

# Newsletter

20th May, 2021 Term 2 Week 5

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week most of our year three and year five students joined children of the same age all over Australia, in participating in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN catch ups ran this week for any boy or girls who missed the assessment in the first week.

As many of you would know NAPLAN was cancelled last year due to COVID 19.

NAPLAN is now an online assessment with the exception of Writing for Year 3. Although the process had some minor connectivity disruptions which were statewide and which required some pausing, overall they ran very well and the students managed, displaying patience and resilience.

NAPLAN data provides some interesting opportunities for teachers to work through especially, noticing patterns and trends, as well as individual results. It is important to remember however that NAPLAN is but one of many formal assessments children sit throughout their school lives and that many of the skills they possess are not always assessed in these types of tests.

Children who have artistic or sporting ability, problem solvers and those possessing interpersonal skills, those able to synthesize information and creative thinkers for example are not able to demonstrate their talent in NAPLAN. Those with leadership, those with a delightful sense of humour and personality, those who just keep persisting until they succeed; these are qualities not assessed in NAPLAN either. We encourage our students to do their very best on the day of the tests whilst being aware that results can vary and a student who may in fact be quite a good writer, for example, may not produce their best piece of writing on that particular day. We also notice that some children work differently when time pressure is enforced and when they are feeling nervous - which some children sadly expressed. Parents who are interested in this topic may be motivated to read an excellent opinion piece by **Briana Blackett**

May 8, 2018 published in the Sydney Morning Herald.

[Why I'm making my son sit a test I know he'll fail](#)

The data that all schools receive from these assessments are valuable but only when combined with school based assessments and together these help teachers plan programs to meet the variety of learning needs of our students.

NAPLAN results will be sent out to parents as soon as they are sent to the school.

*God bless you and your family*

*Bernadette Fabri*

*Principal*



### WORLD REFUGEE WEEK- BLANKET DRIVE



In preparation for Refugee week in week 10 of this term, we are inviting children to contribute to the **Jesuit Refugee Services**. To do this, we are encouraging families to either purchase a new blanket to donate to JRS for distribution to families in need or make a financial contribution through our school office, which we will give to JRS to buy blankets.



As blankets can be quite expensive we encourage families to join together for the purchase of a blanket if willing. JRS have not specified any required size. Blankets can be dropped off at the school office. Stage 2 (yrs 3/4) this time will be doing the dropping off, with their teachers.

For monetary donations please send to the school office in an envelope/zip lock bag, with the child's name and title Blanket Appeal. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Donations will be collected throughout the remainder of this term until June 24.

**So as to try to highlight this appeal and by way of culmination a Pyjama Day will be organised for the children on Friday 24th June - the last day of term. On this day children can come to school wearing their pyjamas and dressing gowns. As donations have been already called for over these coming weeks there is no need to send a gold coin on this day.**

**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.

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### May- Month of Mary



To celebrate May being the **Month of Mary**, we are asking all students to bring in their Rosary Beads to school and place them on their classroom prayer space over the next coming week. Our Year 6 leaders will be leading children in prayer throughout this month.

Please note: If your child does not have Rosary Beads at home, we will have some for them at school.



Thank you for your encouragement and support.

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Please see below our **Grade Mass** timetable for the term. Parents and visitors are welcome to join the students in mass at **12:30** at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta total numbers permitting. This is set by the Cathedral.



Grade	Day/Date		Grade	Day/Date
Year 4	Friday 21.5.21		Year 6 and Kindy	Thursday 10.6.21
Year 3	Monday 24.5.21		Year 5 and Year 1	Thursday 17.6.21
Year 2	Tuesday 1.6.21		Year 4	Thursday 24.6.21



## **NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY WEEK**

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. 2021 was the 21st year of the campaign. It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

This year the book, *Give me some space!* written and illustrated by Philip Bunting and published by Scholastic Australia, was read by an astronaut from the International Space Station last Wednesday. The children were fascinated when they observed the both the astronaut and the book gliding around by themselves due to no gravity and in some classes this was followed up by interesting discussions on Space travel and conditions.

If you wish to watch a repeat of the story being read please follow this [Link](#)

Look out for some great photos on our Facebook page.





## St Patrick's Primary Athletics Carnival

Our Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 2nd June, 2021 at Barton Park, Parramatta. It is an enjoyable day for the children where they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities. All of the students from Years 3 to 6, and students in Year 2 who are already 8 years old or turning 8 years old **this year**, will be participating in the athletics carnival. The Carnival will commence at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 2:15pm. The children will be catching a bus to and from the carnival unless parents are taking them home from Barton Park **at the conclusion of the carnival**.

**Field Events:** There will be no official field events run at our School Athletics Carnival. Students must 'qualify' for selection in field events for Zone/Diocesan levels by providing evidence of their experience from their '**Little Athletics Record Book**' indicating their 'personal best' distances/records. If your child wishes to be considered for our Zone team in field events (long jump, high jump, shot put, discus) they will need to collect a form from the office. The entries will be evaluated and compared and children informed if they have made the School Zone team

**Please return the Field Event records by Friday 21st May, 2021.**

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## Primary Athletics Carnival Food Order Form

### DUE TOMORROW

As a special treat, the children will be able to **pre-order their lunch**. The students will be able to select from the following two options.

