



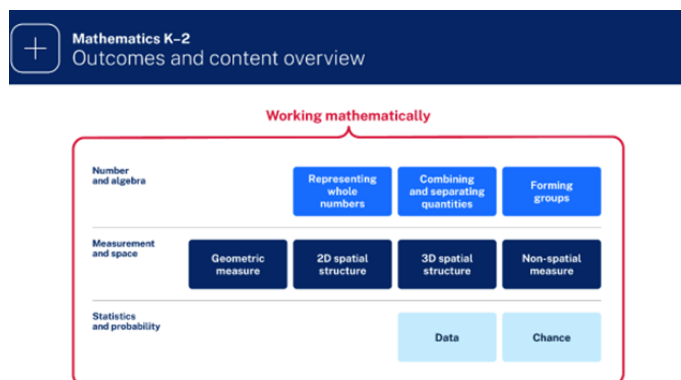
Dear Parents and Caregivers

A couple of weeks ago I reported that the teachers in Kindergarten, years 1 and 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. This week the focus is on Mathematics K - 2.

Some of the key areas of learning in the NEW [Mathematics Syllabus K-2](#), which may be of interest to parents include:

- understanding the symbols that represent quantity
- learning the sequence of counting words and making the association between the words and quantities
- learning different ways of representing quantity – objects, words and symbols – as well as understanding that ten (10), for example, is not only a word or symbol but a combination of different number pairs, such as 5 and 5, 4 and 6, or 3 and 7
- knowing how to use 10 and 100 as units[4]
- identifying links between measurement, space and number
- understanding how structures are organised and related
- being able to provide the reasoning behind the solution to a problem.

The diagram below shows the importance of the skills of Working Mathematically across all maths content areas. This includes the important skill of **being able to provide the reasoning behind the solution to a problem.**



We are pleased to see that the current practises in St Patrick's Parramatta are totally in line with the new syllabus.

God bless you and your family  
Bernadette Fabri

# Honour Award

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



KA	Paul Daher	Vivienne Yuen
KM	Terence Yang	Elaine Tony
1C	William Bazouni	Audrey Abboud
1S	Pierre El Bayeh	Zara Ciampi
2M	Maroun Abraham	Rebecca Black
2Y	Sebastian Malek	Charlize Malkoun



## st patrick's award

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



KA	Rachel Roumanus	Phoenix Patena
KM	Elodie Haddad	Joseph Azzi
1C	Audrey Perram	Joseph Kalouch
1S	Charbel Elia	Matilda Miranda
2M	George Nassif	Emily Salloum
2Y	George Dardas	Fareeda Daher





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3L	Scarlett Eid	James Younis
3T	Zavier Skaf	Zachary Tannous
4B	Elijah Vella	Olivier Touche
4G	Mia Freifer	Vincent Camenzuli
5C	Eimear Mitchell	Owen Abraham
5T	Luke Wehbe	Eva Jakopovic
6P	Donnacha Ryan	Kevin Zheng
6W	Claire Camenzuli	Phillip Ayoub



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3L	Melinda Malkoun	Ava Takchi
3T	Chanel Wakim	Olivia Pijaca
4B	Sophia Khoury	Mia Golossian
4G	Anton Bayssari	Araminta Jackson
5C	Zachary Aguilera	Annabelle Johnson
5T	Joseph Norman	Angelique Saliba
6P	Cynthia Daher	Joshua Nasr
6W	Isaiah Johnston	Jacinta Azizi





## NAPLAN NEWS

This year students in Year 3, 5 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN online. **Year 3** complete **Reading, Conventions of Language** and **Mathematics** online. Year 3 complete writing with pen and paper. **Year 5** complete **Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language** and **Mathematics** online. *All students are required to use headphones during the test so they can hear verbal instructions without disrupting other students. Please ensure you have sent a pair of headphones to the school before Week 9 as they will also need these during the practice test held on Thursday 24 March 2022.*

The following frequently asked questions answer some important information regarding NAPLAN. More information can be found at the NAPLAN Parent support page - <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

### **Can Students use paper to work out or plan answers?**

Students can use paper to work out or plan their answers for the conventions of language, writing and numeracy tests. This paper is collected by the test administrator at the end of the test

### **If a student is sick, can they complete the test online at home?**

As with the paper NAPLAN, students who are sick cannot complete NAPLAN at home. Students who are absent on the day of testing may be able to complete catch-up tests if they return to school within the NAPLAN test window.

### **Will students with limited keyboard skills be disadvantaged in the test?**

The writing test is not about handwriting skills and NAPLAN Online is not about keyboarding skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type, just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand.

ACARA research shows that online writing is similar to handwriting in terms of the quality of writing produced by students at each year level. It also shows that students generally appreciate the use of online features such as editing tools (noting that online features such as grammar and spell-check are disabled during NAPLAN testing)

Students do not have to be able to touch type to successfully complete the test.

## TIPS FOR HOME READING

If reading time is stressful, move the reading to a new location. Instead of sitting at the kitchen bench, move to the lounge room floor, or go outside and sit under a tree or take the books to the local coffee shop.

