Newsletter

30th June, 2022 Term 2 Week 10



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Another term is nearly over and the children and staff are looking forward to two weeks of rest and relaxation. I hope you have something lovely planned as a family.

On behalf of the staff I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your support and assistance this semester. Thank you to the parents who have assisted by generously donating their time to volunteer as classroom, or school helpers. Your commitment to coming regularly to work with groups of children or individuals is very much appreciated by both children and staff. Thank you to those who assisted at sporting events as timers, toilet helpers, referees or coaches. Thank you to those who helped on excursions or fun days out. Thank you for your help in the library or on stalls. Thank you for your assistance to other parents by way of gentle reminders or organising events. Volunteering is a great way to keep in touch with the learning that is happening in the classroom as well as assisting teachers. Children also love to see the adults that they know getting involved in what they are doing at school. Thank you for your support of parents that cannot come to assist. Thank you to these parents for their vigilance in still adhering to the COVID Safe practices that schools are still required to follow.

Thank you to the parents who took some time to complete the Tell Them From Me Survey conducted by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. Your feedback is taken seriously and is always welcomed.

During the holidays may I encourage any parent of beginning readers to continue the home reading routine. Two weeks is a long break for those children who are needing practice. A little reading every day combined with a story at bedtime will make a significant difference. For numeracy, children can continue to 'number bust' numbers i.e., find ways to make a given number, and they may even be able to increase the difficulty of the numbers that they are 'busting' using more complex operations.

May I also encourage you to continue praying with your children nightly and even stop at 12 midday to get them to lead the Angelus or the Rosary or to say the Hail Holy Queen if they are older. If you are unsure of how to pray these prayers you may wish to use apps such as <u>i rosary</u> or <u>Angelus</u>

May I take this opportunity to thank Fr Robert, Father Chris and Deacon Matthew for their regular visits to the school to hear Confessions or to speak with children in the classrooms. Thank you also Fr Robert and Fr Chris for saying mass for us. We are very grateful!

Wishing you all a safe and restful holiday break God Bless you and your family Bernadette Fabri Principal

Religion News...

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation Registration for Confirmation through St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is now open for children 10 years or older who have made their Reconciliation and First Fucharist.

While this is the minimum age for children to join in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important to note that there is no maximum age for children who have been baptised as infants to complete their initiation into the faith community. The online registration form can be found on St Patrick's Cathedral website at stpatscathedral.com.au.

Go to the "Sacraments" tab in the section titled "Confirmation".

The calendar of mandatory preparation sessions is as follows:

Confirmation 1: Tuesday 19 July 7:30pm - Parent session (Note the revised date)

Confirmation 2: Tuesday 26 July 7:30pm - Parent session

Confirmation 3: Saturday 6 Aug. 4:30pm - Parent and Children session Confirmation 4: Saturday

13 Aug.4.30pm - Parent and Children session

Practice for Confirmation: Saturday 20 August, 4:00pm - Parents and Children session

Ceremonies for Confirmation: Saturday 27 August at 11:30am and 3:00pm

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THE TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY.

Survey Window: Survey Window CLOSING 1st July 2022

http://tellthemfromme.com/695fp

St Patrick's Awards and Honour Awards

Week 10 Awards will be published in Term 3 Week 1.

TIPS FOR Writing

Resource: <u>How Parents Can Help with Writing at Home (PETAA)</u>

WRITE ABOUT READING

Since students are expected to read every day, why not have them write about what they read. This does not have to be a long task at all! Keep it simple and have kids write a sentence or two that summarizes their reading, something

ctice writing at home each

that they learned, or a prediction that they have. Just a quick response to practice writing at home each day.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those students who have almost finished entering their books onto the Premier's Reading Challenge website. The Challenge closes for students on Friday ,19th August 2022. The holidays might be a good opportunity for students and parents / grandparents to visit their local library to borrow books on the challenge!! Thank you for your assistance in encouraging our students in their endeavour.

THANKS TO PARENT HELPERS

I would like to thank Sam Baaini for organising the following mums who have generously given their time to cover expertly the new readers and library books in the library. We are so appreciative of their assistance and it means that our Infant students will have access to new reading resources at the beginning of Term 3.



