



Newsletter

12th August, 2021 Term 3 Week 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Next Sunday, 15th August, the Church will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pope Francis reminded us in his homily on *Wednesday, 15 August 2018* at Saint Peter's Square that , "Our Lady's existence unfolded like that of an ordinary woman of her time: she prayed, managed her family and home, attended the synagogue.... However every daily action she performed was always done in total union with Jesus.

For many of us the person of Mary and the relationship we have developed with her occurred through the many accounts of our Holy Mother through scripture. Our thoughts and devotion to Our Lady began very early in life, commencing with the Nativity Story. We learnt how brave and resilient Mary was as she travelled to Bethlehem with Joseph, giving birth to Jesus in a stable. This connection continued as we heard of her trust and love of Jesus in the stories of: Jesus at the temple, at the wedding at Cana and as Pope Francis describes "how on Calvary this union culminated, in love, in compassion and in heartache.. "

Growing up, in my family, our Holy Mother always seemed so accessible to us, just like our own mother. Praying to her seemed very easy because we were taught that Mary is always there for us and that we could tell her anything.

Let us remember on the Feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we can call on Our Lady through prayer, with all our concerns and worries at this time, with the confidence that she will inspire and comfort us individually and as a community.

God bless you and your family.

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

Let Us Pray

Holy God, through Mary you show your people that you do wonderful things through human beings. With trusting hearts we call to you in our need.

As Jesus's mother, Mary showed us the extent of human love, parental nurturing and selfless service. May all people learn to embrace one another in love, compassion and service.

Wondrous God, hear us. Hear our prayer, O God of Mary.

As Jesus's disciple, Mary followed her son and his teachings of Grace and mercy. May those in positions of spiritual leadership and political power learn from her humble yet strong example of discipleship.

Wondrous God, hear us. Hear our prayer, O God of Mary.

As your servant, Mary listened. May we be open to your plans for us with a listening heart and respond with a generous spirit. Your calling for Mary was profound; your calling for each one of us is profound. Help us to understand; help us to act; help us to say, "Yes!".

Wondrous God, hear us. Hear our prayer, O God of Mary.

Mary was aware of Jesus's needs. Let us hear and address the cries of help from those in our community who are weak and lost.

Wondrous God, hear us. Hear our prayer, O God of Mary.

Mary now rejoices in your unending love. We remember and pray for all who are now rejoicing in eternal life with you. We remember those especially in our hearts and minds, at this time...
(Pause)

Wondrous God, hear us. Hear our prayer, O God of Mary.

As a loving mother, Mary listened for the cries of her child. God listens for the cries of all humankind. I invite your prayers and requests, aloud or silent... (Pause)

God who hears our prayers, you understand every yearning of the human heart. Listen to the prayers we have offered in the name of Jesus, the everlasting hope of Mary.

Amen.

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For the telecast of Weekend mass follow this link:

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



**FREE
ZOOM
TALKS**

**HOW TO SPEAK ABOUT EUTHANASIA
WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

16 AUGUST - THE FINAL LECTURE IN THE SERIES

EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

REGISTER NOW 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



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. 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



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 Standing (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address stpatricksparra@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>



"This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good."

Pope Francis

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NOTES FROM THE E-SAFETY COMMISSIONER.

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

Parental controls and shared accounts

Parental controls are software tools that allow you to monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. They could be specific to different devices, such as mobiles, tablets, computers, gaming consoles and smart TVs, or they may be available in different apps or programs, such as streaming services, web browsers and search engines. Parental controls may also be available on your home wi-fi network. If a device, app or service is shared by multiple members of your family, you may be able to change the filters or privacy settings to reflect each user's age and skills. This is often done through a 'family' or shared account.



Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday over the next week: Marcus Wijesuriya, Allen Elias, Miami Calumpiano, Daniel Jurisic, Joshua Manago, Maximilian Markovic, Olivia Moussa, Nicholas Reyes-Mangabat

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.

GUIDED READING

Guided reading is a teaching strategy in which the teacher meets with students in small groups to help them develop their reading skills.

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"



**Visit the PRC
Student Site!**

<http://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/StudentExperience.html#/>

Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

IMPORTANT LOCKDOWN UPDATE - RULE CHANGES EFFECTIVE 4 AUGUST 2021

The Premier's Reading Challenge requires the validation of student reading records before the conclusion of the Challenge and this may be difficult to complete at this time.

To allow students and coordinators to complete this task, the Premier's Reading Challenge will be extended for a further two weeks.

[Challenge closes for students: Friday September 3, 2021](#)

[Students are now able to include up to 10 Choice Books on their reading records.](#) (rather than 5) All students are able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers. You can find more information about these adjustments on our [Rules page](#).

Reading at home

Do you need access to books to read whilst learning at home? Many school and public libraries offer access to ebooks whilst access to their physical collection is limited. You can also check out our support article for more information about how you can find books to read at home. Students can visit our Sora online Collection via the following link: [SORA Link](#) There is a collection here for 5-6 PRC Books. However, no are listed for K-4. See PRC site for lists.

Bookclub Issue 6

Whilst we are stuck at home Scholastic has made available book club and home delivery. When ordering online you have the option of selecting home delivery and school delivery. **Please note if you select school delivery the orders will not be placed until we return to school full time.** If you select home delivery there will be a cost of \$7.50 and it will be delivery within 2 weeks. If you need any help with ordering please email the school on stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au where you will be contacted by Mrs Jones who is working from home.

Please follow the link to order: <https://bookclubs.scholastic.com.au>

Book Club

ISSUE 6 ONLINE NOW!

HOME DELIVERY IS AVAILABLE

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The image is a promotional graphic for Scholastic Book Club Issue 6. At the top, the words "Book Club" are written in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below this, on a blue background with white sunburst patterns, the text "ISSUE 6 ONLINE NOW!" is written in large, white, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a collage of various children's books and book club materials, including a "WELCOME TO Book Club" card, a "WHAT YOU GET" section, and several book covers like "Lola OUT LOUD", "Dragon Girls", "7 GOOD REASONS NOT TO BE A WEIRD?", and "HOT DOG!". A yellow circular badge in the bottom left corner contains the text "HOME DELIVERY IS AVAILABLE". At the bottom of the graphic is a red banner with the Scholastic logo and the word "SCHOLASTIC" in white capital letters.

NEW TESTING CLINIC



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

COVID-19 Drive-through Testing Clinic at

Bankwest Stadium

Time: 8am - 6pm daily (9am start on 11 August)

When: 7 days a week until further notice

Where: Northern carpark, Enter at Gate 2
O'Connell Street, Parramatta, NSW, 2150

Testing is FREE. All ages welcome.
No booking or GP referral required.

Check when you're eligible for COVID-19 vaccination using the
Australian Government Vaccine Eligibility Checker



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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