

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year the staff in Years Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be undertaking Professional Learning in English and Mathematics in preparation for the implementation of the new K- 2 English and Maths Syllabuses in 2023. The NSW developed syllabuses serve to guide teachers in all NSW schools and are mandatory documents.

Over many years there have been numerous syllabus revisions but it would be accurate to say that these syllabuses have been well received by teachers because of their clarity and the level of consultation undertaken in their design.

Some of the key areas of learning in the English Syllabus K-2, which may be of interest to parents include:

- An increased focus on foundational skills.
- That the teaching of reading includes phonics, oral language (the spoken word) and fluency (ideally phrased and with expression)
- The syllabus focuses on students learning to create written texts through planning, creating and revising. The elements of spelling and handwriting are still important features.
- An increased focus on Literature.

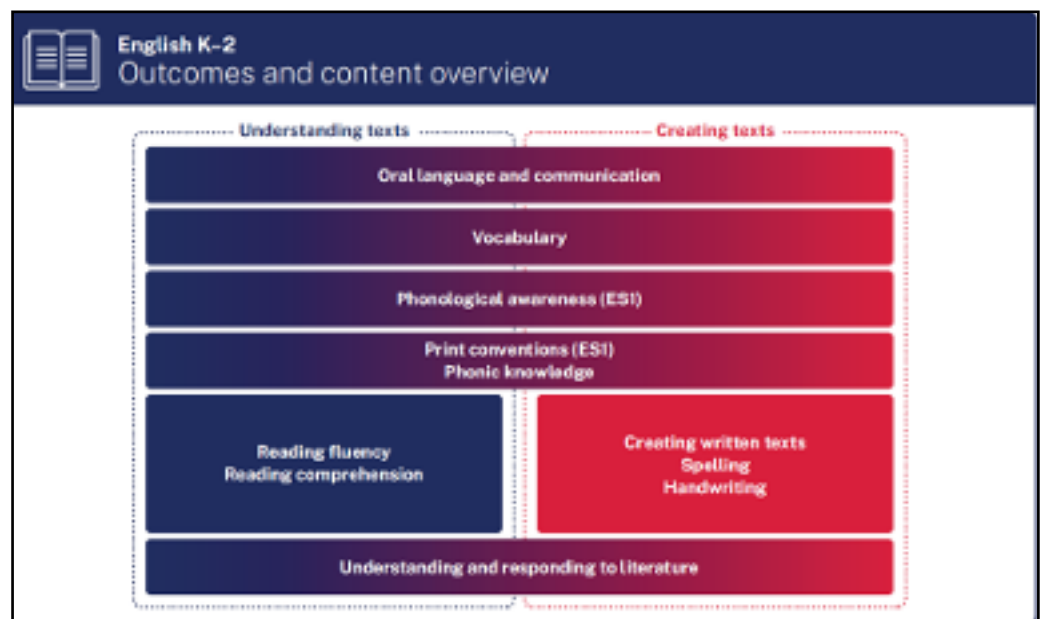
(A focus on Mathematics will be summarised next week)

The diagram below shows the connections between children learning to understand texts and creating texts.

For your Information **Phonological Awareness** (Examples include being able to identify words that rhyme, recognizing alliteration, [For example, "happy hippo" and "fluffy,flat feather"], segmenting a sentence into words, identifying the syllables in a word, and blending and segmenting onset-rimes eg in the word fan /f/ is the onset and /an/ is the rime) **Phonics** (a method of teaching people to read by correlating sounds with symbols in an alphabetic writing system.)

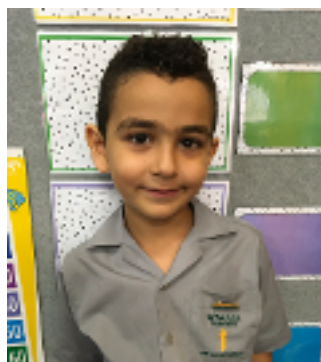
We look forward to implementing this new syllabus and encourage parents to read with their children on a daily basis.

