



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is with a fond smile that I recall my grandparents, as they all impacted on who I am today. From my earliest memory of being given a small doll, whom I affectionately named 'Christine', given to me by my Grandfather from his hospital bed, to visiting my Nan and Pop every Christmas and finding a Snack chocolate bar in the freezer to share with my sisters, my grandparents always shared their love in a nonjudgmental and affectionate way. Such simple acts of kindness are still remembered every time I pick up a Snack bar in the supermarket or open my cupboard and see 'Christine' on my top shelf, a bit tattered and torn these days but still a beautiful memento of my Grandfather.

It is my hope that my children will also recall their grandparents with such fondness and shared experiences. I am sure they will because like all grandparents they shower my children with love and the gift of their presence. It is the unconditional love that grandparents have for their grandchildren that is so important. The wisdom they share through their stories and life lessons can only come from people who are admired and respected. Grandparents have such an amazing impact on the family unit and are vital when it comes to sharing their faith and Catholic beliefs.

In Rio de Janeiro, July 26, 2013, during World Youth Day celebrations, Pope Francis announced the following:

*"Saints Joachim and Anne were part of a long chain of people who had transmitted their love for God, expressed in the warmth and love of family life. How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! How important it is to have intergenerational exchanges and dialogue, especially within the context of the family. Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives. This relationship and this dialogue between generations is a treasure to be preserved and strengthened!"* (A Resource of the Australian Catholic Marriage & Family Council, 2014)

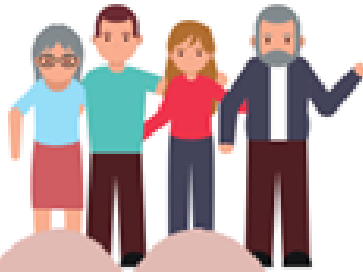
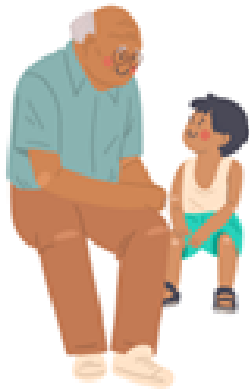
This year, our school will be preserving and strengthening the gift of our grandparents with a Eucharistic celebration, a special morning tea and open classrooms. Mass will take place this **Tuesday 9 August at 9.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, when we celebrate the gift of grandparents and in remembrance of St Joachim and St Anne (Jesus' grandparents). Afterwards we invite all grandparents and parents to join together in the school hall for a morning tea in your honour. This will be followed by a visit to their grandchildren's classroom to spend some special time together.

These celebrations are ways we can live the message presented by Pope Francis, and come together and 'pass on the religious heritage which is essential in your family'.

**"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."** Mark 10:15

Mrs Leanda Standring

## Grandparents Day



# Invitation

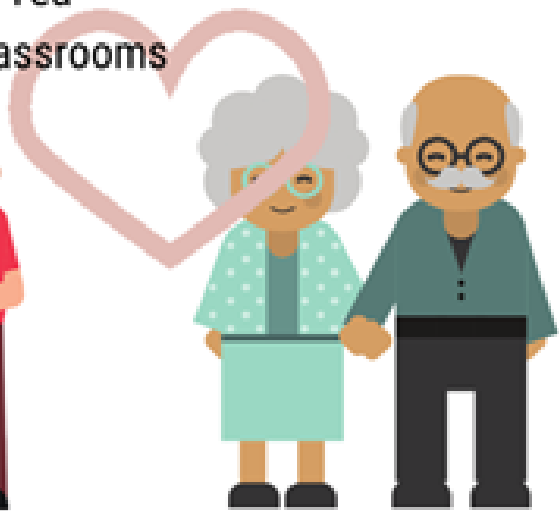
## Grandparents Day

Tuesday 9 August 2022

Mass: 9:30 am

10:30 Morning Tea

12:00- 1:00 Open Classrooms



**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 - **Daniel Semaan, Emilie Blazek, Doris Hanna, Levi Jaitani, Lawrence Wahbe, Marie Wahbe**

**IT'S A  
GIRL**

Congratulations on the Bounassif family  
( Angelina 5T, Jayden 2M and Mary-Jo KM )  
on the birth of Grace Bounassif.



Dear Parents and Caregivers

I have been contacted by a member of the Owners Committee, Milana Apartments with a complaint that some of our parents are parking in their driveway. There is a sign which clearly says, "Do not park in the driveway. Vehicles parked here will be towed away."

I understand the convenience of this spot and that it is most probably a number of parents and not just one, but can I recommend that you do not park there as it is a high likelihood that your car will be towed away.

