



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday which occurs 50 days after the Resurrection. In fact the word Pentecost originates from the Greek word pentecoste which means 50th.

Ever since I was a little girl I have always had a fascination with Pentecost; I think because of the beautiful illustration of the tongues of fire on the apostles' heads in my bible. It was one of my favourite bible stories.

I recently read a beautiful homily by Pope Francis who explains the word that Jesus used to describe the Holy Spirit; Paraclete. He explained that the word paraclete has two meanings; comforter and advocate. Today I would like to explore the idea of *the Comforter*.

He eloquently explains that the Holy Spirit comforts us in a way that is very different from earthly comforts, which are surface and quickly fade. ***“Only someone who makes us feel loved for who we are can give peace to our hearts. The Holy Spirit, the love of God, does precisely that.”*** Pope Francis calls us to comfort others. He asks that we show **compassion, closeness and tenderness** which he describes as God's trademark always.

He goes on to say that the Holy Spirit is telling the Church that today is *the time for comforting*.

Imagine how joyful the apostles felt when filled with the Holy Spirit. I think that when one shows compassion, closeness and tenderness that all boundaries of language, culture and race are dissolved and true understanding is achieved. In a time when people are still suffering due to loss of health, jobs or wellbeing a time of comforting is required.

Let us embrace the Solemnity of Pentecost by accepting the three suggestions of the paraclete as suggested by Pope Francis:

1. ***“Live in the present”***. *The present, not the past or the future...There is no better time for us: now, here and now, is the one and only time to do good, to make our life a gift. Let us live in the present!*
2. ***“Look to the whole”***. *The Spirit does not mould isolated individuals, but shapes us into a Church in the wide variety of our charisms, into a unity that is never uniformity. The Paraclete impels us to unity, to concord, to the harmony of diversity. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another*
3. ***“Put God before yourself”***. *This is the decisive step in the spiritual life, which is not the sum of our own merits and achievements, but a humble openness to God.*

**Holy Spirit, Paraclete Spirit, comfort our hearts.**

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

## TELL THEM FROM ME

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In the weeks beginning 30th May, 2022 to 1st July 2022 students in Yrs 4, 5 and 6, staff and parents will be invited to provide feedback on their experience in our school using an online survey - Tell Them From Me.

The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

In the next few weeks we would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and caregivers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. Your feedback is always welcome but this is a formal opportunity to share your thoughts. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Patrick's Primary School Parramatta

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device. The survey can be accessed through the following URL from 30th May to 1st July.

<http://tellthemfromme.com/695fp>

We look forward to reading what our students, parents and staff have to say.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

### 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 <sup>TM</sup> 3)**

**Day 5 Monday 19th December 2022**

**Day 6 Tuesday 20th December 2022**

## Multicultural Day Friday 3 June

On Friday 3 June we will be celebrating the wonderfully diverse cultures of our community. The day will begin with a Pentecost Multicultural Liturgy at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend the liturgy.

The infants will then rotate through three different activities where they will explore different cultural experiences organised by our teachers. While the primary will engage in different experiences after recess. It is such a great way to develop a deeper and richer understanding of our neighbours and develop an understanding of others that may help us in our daily interactions.

The day will conclude with a parade (weather permitting) where students will share their choice of cultural dress/ or influence. Parents are also welcome to attend the parade which we hope will begin close to 2pm.



### UPDATE on Online Canteen

The school is still currently working with our head office (CEDP) to source an online canteen option for our families. We are hoping to bring you more information soon.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Cienna Joachim, Christian Donaldson, Mary Kate Karam,  
Liam Buenaventura, Julian Badr, Lara Samar, Maryam Thomas,  
Sophia Semaan



### CHANGE OF SPORTS DAYS YRS 5/6 WEEK 5 to 10

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please note the change in sports days for the rest of the term, due to some school events.

