

Dear Parents and Caregivers

With the Christmas and January holidays just around the corner it is a timely reminder to speak to your children about the importance of the 'Safe People Safe Places' message.

I am sure that you would agree that the safety of our children is paramount and sadly unlike the 'olden days' children no longer have the freedom to roam around the neighbourhood or play by themselves at the park with other children like we used to when we were young - perhaps.

Sometimes I am surprised to see very young children by themselves in the shopping centres or walking home from a nearby park near where I live, in what appears to be an unsupervised situation. I can also imagine the pressure children place on parents to allow them to 'grow up' and do what older children do. When visiting the school the police often remind children that there is 'safety in numbers' and being alone is unsafe; even for teenagers.

For children that have to walk a distance by themselves a mobile phone is a very handy device. It is good to keep in mind also that 'Stranger Danger' is applicable when children venture to the online world. Supervision is needed here as well.

Some ideas to discuss with your children suggested in a local community website The Echo are;

### **Some tips to provide your kids include:**

- Make sure your parents or the person responsible for you knows where you are at all times;
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop;
- Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people;
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to;
- Know where safe places are - a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police;
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help - police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust; and
- If you are scared, call Triple Zero (000) and tell them you are scared.

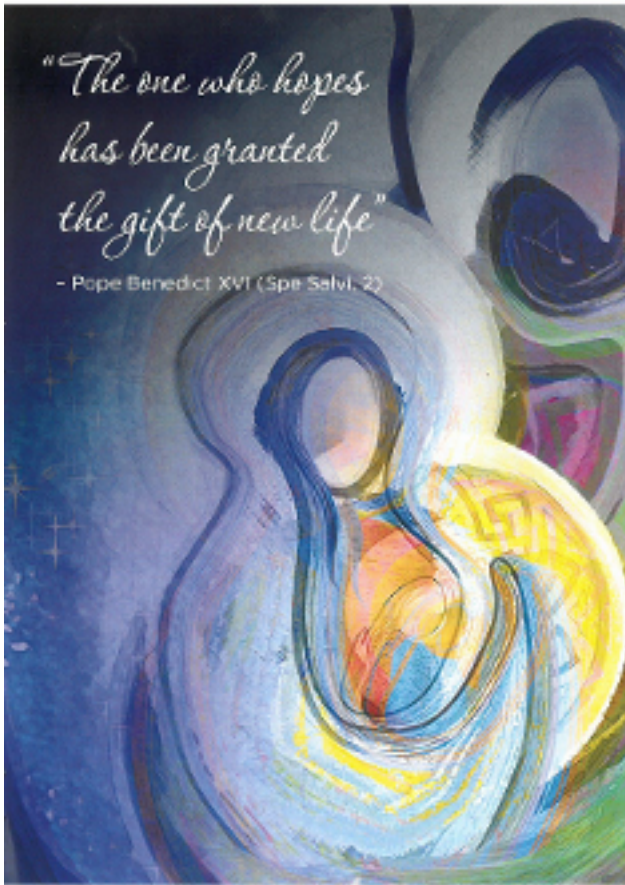
Please find an information fact sheet, from NSW Police, included in this newsletter or follow this [link](#).

The school will continue to reinforce these and other safety rules as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Program.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



## Prayer for Families

God and Father of us all,  
in Jesus, your Son and our Saviour,  
you have made us your sons and daughters  
in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love help our families  
in every part of the world  
be united to one another  
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,  
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families,  
especially those most troubled,  
to be homes of communion and prayer  
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

– World Prayer for Families 2015



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### **Mass Times**

We are open for Mass with a congregation of 300 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](#)



### **FINANCE**

The last day for any Cash/EFT payments at the school office will be  
Tuesday 15th December 2020.



### **CATHOLIC MISSION - ICE BLOCKS - REMINDER**

This Friday will be our last week of selling Ice-blocks.

Thank you to all those who contributed to our fundraising appeal this term. Our students are so giving and this is a reflection of the generous families they come from. In total we have raised \$2281. All funds will be donated to **Catholic Mission**.