Kind Regards

Leanda Standring



### **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.

## **Tips for Morning Routines**

We have noticed an increase in students arriving late for school. Sometimes winter mornings may hinder your morning routines so now might be a good time to revise your mornings. Raisingchildren.net.au has some good pointers to help negotiate the timeframe needed to arrive at school on time.

At St Patrick's our school gate opens at 8:00am and playground supervision starts at 8:20am. Formal learning starts at 8:50am. Arriving a few minutes before the start of the day helps children settle, and be ready for learning. Please try to ensure your child/ren arrive before formal learning begins.



**Today is the last day for Book club ordering**

**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**

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**

### PRC Event

[Help Your Boys become respectable men](#)

#### Absences from School

All absences from school are required to be explained within 7 days of the absence, as per CEDP guidelines.

The quickest and easiest way to do this is, is to reply to the text message sent to you at 9.45am via the Compass Parent Portal. If you are aware that you're child is going to be away you can enter it before 9.45 am by going into the Compass Parent Portal and add attendance. Alternatively an email to the school : [stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au). or phoning 8832 4600 is acceptable.

When entering the reason for the absence if you can please detail their illness so that we can manage as a community any outbreaks of illnesses such as Gastro, Colds/Flu or Covid.

On occasions this form of communication may not make it to us. In this instance the office will send home with your child an unexplained absence letter, as the absence remains unexplained. It would be greatly appreciated if you receive this letter that it is returned immediately.

Should you need any assistance with the Compass Parent Portal please contact me on 8832 4600.

Regards

Mrs Jones



## BOOK WEEK 2022

"Dreaming with eyes open..."

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week this 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	Paul Daher	Xavier Broadbridge
KM	Joseph Azzi	Elodie Haddad
1C	Mario Kancijanac	Francis Rahme
1S	Marylyn Lahoud	Zara Ciampi
2M	Maroun Abraham	George Nassif
2Y	George El-Khoury	Fareeda Daher

# Honour Award

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

KA	Rachel Roumanus	Isabelle Kazzi
KM	Cristiano Missak	Elaine Tony
1C	Danny Fayad	Gabriel Higoy
1S	Elena Sunwar	Charles Nasr
2M	Monica Gould	Elijah Missak
2Y	Jacob Assaf	Irene Tony



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3L	Noah Abu-Ali	James Said
3T	Jude Hudson	Olivia Pijaca
4B	John Bardetta	Ava Boutros
4G	Molly Moses	Michael El-Khoury
5C	Nicholas Reyes-Mangabat	Elijah Skaf
5T	Angelina Bounassif	Erick Granados Gavito
6P	Kevin Zheng	Anthony Sassen
6W	Julia Vytingo	Sophie Salloum



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3L	Allen Elias	Melinda Malkoun
3T	Victoria Adaymy	Liam Makhoul
4B	Georgia-Rose Rizk	Isaiah Maroon
4G	Logan Munro	Mariah Jreij
5C	Bailey Grohs	Fleur Perret
5T	Lawrence Wahbe	Gabriella Sta Rosa
6P	Cynthia Daher	Ava Lao
6W	Zavier Moujalli	Isabelle Tannous







## Term 3 Week 3 Spotlight - Year 1

### William Bazouni:

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

My favourite superhero is **Thor** because he gets to throw his hammer anywhere he wants and strike thunder.

#### What is your favourite sport to play and why?

My favourite sport is **tackle football** because I like to dive and put the ball down to score.

#### If you could eat anything for dinner, what would you choose to eat and why?

I would choose **chicken schnitzel** because it is crunchy and has a nice flavour.

#### What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a **builder** because I like building with legos a lot and want to try using bricks to build a real house one day.

#### What is your favourite subject at school and why?

My favourite subject is **Maths** because I like solving multiplication problems and making arrays.

### Hannah Wehbe:

#### What is your favourite food to eat? Why?

My favourite food to eat is **ice-cream** because it tastes really sweet.

#### Who is your favourite character in a movie or book and why?

My favourite character in movies and books is **Wonder Woman** because she is a hero and saves lots of people. I like her costume.

#### Where has been the best place you have traveled to or visited in the holidays or on a weekend?

The best place that I have traveled to in the holidays was **Berry, NSW**. It was the best place I had traveled to because there were so many good views that we could see. There were lots of places to explore and it was an interesting place.

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

If I could have any pet in the world I would choose a **puppy** because they are really cute and soft. They would always play with me.

#### What is the most special thing in your life and why?

The most special thing in my life would be **my family** because they take care of me and love me a lot. I love my family.