Mrs Natalie Boulos, Mrs Georgina Patena, Mrs Diane Jaitani, Mrs Charlotte Daher, Mrs Janet Bounassif, Mrs Julie Susanto, Mrs Sharon Laous, Mrs Leila Azzi, Mrs Shereen Don, Mrs Deena Hanna, Mrs Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs Diane Kancijanic

Have a safe and enjoyable break Mrs Debra O'Dwyer (Teacher/Librarian)

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

Day 5 Monday 19th December 2022 Day 6 Tuesday 20th December 2022

Results of survey regarding the inclusion of Knee High Socks for Winter Girls Unform

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to those who completed the survey on the inclusion of green knee high socks for the girls' winter uniform. Thank you also for making comments as to the reasoning behind your thinking. Based on the overwhelming positive responses to the inclusion of knee high socks, the school has spoken to OZ fashion regarding including green knee high socks as an option for the winter uniform for girls.

The conditions for use include: Socks must be under the knee and must not be rolled down - green ankle socks must be used for the short look. OZ fashions is currently exploring supplies. This is an optional school item.

Thank you again for your feedback

Here is a summary of the responses:

Number of respondents: 91

Proposal to include green knee high socks as part of the Winter Girls Uniform

Agree 72 (79.1%)

Disagree 19 (20.9%)

Classes Represented

K 9

1 15

2 9

3 15

4 14

5 20

6 9

Summary of comments

Agree (Comfort, choice, medical concerns re stockings eg eczema, discomfort of stockings when toileting, girls feeling too hot when playing, stockings falling down, less restrictive than stockings)

Disagree (consistency of one item (stockings) more preferable, socks will roll down and look messy, do not like the overall look of knee highs, too cold for winter, prefers stocking only, feels knee highs not appropriate, prefer a pants option for girls)

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Multicultural Day Evaluation for Students and/or Parents

It was a wonderful day for all involved. Please complete this survey and we appreciate your feedback for future planning.

Multicultural Day Evaluation



Helping parents keep their children safe online.

internet matters.org

We've designed a simple checklist to give you peace of mind regarding your child's safety on the internet.

Set your children's device up before you give it to them so you know they're safe online as soon as they start playing



Get started



Set parental controls on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't



For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network

Set up the device safely



Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games



Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally



Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others



Download age appropriate apps you're happy for your child to use

Talk about staying safe



old, download our parent / child Internet Matters app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way



Be aware of key issues and how to discuss them with your children so they know how to stay safe online



If your child is using social networking apps check their profile and privacy settings, making sure they are not sharing personal or private information with people they do not know



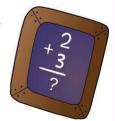
COME JOIN US AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL 9.30AM MASS FOR

children's liturgy

ALL PRIMARY AGE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME PRE-SCHOOLERS ALSO WELCOME WITH PARENT SUPERVISION SESSIONS ARE RUN DURING SCHOOL TERM

Helping your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home with Mathematics

This guide can help you support your Year 1 and Year 2 children at home with the learning area of mathematics.



Non-spatial measures

Non-spatial measures focuses on:

- measuring recording, comparing and estimating the masses of objects
- describing, comparing and ordering durations of events, and reading half- and quarter-hour time.

You can help your Year 1 and Year 2 child at home by:

- using hefting (holding 2 items in each hand and lifting to test the weight) to order a variety of household items from lightest to heaviest. For example, *a mug*, *a book*, *a metal spoon* and *an apple*. Check this order by using kitchen arm balance scales
- discussing important family dates by using a standard calendar to illustrate when these events will occur. Calculate how long until these events happen, for example, It's 5 days until your sister's birthday, It's 2 weeks and 3 days until school holidays or It's 4 months and 2 days to Christmas
- using both analog and digital clocks around the house to understand how to read half past the hour, quarter past the hour and quarter to the hour time
- using the time measures of hour, minute and second in everyday life. For example, It's 1 hour before bedtime, The food will go into the microwave for 30 seconds or Brush your teeth for 2 minutes that means counting to 60 twice.

2022 Mini Vinnies Formation Program

Mini Vinnies empowers primary school students to become advocates within their school and local community by putting their values into action. They meet regularly to learn about social justice issues, develop leadership skills and engage with the wider St Vincent de Paul Society.



The St Vincent de Paul Society started when a 20 year old man decided to do something about the poverty he saw in his community.

