

Newsletter

24th June, 2021 Term 2 Week 10

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Another term is nearly over and the children and staff are looking forward to two weeks of rest and relaxation. On behalf of the staff I would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your support and assistance this term. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the parents who have assisted by generously donating their time to volunteer as classroom helpers, assist at sporting events or on excursions. Your commitment to coming regularly to work with groups of children or individuals is very much appreciated by both children and staff. Volunteering is a great way to keep in touch with the learning that is happening in the classroom as well as assisting teachers. Children also love to see the adults that they know getting involved in what they are doing at school. Thank you to these parents for their vigilance in still adhering to the COVID Safe practices that schools are still required to follow.

Thank you to the parents who took some time to complete the Tell Them From Me Survey conducted by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. Your feedback is taken seriously and is always welcomed.

During the holidays may I encourage any parent of beginning readers to continue the home reading routine. Two weeks is a long break for those children who are needing practice. A little reading every day combined with a story at bedtime will make a significant difference. For numeracy children can continue to 'number bust' numbers i.e., find ways to make a given number, and they may even be able to increase the difficulty of the numbers that they are 'busting' using more complex operations.

May I also encourage you to continue praying with your children nightly and even stop at 12 midday to get them to lead the Angelus or the Rosary. If you are unsure of how to pray these prayers you may wish to use apps such as [i rosary](#) or [Angelus](#)

Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday break

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

BLANKET DRIVE - REMINDER

Today the students in Years 3 and 4 and their teachers helped to deliver all the donated blankets by stacking them in the pick up car. Words cannot express how grateful we are for the donation of these precious gifts which will keep many families cozy this Winter. Imagine the delight children will feel wrapped in such lovely blankets.

Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal either with the donation of a blanket or two or a monetary donation. Our beautiful parents also donated \$835.00 towards the appeal.



PYJAMA DAY TOMORROW FRIDAY 25th June

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WEAR
SUITABLE FOOTWEAR SUCH AS JOGGERS.**

**Thank you as always for your compassion and
generosity towards those in need in our local
community.**

Together we can make a difference.

Religious Education Committee.



Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

For more details please see previous newsletters.

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

A big thank you to our St Patrick's community, for your amazing generosity this term!

Together we have raised
\$826.75 !!!

Take a look at what a
little can do:

WHAT YOUR DONATION CAN DO

Amount	Impact
\$20	will provide COVID-19 prevention training for a member of a primary school's Water Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) club in Tanzania.
\$70	can buy fabric to make up to 1800 face masks to protect a community during a COVID-19 outbreak in the Solomon Islands.
\$160	provides one family with materials to build their own toilet in Indonesia.
\$500	can provide beds in a refugee camp in Bangladesh to an entire family, including their elderly grandparents so they don't have to sleep on the ground.

Pope Francis' Holy Mass With The New Cardinals:

Charity is infectious, it excites, it risks and it engages! For true charity is always unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous!

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Soccer Gala Day

On the 23rd of June, two stage 3 teams attended the Parramatta Diocese Soccer Gala Day. Both teams had a great day playing soccer against other schools in our Diocese.



Congratulations to all of the boys in both teams (year 5 and Year 6) for trying their hardest and playing the best they could. Good sportsmanship was shown by all teams whether it was a win or a loss.

Thank you to the coaches and Mr Sampario for helping us with our games and for training us leading up to the event. We appreciate your time, dedication and effort. We would also like to thank the referees, team managers and parents for their support throughout the day.

Congratulations to the Year 6 team for winning their tournament and to the Year 5 team for their enthusiasm

St Patrick's A-math-zing Race

On Monday and Tuesday all the St Pats students competed in our 2021 A-math-zing Race. Thank you to Mrs Youssef for organising all our challenges and to Mrs Manino for designing our final maths 'brain teaser'. Thank you to all the teachers helping us solve the problems from Chile, Egypt, Italy and Greece. Thank you to our amazing Year 6 STEM team for all their hard work.

Megan and Adam

STEM Leaders

These are the 2021 A-math-zing race winners:

Year 6	Alexa Izmestyeva, Max Barakat, Raymond Joe Khoury
Year 5	Germain Toledo, Isaiah Johnston, Gabriel Kalouche
Year 4	Sarah Lorenzo, Olivia Moussa, Timana Gutierrez-Caceres
Year 3	Frank Malkoun, Jayden Blazek, John Bardetta
Year 2	Melinda Malkoun, Ava Khouri, Nadia Maroon
Year 1	Abel Moses, Vittorio Lo Surdo, Maroun Abraham
Kindergarten	Audrey Perram, Grace Wehbe, Elena Sunwar



New Records for our maths challenges:

