

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Next Sunday, the 8th of August, will be the feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Many of you are very familiar with the story of Mary MacKillop and the amazing qualities she demonstrated to the people of her time. By the time of her death in 1909 she was renowned as a woman of great vision, of heroic character and outstanding holiness.

Below is a traditional **Novena** prayer calling on Mary MacKillop to help people in times of need. It is a tradition in the Catholic Church which is usually a nine-day period of meaningful praying. Most people use it when they or someone else needs God's special love and care.

Never more, than at this time, is our world needing prayers. Prayers for healing. Prayers for wisdom. Prayers for solidarity. Prayers for courage. Prayers for humility and grace.

May I encourage you and your family to pray this following novena daily.

### NOVENA TO ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
to live her life  
faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely, sick or needy.

With confidence  
in your generous providence  
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop  
we ask that You grant our request

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We ask that our faith and hope  
be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit  
so that we too,  
like Mary MacKillop,  
may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God,  
hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ.  
Amen.



Let us pray to St Mary of the Cross Mackillop; That the challenging time that we are all experiencing at the moment, to come to an end as quickly as possible and to offer up our sufferings for those who are suffering more than us.

God bless you and your family  
Bernadette Fabri  
Principal

For the telecast of Weekend mass follow this link:

[St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta - Facebook](#)



**FREE  
ZOOM  
TALKS**

## **DEBUNKING THE MYTHS AROUND PALLIATIVE CARE**

**9 AUGUST - THE SECOND LECTURE IN THE SERIES**

**EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

**REGISTER NOW [parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks](https://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks)**



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### **Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Further information and an update will be provided.



# 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

- TBC



**Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday over the next week:** Quintus Feng, Emilie Blazek, Doris Hanna, Levi Jaitani, Lawrence Wahbe, Raymond Joe Khoury, Marie Rahme

## 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.

## FEEDBACK

Feedback is an important element of learning. There are many forms of feedback and can be given by teachers as well as peers. Feedback is best when it is timely and appropriate to the level of the student.

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

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

**Password protect devices**

Add a password or passcode, that only you know, to any device your child uses. If a device uses fingerprint or face authentication, don't set this up for your child. It is important that you control and have access to all devices that your child uses.

**Is your child unwell ?**

If you are learning from home and your child is too sick to participate in online learning please follow normal absence reporting procedures by sending in a skoolbag alert or email to [stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au). This will allow the office staff to amend their attendance and notify their teachers they are unwell.

If your child has been attending school for supervision please follow the above guidelines for a child that is sick. A reminder that if your child is ill with any COVID 19 symptoms they are not to attend school, so as to keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Jones



"Even hope, like all good things in this world, has enemies... Hope is the push in the heart of those who leave their home, and sometimes their family and relatives - I am thinking of migrants - to find a better life, with more dignity for themselves and their loved ones... It's also the push in the heart of those who welcome: the desire to encounter, meet, dialogue... hope is the push to share the journey,"

*Pope Francis*

## **BOOK WEEK 2021 August 23rd to August 27th**

**(Please be mindful that this event may need to be rescheduled or modified depending on COVID 19 conditions)**

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

- 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 via the school email address:

**stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au.**



## Term Dates

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**

## 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>



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

The Occupier  
8-Oct Ross Street  
PARRAMATTA 2150

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20 July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Proposal to raise the existing Pedestrian Crossings in Villiers Street, Parramatta**

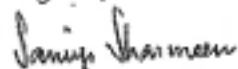
City of Parramatta is proposing to upgrade the existing pedestrian crossings in Villiers Street south of Ross Street and south of Grosz Street to raised pedestrian crossings as shown in the attached sketch. The purposed of this proposal is to improve pedestrian safety at both locations.

Council invites written submissions from residents, businesses and relevant authorities. Submissions must be provided to Council by Tuesday, 17 August 2021 by mail to Traffic and Transport Services, City of Parramatta Council at PO Box 32 Parramatta NSW 2124, by email to [traffic@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:traffic@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au) or via Council's Exhibition page at <https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition>. Please include your street address and survey reference number TS 2021 37 in any reply you provide.

The Parramatta Traffic Committee and Council will consider responses to this consultation prior to determining the matter. All survey respondents will be advised of Council's decision in early 2022.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact City of Parramatta's Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer, Behzad Saleh on 9806 8410.

Regards,



**Saniya Sharmeen**  
Traffic and Transport Team Leader

Attach: Sketch plan

<https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/about-parramatta/news/on-exhibition/proposed-traffic-facilities-in-lga>