[https://www.petaa.edu.au/w/teaching\\_resources/parents\\_guide.aspx](https://www.petaa.edu.au/w/teaching_resources/parents_guide.aspx)



## PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (PRC)

Thank you to Mrs Gisel Thomas (Maryam 6W & Frances 4B) for accepting the invitation to be the Parent Representative for St Patrick's Parramatta and to Mrs Christine Beshay (Elijah 2M & Christino KM) for stepping in as PRC alternative rep. Gisel and Christine will be welcome to include in this newsletter items pertaining to the PRC or other matters of interest to parents. The school sincerely thanks them for their willingness to take on this important role in representing the school and I am sure will be interested in hearing your views about parent matters that can be communicated to this diocesan body.

*The Parents Representative Council (PRC) is the peak parent body that represents and supports parents, families and caregivers of students enrolled in all Primary and Secondary Catholic Schools within our Diocese. The PRC works in collaboration with the Bishop, the Executive Director of schools, Parish Priests and Catholic School Principals and School Parent Bodies in providing additional support to families throughout their child's learning journey within the Catholic Education System. Every Primary and Secondary Catholic School in the Diocese of Parramatta can have one PRC Parent Rep and an Alternate Parent represented. These Representatives speak on behalf of their School's Parent Body and community representing their Parents within the PRC. This provides the important two-way communication between local school parent communities, their local school and the greater Diocesan Parent body of the PRC. The appointment of School Reps and Alt Reps is the responsibility of the school principal or their delegate.*

For more information on the PRC please follow this [link](#). If you have an interest, in the future, to be considered for this position please email the school.

Thank you is extended to Mrs Maria Chivers for accepting the role over the past few years. The school understands that the pandemic has seriously affected the ability for the PRC to function effectively. With much appreciation for your interest Maria!



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### Student Wellbeing – A Partnership Approach

**How are you supporting your child's mental health?**

How should we respond when our children seem anxious, sad, worried?  
**Many Parents have concerns about how to give their child the best support for their mental health?**

Learn what our Catholic schools are doing to support our children's flourishing.  
How can you partner with them? Hear from our new Director of Wellbeing

Our guest speaker for the evening is  
**Dr Greg Elliott**  
Director Wellbeing - Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

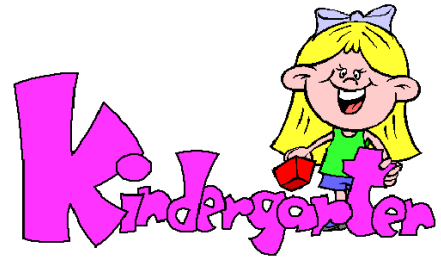


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**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)  
(PRC AGM- will be held prior to guest speaker)  
Putrician Brothers College, 100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown NSW 2148  
Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!  
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**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](mailto: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.stpatsparra.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](mailto: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.**

**Sibling enrolments are due by Friday 17th March.**

## Helping your Kindergarten child at home with Mathematics

This guide from the new K-2 Mathematics syllabus can help you support your Kindergarten children at home.

### Number and algebra

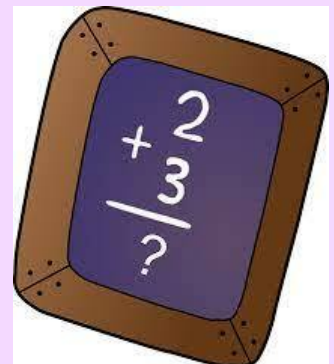
#### Representing whole numbers

*Representing whole numbers* focuses on:

- how whole numbers show quantity
- reading and representing numerals to at least 20.

***You can help your Kindergarten child at home by:***

- helping them represent numbers from 0 to 10 with words, numerals and finger patterns. For example, the number 5 would be represented as 'five', 5 and 🖐️
- using household items to represent numbers 0 to 20. For example, counting out 15 pegs, 9 pencils, 11 marbles or 5 lollies
- counting objects you see while you are out walking. For example, you might count how many dogs you see, fence palings or flowers on a plant
- counting backwards by ones when your child is confident counting forwards. Practise the 'Rocket ship countdown 10-1 Blast-off'
- using dice in board games to identify the number pattern
- playing a game of Bingo with the numbers 1 to 20
- playing Snap with a deck of cards
- identifying numbers on coins or letterboxes.







**Volunteers Required**

Children from K to 6 will be attending Kick's Bowling on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th as part of St Patrick's Celebrations.

If you are interested in volunteering your time as a parent volunteer, please fill in the form below.

NB: As the number of volunteers needed is limited per class not all parents will be needed.