## Individual Maths Interviews

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow instructions. Kindy Code = **8xe8y** Year 1 to 6 = **vzuwk**

### St Patrick's Parramatta RETURN TO SCHOOL 2021 DATES

| Week One 2021 | Tuesday 26th January, 2021     | Wednesday 27th January, 2021   | Thursday 28th January, 2021                                  | Friday 29th January, 2021   | Monday 1st February, 2021          | Tuesday 2nd February, 2021                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
|               | Public Holiday - Australia Day | Staff Development Day - Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments   | Staff Development Day - Yrs K-6 Individual Maths Assessments | Years 1 to Year 6 Commence School<br>Kindy Individual Maths Assessments | Kindy Individual Maths Assessments | Kindergarten 2021 to commence school (full day) |
|               |                                | Kindergarten - 6 - Parents will be asked to book their children into one session with their child's class teacher. |  |   |                                    |   |

### END OF YEAR EVENTS

- **Friday the 11th December**, the St Patrick's students will be performing the 'Rainbow Rap' as a whole school. **Time: 9:15am Location: Playground.**  
Each grade will be called out to the playground one grade at a time. As we do not want any expense to parents, could you please ask your children to wear one of the following colours to school on Friday - **Red/Yellow/Pink/Green/Purple/Orange/Blue.**  
Keep an eye out on Facebook for the students performance.
- **Monday 14th December Year 6 Graduation:** Year 6 Graduation and Ceremony will take place in the St Patrick's Cathedral. Due to COVID Restrictions this will be a Year 6 mass only and each family will be able to attend with 3 adult visitors. Numbers are strictly restricted as per the Cathedral COVID Safety plan of which the key elements have been shared with Year 6 parents. There will be no hospitality this year but special arrangements have been made for children to be able to celebrate with their families.
- **Tuesday 15th December Year 6 sign their shirt day.**  
This is a day when Year 6 are able to get their special Yr 6 shirt signed by their peers. School uniforms are not to be signed as these may be reusable. A special T shirt may be brought in for this purpose if children prefer.
- **Tuesday 15th December Meet the teacher**  
Students will be meeting their teachers for 2021. This will take place from (2.15 to 2.45pm)
- **Wednesday 16th December End of Year Farewell to Year 6 (afternoon).**  
On Wednesday 16th December we will be farewelling Year 6 with a special symbolic action at the end of the day. The children will be suitably acknowledged by the whole school in the playground - weather permitting - before they leave St Patrick's Parramatta. This event is limited to a small number of Year 6 visitors only. Thank you for your understanding.

## LETTERS FOR SANTA

This year we are inviting all interested children to write a letter to Santa and post it in our special St Patrick's Post Box in the library. This is an optional activity for all children however we ask that if the children wish to post their letters at school that they follow the guidelines below:

- All letters need to be written at home under the supervision of an adult. (wink wink)
- Please place letters in an envelope and address to
  - *'To Santa*
  - *North Pole*
  - *c/o St Patrick's School Parramatta*



- *Don't forget to write your full name and class at the end of the letter so Santa knows who you are.*
- **All letters to Santa need to be posted by Monday 14th December.**

### ADVENT CROSS AT ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY PARRAMATTA

As a way of embracing and celebrating the Advent Season, our students have been contributing to our Advent Cross leading up to Christmas Day, in particular they have been recording what each candle means to them.

We thank all our students for their great reflection time and contribution. Let us together build our faith and our understanding of the true meaning of the Advent Season this year.

*HOPE.FAITH.JOY.PEACE.CHRIST*



### Water Bottles

Just a reminder to check every morning that your child has their water bottle. We still have a lot of children forgetting their water bottle. They are supplied with a plastic cup but as you can imagine this is only a small cup that they need to keep refilling. With the hot weather coming up and the children not being able to use the bubblers, we do not want to see children dehydrated.



## Introducing Our 2021 Student Leadership Team:

Year 5 have recently been involved in the Student Leadership Program, throughout the process they reflected on 'What Makes A Good Leader?'. Sighting the traits of respect, compassion and collaboration as some of the important elements needed for a good leader. It was very difficult to decide on who would represent the student body as all of the Year 5 students work hard to display these values daily. Congratulations to all of the the students who were nominated for the student portfolios:

### Arts

- Estelle Perrett, Emma Barrientos Salazar, Clio Encarnacao
- Takeshi Liu, Nicholas Drosos, Louis Wehbe

### PDHPE

- Maria Khoury, Olivia Saab, Jo Harb
- Alexander Markovic, James Kerr, Jubran Sayegh

### STEM

- Meagan Erive, Zara Diuco, Lauren Polintan
- Adam Jurisic, Raymond Joe Khoury, Max Barakat

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to work with and for our school community next year. Introducing the 2021 Student Leadership Team:

### School Captains

Amariah Tamaro Emmanuel Missak

### Vice Captains

Dylan Amaral Alexandriya Izmestyeva

### ARTS Leaders

Estelle Perrett Takeshi Liu

### PDHPE Leaders

Maria Khoury Alexander Markovic

### STEM Leaders

Meagan Erive Adam Jurisic



Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their first Reconciliation last Tuesday.

