

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2! It was so good to see all the students back at school and ready for another great term of learning.

Although our nation commemorated ANZAC Day last Monday 25th April, the school held our own ceremony with the children on Tuesday. Commemorating this important national event is very important so that our students can learn all about what the thousands of men and women sacrificed during the Gallipoli event.

Over the past 2 years Australia, New Zealand and Turkey have not been able to commemorate ANZAC Day in our usual way, due to the world pandemic. When listening to talk back radio of late I was very touched to hear that people yearn for the opportunity to remember loved ones who died or fought in war. I cannot imagine what it would be like to say goodbye to a loved one going overseas to fight in a war with the very real possibility of not seeing them again. Growing up I used to hear the stories from my parents about the horrors of the Second World War and all that they had to experience at such a young age. They spoke of hiding in underground bunkers and having to leave their homes to relocate to other towns that were not getting bombed. They spoke of having to have food and supply rations and how our grandfather welcomed neighbours to share food with them even though there was not enough food for his family. They described the sounds of the sirens heralding the soon to arrive enemy planes and the fear they felt as they scurried to safety. This was often followed by the sounds of buildings collapsing. The closest many of us have come to war is watching people suffer in war torn countries around the world through numerous documentaries and some very high quality movies. It is so very sad that on one hand we remember those who died in 1915 which feels a very long time ago but on the other hand war is real and present right now in the Ukraine and one cannot help but feel a sense of helplessness. I wish that this very important annual event and many other days commemorating the bravery of those that fought for peace around the world could have the power to eliminate any further violent conflicts

In Pope Francis' message [Urbi et Orbi](#) he names the numerous countries suffering war around the world today and there are surprisingly so many. Pope Francis reminds us that, "... every war brings in its wake consequences that affect the entire human family: from grief and mourning to drama of refugees, and to the economic and food crisis, the signs of which we are already seeing. Faced with the continuing signs of war, as well as the many painful setbacks to life, Jesus Christ, the victor over sin, fear and death, exhorts us not to surrender to evil and violence."

May God bless people of goodwill everywhere and may God give them the courage to continue to fight for justice and peace in our world.

Let us reflect on and acknowledge the bravery of all these men and women and all those who have lost their lives in pursuit of peace and justice and safety for others. Let us also pray for the thousands of service men and women and their families currently serving in the Australian Defence Force.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

A prayer for the Australian Defence Force



*God of love and liberty,
We thank you for the peace and security we enjoy.
It was won for us through the courage
and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of
war.
We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in
vain,
but that their spirit may live on in us
and in generations to come.*

*Eternal God, the only source of peace,
We pray for all who serve in the defence force of this
land.
Give them courage and comfort in danger,
Patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of
force.
Help us to seek for all people
The freedom to serve you and each other in
compassion and peace.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



International Dance Day

On Friday 29 April we will be celebrating International Dance Day. The students have been invited to share their love of dance and have been practising their dance moves. We are very excited to see all their hard work and effort in a performance on Friday.

As was mentioned in the letter sent home on 6 April as it is a day of celebration all students are invited to wear mufti clothes. Gold coin donations can be donated through the QKR App and monies received will be put towards the purchase of large lego pieces for creative outdoor play.

We can't wait to celebrate this wonderful day together and look forward to seeing your child's creativity and outstanding performances,

Mrs Standing and the Art Committee



Celebration of Hope and New Beginnings Liturgy

Date: Tuesday 3rd May

Time: 9:20 am

Place: School COLA

- All parents welcomed - weather permitting.
- In the case of inclement weather Kindergarten parents and parents of new families 2022 will be able to attend in the hall

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 5th May. As the school is now cashless we will be asking you to purchase vouchers for your child(ren) using the QKR app. The children will then be able to trade the voucher in for the gift(s) of the same value at the stall.

Gifts have been bundled into the following amounts. From the feedback received last term the most popular gifts were \$10 gifts followed by \$7 and \$5. For your consideration there are more \$10 gifts available for purchase. Each bundle will have a number of gifts.

You will be able to purchase as many gift bundles as you wish, until stock has run out. The QKR app will indicate when bundles have been exhausted.