### Grace Wehbe:

#### What is your favourite food to eat? Why?

My favourite food is **lasagna** because I love the red sauce in it. It's really yummy.

#### Who is your favourite character in a movie or book and why?

My favourite character is **Ariel** from **The Little Mermaid**. She is my favourite because she is very graceful, kind and honest.

#### Where has been the best place you have travelled to or visited in the holidays or on a weekend?

My favourite place that I have travelled to in the holidays is **Melbourne** because there were a lot of nice restaurants for me and my family to eat from.

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

I would choose a **koala** because they are soft and don't need a lot of taking care of.

#### What is the most special thing in your life and why?

The most special thing in my life would have to be **my cousins**. They are so special to me because they are kind and caring to me. I love my family.

### Joshua Sahyoun:

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

My favourite superhero is **Batman** because he can fly anywhere and save people's lives.

#### What is your favourite sport to play and why?

My favourite sport is **tackle football** because I like to run through the defence line and score tries.

#### If you could eat anything for dinner, what would you choose to eat and why?

If I could eat anything for dinner, I would eat **steak** because it is tasty and yummy. I love a juicy steak.

#### What do you want to be when you grow up?

When I grow up, I would want to be a **NRL star** because tackle football is my favourite sport and I would like to play it for a living.

#### What is your favourite subject at school and why?

My favourite subject at school is **English** because I like to read and write stories.



## TIPS FOR Writing

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



### A PICTURE IS WORTH 1000 WORDS

This one is simple! Grab any photo, even a digital one saved on a phone or tablet and have the kids write about it. They can write about what happened that day, a descriptive piece about the setting, or even a short story. Kids love using pictures to write, so why not use ones that they know a lot about already to get them writing?

## 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](#)

Consider privacy – read the terms and conditions and ask yourself these questions:

- What information does the app request?
- Does the app provide privacy protections?
- Can you restrict who sees your profile?
- Who can find you in a search?
- What information can people see about you?

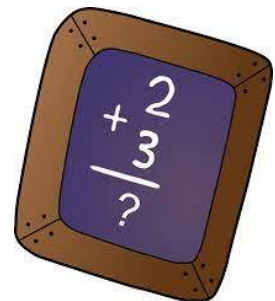
eSafety tip: See the eSafety page Connecting safely – Apps for more advice.

The eSafety Guide contains links to information about how to adjust privacy settings in popular apps

## Helping your child feel good about maths

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers>

Maths expert and parent, Associate Professor Janette Bobis from the University of Sydney, gives her top tips on how young kids can become confident in maths.



## Have a positive attitude towards maths

*'Many parents are scared of maths or think they just can't do it, but it's the worst thing you can tell your child,' says Janette.*

*'Parents are just so crucial as role models,' she says.*

*'When parents tell their children that they themselves can't do it, it means they're communicating messages that it's OK not to be good at maths, which can carry all the way through high school.'*

*'Always have a positive attitude towards maths.'*

When talking with your child try statements like this: "Okay, we can solve this if we work it out together. What are you thinking?"

Let your child know that you think mathematics is important. Point out the ways in which different family members use mathematics in their jobs and at home. Let your child know that everyone can learn mathematics.

Praise your child when he or she makes an effort and understands something for the first time, and share in the excitement when you and your child solve a problem together. Encourage your child to be persistent when a problem seems difficult.



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

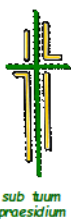
<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

### **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](#)



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



### Order via *QuickCliQ*

Follow the instructions to place a **Meal Order** below to order:

Go to: [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://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  
1300 11 66 37 / [support@quickcliq.com.au](mailto:support@quickcliq.com.au)

## - SANDWICHES -

Jam/Vegemite.....	\$3.00 E
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
<b>OR Cheese sandwich &amp; fruit cup &amp; water .....</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>

## - WRAPS -

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

## - 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**

ST PATRICK'S  
PARRAMATTA



## ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY

### SCHOOL

### NORTH PARRAMATTA

2022 TERM 3 CANTEEN

#### PRICE LIST

## - 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
Red Rock Deli Sea Salt.....	\$2.00 O
Fruit Piece.....	\$1.20 E
Hummus/Yogurt & carrot sticks.....	\$2.60 E
Cheese Stick.....	\$1.20 E
Corn Cup.....	\$1.20 E
Single Fruit Cup.....	\$2.60 E
Cheese & Crackers.....	\$3.20 E

[www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

Order Cut Off time available daily till 9pm  
orders to be placed 24hrs in advance



*Claudia's Kitchen*