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Kayla            | Amaral    |
| Mateo            | Barroso   |
| Jayden           | Blazek    |
| Sofia            | Bousimon  |
| Vincent Matthew  | Camenzuli |
| Joshua           | Day       |
| Callum Clement   | Donaldson |
| Audrey Elizabeth | El Bayeh  |

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Quintus  | Feng            |
| Mia      | Golossian       |
| Erick    | Granados-Gavito |
| Araminta | Jackson         |
| Scarlett | Jaitani         |
| Mariah   | Jreij           |
| Daniel   | Jurisic         |

# St Patrick's Parramatta

## STAFF 2021

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Religious Education Coordinator  
Coordinator 2 (Mathematics/Science)  
Coordinator 2 (Diversity)  
Acting Coordinator 1

Ms Bernadette Fabri  
Mrs Leanda Standring  
Mrs Chantal Tuetue  
Mrs Jenny Barclay  
Ms Alyssa Onorato  
Mrs Viv Williams

### CLASS TEACHERS

K Matilda  
K Alexander  
1 Clancy  
1 Sebastian  
2 Mackellar  
  
2 Young  
  
3 Lindsay  
3 Thiele  
4 Brinsmead  
4 Greenwood  
5 Coorong  
5 Timara  
6 Park  
6 Wrightson

Ms Desiree Macaraeg  
Ms Claire Stephenson  
Mrs Eva Youssef  
Mrs Jennifer Warn  
Ms Julia Hagi (Tues - Fri)  
Mrs Sue Jadrabieb (Mon)  
Mrs Bernadette Stojanovski (Mon - Wed)  
Mrs Tanya Masefield (Thur/Fri)  
Mrs Chantal Tuetue (Mrs Pope Fri/ weekly, Tues ft)  
Ms Ivy Chan  
Ms Steph Barton  
Ms Alyssa Onorato (Mrs Sue Jadrabieb - Wed)  
Ms Yasmin Tabone  
Mrs Viviana Williams (Mrs Pope - Tues fortnightly)  
Mrs Anne Fardell  
Mrs Bernadette Carroll (Sport Co -S Pope - Mon ft)

### SPECIALIST AND SUPPORT STAFF

Teacher Librarian  
Music Specialist  
Physical Education Specialist  
Reading Recovery  
Numeracy Specialist and Lead Teacher  
Literacy/Learning support  
Literacy/Numeracy and Inquiry sup tch  
Leadership Team Release  
Leadership Team Release.

Mrs Debra O'Dwyer  
Mrs Venitia Rodricks  
Mr David Younis  
Mrs Lorraine Veljkovic  
Mrs Jenny Barclay  
Mrs Michelle Mannino  
Mrs Angela Alison (sup tch for K/1)  
Mrs Samantha Pope  
Mrs Sue Jadrabieb  
Ms Kelly TBC

Teacher Assistant

Mrs Dianne Attard (Monday to Friday)  
Mrs Samantha Baaini (Mon-Wed)  
Mrs Chris Cadman (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)  
Mrs Rachel Scuderi (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)  
Mrs Genevieve Smith (Mon/T/W/Thurs)

### ADMINISTRATION

Senior Finance Secretary  
Administration Officer (Front Office)  
Administration Officer

Mrs Fiona Mitterer  
Mrs Jenny Jones  
Mrs Samantha Baaini (Thurs/Fri)

Site Manager and Maintenance  
IT Trainee

Mr Sean McIntosh  
TBC

## **FAREWELLS AND WELCOME**

May I take this opportunity to update you on the following staff changes:

### **FAREWELL**

#### **Mrs Elaine Yuen**

After many years at St Patrick's Parramatta it is time for us to farewell a much beloved staff member Mrs Yuen. Some of you would not know that Mrs Yuen's association with the school goes back far beyond her employment as a staff member. Her boys Gary and Michael Yuen were students at St Patrick's and have both moved ahead in life with very successful careers.

As a mother in the school Mrs Yuen was both dedicated to her family as well as supporting the school wherever she could. In 2006 Mrs Yuen was employed as a teachers' assistant through which she was able to assist many young students. Your children may have mentioned Mrs Yuen for she enjoyed helping and playing with young ones in the Harmony Space at lunch time; a space for those children who prefer quieter games rather than the hustle and bustle of the playground. She worked as a teachers aide, assisting teachers with administrative tasks.