The close off date for purchase of gifts (vouchers) will be Tuesday 3rd May, 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Regards
Mrs Jones

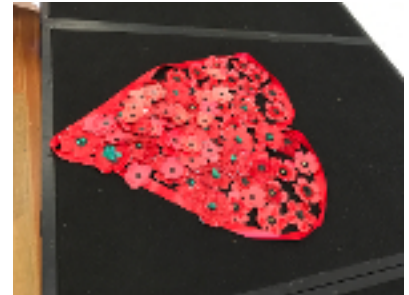


MOTHERS' DAY MASS

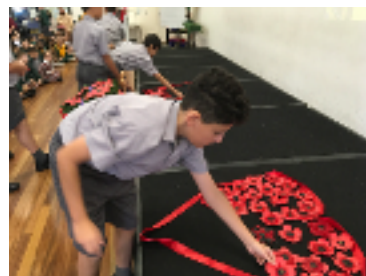
A special invitation is sent to all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures to join us on Friday 6th May at 9.30am at St Patricks Cathedral, as we celebrate the beautiful gift of mothers. It is a wonderful opportunity for our community to praise and thank our God for these special women whose nurturing, motherly love shows us a glimpse of the great love God has for us all. It is also a beautiful way to acknowledge all the things our mothers do for our school community. We look forward to celebrating with you.

MOTHERS' DAY PICNIC

Please join your children on the playground for a picnic morning tea. It will be immediately following the Mother's Day Mass. You can bring a picnic blanket or fold up chairs and some morning tea to share with your child.



ANZAC



CHECKING CLOTHING FOR NAMES

As the weather turns colder in the mornings children often take jackets/jumpers off during the day, to ensure the return of your child's clothing it is recommended to label all items of clothing with your child's name and class.

Please spend some time to check any items of clothing as we have had a few reports of lost items, especially from Kindergarten students. Any items with incorrect labelling can be sent to the school office and we will ensure they are returned to their rightful owners.

NB: If you are seeking a spare piece of uniform and are happy with a second hand item please **email the office**, as the school has a surplus of spare uniforms donated for use in case of emergencies. Especially jackets/jumpers.

Thanks for your help with this

Winter Uniform Changeover

The children will be changing to winter uniform
Monday 16th May, (Week 4)

Winter Uniform	
GIRLS	BOYS
Tartan Pinafore White Long Sleeve Blouse (Peter Pan collar) Tartan School Tie Green above ankle Socks or Tights Black Shoes Green School Jumper Green Jacket with Emblem Green School Hat	Grey Long Trousers Grey Long Sleeve Shirt Green Tie Grey above ankle Socks Black Shoes Grey School Jumper Green Jacket with Emblem Green School Hat

Sports Uniform	
GIRLS	BOYS
Green Shorts Sport Shirt with School Emblem White above ankle Socks White Sports Shoes Track Suit with School Emblem	Green Sports Shorts Sports Shirt with School Emblem White above ankle Socks White Sports Shoes Track Suit with School Emblem

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.**

The links below take you to demonstration tests for conventions of language (grammar, punctuation, and spelling), numeracy, reading and writing for each NAPLAN test year level: 3, 5, 7 and 9. As all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper, there is no Year 3 demonstration test for writing.

<https://pages.assessform.edu.au/pages/year-3-demos>

<https://pages.assessform.edu.au/pages/year-5-demos>

St Patrick's Primary School NAPLAN Schedule:

NAPLAN CALENDAR

Week 1				
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Monday 9/5	Tuesday 10/5	Wednesday 11/5	Thursday 12/5	Friday 13/5
No Testing Scheduled today	Writing (online - 42 mins)	Reading (online - 50 mins)	Language Conventions (online - 45 mins)	Numeracy (online - 50 mins)
No Testing Scheduled today	Writing (paper - 40 mins)	Reading (online - 45 mins)	Language Conventions (online - 45 mins)	Numeracy (online - 45 mins)
		Catch Up for Writing as needed		
Week 2				
Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
Monday 16/5	Tuesday 17/5	Wednesday 18/5	Thursday 19/5	Friday 20/5
Catch up Sessions for Reading, Conventions and Mathematics as needed				
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We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Bousimon Family (Sofia 4G and Ariana 1S) on the passing of their maternal Grandfather and paternal Grandmother. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.





We do not accept any cash and all orders must be placed through the LOOP platform. If you need help ordering books please come into the office and see Mrs Jones

PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY! PROPOSED SCHOOL TIME CHANGE

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the survey regarding the proposed time change. All responses will be read and feedback shared with the school community before a decision is made. The school will consider all responses seriously.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate over the next week. We hope you have a great birthday -

Ava Lao, Jesse Jaitani, Andrew Khalil, Johnnie Daher, Isabella Rizk, Alyssa Vella, Juana Boby



Congratulations to the Rizk Family (Georgia-Rose 4B) on the birth of their precious baby boy, Eli Joseph.