**Year 6** - Wear sports uniform on:  
**Tuesday** (Cricket activities with Cricket Aust)  
**Thursday** (as normal)

**Year 5** - Wear sports uniform on:  
**Tuesday** (Cricket activities with Cricket Aust)  
**Wednesday** (as normal)

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation,



# St Patrick's Award

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



KA	Jean Gilchrist	Elias Saab
KM	Andre Abraham	Jordyn Dardas
1C	William Bazouni	Oskar Tudberry
1S	Anyce Ibrahim	Chris Layoun
2M	John-Luke Rahme	Christian Jaitani
2Y	Sebastian Malek	George Bazouni

# Honour Award

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



KA	Olivia Younis	Frank Hunter
KM	Ashane Silva	Natasha Kalouche
1C	Francis Rahme	Gabriel Higoy
1S	Ariana Bousimon	Clara Badr
2M	Sienna Sousou	Rosalia Daher
2Y	Fareeda Daher	Irene Tony





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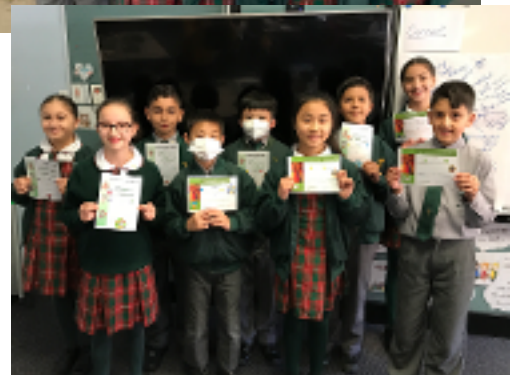
3L	Alyssa Vella	Sophie Abraham
3T	Zavier Skaf	Joanna Angela Khoury
4B	Sara Jabbour	Patrick Saab
4G	Audrey El Bayeh	Jimmy Sahyoun
5C	Benjamin Aitkins	Juliette Khoury
5T	Callum Donaldson	Kaylani Elphinstone
6P	Sophia Semaan	Troy Daniel
6W	James Agostino	April Soh



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3L	Ian Mason	Melinda Malkoun
3T	Elias Kazzaz	Olivia Pijaca
4B	Mia Daher	Elijah Vella
4G	Lourdes Saleh	Araminta Jackson
5C	Zachary Aguilera	Annabelle Johnson
5T	Sonia Sitoa	Lawson Li
6P	Liam Stojkovski	Roselle Ghostine
6W	Marcelino El Halabi	Angelica Beame



## [CONVERSATION STARTERS ABOUT CYBER SAFETY \(link\)](#)

These tips 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.

### [Helping Kids Thrive Online](#)

General tips for supporting your child online:

- Support your child's friendships online and off by talking with them about their friends and activities.
- Ask your child to demonstrate the games and apps they use to better understand what they play, why it's fun and possible pitfalls they may encounter.
- Help build confidence by encouraging children to share their knowledge of the online world.
- Encourage routines that promote health and balance. For example, create device-free times and places in your home.
- Model your own behaviour, by demonstrating that you can put your phone down and concentrate on spending time with your child, without the distractions of being online.
- Talk to your child about who could be their 'askable adult', and when they would speak with them.

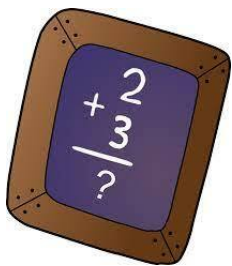
## TIPS FOR Writing

Resource: [How Parents Can Help with Writing at Home \(PETAA\)](#)



### CREATE A WRITER'S SPACE

Children thrive with structure, if possible, create a fun space for kids to write at home. This can be a corner in their room, a desk, table, any place that they can go to and know it is time to write! Don't have a space to use? Grab an old shoebox and fill it with writing tools your children will need like paper, a notebook, pencils, and crayons. Now they have a portable writing desk that allows them to write anywhere!



## 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.

### Number and algebra

#### Forming groups

*Forming groups* focuses on:

- using groups to solve multiplication problems or share to solve division problems.

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

- playing skip counting games or taking turns to count by 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s
- using 5 cent, 10 cent or 2 dollar coins to skip count money
- drawing a skip counting hopscotch path with chalk. Use the hopscotch path in reverse to skip count backwards
- using collections of objects to show groups. For example, share a container of marbles equally between groups. Discuss the number of groups and the number of objects in each group. Refer to the leftover marbles as remainders.

# 2022 Athletics Carnival



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year's Athletics Carnival will be held on **Wednesday 8th June, 2022** at Barton Park, Parramatta. This will be a whole school event. It is an enjoyable day for the children where they have the opportunity to experience teamwork, good sportsmanship and physical activities. The carnival will commence at 9:30am and conclude at approximately 2:15 pm. (Please note infant students will be returning on the bus at 1:45pm). The children will be catching a bus to and from the carnival unless parents are taking them home from Barton Park *at the conclusion of the carnival*.