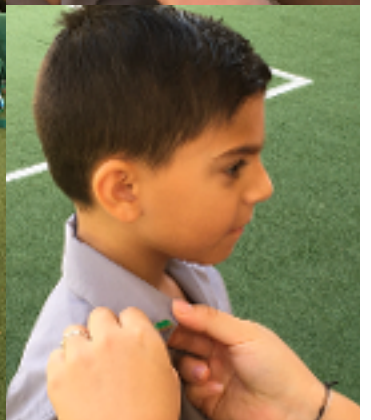
God bless you
and
your family
Bernadette Fabri





Presentation





TIPS FOR HOME READING

- The reader holds the book! There is a lot of power and control in the world of reading. The reader needs to have the power.

https://www.petaa.edu.au/w/teaching_resources/parents_guide.aspx



Afternoon Pick Up

Currently students who are being picked up and walking home from school are exiting from the Villiers Street gate. This gate is open until 3:15pm. If you arrive at school after this time to pick up your child, they can be collected from the Ross Street gate. You do not need to return to your car and join the drive through as Mrs Barclay will be at the Ross Street gate from 3:15 to 3:30pm ready to call students being picked up.

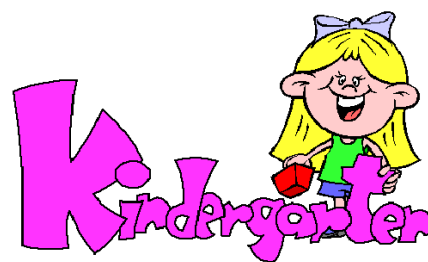
Thank you parents for displaying your signs in your cars. The easiest way for Mrs Standring to see the sign is if they are hung from the passenger's sun visor. This allows her clear sight from the corner of the road. We understand it is easier to place it on the dashboard however due to the angle of the sign, this position makes it very difficult to read.

Mrs Jones has sent out a form via COMPASS asking parents to indicate how their child goes home and has been using this information to update all car signs. We encourage all parents to complete this form, so all updates can be completed in a timely manner.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023 **KINDERGARTEN ARE NOW OPEN**

Enrolment packs for Kindergarten 2023 are available as follows:

- Packs can be sent home with your eldest child. Please send an email to stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au with the subject line Kindergarten 2023 Enrolment.
Please include your K2023 child's name and DOB
- Enrolment forms are also available from the school between the hours of 9am -3pm Monday to Friday.
- The enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website:
<https://www.stpatssparra.catholic.edu.au>



As we are still working under COVID restrictions you are able to email the application through to us at stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au , along with any supporting documents. Please retain the original application form as you will be required to submit that at a later date.

Enrolment forms are required to be returned by 31st March 2021.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you so much for your support of our school community as we keep responding to COVID-19.

A number of guidelines regarding the release of restrictions have been announced over the last few days. The school will assess these in light of current practice and will let you know as changes take place. At this stage morning and afternoon drop off will remain the same so as to avoid confusion for the children.

As you would expect, we will continue to do everything we can to keep our community safe. Thank you again for your continued support during this school term. We look forward to welcoming parents to a number of events in the future. More details will be sent home in the upcoming days.

Thank you as always for your support and cooperation

Kind Regards

Leanda Standring

(Assistant Principal)

SCHOOL FEES 2022

The school fee invoices have been sent to families in the mail last Friday 18th February 2022 to the household address that is on file for your child/children.

Payment for Term 1 is due by 16th March 2022. If you do not receive an invoice please email pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au and an invoice can be emailed to you.

Flexible Payment Plans are also an alternative payment option for families are available by Direct Debit or Bpay. Should you like to accept this offer please click on the link

[CEDP Flexible Payment Plans](#)

The suggested amounts for you to pay Monthly, Fortnightly or Weekly are on your invoice. This payment option must be put in place by 14th March 2022.

You may see on the invoice that your account is in credit, this is due to the school refunding part of the activity fee that was charged in 2021 as some activities being cancelled due to COVID-19.