On behalf of all the staff and students at St Patrick's Parramatta we would like to wish Mrs Yuen all the very best, wishing her many years of good health and much happiness. We thank you, we appreciate all that you have done for us and we will miss you! With God's blessings for your future Elaine!

#### **Mr Jack Dawson**

This year we say goodbye to the IT trainee Mr Jack Dawson. Jack is employed as part of the CEDP support for schools program and has assisted the staff and students in ensuring that all devices are secure and in optimum working condition for learning. Jack has come to the end of his tenure and will pursue his career in the corporate world. Best Wishes Jack, with thanks for all you have contributed to our students and staff.

### **WELCOME**

Welcome is extended to the following teachers who are now returning after some time on leave: Mrs Tanya Masefield will be working with Mrs Stojanovski as Yr 2Y Classroom Teachers and Mrs Sue Jadrabeib will be returning as Yr 2 M class teacher on a Monday working with Ms Hagi and leadership team release on a Wednesday. All these teachers are very experienced and are much loved by the students at St Patrick's Parramatta.

### **THANK YOU**

Our sincere thank you is extended to Ms Nicole Alphonse and Mrs Maya Rayess who have acted as Ms Kelly's support teacher during 2020. We thank them for fulfilling this very important role and hope to see them in some capacity in 2021. With appreciation!



# 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 | John-Luke Rahme | Mahalia Jackson |
| 1C | Sandra Nehme | Scarlett Eid      | 1S | James Said      | Nadia Maroon    |
| 2M | Jasmine Rizk | Vincent Camenzuli | 2Y | Frances Thomas  | Patrick Semaan  |



## ST PATRICK'S AWARD

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

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|----|--------------|---------------|----|--------------|----------------|
| KA | Jacob Assaf  | Fareeda Daher | KM | Jacob Assaf  | Fareeda Daher  |
| 1C | James Younis | Ian Mason     | 1S | Quintus Feng | Aaliya Ebrahim |
| 2M | Patrick Saab | Mika Liu      | 2Y | Sara Jabbour | Dominic Rahme  |







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| 3L | Taran Dinesh Kumar | Chloe Vella     | 3T | Kenzie Murphy      | Victoria Nassif    |
| 4B | Gabriel Kalouche   | Makayla Kalouch | 4G | Alicia Remaili     | Christian Kalouche |
| 5C | Raymond Joe Khoury | Zara Diuco      | 5T | Nicholas Drosos    | Alexander Markovic |
| 6P | James Fraser       | Oliver Kougelis | 6W | Michael Aboumelhem | Elisa Daher        |



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| 3L | Joshua Jaitani | Bailey Grohs     | 3T | Lawrence Wahbe     | Madeleine Talbot |
| 4B | Sophie Salloum | Liam Stojkovski  | 4G | James Agostino     | April Soh        |
| 5C | Jubran Sayegh  | Max Barakat      | 5T | Jake Doueihy       | Aireen Kwa       |
| 6P | Olivia Gebrael | Shanelle Wambeek | 6W | Christina Elzahoul | Jacob Manago     |

## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY SEMESTER 2

In week 8 we had a special Assembly for our Semester Two SRC Students, Year 6 Leaders, Altar Servers and our Junior Journalists. We would like to thank them all for their absolute dedication and contribution to all they have done this year. They have shown great respect, resilience and compassion through their role modelling.

Here is the fantastic Speech that was presented by Maria and Carl, our School Captains:

*Good morning teachers and students. Firstly, on behalf of all the school leaders I would like to congratulate all of you who have been elected as the second semester Student Representative's Council, SRC's. This role has given us an opportunity to develop our leadership skills by carrying out school activities and to uphold the values of our three mascots; Rocky Resilience, Coolio Compassion and Ricky Respect, values such as, being determined, being positive, being caring, being thoughtful, being fair and being welcoming. In line with our school objective, to make this place a safe and better learning environment.*

*Leadership is demonstrating Christian values whether in or out of the classroom, having a badge does not only mean you are a leader, true leadership is the act of influence for the good of others and yourself. Being a leader includes being a role model to our fellow students leading the way but also showing them what is right and good.*

