

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The theme for this year's National Child Protection Week is; **'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'**. We are blessed to be part of a community that understands the importance of forgiveness and repentance, especially when it comes to our young children. As parents we strive to create a supportive environment where our children feel accepted and connected with one another. It is within these communities they will continue to thrive and learn what it means to answer their baptismal call.

During National Child Protection Week students in Year 3 - 6 will be participating in a live virtual webinar which explores how students can identify personal boundaries and support each other to stay safe online. These are important skills for all children to have in their 'tool box' as they navigate the world around them.

In 2015, the government agency, eSafety Commissioner was started. It is dedicated to keeping people safe online. Since that time it has become imperative for parents to learn about the online world, a world in which your children are citizens.

The website includes some important information for parents and carers. Advice includes:

- Keep the computer or device in an area of your home that can be supervised. Check in regularly with your child to see what they are viewing.
- Stay engaged with their online activity. Consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they use most so you can see how they work and understand the risks.
- Explore the online world with them to help establish that this is not just a solitary activity.
- Think about social media readiness. Most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13.
- Encourage respect and empathy. Teach them to avoid sharing or posting things that may upset others.
- Start building resilience. Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them. This includes immediately telling you or another trusted adult of any concerns or uncomfortable material.
- Encourage them to learn about online safety by exploring the kids section on the eSafety Commissioner site. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>
- Be clear about how much time they can spend online, the apps they can use, the websites they can visit and what they can share or post online.
- Ensure your own devices are protected by a password or pin, so your child cannot accidentally come across inappropriate content.
- Use parental control tools appropriate for the age and experience of your child. Be upfront and get your child on board. Let them know that these can be reviewed and changed as they get older and they continue to demonstrate responsible behaviour.
- Consider installing a 'child-friendly' search engine that will allow them to explore a limited number of sites. (eSafety commissioner, <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>)

'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. (2022 National Child Protection Week)

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (COLOSSIANS 3:12)

Leanda Standing
Acting Principal

INVITATION FOR FATHERS
OR
FATHER FIGURES OF
ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY STUDENTS



to celebrate
Father's Day

Friday 2 September
Breakfast and Games

6:30-8:30am

at school

Father's Day Mass

9:30 am

St Patrick's Cathedral



Father's Day Stall

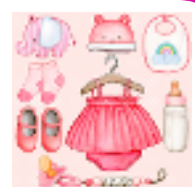
We will be having our annual Father's Day stall on Tuesday 30th August. Children will be able to purchase a gift for their Fathers/Carers. Like Mother's Day, the gifts are required to be paid through our QKR app.

We have \$5, \$7 or \$10 gifts available for purchase.

All purchases will need to be finalised by Friday 26th August, to enable tokens to be printed and organised.

IT'S A
GIRL

Congratulations on the Jeffries family
(Aerith KM)
on the birth of their baby girl, Charlie



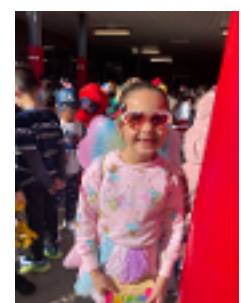
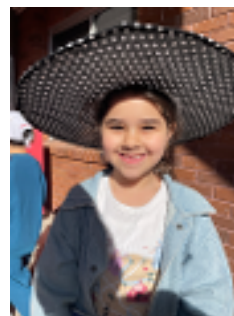
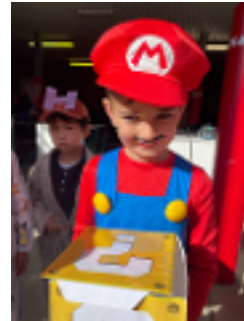
BOOK WEEK PARADE

This year's Book Week celebration was filled with fun, amusement, excitement and joy. It was a beautiful August sunny day. The theme this year was "Dreaming With Eyes open...". This can be interpreted as imagining and visualising things while reading. Everyone wore pyjamas to school or dressed up as their favourite book characters, while holding their favourite book.

Students were asked questions about their dream character and their favourite books. Each grade paraded around the playground and showed their costume to every other grade, while funky, dreamy and loud music was played.

The parents and grandparents clapped and cheered with appreciation. It was very enjoyable, and everyone was amused and excited. I hope that the rest of the week is filled with the same fun and excitement especially when Sue Whiting and Nathaniel Eckstrom visit us.

~ Art's Leaders, Sophia Semaan and Lachlan Moore



2022 CUMBERLAND ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday, the Cumberland Zone Carnival was held at Charlie Bali Reserve, Doonside.

Congratulations to all our school representatives who qualified to participate in this event. All our athletes put in their best effort in their individual events and were well supported by peers, parents and teachers. It was a great sporting experience for all those involved.