**Wear:** School Sport Uniform or clothing in house colour (e.g. children in Waratah may like to wear red). Please do not feel like you have to go out and buy anything. Children can wear their house colour if they have clothing available or simply wear their sport uniform), hat, sport/running shoes (**spikes** are permitted for the **200m and 100m events only**) Children may like to wear their sport tracksuit with shorts underneath if it is cool in the morning until they begin their activities. **Please label all items.**

**Bring:** Recess & lunch, plenty of water, sunscreen, any medication e.g. puffers, epipens etc. (There will be NO canteen service) Please ensure that your child's clothing and any belongings are clearly labelled with their name and class. Children may bring a small backpack rather than their school bag if they wish.

**Cost:** There is **no cost** for the carnival.

**Field Events:** There will be no official field events run at our School Athletics Carnival. Students must 'qualify' for selection in field events for Zone/Diocesan levels by providing evidence of their experience from their '**Little Athletics Record Book**' indicating their 'personal best' distances/records. If your child wishes to be considered for our Zone team in field events (long jump, high jump, shot put, discus) they will need to collect a form from the office. The entries will be evaluated and compared and children informed if they have made the School Zone team

We look forward to seeing as many parents at the carnival on the day. All parents are invited to attend the carnival, however we ask that you please remain in the spectator area during all races and activities. Some parents have been asked to assist with student supervision.

**NB - only children turning 8 years or above this year are eligible.**

The Athletics Carnival Team

## **SCHOOL FEES**

Term 2 school fee invoices have been mailed. If you have not yet received this please email [pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au) and a copy can be emailed to you.

Payment is due by 2nd June 2022.

Please feel free to phone or email me if you have any questions regarding school fees.

Regards

Fiona Mitterer

# VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2022



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Jesus' Great Commandment is to love God and love our neighbour. The Catholic faith invites us to respect and love all people. Jesus teaches us to **value the dignity of each human person, especially the vulnerable and those in need. As Christians we are called to contribute to the common good in our community.**

This year, at St Patrick's, we will be putting our faith in action to help the vulnerable members of our local community. Our aim is to support the Vinnies Winter Appeal and provide emergency relief to people/families at risk and experiencing homelessness. Our donations will help the Vinnies volunteers to rebuild lives and help those in need get through the cold winter season and ensure their basic needs are met.

During Winter especially, material donations such as food, warm clothing and blankets are distributed by the Vinnies Homelessness Services and Conferences to vulnerable people struggling to keep warm. This year they are also asking for our help in donating personal hygiene products especially due to the increase in women and children experiencing homelessness as a result of domestic violence. We will be supporting the **Harris Park Vinnies Support Centre** by asking our school community to donate the following items. We will collect the donations from **Tuesday 17th May (Week 4) to Thursday 9th June (Week 7)**. This allows 3 weeks for donations to come in. To ensure a range of needed materials are donated we will be asking each Stage group to bring in specific donations in a shopping bag as this will be the easiest to transport items at various locations.

Students will be learning about homelessness and looking out for the needs of others as part of their Religious Education program with a particular focus on **respecting the dignity for the human person, understanding why Jesus teaches about preferential option for the poor, having a responsibility and contributing to the common good in our community.**

### Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2:

Non-Perishable and over 6 months in date food items such as:

Dry pasta	Rice	Tea
Pasta sauce	Chicken noodles	Milo
Cooking oil	Beef noodles	Juice
Tinned soup	Kraft Cheese blocks	Vegemite
Tinned vegetables	Long life milk	Assorted biscuits
Tinned fruit	Sugar	Jatz/Sao Biscuits
Tinned tuna	Coffee	Nut-free muesli bars

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### Year 3 and Year 4: New Winter Woollies (NOT pre-owned or used)

Blankets	Winter hats/beanies
Mittens	Fuzzy slippers
Earmuffs	Handkerchiefs

### Year 5 and Year 6:

#### Toiletry and Personal Hygiene Products

Shampoo	Toothbrush	Shaving cream
Conditioner	Deodorant	Hand sanitiser
Soap/body wash	Feminine hygiene products	Lip balm
Toothpaste		Razors

The Faith In Action Team is very grateful for your support,

Mrs Anne Fardell, Mrs Desiree Macaraeg, Mrs Franca Bonserio



## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2022

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/winter-appeal-nsw>

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Tragically, the number of women experiencing domestic violence has increased significantly in the past two years, leaving many emergency shelters unable to cope.

On average, women return to their abusive partners between 8 and 11 times, before they leave for good, or sadly, their life is taken from them. This cycle is often caused by a lack of financial means and safe accommodation to escape to.