Term 2 Week 1 Spotlight

(School Captain) Mia Wehbe:

1. Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My biggest inspiration in life are my parents. They inspire me to be who I want to be, and encourage me in everything I do. They are wonderful role models, and they help me so much in my daily life. They are fantastic people, and I do not know what I would do without them.

2. What is your favourite food/meal to eat?

My favorite meal to eat is a burger. My favorite place to eat burgers is an eatery called Betty's burgers.

3. What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be an engineer or an architect. This is because I love to design and make models. My uncle is an engineer and I would like to be like him one day.

4. If you had \$1 000 000 to spend, what would you spend it on?

If I had one million dollars. I would keep a couple thousand dollars for my family, because my sister's wedding is next year. I would donate half of the remaining money to my family's local church, so they can pass the money on to the people in Lebanon who really need it. I would give the remaining money to an organisation like the Salvation Army's Red Shield appeal.

5. What is your favourite movie/tv show and why?

My favorite movie is Alice in Wonderland. I love this movie because it shows how it's ok to be unique and different, and because of how Alice met so many weird and wonderful creatures in Wonderland.

(School Captain) Christian Kalouche:

1. Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My biggest inspiration in life are my parents. My parents and I have such a strong connection, and I trust them more than anyone else in the world. I know I can be open with them, and tell them my problems. They always push me to be my best, and constantly remind me to never give up if I am having trouble with something.

2. What is your least favourite food/meal to eat?

My least favourite food to eat would be eggs benedict. It might be surprising, but I find the sauce *disgusting*. I also hate mushrooms, and some people put them on the side. I've tried this meal recently, and I don't think I'll be trying it again any time soon.

3. What is your ideal job?

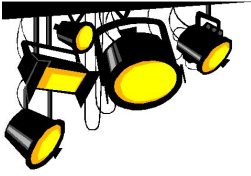
My ideal job is a medical professor. I would love this job because working in medicine would include lots of formulas and scientific work, and science is one of my favourite subjects. I would also like to educate older people, because they can understand what I am talking about, and I can share my knowledge to a future generation, who will go out and help the lives of many people.

4. If you had \$1000 to spend in a day, what would you do?

If I had \$1000 to spend in a day, I would probably take my family out to a nice cafe. Nothing too fancy, but good enough to give us all a nice treat, and a full stomach too. We would all go out to putt putt, where we can all have lots of fun. We would drive to the city, where we would walk around and discover some new places, and stop at a nice cafe by the water, and maybe get some ice cream. Towards the end of the day we would go to an arcade and bowling. We would all be pretty tired by then, so I would go home and buy a nice movie or series on our TV, then watch until it's time to go to bed.

5. What is your favourite place in the world and why?

My favourite place in the world is The Entrance. My family and I went there for a holiday at the end of the year once, and I loved it. There were so many new places to go, so many shops, beaches and so much more. It reminds me of how much fun I had with my family, and it's a really special place for me.



Term 2 Week 1 Spotlight

(Vice Captain) Alicia Remaili:

1. Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My Jido (Grandfather) is my biggest inspiration in life because he is a wonderful role model of Jesus and how Jesus wants us to live and he is always there for me and my family and all people. He is loving and supportive and brave and never complains when facing challenges.

2. What is your favourite food/meal to eat?

My favourite meal is chicken pie with chips and a tossed salad.

3. What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is to be a TPN nurse. A TPN is a feeding tube and the nurse that is specialised for the job helps connect the machine to the tube so it works for the patient. They also look after the patient while they are unwell. I love helping people and admire these nurses.

4. If you had \$1 000 000 to spend, what would you spend it on?

I would spend it on clothes, food, toys (wooden toy sets, colouring sets and etc.) I would make these in packs and give them to the poor. I will also spend it on food for myself.

5. Which three people (in the whole world) would you invite to dinner and why?

Three people I will invite to dinner are:

- a. The smartest person in the world, so I can learn more about everything.
- b. I will also invite the Pope because I can learn the stories of Jesus and the life he gave us.
- c. Another person I will invite is a poor person because they can have a filling meal and I would be interested in their life story.

(Vice Captain) Isaiah Johnston:

1. Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My biggest inspiration in my life would have to be my parents. The reason being that they positively influence me on how a mature adult should act, on what's right and wrong and they most importantly inspire me on how important family is.