Greece Making a rectangle using all 12 pentominoes	Year 6	Alisha Katafono, Takeshi Liu, Dylan Amaral, Estelle Perrett, Nicholas Drosos, Aireen Kwa
	Year 5	Lara Samar, Mia Wehbe, Ava Lao, Lucas Pavlovic, Lachlan Moore, Julia Vytingco
	Year 4	Joseph Norman, Eva Jakopovic, Kaylani Elpihinstone, Hunter Morson, Wren Chua, Fleur Perrett
	Year 3	Charbela Chedid, Joshua Day, Patrick Saab
Greece Making an animal using all 12 pentominoes	Year 2	Gabriella Norman, Michael Remaili
	Year 1	Luke Lahoud, Xavier Abu-Ali ,Christian Jaitani
	Kindergarten	Riley Ramon, Zoe Aguilera, Marcus Wijesuriya
Egypt Using Geoshapes to build a 3D letter	Year 6	Rafaella Bautista, Thomas Aguilera, Matthew Tocher
	Year 5	Marie Rahme, Gabrielle Vella, Jazmyne Drosos
	Year 4	Hunter Morson, Wren Chua, Fleur Perrett
	Year 3	Josh Day, Patrick Saab, Charbela Chedid
Egypt Using Geoshapes to build a box	Year 2	Noah Abu-Ali, Jessica Lim, Mariette Wakim
	Year 1	Alessia Agostino, Amelia Siva, Saria-Jo Eid
	Kindergarten	Doris Hanna, Louie Dauwalder, Natalya Wakim, and Clara Badr, Anyce Ibrahim, Mario Kancijanac and Oskar Tudberry, Joseph Kalouche, Ariana Bousimon
Chile Comparing the number of drops of water that can be placed on 3 coins	Year 6	Jacob Semaan, Sophie Gahdmar, Olivia Saab
	Year 5	Gabriella Volante, Abbey Matta, Joel Lahoud
	Year 4	Beth Roumanus, Daniel Semaan, Victoria Nassif
	Year 3	Lourdes Saleh, Mariah Jreij, Patrick Semaan
Chile Counting the number of drops of water that fit on a penny	Year 2	Ava Takchi, Leah Wahbe, Zachary Tannous
	Year 1	Emily Lin, Lucia Reyes-Mangabat, Mahalia Jackson
	Kindergarten	Liam Buenaventura, William Elias, Natasha Khoury
Italy Calculating the value of a tower of tens with a height greater than 30cm	Year 6	Alexa Izmestyeva, Raymond Joe Khoury, Max Barakat
	Year 5	James Agostino, Christian Donaldson, Stephen Abraham
	Year 4	Victoria Nassif, Beth Roumanos, Daniel Semaan
	Year 3	Anastasia Naudi, Mary Gilchrist, Frances Thomas
Italy Building a tower of tens as high as a ruler	Year 2	Melissa Black, Sofia Barroso, Deon Don
	Year 1	George Dardas, Mila Moses , Fareeda Daher,
	Kindergarten	Chris Layoun, Matilda Miranda, Oscar Do

Infants Athletics Carnival

A huge Congratulations to all our boys and girls for displaying outstanding behaviour and sportspersonship at yesterday's Infants athletics Carnival. It was wonderful that we were able to hold this event, under sunny skies and open space. Thank you to all our terrific parents who assisted in any way, including following our COVID Safety guidelines. It was very much appreciated. A special and sincere thank you is extended to Mrs Bernadette Carroll for her usual excellent organisation and to Mrs Allison who liaised with parents regarding the lunch. Thank you to our Year 6 students for all their assistance and to the teachers who made the whole day such a fun time for the children.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WATTLE FOR WINNING THIS YEAR WITH 407 POINTS!

1. Wattle (yellow) 407 points
2. Boronia (Green) 395 points
3. Melaleuca (Blue) 394 points
4. Waratah (red) 348 points



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU !!!!!

On behalf of the Infants Athletics Carnival Committee as well as all staff and students at St Patrick's, we would like to thank all of the wonderful parents who volunteered to help at the carnival yesterday.

Thank you so much to the team of parents who worked together to organise, prepare for and cook the BBQ on the day. **Mrs Jaitani, Mrs Bounassif, Mrs Hanna, Mrs Elias, Mrs Stolbova, Mrs Agostino, Mrs Malek and Mrs Saab.** These amazing parents donated all the food and other items needed for the meal deal and then worked tirelessly to ensure all of the students and staff were able to enjoy a delicious sausage sizzle lunch.

Special thank you to **Mr El Bayeh (John's Quality Meat Shop) for donating the delicious sausages** and to **Mrs Jaitani, Mrs Hanna, Mrs Saab, Mrs Agostino, Mrs Azzi, Mrs Malek and Mrs Rizk** who donated chips, rolls, sauces, trays, oil, packaging and napkins. Thank you also to **Mrs Sahyoun** who donated all the bottles of water for us to enjoy. Thank you to **Mrs Bounassif** who helped with the cleaning and re-sorting of the canteen on our return to school.