#### **Meal Deal: \$10**

BBQ sausage in a roll (onion and sauce optional), bottle of water, packet of plain chips, small muffin and a fun-sized chocolate.



#### **Sausage Sizzle Only: \$4**

BBQ sausage in a roll (onion and sauce optional)

**Additional bottles of water** will be available for sale on the day for **\$2**.

**Please complete order form and send in with payment no later than **Friday 21st May 2021**. As you can appreciate pre-ordering is essential as we need to know how many students to cater for when ordering food.**

**Yours Thankfully  
Mrs Pope and Mrs Fardell  
Primary Athletics Carnival Committee**

### Understanding School Talk ???

#### **Incursions**

Opportunities for  
learning where an  
outside provider comes  
to the school eg Science  
Workshop



## St Patrick's Infants Carnival 2021

Our Infants Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 23rd June, 2021 at Barton Park, Parramatta. It is an enjoyable day for the children where they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities. All of the students from Years K-2 will be participating in carnival activities. The Carnival will commence at 10:00am and conclude at approximately 2:15pm. The children will be catching a bus to and from the carnival unless parents are taking them home from Barton Park **at the conclusion of the carnival.**

Students in Yr 2 who will be turning 8 this year are invited to participate in the Primary Carnival, however it is **not compulsory** as Infants will be holding their own event. If you feel that your child is a competitive runner and would like to try out for the Zone Carnival they can be included as part of the Primary Athletics Carnival as well.

**Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the online permission eform. As you can understand a lot of planning goes into running an event offsite and we would really appreciate if everyone could go onto the skoolbag app and complete the eform asap. Please refer to the Skoolbag app that was sent out on Monday 10th May, 2021.**

**Permission for the Infants Athletics Carnival is to be received NO later than Friday 28th May. Should you like a hard copy of the note to complete ask your child to collect the note from the office.**

Please complete both skoolbag eforms to attend both carnivals.

Further Information will be shared shortly on food availability at the Infants Athletics Carnival.

## Fact Sheet for Parents and Caregivers - Explanation of Absences

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. Online: log the absence directly using *Skool Bag App*
2. Email: the school at [stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au)
3. Telephone: the school office 8832 4600
4. Note sent with your child

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral





We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Maroon Family (Nadia 2Y & Benjamin 5T) on the passing of their grandmother.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Feng Family (Quintus 2Y & Sean 6W) on the passing of their grandfather.

Please keep both families in your prayers.

### 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 2 - 11th June, 2021**

**Term 3 - 17th September, 2021**

**Term 4 - 16th & 17th December, 2021**

#### **TERM 2 2021 SCHOOL INVOICES**

Term 2 2021 Statements have now been mailed to all families. Due date for payment of Term 2 fees is on or before **Wednesday 26th May 2021**.

If you have not received your invoice, please email [pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au) to request a copy be emailed to you.

eSafetyparents



eSafetyCommissioner

#### **NOTES FROM THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER.**

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

#### **Model good habits around device use**

As you pick up your phone and focus on the screen, your child is watching and learning from you. Even very young babies are aware of the presence of screens and the attention and amount of time their parents devote to them. By demonstrating that you can put your phone down and concentrate on your child, you provide a really important model for them, no matter how old they are.





Patrick Saab 3L - Apologies from last week that the spotlight was listed as the incorrect Patrick.

**What hobbies do you have?**

The hobbies I play are soccer, swimming and tennis

**What is your favourite subject?**

My favourite subjects are English, Art and Handwriting because I love to learn about those things

**What is your favourite movie?**

My favourite movie is Ratatouille because I get to learn how to cook

**What is your favourite book?**

Because in one of their books they fly to the moon and I always wanted to do that.

**What are you most excited for?**

I'm most excited to see my grandparents today

#### **Juliette Khoury 4B**

**What is your favourite book and why?**

Geronimo Stilton is a funny and exciting book.

**If you could spend 1 million dollars, what would you spend it on?**

I would buy lots and lots of books.

**Who is your favourite famous person?**

Maddy Proud because she is good at netball and I like netball

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

Being able to play any sport.

**What sport do you play?**

I love to play netball because it is my favourite sport and is lots of fun.

#### **Angelique Saliba 4G**

**What's your favourite food?**

My favourite food is McDonalds Big Mac because it is delicious and big so they last long.

**What's your favourite TV Show?**

My favourite tv show is 'Friends' because it is a hilarious show and I love the character Monica because she is very smart and organised.

**Do you play any sports?**

I love playing touch football because it is fun and helps me stay active.

**If you were to change your name, what would you change your name to?**

I would change my name to Garfield because I love the movie 'Garfield'.

**What is your favourite colour?**

My favourite colour is blue in general because it is a very pretty colour and I like it a lot.



**Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday next week:**

Mia Golossian, Charlene Wambeek, Jacob Assaf, Aurora Broadbridge, Sofia Bousimon, Marcus Moses, Christopher Mekdessi, Adrian Jreij, Joshua Sahyoun





### Isaiah Abu Ali: Year 4B

#### What is your favourite book and why?

Geronimo Stilton is my favourite book because it is a mystery book and is adventurous.

#### If you could spend 1 million dollars what would you spend it on?

I would spend it on a house, a car, a mansion and save the rest for insurance.

#### What famous person would you relate to the most?

I would relate to Messi, Pelé and Maradona because I have similarities with them. They are famous soccer players and I like soccer.

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

Being the best soccer player because I love soccer.

#### What is your favourite sport to play and why?

I love to play soccer because it is fun and exciting.

### Luke Wehbe 4G

#### What's your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is Edge of Tomorrow which is a movie about people going to war in big machines and one person on the team who restarts the war every time he gets hit.

#### Who is your favourite celebrity?

My favourite celebrity is Muhamed Ali because he never gives up when times are tough.

#### What is your favourite room in the house?

My favourite room in my house is my garage because it has a hockey table, a couch, and lots of other stuff.

#### If you found a deserted island what would you name it and why?

If I were to find a deserted island I would name it Fred because it is a funny name and when I am upset I would remind myself of my island's name and I would laugh.

#### Do you have any prized trophies?

One of my most prized trophies would be the trophy that I won from a touch football game.

## REPORTING TRANSPORT ISSUES

Continued thanks for your cooperation and patience with regard to the traffic situation around the school in the mornings and afternoons. It is good to remember that most drivers in the area are either trying to pick up children or drop them off - just like you. Showing driver courtesy by not jumping the queue or letting others move out from the kiss and drop assists the flow of traffic. Thank you for your encouragement and courtesy to the staff on duty who are trying to assist your little ones to get home safely.

The school is continuing to work with the diocese who are advocating on our behalf to resolve some of the transport issues you reported in our questionnaire. For bus issues, please use this form on the [TfNSW website](#). If you have other concerns but don't know where to report these, please use the [Snap Send Solve website](#) or app for a quick response from Parramatta council.





## **Winter Uniform Changeover**

The children will be changing to winter uniform next  
**Monday 24th May, (Week 6)**

All School Uniform Items available from

Oz Fashions

115-127 Parramatta Road, Granville NSW 2142

Phone: 9897 3121 [www.ozfashions.com.au](http://www.ozfashions.com.au)

### **Girls' Winter Uniform**

Tartan Pinafore

White Long Sleeve Blouse (Peter Pan collar)

Tartan School Tie

Green above ankle socks or Green Tights

Black Shoes

Green Woolen Jumper

Green Jacket with Emblem

### **Girls' Sports Uniform**

Track Suit with School Emblem

Sport Shirt with School Emblem

White Above ankle socks

White Sports Shoes

### **Boy's Winter Uniform**

Grey Long Trousers

Grey Long Sleeve Shirt

Green tie

Grey above ankle socks

Black Shoes

Grey Woolen Jumper

Green Jacket with Emblem

### **Boy's Sports Uniform**

Track Suit with School Emblem

Sport Shirt with School Emblem

White Above ankle socks

White Sports Shoes

**All children are required to have a Green School Hat with Emblem and Green School Bag with Emblem**





# Honour Award

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

KA	Oskar Tudberry	Doris Hanna	KM	Marcus Wijesuriya	Audrey Perram
1C	Mila Moses	Christian Jaitani	1S	Makayla Abdou	Sebastian Malek
2M	Charlie El Khoury	Hannah Nasr	2Y	Oliver Jakopovic	Sophia Zhang



## ST PATRICK'S AWARD

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



KA	Joseph Maroun	Bella Younis	KM	Gabriel Saba	Clara Badr
1C	Daniel Lawrence	Flora Thompson	1S	Genevieve Tannous	Amelia Sivashanmugan
2M	Sebastian Vella	Benjamin Chu	2Y	Michael Agostino	Deon Don





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3L	Charlene Wambeek	Ashton Grohs	3T	Frank Malkoun	Michael Sunwar
4B	Owen Abraham	Shaneli Perera	4G	Ray Chen	Eimear Mitchell
5C	Phillip Boutros	April Soh	5T	James Agostino	Paul Khouri
6P	Ethan Xue	Alisha Katafono	6W	Noah Reyes-Mangabat	Max Barakat



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3L	Olivia Zhang	Vincent Camenzuli	3T	Frances Thomas	Caroline Youssef
4B	Nicholas Reyes-Mangabat	Edan-Grace El-Chaar	4G	Madeleine Talbot	Anthony Malek
5C	Tiffany McCloskey	Gabriel Kalouche	5T	Gabrielle Vella	Anthony Sassen
6P	Jubran Sayegh	Takeshi Liu	6W	Aurora Broadbridge	Aireen Kwa







*"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."*

*Pope Francis*

### **FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS**

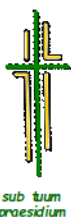
St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Standring (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address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