Today, Vinnies works with young people across Australia to continue this legacy, and to continue the fight for a more just and compassionate society.

From primary school, through high school, university, and beyond, the Society offers young people the opportunity to learn, reflect, and make a difference in their community.

By taking part, you'll be joining hundreds of school and youth groups across Australia working alongside Vinnies to grow the next generation of social justice advocates, and you'll be supporting the direct work Vinnies does day-in-day-out to help those in our community who need it most.

The Vinnies Metropolitan Schools Engagement Team is proud to announce the launch of the refreshed 2022 Edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP).

All students in Years 4-6 are welcome to join in the social justice program and make their way through the Bronze, Silver and ultimately, Gold Awards! For more information, please visit: https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP

If you are interested in this online program please enrol and let Mrs Bonserio know if you would like to be participating in the Mini Vinnies Group. Students 4-6 to do the Formation program only.

SCHOOL REPORTS

If any family wishes a hard copy of their child's Semester 1 report please contact the school office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Yves Rizkallah, Andre Abraham, William Kerr, Jude Hudson, Angelique Assaf, Lourdes Malek, Melinda Malkoun, Frances Thomas, William Elias, Mary Gilchrist, Charlize Malkoun, Eva Jakopovic, Elias Saab, Angelina Moujalli, Scarlett Eid, Mia Daher, Matilda Miranda, Wren Chua, Tristan Wijesekara Jayawardena, Flynn Davis, Ethan Zaiter



NAIDOC WEEK 3rd to 10th July



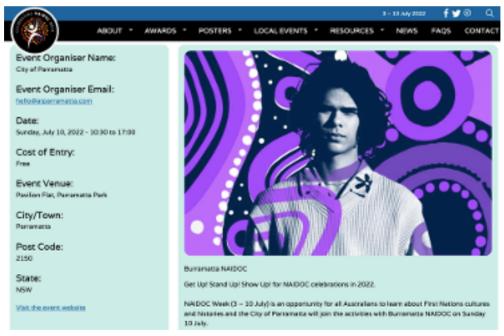
NAIDOC Week will take place during the school holidays.

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK WEBSITE

Parramatta Park Event

The event is a family-friendly celebration for the whole community featuring children's workshops, market stalls, delicious food as well as some great performances by Budjerah, Kobie Dee, The Merindas, Tilly Tjala Thomas and more, and Uncle Col Hardy and MC Luke Caroll hosting the celebrations of Burramatta NAIDOC.



School Event
NAIDOC Week

Week 1 Tm 3 Monday 18th July

EVENT: Wadjiny Performance Group.

Cost: Covered in Activity Fee.



CBCB BOOKWEEK - DREAMING WITH EYES OPEN...

PRESS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION

BOOK WEEK 2022

"Dreaming with eyes open..."

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week next term in Week 6. Lots of great activities are in the process of being organised for our students.

Please take a look at the information you will need below.

This is repeated information that was communicated with parents in last week's Newsletter. The holidays will be a good opportunity to get those costumes, spectacles and hats ready.....!!!!!

The theme for CBCA Book Week 2022 is **Dreaming with eyes open...** This theme can be interpreted as, when one reads it is like dreaming with one's eyes open. People who love reading will often refer to being lost in the story - like dreaming. Stories that are well written can help the reader to visualise with great clarity what is happening in the story which stimulates their imagination, connections and can lead them to develop ideas of their own.

BOOK WEEK PARADE - Glasses and/or Hat Parade

Date: Monday 22nd August 9.30am Parents welcome. (Parents are invited to join the

parade by dressing up in their pyjamas and glasses and/or hat also - Join in

the fun!)

Clothing: **Pyjamas and joggers**

Dress Up Theme: Hat or Glasses

Decorate a pair of glasses or a hat with your dream character.

- Who is your dream character?
- Imagine yourself as a book character.
- Who are you?
- What do you look like?
- Where are you?

NB: Children are asked to bring a book with their dream character to share with others on the day.

Glasses can be made of cardboard - there are many cutouts and templates on the internet or cheap ones made of plastic. Children need to embellish them in any way they like representing their dream character.