Thank you to **Sound Agents** for the supply of the fantastic sound equipment.

Thank you to the team of parents who volunteered their time to work as place judges, class helpers on the rotations and toilet supervisors. The children loved having you there and we are truly thankful to you for giving up your time to assist us. Without parents like you, we would not be able to run events like this.

Our **Year 6 helpers** were amazing yesterday, helping with everything from handing out participation stickers to distributing drinks. They managed their events well and added that touch of fun and excitement to each activity. Your leadership and confidence was lovely to see.

Thank you to our behind the scenes organisers, **Mrs Jones, Mrs Mitterer, Mrs Baaini and Mrs Barclay** for helping to record student orders, communicate with parents and organise the buses. Thanks to **Mrs Jones** for also helping to transport all the equipment to and from the venue in her enormous car! Thanks to **Mr McIntosh** for organising to get the BBQs to and from the carnival and for cleaning them after we had finished. He was such a multi-tasker, also working as a starter for our 100m running races.

Our Infants Athletics Carnival was a huge success, with our children smiling, laughing and trying their best all day. We are so thankful to all involved for helping to provide this wonderful experience for them.

Mrs Carroll, Mrs Allison and the Infants Athletics Committee





Honour Award

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

KA	Joseph Kalouch	Ariana Bousimon	KM	Angelina Moujalli	Scarlett Lagerlow
1C	Samuel Betros	George Nassif	1S	Juliana Angelo	Jared Caun
2M	Scarlett Eid	Olivia Rizk	2Y	Elias Kazzaz	Alyssa Vella



ST PATRICK'S AWARD

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

KA	Audrey Abboud	Maroun Mourad	KM	Riley Ramon	Audrey Perram
1C	Rosalia Daher	Charlie Chua	1S	Genevieve Tannous	George Kazzaz
2M	Sophia Khoury	Benjamin Chu	2Y	Marcella Abboud	Mary Roumanus





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3L	Lourdes Saleh	Olivia Zhang	3T	Jacinta Malkoun	Liza Navasardyan
4B	Sara Lorenzo	Karabo Khama	4G	Anthony Bracks	Antonia Romanos
5C	Isaac Loulach	Roselle Ghostine	5T	Makayla Kalouch	Marie Rahme
6P	Ysabel Daelo	Meagan Erive	6W	Isabella Bousimon	Thomas Aguilera



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3L	Mia Golossian	Daniel Jurisic	3T	Mika Liu	Mary Gilchrist
4B	Rose Rizk	Callum Donaldson	4G	Lawrence Wahbe	Annabelle Johnson
5C	Phillip Boutros	Clare Camenzuli	5T	Stephanie Jabbour	James Morson
6P	Raymond Joe Khoury	Oscar Morgan	6W	Amelia Coles	Noah Romanos





Art Exhibition

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Galatians 3:26-27)

Here are some prompts to help guide your thinking;

Head - What does being Baptised mean ?

Heart - How does it make you feel ?

Hand - What is God asking of us today ?

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

Guidelines

- No larger than A4 sheet
- Any medium

Due Date

- Tuesday 27 July (week 3)



eSafetyparents



eSafety Commissioner

NOTES FROM THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Explore quality content together and encourage critical thinking.

Get involved and take the time to sit with your child and watch their favourite program or play their favourite game together. Ask toddlers and preschoolers questions and be curious about their answers. Why do they like it? Why do they want to watch or play it? Tell them why you like it or don't like it. Encourage them to think critically and question things. Inject more variety into their screen time by following their interests and choosing quality content you can explore together.

Term Dates

Term 2 - Monday 19th April - Friday 25th June Term 3 - Monday 12th July - 17th September

Term 4 - Tuesday 5th Oct - Friday 17th Dec

** Please note: Every year the NSW Government allocates 6 days to each school to be used for Staff Professional Development. These can be used for the gathering of essential data on students

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Children do not attend school on these days.

Term 3 - 17th September, 2021

Term 4 - 16th & 17th December, 2021



Jessica Izmestyeva, 15:

What is your ideal job?

I would love to be a teacher, because I love to help kids out with their learning.

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

I would spend my money on a car, a pet rabbit, a pet fish and a big house with a swimming pool.

What is your least favorite dish?

My least favourite dish is sandwiches, because the flavours are disgusting.

What are you most likely to become famous for?

I am most likely to become famous for my Gymnastics tricks, such as cartwheels and the splits.

If you had to change your name, what would you change it to?

I would change my name to Kitty, because it's a cute nickname for cats.

