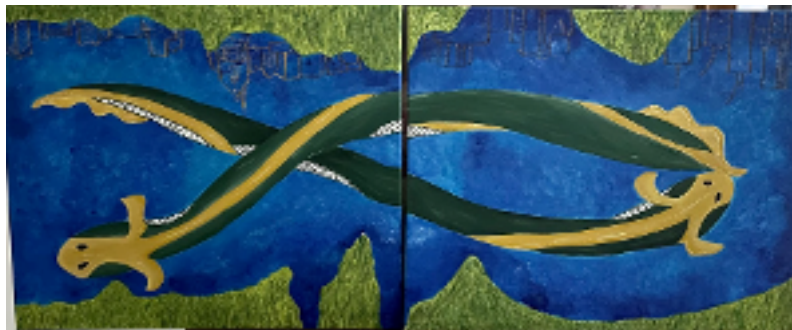


Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Earlier this year, all schools in the Diocese of Parramatta were invited to connect to their local area and environment to focus on sustainability. This is known as the Totem project. As part of this project each school created a symbol that helped explain this focus to their students. This will be included in the opening procession during the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Education New South Wales Conference organised for October this year.

Each school was given the task of creating a visual representation of their work, ours is found below.



Our chosen totem is the eel (Burra), as our school is located in the lands of the Burramattagal people. (Burra- eel, matta - place, gal - the people of) The eel is also a symbol of resilience, which is one of our school mascots. The eel is known for its resilience as through its lifetime it has the ability to swim in both freshwater and saltwater, as well as working its way across grassy lands and sometimes even having to navigate over concrete structures.

These eels form the shape of one of the oldest symbols of Christianity, the fish. As Christians we are stewards of creation. God has instructed us to 'work and take care of it' (Genesis 2:15), so as part of this project we will be focusing on ways our community can answer this call. Our stewardship is seen in the clear water and river banks.

Currently the eel population is facing a decline as a result of globalisation and the build up of toxic waste in our many waterways. The reflection in the river shows the expansion of Parramatta and the challenge this has on our local community. As we scan the painting our eyes come to rest on St Patrick's Cathedral, the sign of hope in our world. It is this hope that will guide us on our quest and help us continue to work towards improving our local community one piece of paper, one bag of rubbish at a time.

Pope Francis has invited all Catholics around the world to come together in solidarity and be guided by the seven Laudate Si' goals. We accept this invitation and through this project will work on ways for the students and staff to model our stewardship and care for our local community.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God, and in him, all things are made." John 1:1-3

Leanda Standing

(Assistant Principal)

Grandparents Day

Grandparents have gifts to bear fruit

... through Time

Generally, grandparents have more time than in their younger years, time that can be spent fruitfully ... helping children to read, in play, and to pick them up from school. They have more time to plan special outings or make an extra fuss about birthdays, or special events.

... through Presence

Just 'being around'. We could call it 'silent love' (but it's often anything but silent!). There's nothing a child appreciates more than the reassuring presence of someone familiar who loves them. Even when separated by distance, 'tech-savvy' grandparents can be a presence in their lives.

... through Memories

Most elderly people carry memories of five generations – their own, that of their parents and grandparents and the two generations following them. Their vast treasure of stories from a bygone era are beyond the imagination of many young people – not just before the internet but before TV! But more important are the stories of their family, and especially of the children's own parents when they were young.

... through Tenderness

The Pope calls the elderly to be 'Artisans of a Revolution of Tenderness' – to foster a compassionate recognition of others as our brothers and sisters. He calls them to see others with the same love and caring that they have for their own grandchildren. It is counter to the universal presence of anger and division which even spills over into war. "Dear grandparents, dear elderly, let us do this by ... frequent and better use of our most valuable instrument, the one best suited to our age: PRAYER." We can always pray!

... through Blessing

Along with old age and white hair, God continues to give the elderly the gift of life. Trusting in him, we find the strength to praise him still and to see that growing old is more than the decline of the body, but the gift of a long life. "Ageing is not a condemnation, but a blessing!", says Pope Francis. And he should know!

