia Romanos	Michel Kazzaz
4B	Benjamin Maroon	Jazmyne Drosos	4G	Phillip Ayoub	Sienna Khattar
5C	Fidelle Youssef	Christopher Mekdessi	5T	Samuel Navasardyan	Adam Jurisic
6P	Sharbel Georges	Ava Salloum	6W	Sienna Golossian	Renee Kougellis





# Term 3 Week 7 Spotlights

This week our interviewed spotlights will be from **Boronia House**

**Year 6 Shanelle Wambeek:**

**What is your favourite food?**

My favourite food is ice cream because there are a variety of flavours to choose from and it is sweet and cooling to eat.

**If you had a million dollars, what would you do with it?**

I would donate to charities, especially to the Cancer foundation and share some with my family members. If I had any left I would travel around the world.

**What is your favourite animal?**

My favourite animal is dolphins because dolphins are graceful and beautiful creatures and they perform acrobatically in the ocean.

**What is your favourite area of learning and why?**

My favourite area of learning is Literacy and Visual Arts because these subjects help me to express myself and my feelings in creative ways.

**If you could travel to anywhere in the world, where would you go?**

I would go to Sri Lanka as that is where my family is from and I would like to go there and experience the culture and learn more about the culture and history of the country.

**Year 6 Frank Agostino:**

**Name 5 words describing you?**

Caring, loving, respectful, helpful and loyal

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

My biggest inspiration is Sebastian Vettel (Formula 1 driver) because I love Formula 1 and he is a very kind person. I look up to this man.

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

My favourite movie is The Fast and the Furious 7 because that is Paul Walker's last Fast and Furious film before he passed away. I also like how there are cars in this movie because I love cars.

**What is your biggest fear?**

My biggest fear is Pennywise the clown because he has a very scary personality. He also looks like a very scary character.

**Which famous person can you relate to the most?**

I can relate the most to Cristiano Ronaldo because we both like soccer, we play the same sport, we play the same position, we both like cars and we both like shoes.



### **Year 6 Catherine Said:**

#### **What is your favourite food?**

My favourite food to eat is pizza, especially meat lovers pizza. I also love cookies and cream ice cream.

#### **Which 3 people would you invite to dinner?**

Three people I would invite to dinner are Beyonce because she is a great singer and she can teach me how to sing. I would also invite Olivia Gebrael and Christine Kahwaji because they are my best friends and are very funny, so I know we will have a great time. Another reason is that I know they would also love to meet Beyonce.

#### **What would you like to be when you grow up?**

I would like to be a primary school teacher when I grow up because I like decorating classrooms and helping children with their learning.

#### **If you could be an animal, what would you be?**

If I could be an animal, I would be a lion because lions are strong, fast and feared animals.

#### **If you had \$1 000 000, what would you do with it?**

I would donate to charities and share some with my parents and siblings. With the leftover money I would buy a house.

### **Year 6 Ethan Bechara:**

#### **What is your favourite car?**

My favourite car is a Lamborghini Aventador because it has a special way to start the car.

#### **What is your favourite food?**

My favourite food I like to eat is sushi.

#### **If you could travel anywhere in the universe, where would you go?**

If I could travel anywhere in the universe, I would fly to the moon because I would have the ability to float around.

#### **What is your favourite animal?**

My favourite animal is a koala because they are cute and fluffy creatures.

#### **What is your favourite football team?**

My favorite football team is the Parramatta Eels of course!!!

## Year 6: Isobel Rahme

### Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My biggest inspiration in life is my mum because she raises my brother and I to be the people we are today and she goes out of her way to love and support us even though she is always busy and helping others. She always shows us a lot of love.

### What is your ideal job?

My ideal job would be to be an architect or an interior designer because being an architect involves a lot of maths and I love maths especially area and isometric drawings and an interior designer because I like to be creative and experiment with art and fashion.

### What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is losing a loved family member as I couldn't imagine my life without my family.

### If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

I would like to be able to fly so that I could explore the world and visit my family overseas for free

### What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is lebanese cuisine. Delicious!!!

### Understanding School Talk ???

#### Fluency

Reading fluency is the ability to read quickly, accurately, and effortlessly, while using expression. Fluency is just as important of a skill as understanding phonics (knowing the letters and their sounds), knowing sight words, and comprehending what is read. Readers who are successful with fluency can concentrate on comprehension because they don't have to focus on figuring out the words.



**Happy Birthday  
to all the children  
who will  
celebrate their  
birthday's over  
the next week:-**

James Kerr,  
Monica Gould,  
George Kazzaz,  
Oliva Saab (KM),  
Florentina Thompson,  
Sheoni Perera



**As the bubblers are still out  
of use, it is very important  
that each child bring their  
own water bottle to school.**