LINK TO GLASSES TEMPLATES

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OR/AND

Hats Children can create a hat or headdress representing their dream character. It could look like their imagination escaping from their mind. Let your imagination fly! Dare to Dream LINK TO HAT IDEAS

1 BOOK WEEK PARADE - Glasses and/or Hat Parade

Monday 22nd August 9.30am

2. AUTHOR VISITS FOR OLDER READERS

Tuesday 23rd August: Sue Whiting

3. ILLUSTRATOR VISIT FOR YOUNGER READERSWednesday 24th August: Nathaniel Eckstrom

Term 2 Week 10 Spotlight

Angelica Beame:

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is a *Paleontologist*. This is because I am very interested in dinosaur bones and find them very fascinating.

What is your least favourite meal?

My least favourite meal is **spaghetti** because I hate the taste of the pasta sauce.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is **spiders** because I hate the way they crawl and the look of their fangs freak me out.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I like to **read.** I like to read about superheroes and I like reading fairy tales.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would love to travel to **Moscow**. I would go there because I love to discover new places, cultures and foods and I think Moscow would be an interesting place to explore.

Julia Vytingco:

What is your ideal job?

My ideal job is *an animator* because when I see people creating movies and animations it inspires me to make my own and I also like drawing which is relevant to animation.

What is your least favourite meal?

My least favourite meal is **vegetable salad** because I dislike most vegetables and their taste. Grose.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is *heights and bugs*. Heights terrify me and bugs are disgusting and disturbing.

What do you like to do in your spare time? In my spare time I like to *play and watch shows on my laptop and iphone*.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I would like to *travel to Japan* because the buildings are very unique and products and food in Japan are different to those around the world. I find Japan and their culture interesting.

Joseph Maroon:

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is chicken nuggets and chips.

What are you most looking forward to in High School?

I am most looking forward to **making new friends** because at the moment I always play with the same people so it will be nice to meet new friends.

If you could spend \$1 000 000 what would you spend it on?

I would spend it on **brand new clothes** and lots of **things for our home**.

If you could have any animal as a pet, what would you like and why?

I would like to have **a horse** because I can ride it anywhere so it will be fun and free transport.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

I would like to have *teleportation powers* so I can teleport and travel wherever I want to go.

Steven Abraham:

If you could have any animal as a pet, what would you want and why?

I would choose a **dog** because they are beautiful animals.

If you could go on a holiday, where would you go? Why? Who would you take with you?

I would travel to *the countryside* with my family. I would love to go there to see the farms and animals.

If there was an emergency, apart from your family, what would be the thing you grab first?

I would definitely take *my dog*.

What is your favourite movie and why?

My favourite movie is *Jurassic World* because it is action packed and I love dinosaurs.

Who is your biggest inspiration and why? My grandpa is my biggest inspiration because he taught me respect and the important values of life.



Term 2 Week 10 Spotlight

Phillip Boutros:

If you could have any animal as a pet, what would you want and why?

I would want a **dog** because then when I get bored or feel lonely a dog will keep me company and we can play together.

If you could go on a holiday, where would you go? Why? Who would you take with you?

I would like to go to **Queensland** because I love the beaches there and the theme parks and it is a lot of fun. I would take my family with me.

If there was an emergency, apart from your family, what would be the thing you grab first? I would definitely *take food* with me so when I get hungry I have something to eat but also because we need food for energy and to survive.

What is your favourite game and why?

My favourite game is *Minecraft* because my friends play it and I like playing with them.

Who is your biggest inspiration and why? My dad is my biggest inspiration because he is kind-hearted, helps everyone and always makes me happy.

April Soh:

What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is *curry.* I like eating spicy foods.

What are you most looking forward to in High School?

I am most looking forward to Drama (acting classes) as we don't do much of this in Primary School.

If you could spend \$1 000 000 what would you spend it on?

I would spend it on a great *college or university education* and I would *invest* the rest for my future.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet and why?

I would travel to *Korea* to meet my grandparents on my mum's side. I hardly get to see them anymore so that would be very special to travel there and spend time with them.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

I would love to have the power of *invisibility* because it would be handy to get out of scary or tight spots.





School holiday announcement:

Next Level Sports is happy to announce that our school holiday clinic is back again! Keep your kids busy, active and away from the iPads this July(and more importantly parents, enjoy the down time!)

Holiday Clinic dates:

Clinic 1: Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th & Friday 8th July.

Clinic 2: Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th & Friday 15th July.