Parents are welcome to attend with Grandparents



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate over the next week. We hope you have a great birthday - [Liam Stojkovski](#), [Lachlan Moore](#), [Araminta Jackson](#)

Semester 2 - SRC's

On Monday we congratulated the Semester One SRC's for being humble and great leaders. We also congratulated our New SRC's who were chosen by their peers

<u>Class</u>	<u>SRC Names</u>	
KM	Peter Kahwaji	Mia Laous
KA	Frank Hunter	Abigail Eid
1C	Nicholas Nassif	Natalya Wakim
1S	Adrian Jreij	Natalie Kahwaji
2Y	Sebastian Malek	Saria-Jo Eid
2M	Lucas Karam	Sophia-Rose Remaili
3L	Oliver Jakopovic	Mary Roumanus
3T	Hugh Perrett	Joanna Angela Khoury
4B	Daniel Jurisic	Sophia Khoury
4G	Johnnie Daher	Grace Talbot
5C	Elijah Skaf	Bailey Grohs
5T	Panayioti Yannakis	Josephine Behan

Servant Leadership

Robert K. Greenleaf first coined the phrase "servant leadership" in his 1970 essay, "[The Servant as a Leader](#)." However, it's an approach that people have used for centuries. Jesus being setting an example for when he washed the disciples feet at the last supper.

As a servant leader, you're a "servant first" – you focus on the needs of others, especially team members, before you consider your own. You acknowledge other people's perspectives, give them the support they need to meet personal goals, involve them in decisions where appropriate, and build a sense of community within your team. In the Gospel of Matthew, the reading for 25 July 2022, we are challenged to think about what we know and understand about leadership.

Matthew 20:20-28 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons to make a request of him, and bowed low; and he said to her, 'What is it you want?' She said to him, 'Promise that these two sons of mine may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your kingdom.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus answered. 'Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They replied, 'We can.' 'Very well,' he said 'you shall drink my cup, but as for seats at my right hand and my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted by my Father.'

When the other ten heard this they were indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

This year an extra Staff Development Day has been provided for primary school to focus on the new NSW K-2 and 3-6 English and Mathematics curriculum. The date is listed below.

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 Term 3)

Additional Staff Development Day Monday 10th October (1st day of Term 4)

Day 5 Monday 19th December 2022

Day 6 Tuesday 20th December 2022

Kiss and Drop - Morning Drop off

If you are using the 'Kiss and Drop' zone outside the front of the school please use the parking zone available and not drop off in the school driveway. Please be mindful that after 8.30am the queue becomes quite long. Drivers getting out of their cars, assisting children with bags etc holds up the flow of traffic. Try and keep the drop off to a minimum.

Makerspace

This term the Makerspace is open on Mondays and Tuesdays for the Year 4 students who have been selected to be a part of the engineering team. They have started the building of a race car set. We will give further updates on how their construction is progressing during the term.

Marie Rahme and Gabriel Kalouche

STEM Leaders





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.

CBCB BOOKWEEK - DREAMING WITH EYES OPEN...

[PRESS LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

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](#)

[LINK TO GLASSES TEMPLATES](#)

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 READERS

Wednesday 24th August: [Nathaniel Eckstrom](#)

St Patrick's Award

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

KA	Mary Kate Karam	James Singh
KM	Aerith Jeffries	Mia Laous
1C	Caterina Boulous	Gabriel Saba
1S	Pierre El Bayeh	Charbel Elia
2M	Sophia-Rose Remaili	Michael Roumanus
2Y	Abel Moses	Jessica Izmestyeva

Honour Award

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

KA	Antonio Ty	Isabelle Kazzi
KM	Ashane Silva	Adam Perram
1C	Doris Hanna	Natalya Wakim
1S	Bianca Abdou	Oscar Do
2M	Sky Rizkallah	Makayla Abdou
2Y	Trey St John Tannous	Sierra Usman



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3L	James Younis	Mary Roumanus
3T	Gabriella Norman	Nadia Maroon
4B	Mia Daher	Benji Kalouche
4G	Grace Talbot	Michael Sunwar
5C	Marcus Moses	Beth Roumanus
5T	Angel Saliba	Luke Wehbe
6P	Gabriel Kalouche	Donnacha Ryan
6W	Julia Vytingco	Sophie Salloum

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3L	George Rizk	Daniella Fayad
3T	Faith Daniel	Zachary Tannous
4B	Olivier Touche	Catherine Kwa
4G	Ethan Zaiter	Vincent Camenzuli
5C	Eimear Mitchell	Juliette Khoury
5T	Joanthony Tannous	Nathan Nguyen
6P	Leon Sampaio	Lara Samar
6W	Rhys Bautista	Zavier Moujalli





Term 3 Week 2 Spotlight

Kindergarten

Sarkis Youssef:

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

If I could have any pet, I would have a **pet dog**. I would want a dog because I want to feed it treats, play fetch with it and play outside with it to get exercise.

What is your favourite thing to eat for dinner?

My favourite thing to eat for dinner is **chicken drumsticks**. I like chicken drumsticks because they taste nice and salty and I can grab them with my hand so they are easy to eat.