Parents will be chosen at random. (7 volunteers Year 1-6 and 14 for Kindergarten)

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Samantha Baaini

<https://forms.gle/mcEcYKb4DQ5eYPPa8>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Kicks Bowling 9:30-1:30 Year 3-6 bowling Timetabled 1 hour activity	Kicks Bowling 9:30- 12:00 Kindergarten- Year 2  Timetabled 1 hour activity	Irish Dancing	1:30 pm Whole School St Patrick's Day and Commissioning Leaders Mass	Mufl and St Patrick's Fun Activities Day and Irish Dancing Performance

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## **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 treated you unfairly in an online game?**

If an online friend is making you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, or you feel like something is not quite right, help is available.

Remember if things go wrong it is never your fault. Even if you feel embarrassed or scared about what has happened, help is always available.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au)





Congratulations to the Ibrahim (Anyce 1S) family on the birth of their baby boy, Iziah.



**School holiday announcement:**

Next Level Sports Clinic is happy to announce that we have been approved to go ahead and we will be back in action this coming school holidays! To make a booking please email

[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au) or contact Mr Younis.

**Holiday Clinic dates:**

**Clinic 1: 13th & 14th April.**

**Clinic 2: 20th, 21st & 22nd April.**

**More exciting news:**

**Spartans is back!**

Sessions will recommence on the 3rd of May Term 2, every Tuesday of the school term from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. All existing Spartans and anyone new who would like to join our Tuesday afternoon class to please contact Mr Younis.

Thank you and welcome back!

Mr David Younis

[nextlevelsports@live.com.au](mailto:nextlevelsports@live.com.au)

**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

### Lent for Families:

We may remember that as children, Lent for us meant forty days without lollies, or something else we really enjoyed. Many people choose to do something positive, rather than give something up. Talk with your children about Lent. It should be different from other times of the year. Whatever we decide to do, should change us and help us become more God-centred. Encourage your children to think of a plan for Lent.

Instead of their usual bedtime story, perhaps you could read a Bible story. Talk to your children about what keeps them from being good – where does their temptation lie? We all, including our children, have bad habits that we can try to overcome. As adults we can give up gossiping or bingeing on Netflix. For Children, trying to be polite, thinking of others and avoiding teasing would be a good thing for any household. In order to really celebrate Easter, we need to do some spiritual housecleaning during Lent.

What would Lent be like if all our families concentrated on acts of kindness?

**Activity Idea:** Cut up little slips of coloured paper and each time a member of the family performs a kind act, one of the papers is put in a container. When Easter comes, the coloured papers are glued on a cardboard outline of a butterfly. But even more striking than the butterfly will be the increased sign of God's presence in all who participated.



Photo: Emidio Josine/Caritas Australia

### First Week of Lent

We begin our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey by learning about Anatercia, a 12-year-old girl living in a small village in southern Mozambique. She began to take on more and more adult responsibilities as her mother has chronic health issues. She did most of the household chores and had to travel up to five hours every day to collect clean water. Water scarcity also meant that harvests were poor and there was never enough to eat.

With your support, Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Regional Chokwe, was able to help Anatercia's family to irrigate their farm to improve their food security. They also improved water access for households in the village, delivered sustainable farming training, and provided Anatercia with essential school supplies.

Anatercia's health, education and quality of life have improved, along with the outlook of her whole community for all future generations.

Watch a short film about Anatercia's story [here](#).

Please support Project

Compassion: <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/stpatricksprimaryschoolparramatta>

## Caritas Australia stands in solidarity with Ukraine

Active hostilities will dramatically worsen humanitarian need, further restricting people's movements, disrupting essential public services including water, power, transport and banking, and damaging vital infrastructure and homes.

We are working with our partner, Caritas Ukraine, to provide vital humanitarian assistance. Caritas Ukraine has been working in eastern Ukraine since April 2014 and has helped nearly 826,500 people affected by the crisis since then.

Caritas Ukraine will assist the most vulnerable through providing essential emergency response, including emergency shelters, food relief packages and cash distributions. In addition, Caritas Ukraine continues to support impacted communities with the long-term impacts of protracted conflict, including WASH, education and healthcare.

We have worked hand-in-hand with local communities around the world for decades, and now, as ever, the safety and wellbeing of people remains our priority. We will continue to support and pray for the return of peace to Ukraine.

**Project Compassion:** Last week the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

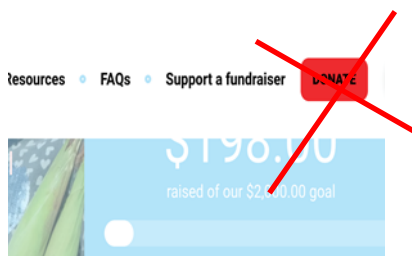
The theme of Project Compassion 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.

Please donate during Lent - Donations over \$2 are tax deductible

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To ensure that you are donating on behalf of our school please follow these simple steps.

1. Please choose the amount you would like to donate on the *RIGHT* hand side of the page and click next. **Note: Please do not use the red button at the top of the page or scroll down to Donate button at the bottom of the page.**



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Step 3

If you would like to see how we are going with fundraising, please go to <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/search> and copy St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta into the search bar.



*It is when we are together that the Spirit of God breathes in a special way.*

*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 Standing (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>**

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.

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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

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