As always, we are limited in numbers so to make a booking or find out more, please email nextlevelsports@live.com.au or contact Mr Younis.



Indeed, prayer for peace must be accompanied by a patient commitment to education, so that children and young people may develop a firm awareness that conflicts are not resolved by violence, they are not resolved by oppression, but by confrontation and dialogue. There will always be conflicts: teaching young people how to resolve a conflict. Not with violence, not with oppression, but through discussion, healthy debate and dialogue.

Pope Francis

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

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.

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 –

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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

Parish Secretary: Sacramental Coordinator:

Pat Preca TBA

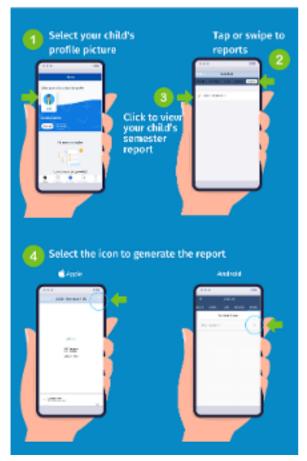
Office Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm

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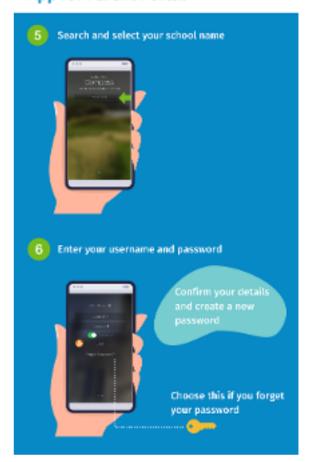


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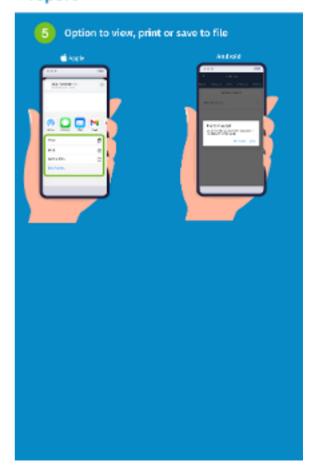


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July School Holiday activities at PCYC PARRAMATTA

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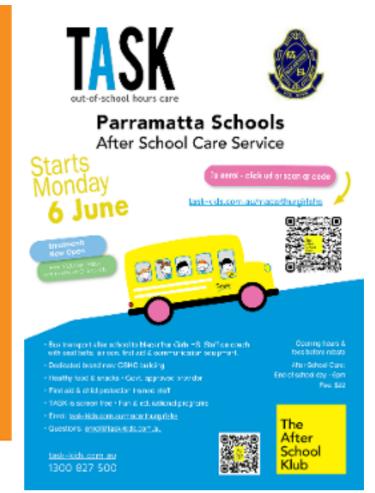


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ADDITIONAL INFO:	
SOSS ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT ARTHUR PHILLIP HIGH SCHOOL KKKK	
Mon 4th	Second Booling Fun Fitness: Arts and Craft
Tues 5th	Cricket Klokbooking Backerboll - Crowling competition
Wod 6th	Dodgebell Martial Arts Handball competition Clay & pettery
Thur 7th	Jersey day (Fer sports teem) multisport Handbell Table termis competition Paper Plan scriptiop
Fri 8th	Leser Feg Yago Multispers: Tade Termis Dates - Zumbo
Mon 11th	Fun fitness Kickbooking Gooder Art and Graft
Tues 12th	Cricket (Marriel Arts Baskercell) Brawing competition
Wed 13th	Secon Kielbaring Handbell competition Clay & pattery
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Fri 15th	Niu Sporte genes - Coray - Handball Table termis Dance - Zumba
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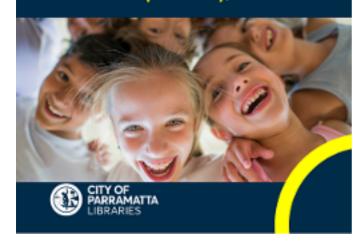






We have planned lots of fun hands-on activities and workshops to keep your children entertained.

Book online: parra.city/bookable





NAIDOC Week

City of Parramatta Libraries

Our friends from Koori Kinnections have prepared hands-on activities that will give an insight into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Age: 7 to 12 years old | July 12 to 14

Book online https://parra.city/NAIDOC2022