Who is your best friend?

My best friend is **Tiago**. He is my best friend because we play together and have lots of fun on the playground.

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is **'Sonic 2'**. It is my favourite movie because it has lots of cool characters like Knuckles, Tails, and Sonic. I also like the movie **'Minions Rise of Gru'**. I like this movie because it's very funny.

Where would you like to go in the next school holidays and why?

Next school holiday I would like to go to the **beach**. I want to go to the beach because I think it is going to be hot and I want to play in the sand.

Elias Saab:

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

If I could have any pet I would like to have a **horse** because I think it would be fun to ride.

What is your favourite thing to eat for dinner?

My favourite meal to eat for dinner is **potatoes and rice**. I especially love the rice.

Who is your best friend?

My best friend is **Mary** because she is my cousin and I play with her a lot and we have fun.

What is your favourite movie?

My favourite movie is **Descendants**. This is my favourite movie because it looks cool and has fun songs.

Where would you like to go in the next school holidays and why?

If I could go anywhere on holidays, I would go to **London and Paris**. I would go to these places because I want to see the Eiffel Tower in Paris and all of the beautiful buildings in London.

Jacqueline Ndaira:

If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?

I would be a **cat** because they are cute and furry. I would also be a cat because they can walk on two legs when they have four and can run around everywhere.

What is your least favourite thing to eat for dinner?

My least favorite meal to eat for dinner would be **garden salad** because I don't like tomatoes and lettuce.

Who is your favourite Disney princess?

My favorite Disney princess is **Elsa** because she can make ice and she can make snow even when it's hot so if I was Elsa I could always keep cool.

What is your favourite game to play?

My favourite game is **dodgeball** because I like being able to help my friends get back into the game by hitting the pole with the ball so they can play again. I also like how I can be on the same team as my friends.

What is your favorite subject at school?

I like **writing** because I can write about what I want and be imaginative. I also like writing because I can write about my family. I can make up stories and write about my weekends.

Isabelle Kazzi:

If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?

I would like to be a **unicorn** because they have magical horns and they can be rainbow in colour and I love rainbows.

What is your least favourite thing to eat for dinner?

My least favourite thing to eat for dinner is **spaghetti** because I don't like the taste of the sauce.

Who is your favourite Disney princess?

My favourite Disney princess is **Cinderella** because she wears a pretty blue dress and she is friends with all of the animals. She is always nice to everyone.

What is your favourite game to play?

My favourite game to play at school is **tic tac toe**. I like this game because the chances to win are fair and I enjoy playing with all of my friends.

What is your favourite thing to do at school?

My favourite subject at school is **Maths** because you get to learn lots of new things and bundle up paddle pop sticks. I like using all of the equipment in Maths.

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 Eucharist.

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

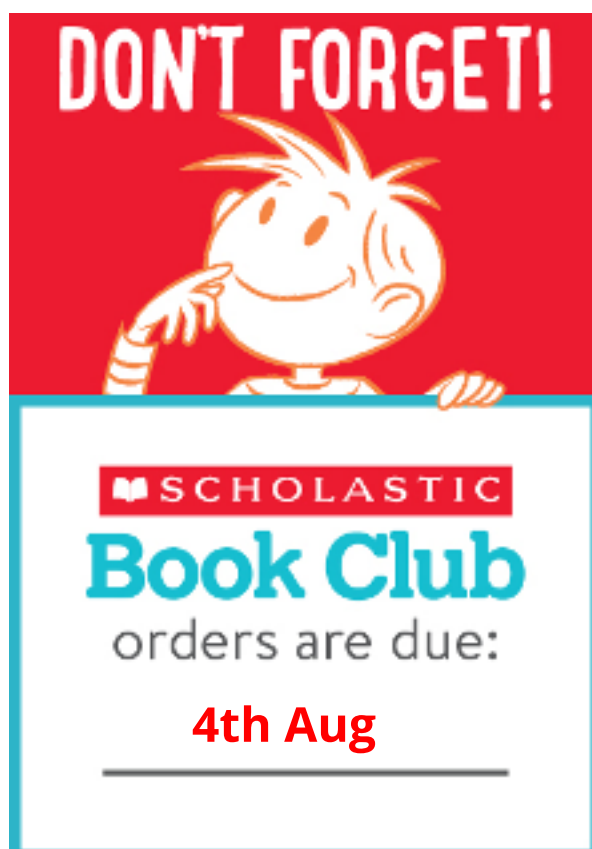
Confirmation 3: Saturday 6 Aug. 4:30pm - Parent and Children session

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

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



TIPS FOR Writing

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



CREATE AN INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Have children keep a procedural writing journal of all the things that they did while they were home over break. They will not only be practicing [how to writing skills](#), but they will never be stuck for an idea. They can write directions for ANY TASK they did that day including making a bed, brushing their teeth, washing dishes, building a lego set, reading a book, really anything! To motivate children to write, have them create a comic book style illustrations to match. If students complete this activity while on break from school, encourage them to bring in their writing when school begins again and “teach” their peers how to do something they are good at! Since this a writing project, it will take several days to complete.