Maroun Abraham	Gabriel Kalouche	Sophia Semaan
Isaiah Abu Ali	Andrew Khalil	Erika Talbot
Noah Abu Ali	Sienna Khattar	Grace Talbot
Xavier Abu Ali	Elio Layoun	Madeleine Talbot
Rhys Bautista	Mika Lui	Esperanza Thompson
Anton Bayssari	Hunter Morson	Florentina Thomposon
Johnnie Daher	James Morson	Elijah Vella
Edan El Chaar	Marcus Moses	Gabriella Volante
Olivia Fayad	Georgia Rose Rizk	Mia Wehbe
Erick Granados-Gavito	Sophie Salloum	

A huge thank you to Claire Stephenson, our Team Manager, who ensured that all our students went to marshalling and events as required. I would also like to thank Mrs Sonia Wehbe and Mr Peter Semaan who volunteered to assist with field events and other school parents who helped our team in many ways throughout the day. We could not attend this event without your assistance.

2022 PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the students who have qualified for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

Name	Event	Name	Event
Maroun Abraham	100m	Grace Talbot	100m 200m
Rhys Baustista	800m	Esperanza Thompson	800m
Olivia Fayad	100m 200m	Mia Wehbe	200m
Sophia Semaan	800m	Edan-Grace El-Chaar	Discus
Erika Talbot	100m		

The Parramatta Diocesan is scheduled for **2nd September**.

Congratulations also to Espenrenza Thompson who set a new St Patrick's record for 800m with a time of 3:25:52

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate over the next week. We hope you have a great birthday - **Audrey Abboud, Ashton Grohs, Isaac Loulach, Elsa Shaw, Scarlett Lagerlow, Xavier Broadbridge, Rosalia Daher, Deon Don**

Reminder - No Hats, No Play (Walk and talk in the amphitheatre)

Now the weather is getting warmer we are reminding the students of the importance of wearing a hat during break times. Even on cloudy days the sun UV rays can have a detrimental effect on the skin of children, so children without a hat will be directed to use the shade of the amphitheatre during their break. If you could also label your child's hat and ensure they have their own hat.

MOBILE PHONES

With the convenience of communication afforded to us by mobile phones and smart watches we understand the importance for some parents to issue their children these devices.

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

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

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

Happy to hear your feedback as always.

Regards
Leanda Standing

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 Oct - Tuesday 20th Dec

** 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

St Patrick's Award

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

KA	Phoenix Patena	Jesse Jaitani
KM	Tiago Barroso	Jacqueline Ndaira
1C	Isabella Rizk	Oskar Tudberry
1S	Chris Layoun	Natalie Kahwaji
2M	Lucas Karam	Emily Salloum
2Y	Gabriella Semaan	George Bazouni

Honour Award

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

KA	Elise Dahrie	James Singh
KM	Zachariah Abu-Ali	Amelia Naudi
1C	Zoe Aguilera	Maroun Mourad
1S	Joshua Sahyoun	Yves Rizkallah
2M	Lucy Reyes-Mangabat	Jamie Chiha
2Y	Trey St John Tannous	Flora Thompson



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3L	Michael Agostino	Ava Tachi
3T	Mariette Wakim	Erika Talbot
4B	Dominic Rahme	Charbela Chedid
4G	Audrey El Bayeh	Ashton Grohs
5C	Owen Abraham	Andre Taboas
5T	Joseph Norman	Panayioti Yannakis
6P	Joshua Nasr	Phillip Boutros
6W	Clare Camenzuli	Isabelle Tannous



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3L	Alyssa Vella	Hannah Nasr
3T	Elias Kazzaz	Charlie El Khoury
4B	Nour Kahwajji	Patrick Saab
4G	Michael Sunwar	Jayden Blazek
5C	Phillip Said	Sarah Loader
5T	Kaylani Elphinstone	Celine Joachim
6P	Lucas Pavlovic	Anabelle Tudberry
6W	Rhys Bautista	Lachlan Moore



Student Charter Focus

Each week our student leaders are choosing an area from our St Patrick's Student Charter. Our leaders reinforce the students' rights and the responsibilities as part of our morning routine. Throughout the breaks the teachers on duty are looking for students who are modelling the positive behaviours on our playground. These children will receive a super shamrock, in line with our Behaviour Management Policy.

To help the students recall our charter, two large posters have been added to our playground. This week we are focusing on the orange right: As a member of our school community, we have the **right** to....**be treated with courtesy and respect**.

Therefore we have the **responsibility** to

- **Respect other people's opinion**
- **Treat others the way I want to be treated**
- **Speak clearly and use appropriate words**
- **Show courtesy and respect when listening and speaking to others**

You may wish to highlight our focus area at home this week as we work together to reinforce safe and appropriate behaviour at St Patrick's Primary School.



As a member of our school community, I have the **RIGHT** and **RESPONSIBILITY** to ...