If you have any questions about the invoice, please contact Fiona Mitterer on 8832 4600 or email pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au

NEW ITEMS

ZONE SWIMMING 2022



Congratulations to the Cumberland Parramatta Primary Swimming Team

Phillip Ayoub	Stephanie Jabbour	Gabriella Volante
Sophie Salloum	Sarah Loader	Sara Jabbour
Hannah Scalon	Jasmine Rizk	George Rizk

A reminder to meet at Mt Druitt Pool, Monday 28th February, 2022. Students are to meet Ms Tabone at the pool entrance at 7.50am to receive their entry ticket to the pool. The spectators can enter the venue from 7.50am. First event marshalling @ 8.25am and the carnival starts promptly at 8.30am.

Diocesan Gala Days - Expression of Interest

LAST DAY TODAY TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

Over the past years our school has been able to enter Primary students in both Soccer and Touch Footy Gala Days. In order to allow as many interested students as possible to take part we are asking for Expressions of Interest (EOI). Each student will nominate their preference for either Soccer or Touch. Students can nominate a second choice should we need additional numbers to fill teams. Teams will then be formed based on the EOI. Once teams are formed it will be up to the parents/carers of each team member to organise a manager and a referee. **If teams cannot name a manager and a referee the team will need to be withdrawn.**

Gala days are as follows:

Soccer

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) Girls @ Jamison Park Penrith	Wednesday 25th May 2022
Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) Boys @ Jamison Park Penrith	Wednesday 15th June 2022
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Boys & Girls @ Jamison Park Penrith	Tuesday 21st July 2022

Touch Football

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) Boys & Girls @ The Kingsway St Marys	Friday 8th April, 2022 or 29th July, 2022
Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Boys & Girls @ The Kingsway St Marys	Friday, 9th September, 2022

Students would need to be available on the days of the relevant Gala Day if they wish to nominate.

Please complete the google form sent out via Compass Parent Portal on 15/2/22, by Friday **25th February, 2022**, alternatively your child can collect a note from the office.

No entries can be accepted after this date.

This event is subject to change depending on the NSW Health and CEDP guidelines at the time of the event schedule.

Bernadette Carroll
Sport Coordinator

St Patrick's Cross Country



It is once again time for our St Patrick's Cross Country event. This year our Cross Country will again be held for **RUNNERS ONLY**. Please complete the google form sent out via Compass Parent Portal on 15/2/22, if your child will be competitively running in this year's RUNNERS ONLY Cross Country event.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday 9th March, 2022
Time: 9.30am – 11.00am Cross Country for RUNNERS ONLY from 8yrs in 2022 and up.
Venue: Cattle Paddock, Parramatta Park
Wear: School sports uniform, running shoes and hat

Distance: 8,9 & 10yr olds = 2km 11,12 & 13yr olds = 3km

Note: Please ensure your child is able to complete the required running distance without stopping for a break before deciding if they should enter this event. Some students may need to practise to get a better understanding of just how difficult this event can be.

Bernadette Carroll
Sports Coordinator

Term Dates

Term 1 - Friday 28th January to Friday 8th April

Term 2 - Tuesday 26th April - Friday 1st July

Term 3 - Monday 18th July - Friday 23rd September

Term 4 - Monday 10th October - Tuesday 20th December

** 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 DATES

Day 1 Friday 28th January 2022

Day 2 Monday 30th January 2022

Day 3 TBC

Day 4 TBC

Day 5 TBC

Day 6 Tuesday 20th December 2022

SDD's will be communicated to you as soon as possible when confirmed



Facebook @stpatricksparramatta.

St Patrick's Primary School enjoys sharing the great things that happen at our school via our official School FACEBOOK page. A copy of the User Policy relating to our page, can be found

through this [link](#).

Our Facebook page is for promoting a sense of community and is used to provide families with information about past events and activities and positive achievements within our school. The page doesn't replace regular communication modes, rather, it will communicate through social media many of the interesting, exciting, fun and terrific learning of our students, giving you the chance to interact with "likes" and comments.

To find our page search for @stpatricksparramatta.