[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.

[App checklist for parents](#)

Checklist The aim of this checklist is to help you navigate the app world and give you the tools to ensure you and your family enjoy safe and positive online experiences.

Check the age rating and requirements

- Apps usually state a minimum age for users in their terms of use but they don't all have verification requirements.
- The eSafety Guide includes the stated age for many popular apps.
- Common Sense Media makes an independent assessment of provides age recommendations.
- Check the advice on the eSafety Parent page Are they old enough? eSafety tip: When deciding if an app is suitable for your child, think about their level of maturity and judgement as well as the age recommendation.

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.

Statistics and probability

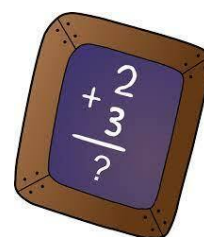
Chance

Chance focuses on:

- the element of chance in everyday life.

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

- using the language of chance such as *certain*, *impossible*, *more likely*, *equally likely* and *less likely* when describing everyday events. For example, *I have an equally likely chance of tossing heads or tails on a coin flip.*





We must dream of a society that “can jealously preserve its overwhelming and the superabundant life teeming in its rivers and forests”

[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 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.

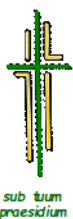
<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

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 McGrath 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](#)



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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



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Go to: www.quickcliq.com.au

Log in using your *QuickCliQ* username and password.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR STUDENT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE, Health warnings in your student profile should be completed if your child has any food allergies/ intolerances.

Select **MEAL ORDER** button.

Step 1 – Select child

Step 2 – Select date

Please Note: Meal Orders must be placed by ORDER cut-off for selected date, or the order will default to the next open canteen day

*Orders may be placed up to 3weeks in advance

Step 3 – Select items – when complete select **ADD TO CART**

Repeat step for each required break

Step 4 – Select **PAY & PLACE ORDER** follow the payment option prompts before leaving the page.

An **order confirmation email** will then be sent to your email login address confirming the order is successful.

*To check any pending orders. Select **ACTIVE/CANCEL ORDERS** tab on the homepage.

Support when you need it: Monday to Friday, 7.30am – 4.00 pm
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Cheese.....	\$4.00 E
Cheese & Tomato.....	\$4.50 E
Ham , Cheese & Tomato.....	\$5.00 E
Chicken & Salad	\$5.50 E
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$5.00 E
Tuna, Lettuce and Mayo.....	\$5.00 E
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo.....	\$5.00 E
OR Cheese sandwich & fruit cup & water.....	\$7.00

- WRAPS -

Grilled Fresh Chicken.....	\$6.00 E
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese, Mayo	
Kafta & Salad.....	\$6.00 E
Hummus, Lettuce, Tomato, Mixed Pickles	
Falafel & Salad.....	\$6.00 E
Hummus, Lettuce, Tomato, Mixed Pickle	
Chicken & Cheese Roll BBQ Sauce.....	\$5.50 E
Tuna & Salad Wrap.....	\$6.00 E
Cheese & Salad Wrap.....	\$5.50 E
OR 1/2 wrap of choice, juice box & popcorn	\$6.50

- HEALTHY PACKS -

Lge Graze Pack (a mix of fruit, veggies, crackers, cheese and yogurt or hummus)	\$6.00 E
Zaatar Pack (small zaatar pizza, veggies & yogurt).....	\$6.00 E
Sml Graze Pack (ham, carrots, cheese, apple slices).....	\$4.00 E
Plus Water & Sea Salt Chips extra.....	\$3.00

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- DRINKS & SNACKS -

300ml Water Bottle.....	\$2.00 E
Juice Box.....	\$2.50 E
Apple Blackcurrant, Orange, Apple	
Juice Bombs Various Flavours	\$3.00 E
Oak Milk 300ml - Strawberry/Chocolate.....	\$3.00 E
Plain Popcorn.....	\$1.80 O
Mamee Noodles.....	\$1.60 O
Corntos.....	\$1.80 O
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