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- practise safe and appropriate behaviour
 - practise safe and appropriate Internet use
 - listen to the teachers who will guide me to be safe
 - follow school and class rules
 - keep our classroom and playground clean
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- pay attention when a teacher or my peers are helping me to learn
 - follow and listen to instructions or rules
 - take ownership of my learning
- respect other people's opinions
 - treat others the way I want to be treated
 - speak clearly and use appropriate words
 - show courtesy and respect when listening and speaking to others
- be fair to others
 - be welcoming of others
 - be positive
- use equipment in a safe and appropriate way, including technology
 - be respectful of the school and personal property
 - use only what resources I need
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- ensure that my words and actions do not discredit the school
 - wear my uniform with pride

RESPONSIBILITIES

St. Patrick's Primary School Parramatta

School Fees are now due, if you have paid thank you.

If you need to discuss the school fees, please feel free to contact me via phone or email:

pats-parrfees@parra.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards

Fiona Mitterer



Term 3 Week 6 Spotlight - Year 4

Benjamin Kalouche:

Who is your favourite superhero and why?

My favourite superhero is **Spider Man** because I like science and so does **Spider Man**.

What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time and why?

My favourite thing to do in my spare time is **play sports** because I have lots of fun and it is something active.

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

I would choose to eat **chicken schnitzel** because I like the texture and flavour.

If you were given money to buy one thing, what would you choose to buy and why?

I would buy **a house** with a variety of rooms and a backyard for sport. I would also donate some to the poor/homeless.

What are 4 words you would use to describe yourself?

The 4 words I would use to describe myself are: **smart, sporty, active and fun.**

Araminta Jackson:

What is your favourite food to eat? Why?

My favourite food to eat is **cookies** because they come with all different flavours and they are fun to make. I really love the way they taste and they always make me happy.

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

My favourite character in a book called **Roller Girl** is **Astrid** because she is very cool, funny and never gives up even when she is going through tough times.

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

The best place I have been to is the **Central Coast** because we always go with our friends and family. We love to go to clubs and listen to the live music as well as watch the footy games.

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

The animal I would choose as a pet would be a **bunny rabbit** because they are so cute, soft and cuddly. They love to eat carrots as a treat and I like the way they hop around.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet and why? I would love to meet **my cousins in Germany** because we hardly see each other and I really miss them. We would always have fun and play lots of games together. They would always cheer me up.

Jasmine Rizk:

What is your least favourite food to eat? Why?

My least favourite food to eat is **tomatoes** because I hate the way they taste and they always squirtsquirt inside my mouth.

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

My favourite character in a book called ' **Boy Overboard**' is **Jamal** because he always wants to make things right when people are in their worst feelings.

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

The best place I have ever been to is **Surfers Paradise** in Queensland because there are so many exciting things to do there and my family goes there every year.

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

If I could have any animal I would have **a dog** because they are very comforting and fun to play with. They always make me happy.

If you had \$100 what would you do with it?

If I had \$100 I would **share the money with my family** and I would **buy new legs for me to build**. Also I would donate some of the money to the poor to help them with their future lives.

Michael Sunwar:

Who is your favourite superhero and why?

My favourite superhero is **Spider-Man** because I like how he swings around with his webs and wraps the bad guys up in the webs.

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

In my spare time, I like to **play video games** because I like to control the character and talk with my friends while we play.

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

I would choose **pizza** because I like the melted cheese. I crave it.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I would like to be **an engineer working with boats** because I like good challenges.

What is your favourite subject at school and why?

My favourite subject at school is **English** because we get to explore our language and learn it. I can also expand on my vocabulary.

TIPS FOR Writing

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



DON'T FORGET THE OTHER GENRES

Writing is so much more than a narrative or essay! Encourage your child to think about something that they love and write a [poem](#) or song lyrics about it. They can also complete writing activities with a purpose like writing a friendly letter or note to a friend or family member, or an email to a company requesting information or asking a question. Any form of writing is great writing practice!

[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.

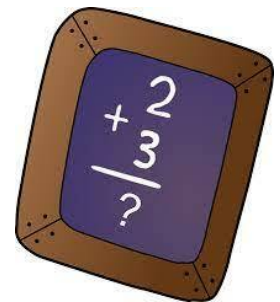
[Getting started with parental controls in social media, games and apps](#)

Roblox Roblox is a game creation platform that allows users to design games, play together and chat. Using built-in parental controls, parents can manage the way their children use the game. These features include a 'restricted' mode that prevents access to chat and inappropriate games. Find out more about Roblox safety settings in The eSafety Guide or Roblox account restrictions.

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.



Ask your child to explain how they work things out

When your child works out a maths problem, such as adding the total when two dice have been rolled, ask them how they did it.

'What we've found through years of research is that even young children have quite sophisticated thinking strategies for solving maths problems. We need to communicate to them that their ways of thinking are just as important as finding out the answer,' Janette says.

'When you ask your child, 'How did you get that?' they may at first say, 'I don't know', but if they realise there is an expectation that they will need to explain the way they do maths, they will start thinking about it. The more they think about how they did something, the more it might make sense to them - it really contributes to that meaning-making process.'



Never see a need without doing something about it.

Mary MacKillop

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.

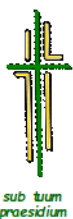
<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>

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](#)



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