We look forward to sharing the great learning of our students this year.

CONVERSATION STARTERS ABOUT CYBER SAFETY (link)

These questions are designed to be used in a family to start everyday conversations about online safety. The questions cover topics such as identifying online risks, using technology safely and reporting unsafe behaviour. Use them together with the information at eSafety kids, and empower kids to take control of their online experiences.

What would you do if someone online was contacting you, but you didn't want them to?

What to do

Don't reply to any messages that make you feel uncomfortable, unsafe, scared or a bit weird. Tell your mum, dad, carer or a trusted adult.

Congratulations to the ELIAS Family!!

Allen Elias 3L, William 1C

on the birth of their

Baby girl Taylor born 21st February 2022



Congratulation to Alyssa and Max Vernon

(Onorato) on the birth of their son

Philip Andrew Vernon born on the 24th of
February 2022





'We all live under the same heaven, independently of where and how we live, the colour of our skin, religion, social group, sex, age, economic conditions or our state of health. All of us are different yet equal, and this time of pandemic has shown that clearly. Let me say once again: we are not saved alone!'

Pope Francis

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.

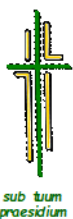
Access to counselling services can be made by contacting your child's classroom teacher or Ms Fabri, who will then put forward a referral. Mrs Ricketts will then contact you for further information. Further details can be found in previous newsletters.

FEEDBACK 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>

For the telecast of Weekend mass follow this link:
[St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta - Facebook](#)



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

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21st of February, 2022



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day

On Tuesday 1st of March 2022 is Shrove Tuesday.
To make this day a special occasion pancakes will be available for purchase.

Cost 50c each Pikelet

NO CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**Orders must be received via the QKR app by Friday 25th February.
Select special food days.**





10.00am - 2.00pm

Bookings can be made by visiting the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

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YEAR 7, 2024
ENROLMENT
INFORMATION
EVENING
Tuesday, 29 March

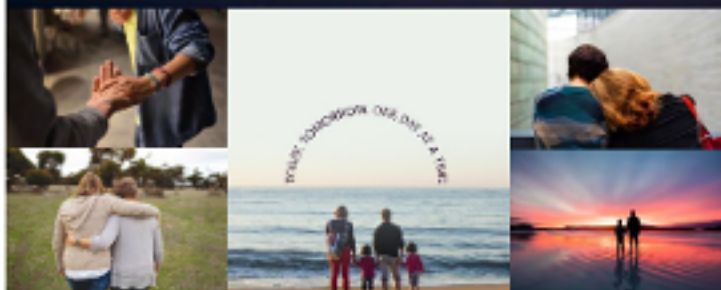


SERVICE

HEAD TO HEALTH

1800 595 212

What's on your mind today?
Get it out in the open



Healthcare facilities in 2007 were then categorized by the Department of Health according to the size and associated mental health spending (2006) to examine the potential relationships of reported minority and low-income groups, as well as community size, with access to mental health services in the past. Healthcare facilities were in a number of counties in central and southern California, in some middle of American states, and some in the West and South.

navigating the ever-shifting landscape of coding people's services is a key component of what we do. It enables us to deliver the most relevant support for children in the UK and to be involved in some significant treatment, but up to 100,000 children are estimated to be in need of such services in any given year.

We offer a free in-person or virtual consultation. Our clients are saving track ball wear, shoulder pain in their wrists, and shoulder and elbow pain, and are also able to use their PT/OT, TENS, and TENS, Daily Repetitive Care and more. Find out more about our services at www.OTTools.com. There's only one place to go for this. If you're interested, let us know.

We support consumer storage as well as the many varied access to data and data approaches to care, addressing the broad range of social, physical, and mental health issues of our customers and their loved ones. As always, our drive and service to the community are identified by: an high care values, innovative, research, compassionate, and real.

Attached is our print-friendly information sheet. If you, or a friend, is interested to someone, call the HQ hotline on 1800 595 22 or you can write to us today to find out more to: Spain@Jazz.org.uk 1140 the 10th street Hollywood



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