Stopping domestic violence starts with a safe place to sleep. With your support, we can ensure women and children, always have somewhere to go. When a woman and her children are connected with Vinnies and given a safe place to sleep, they are also connected to a range of support services – both practical and emotional – needed to break the cycle.

That one night means they are no longer alone. They are seen, heard, given a voice and have trusted people to help them through the crisis and into recovery. With support for essentials like food, clothing, furniture, rent, the financial pressure eases, making a new future possible.

Your gift this Winter can provide the emergency accommodation, financial support and material assistance needed for women and children to be able to escape the danger in their homes, so the violence can stop.

### **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.**



## Term 2 Week 6 Spotlight

### **Roselle:**

#### **What is your biggest fear?**

My biggest fear is large spiders on walls, snakes and 8 legged beetles.

#### **What is your favourite meal?**

My favourite foods are burgers, pizza with cheese and pepperoni.

#### **What are you most looking forward to in High School?**

I am looking forward to joining the school's soccer team in Catherine Mc Auley.

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

I would spend the million dollars on a dream car. I would also buy my favourite soccer team or NRL team so I could join them.

#### **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

In my spare time I like to watch TikTok with my friends from Year 5.

### **Phillip A**

#### **What is your ideal job?**

My dream job is a forensic scientist, so I can help the police solve murders. I would also like to raise money for the sick.

#### **What is your favourite movie?**

My favourite movie is Flash because he solves murders and helps police.

#### **What is your least favourite meal?**

My least favourite meal is lasagne because I don't like a lot of cheese and meat.

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

I would like to meet Adam Sandler because he is my favourite actor and he doesn't show off.

#### **What is your favourite animal and why?**

My favourite animal is a dog because they listen to their owners and they are cute.



## Term 2 Week 6 Spotlight

**Leon:**

**What is your ideal job?**

My ideal job is to be a soccer player.

**What is your favourite movie?**

My favourite movie is Space Jam New Legacy.

**What is your least favourite meal?**

My least favourite meal/vegetable brussel sprouts.

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

Ronaldo is whom I would like to meet because he is Portuguese and so am I.

**Who is your favourite celebrity and why?**

Ronaldo because he is amazing and I love him.

**Liam S:**

**What is your biggest fear?**

My biggest fear is falling from high places.

**What is your favourite meal?**

My favourite meal is a supreme pizza and a can of Sunkist from Dominoes.

**What are you most looking forward to in High School?**

I am looking forward to being challenged by the tasks and improving my learning. I think High School will help me in this area.

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

If I had a million dollars I would buy a soccer team, because I love soccer.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

In my spare time I like to play Fifa 22.



## Term 2 Week 6 Spotlight

### Claire C:

#### What is your ideal job?

I would like to be a child care worker because I love working with and dealing with kids. My family also says I am good with kids.

#### What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is Matilda because it is a story that has a good ending. I love listening to stories where they explore the relationships between children and adults.

#### What is your least favourite meal?

My least favourite meal is a salad because I don't mind vegetables but I eat better things.

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

I would like to meet Billie Elische because she is my favourite celebrity.

#### Who is your favourite celebrity and why?

Billie Elische because I know lots of her songs and I love them.

### Donnacha:

#### What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is spiders.

#### What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is pizza.

#### What are you most looking forward to in High School?

I'm looking forward to playing sports in High School.

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

I would like to buy an NRL team.

#### What do you like to do in your spare time?

I play xbox.





The goods of creation are offered to each and every person in relation to his or her needs, so that no one may accumulate the superfluous, nor anyone else lack basic necessities. On the contrary, when selfish possession fills hearts, relationships and political and social structures, then the essence of democracy is poisoned. And it becomes a democracy only in form, not in substance.

[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.

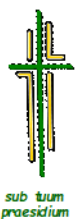
Access to counselling services can be made by contacting your child's classroom teacher or Ms Fabri, who will then put forward a referral. Mrs Ricketts will then contact you for further information. Further details can be found in previous newsletters.

### **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 [stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au), or through Skoolbag App. The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

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

#### **Parish Secretary:**

Pat Preca

#### **Sacramental Coordinator:**

TBA

Office Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm

# TASK

out-of-school hours care



## Parramatta Schools After School Care Service

Starts  
Monday  
6 June

To enrol - click url or scan qr code

[task-kids.com.au/macarthurgirlshs](http://task-kids.com.au/macarthurgirlshs)



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Opening hours &  
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After School Care:  
End of school day - 6pm  
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