2. What is your least favourite food/meal to eat?

My least favorite food is definitely raw meat. I hate this because I believe meat should be cooked and not eaten raw.

3. What is your ideal job?

My ideal job would certainly be an NBA player. Basketball, in my opinion, is just an amazing and fun sport. You can also earn a great amount of money from playing it.

4. If you had \$1000 to spend in a day, what would you do?

If I had \$1000 to spend in a day I would take my family out to a nice restaurant and go on a shopping spree. After this I would probably buy 4 tickets to a Sydney Kings NBL game.

5. If you could have any pet, what would you have and why?

If I could have any pet I would choose to have a black panther. The reason I would choose a black panther is because I've loved them ever since I was a child and they look amazing.

MOBILE PHONES

With the convenience of communication afforded to us by mobile phones and smart watches we understand the importance for some parents to issue their children these devices. From Term 2 children will be required to log their phones in the office, in the morning, and collect them in the afternoon.

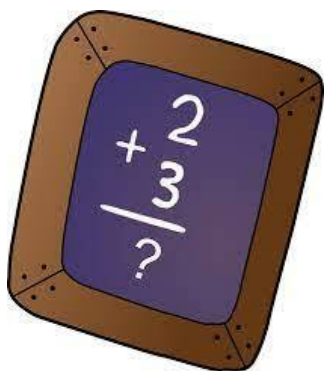
If children wear Smart watches to school they must not have the access to phonecalls during school hours. It is critical that the one point of communication to parents comes from the school only. If this is breached the child will not be permitted to wear smart watches at school.

If your child is bringing a mobile phone to school I strongly recommend that you have a conversation with them with regard to cyber safety and the appropriate use of these smartphones. If you have the facility perhaps you can regularly check, through the history, what your children are viewing. May I suggest that at these young ages there is no place for privacy when it comes to what sites your children are accessing. Children often share their viewing with other children and so there is an added responsibility for them to do the right thing.

If you feel that your child is not able to manage this responsibility perhaps they are not ready to have a phone yet. Good training is essential and the best way to do this is by having clear guidelines and good role modelling.

Happy to hear your feedback as always.

Regards
Bernadette Fabri



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.

Measurement and space

Three-dimensional spatial structure

3D spatial structure focuses on:

- recognising, representing and describing common 3D shapes
- describing and comparing volume.

You can help your Kindergarten child at home by:

- using and discussing different measuring containers when cooking, gardening or filling baths, buckets or cups. Refer to containers as being *full*, *empty* or *half full*.
- comparing the capacity of 2 different containers by pouring their contents, such as sand, water or rice, into 2 containers that are identical
- stacking blocks or other items into different spaces to compare capacity
- comparing and discussing the capacity of tall/narrow with short/wide containers and how their appearance might be misleading when estimating how much they can hold.

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.

5 tips to keep your family safe online

Week 1. Start the chat Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce good online habits such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about hard to have conversations will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

All you need to know about healthy lunches.



FIND OUT MORE

Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Nutrition Snippet

CHOCOLATE MUFFINS



Serves: 12
Ingredients

3/4 cup plain flour, plus 2 tablespoons
3/4 cup wholemeal flour
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/4 tsp baking soda
2 large eggs
1 ripe banana, mashed
3/4 cup reduced fat plain yoghurt
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup reduced fat milk
1/4 cup oil

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C. Line a muffin tin with paper liners.

In a large bowl, whisk together the dry ingredients. In a medium bowl, whisk together the rest of the ingredients. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and add the wet ingredients. Gently stir by hand until just combined.

Fill the muffin cups 2/3 to the top. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Place on a wire rack and allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then remove and place on the rack to cool completely.

For more recipes visit:
healthy lunchbox.com.au

Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

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 Friday 10th June - Writing (Before the long weekend)

Day 4 Friday 23rd September - Formation (Last day of TM 3)

Day 5 TBC

Day 6 Tuesday 20th December 2022

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



It would be beautiful to add to the Litany of Our Lady something like this: "O Lady who goes in haste, pray for us!". It is lovely, isn't it? For she always goes in haste, she does not forget her children. And when her children are in difficulty, when they need something and call on her, she hurries to them.

[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.

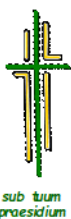
Access to counselling services can be made by contacting your child's classroom teacher or Ms Fabri, who will then put forward a referral. Mrs Ricketts will then contact you for further information. Further details can be found in previous newsletters.

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, 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