*Leadership comes from the core word lead, meaning that leadership is the ability to lead others. Being a leader is being the shepherd of the flock, leading them throughout their journey. Jesus is the shepherd, leading us His flock, throughout our journey on earth. Leaders are also the shepherd, role modelling Jesus' actions, words and thoughts, and guiding the flock who are everyone else, in their lives.*

*Even when you are a leader, you always learn. It is essential to always have a growth mindset, focusing on the positives and continuously learning from setbacks. You should always be the best version of yourself and stick yourself in the learning pit. Whenever faced with a challenge, try your hardest to overcome it. Also just because you are a leader, it doesn't mean you are bossy and the best. You have to be open to other people's ideas and show consideration and respect.*

*Not only will you practice your leadership skills here at this school but also in future years, you are heavily prepared. We will be able to organise our time better and in future years this skill will help us to face the real world. Collaboration and communication are just some of the many qualities that are valuable in future and present life.*

*There are many lessons learned from us as we lead them, us as leaders motivate them to be like us but as much as they learn from us we learn from them to continue improving, in every instant we gain more knowledge as a leader. As well as what Carl has just stated, younger ones will see you as a role model and follow you, through our words and thoughts but especially with our actions. They are inspired to be just like how you are. Every single thing you do affects them in a different way, and has an impact in their life. Who knows, maybe they could be the next world leader, and who would've role modelled how to be one? You.*

*Thank you to all of this year's semester 2 SRC's. You have shown great leadership and resilience especially as Covid 19 has affected all of our lives here in this school. Good luck to next year's semester 1 & 2 SRC's.*

*To conclude, here is a motivating quote about leadership: Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others. —Jack Welch*



**Scroll through to see the Semester 2 Leaders receive their certificates**

**Celebration of Learning-**  
**Footsteps Christmas Concert**

On Tuesday all students from K-6 had the opportunity to exhibit their great choreography they have been working on throughout the term to the whole school. We thank Miss Hayley from Footsteps for her dedication and passion she has shown our students throughout their journey this term. Videos will be uploaded to Facebook next week.



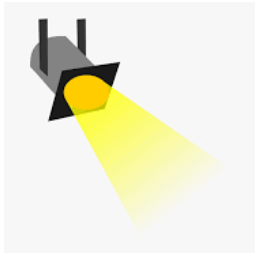
**Scroll through to see some photos from the day.**



**Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday over the next week:-** Christian Barakat, Patrick Katar, Jimmy Shayoun, Mahalia Jackson, Annabella Remaili, Noah Romanos, Nathan Romanos



NEXT LEVEL SPORTS CHRISTMAS  
CLINIC DATES CONFIRMED 🎄  
-TUES 22 DECEMBER  
-WED 23 DECEMBER  
-THUR 24 DECEMBER  
LOCATION: ST PATRICK'S PS  
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# Term 4 Week 8 Spotlights

This week our interviewed spotlights will be from  
**Teachers at St Patrick's**

## Miss Tabone:

**If you had to change your name what would it be?**

Mila because my favourite actress is Mila Kunis

**If you could have any job (even impossible) what would it be (apart from a teacher of course)?**

I would be a flight attendant so I can travel the world and explore new cultures.

**If you could buy anything you want what would it be?**

A puppy!

**What is your favourite movie or tv show? Why?**

Yellow Stone because I love the scenery and the animals.

**If you could go on a holiday where would you**

## Mrs Williams:

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

Everyone is welcome at my table if you can just as easily make fun of yourself rather than others.

**Who is your biggest inspiration?**

Anyone who stands by their convictions and does their best to accept and love those in our community who are marginalised and need our help and protection.

**What's your favourite place in the world? Why?**

Venice for the obvious beauty, beautiful churches and amazing food. I haven't been since I was a child. It would be my dream to go back and trace all the artworks I studied in my Art History and Theory Degree.

**If you were an animal what would it be?**

A London Squirrel. I'd love some London park life.

**What is your least favourite meal?**

Tripe. My Nonna would make it for my Dad and I could never understand why he loved it.

## Mrs Carroll:

**If you could create or invent something what would it be?**

It would be a fast, comfortable, safe, carbon neutral and inexpensive way to travel to visit family.

**If you could be any animal what would you be and why?**

I would be a border collie dog because they are handsome dogs, very quick and clever. They are friendly, loyal, and fun, and I wish I could run and swim as fast as them.

**If you could name 5 words describing you, what would they be.**

Wife, mother, friend, enthusiastic sports person, carer of the environment, imaginative, happy. Oops, I can't count.