William Gebrael - 15

Name 5 words describing you?

5 words describing me include nice, confident, artistic, sporty, and caring

If you were an animal, what would you be?

I were an animal I would be a cheater because cheaters are fast like me and really cool.

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

I never thought I would be able to do a backflip but i did it a couple years ago on the trampoline and I was so happy

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is wolves because they can have red eyes and they have sharp teeth which is very scary.

What sport (s) or music do you play?

I play dodgeball, soccer and touch football at school and it is very fun!

Vitorio Lo Surdo - 1C

What is your biggest fear and why?

My biggest fear would be red back spiders because sometimes they can sting you and it really hurts.

If you were an animal, what would you be and why?

If I was an animal, I would be an eel because I go for parramatta eels and they are my favourite team.

If you found an island, what would you name and why?

If I found an island I would call it Bee Island because it would look like a bee.

What would you like to be when you grow up and why?

I would like to be a footy player because I play kids footy and I score lots of tries.

What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time I practice my passing in footy because I want to get better at footy.

Emily Salloun 1C

What sport or musical instrument do you play?

My favourite sport is soccer because it is really fun and I get to be active and it is my favourite sport. I like piano because I know how to play songs on it and it's really fun to play.

What is your favourite subject?

I love to play active free play. It is really fun to play with Mr Younis and I also love to figure out new problems in math.

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

I would be a koala because they are fluffy and my favourite animal

What is your favourite food or dish?

My favourite food is doughnuts because they are really yummy and my favourite flavour doughnuts is chocolate.

What is your favourite book?

I like the cat in the hat because it is really funny and an easy book to read.

BOOK WEEK 2021 August 23rd to August 27th

This year's Children's Book Week theme is **"OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS"**

The staff are currently organising some exciting activities that will assist the children to focus on the wonderful world of Literature. Some of these activities include:

- Presentations by guest authors and illustrators
- Book Week Parade WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2021
- Parents welcome pending COVID Safe restrictions at the time. Further information pending closer to the date.
- Fun Rotational Literacy Activities

So start having a think about what your children can wear. For some ideas follow this [LINK](#)

- New worlds: NASA Astronaut (PRESS FOR LINK)
- Old worlds: A mystery in Ancient Egypt
- Other worlds: Bilbo Baggins – The Hobbit
- Very old world: Dinosaurs
- Other worlds: Under the Sea
- Other worlds: Monsters!
- Other worlds: the world of wizardry and magic!
- Other worlds: Where the Wild Things Are
- New worlds: A dystopian future in How to Bee
- "Imaginary" other worlds: Pokemon
- Old worlds: Voyage with the Vikings
- Other worlds: Dragons!
- Other worlds: Ranger's Apprentice
- Explorers of other worlds: Dora the Explorer and Diego
- Old worlds: Anne of Green Gables



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:

The challenge will finish for students and close on **Friday, August 20, 2021**. Please make sure all your books are entered by this date. If you need assistance please contact Mrs O'Dwyer or Mrs Attard.



Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday over the school holidays: Mariah Jreij, Isaiah Maroon, William Bazouni, Nathan Nguyen, Anthoyn Youssef, Dylan Amaral, Jude Hudson, William Kerr, Frances Thomas, Melinda Malkoun, William Elias, Mary Gilchrist, Charlize Malkoun, Eva Jakopovic, Scarlett Eid, Angelina Moujalli, Mia Daher

School holiday activities calendar

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Week 1



Make a snack



Get moving!



Time to colour!



Make a faceplate



Grow your own vegies
from scraps

Week 2



Build a lunch box



Time for yoga



Help make dinner for the
family



Find a healthy swap



Get ready for movie night!

For this and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

NEXT LEVEL SPORTS CLINIC

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: **1st, and 2nd July.** (Thursday - Friday)

Clinic 2: **5th, 6th and 7th July.** (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Location: St Patrick's Primary School, Parramatta.

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 nextlevelsports@live.com.au or contact us through our **Facebook page**.

Thank you and stay safe.

Mr Younis



Education is not about knowing things or taking lessons but about being able to use three lingos: those of the head, the heart, and the hands... learning so that you can think about what you feel and do, can feel what you think and do, and can do what you feel and think. Unity within a person."

Pope Francis

FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

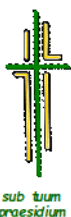
St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Standring (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au, or through Skoolbag App. The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

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.



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

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, 7.15pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri 6.30am, 12.30pm Public Hol 8.00am

Pastoral Team

Dean & Administrator:

Very Rev Fr Robert Riedling

Assistant Priests:

Rev Chris del Rosario, Rev Chadi Ibrahim SDB

Parish Secretary:

Pat Preca

Sacramental Coordinator:

Meg Gale