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

The students, their stories and different personalities, and the ah moments. I love interacting with them and learning from them. I love the down time with them and the laughter.

**If you were to choose to speak another language what would it be?**

I want to learn French because my brother lives in France and when we can travel again, I would like to visit them and be able to speak to my nieces and nephew in their own language.

**Mrs Fardell:**

**How do you want to make the world a better place?**

Making sure that ALL people are treated equally regardless of gender, race or religion and have the access to the same rights. I would also like people to take more care of our beautiful environment so that it is still here for future generations to enjoy.

**What is one of your favourite hobbies?**

One of my favourite hobbies is sitting on the couch watching movies or the footy and eating a big bag of Smiths original chips. I also love cooking and trying new recipes then eating the food of course.

**If you could have any superpower what would it be?**

I would love the ability to fly so that I could travel anywhere in the world that I wanted to for free and have a great view of the world as I fly to where I am going.

**If you could be a celebrity for the day who would you pick?**

I would love to be Serena Williams. I think she is a strong, inspirational woman who has overcome many challenges in her career and life and I am a huge fan of her as well as tennis in general.

**If you had \$100 to spend in 5 minutes what would you spend it on?**

Definitely a couple of bottles of nice red wine to enjoy with a big bowl of delicious spaghetti and meatballs.

**Mrs O'Dwyer:**

**Who is your biggest inspiration?**

Where do I start? Life inspires me because of all the wonderful things that I still have to do. The beauty of Art, music and literature and the people who create them leaves me in awe. Often it's these things that ignites an idea within me.

**If you could be anyone for a week who would it be?**

I would be the Prime Minister so I could introduce new laws to the land.

**What is your favourite book series?**

For me, I love any historical fiction the longer the novel, the better. I loved The Children of the Otori series by Lian Hearn. As for children's fiction it would have to be Dr Seuss as it is a classic series and is as old as me. I still love reading rhyme!

**What is the most annoying thing you find some people do?**

I'll flip it and say I like kind and generous people.

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

I would go to Berlin to be with my baby grandson, Victor, who is 1 year old and has been in lockdown most of his life.

**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.

# HAVE YOUR SAY

## Belmore Park Draft Masterplan

Earlier this year, City of Parramatta Council asked the community for their ideas on the future of Belmore Park (including Richie Bendaud Oval).

Using what we have heard, Council has prepared a draft Masterplan for the site.

### Have your Say...

To view the draft Masterplan and find out how you can provide feedback, scan the QR code below, or visit [www.participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/belmore-parkupgrade](http://www.participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/belmore-parkupgrade)

Feedback closes on Tuesday 15 December 2020.



For more information contact:  
[ap@mpase@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ap@mpase@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au)

Or request to speak to a member of the project team on 1300 617 058



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### Understanding School Talk ???

#### Public Speaking and Communication

##### **Look People In The Eye**

The one thing I try to make sure my children do, is to look people in the eye when they speak to them. It's such an important way to show confidence and engagement, but children find it really difficult, so I remind them a lot.

##### **Encourage Independence**

Starting from a young age, I encouraged my kids to be independent. Creating communication skills is one of the most important things we can teach our children. With my kids I started with small acts, for example, letting them pay at the register when buying something, or having them be the one to hand the ticket to the attendant at the movie theatre. Doing this taught them to be aware and has given them both the courage as teens now to speak up to when they want or need something.

### **2021 PLANNING - IS YOUR CHILD RETURNING TO ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PARRAMATTA IN 2021?**

As we begin to make plans for 2021, we ask that if your child is not returning to St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta next year to please contact the school office. This does not apply to Year 6 students.



NSW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

## Safe people, Safe places

Protect your children

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

### Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

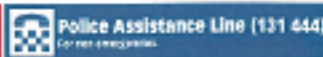
### Protect your child on public transport

- **NEVER** travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- **ALWAYS** try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

### Protect your child when in public spaces

- **ALWAYS** carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- **DO NOT** walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- **ALWAYS** walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- **REMEMBER**, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

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Summer Reading Club is back! Read, write and create to win great prizes! This year the Summer Reading Club is open to all children, teens and adults aged 4 and above from 1 December 2020 - 29 January 2021. We would love to see people browsing and borrowing our library's great collections, so grab a booklet, grab your children, parents, grandparents and friends, and have fun reading together this school holidays! Collect your Summer Reading Club booklet at any City of Parramatta branch library or download here: [parramatta.citylib.nsw.gov.au](http://parramatta.citylib.nsw.gov.au)