

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This term, as part of the staff professional learning on helping students to be better writers, staff have been studying the importance of vocabulary. Vocabulary is defined as, 'the words children must know to communicate effectively. In school terms, it can be described as oral vocabulary or reading vocabulary.' [Reading Rockets](#)

What is interesting is that whilst many children come to school with what they term Tier 1 words - words that they need to use to be functional, such as basic nouns or labels for objects etc, good readers and writers are often those children who have a wider range of vocabulary, rich in descriptive words and subject specific words.

In a study of families conducted by Dr Todd Risley and Dr Betty Hart, (*Meaningful Differences in the Everyday Experience of Young American Children*, 1995) it was discovered that there is an enormous difference in the types of daily interactions parents and caregivers have with their children and in the amount of talking they have with their babies. They reported that by the age of 3, children had on average 20,000,000 words spoken to them and those who are in socially interactive families hear up to 35,000,000 words spoken to them. Some families who are less talkative spoke only 10,000,000 words to their children during the same period of time.

The implication of the number of words spoken to children plays out in the size of the children's vocabulary at age 3. It was also discovered that the more children are spoken with, the higher the quality of the language used. Families who spoke very little tended to use more 'business-like' language only such as, 'Please get down from there.' or 'Dinners ready' compared to the variety of topics discussed by more talkative families.

It is well known that the larger the vocabulary children have, the more successful they tend to be in reading and writing.

So the message is: talk to your children often; talk and talk and talk. Talk to them about lots of things. Things you see, hear and feel. Talk about stories and about life experiences. The earlier the better! Often our grandparents, aunts and uncles are terrific in helping children to 'grow' their words. Siblings play a large role in this language acquisition also. Keep up the good work!

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal

Upcoming Events..

We have a very busy term coming please find links for upcoming excursions/events to complete permission or interest that have been sent through Compass.

Event	Location	Date	Google form Link	To be completed by
2022 Swim Trials	Granville Swim Centre	2nd November		
NRMA Road Safety Day	School Hall	8th November	https://forms.gle/iu8UGbupxkWG7pBE8	4th Nov
Stage 2 & 3 Touch Footy gala Day	Kingsway Touch Footy Fields	11th November	Only for children who have previously nominated	N/A
Year 1 - Western Sydney Parklands	Bungarribee	18th November	https://forms.gle/EZQdCdL6x86ZWdzu6	11th Nov
Year 2 - Hambledon Cottage Museum	Parramatta	18th November	https://forms.gle/RH6x9Em3Ttw7wPaz5	9th Nov
2023 Kindergarten Orientation	Kindy Classrooms	21st Nov 22nd Nov 23rd Nov 9.15 am - 10.30am	Our 2023 Kindergarten Students will attend one session to introduce them to St Patrick's Primary.	N/A
School Disco	Playground	25th Nov 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm		
Year 5 & 6 Personal Dev Night	School Hall	28th November - 7 pm	https://forms.gle/mpSPS1vtJqnB2htPA	25th Nov
Year 6 - Powerhouse Museum	Sydney	1st December	https://forms.gle/S4pXo3guQmp7n76b9	18th Nov
Staff Development Day		2nd December	Children do not attend school	
Staff Development Day		5th December	Children do not attend school	

Event	Location	Date	Google form Link	To be completed by
Christmas Concert	OLMC Hall	7th December	N/A	N/A
Kindy - Lizard Log	Western Sydney	8th December	https://forms.gle/g5YBGPs2iDTbqHcZ6	2nd December
Year 6 - Reflection Camp	Katommba Christian Convention	8th & 9th December	https://forms.gle/awWLtm1gfeqqqxAGA	2nd December
Year 6 Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass	St Patrick's Cathedral	Thursday 15th December		
Last Day of 2022		Friday 16th December		
Return to school 2023			Friday - 27th January - Staff Develop Day Monday - 30th January - Staff Develop Day Tuesday - 31st January - Years 1-6 Return to school Thursday - 2nd February - 2023 Kindy commence	

Please refer to the Compass Notification for further information on each event.

Changing Schools in 2023?

Are you thinking of or needing to change schools in 2023? Whatever the reason, we would appreciate you letting us know as soon as you can. This will assist us in preparing for 2023 with class lists and staffing. It would be appreciated if you could notify the school in writing that your child will be leaving St Patrick's Primary, Parramatta at the end of the year. This is not required for Year 6 children.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This term the Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta have allocated teachers 2 extra staff development days. The reasoning for this allocation is to do with the major staff shortages and illness this term resulting from an increase in COVID - 19 cases, colds and influenza. This has meant that teachers have needed to use their normal release time to take additional classes and learning interventions. The decision to provide these two extra days was taken to ensure teachers have the time to focus on their teaching priorities and classroom planning. Please find a schedule of the planned Staff Development Days for the rest of the year.

Your understanding is much appreciated

Friday 2nd December 2022

Monday 5th December 2022

NEW

Monday 19th December 2022

Tuesday 20th December 2022

Save this date: Friday 25th November, 2022

'Dancing Under the Stars Disco' 5.30pm to 9.00pm

More information to come!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthdays this week and next. We hope you have a great birthday - **Germain Toledo, Cristiano Missak, Alessandra De Guzman, Sophia Zhang, Christian Chivers**

Art Showcase - 'My Baptisimal Calling'

Topic: 'My Baptisimal Calling'

Format: Entries should be no larger than an A4 sized paper

Showcase closing date: Entries close Friday 4 November (Term 4, Week 4)

Final Display: Monday 17 December. People's choice awards will be framed and displayed on the Faith in Dialogue Gallery

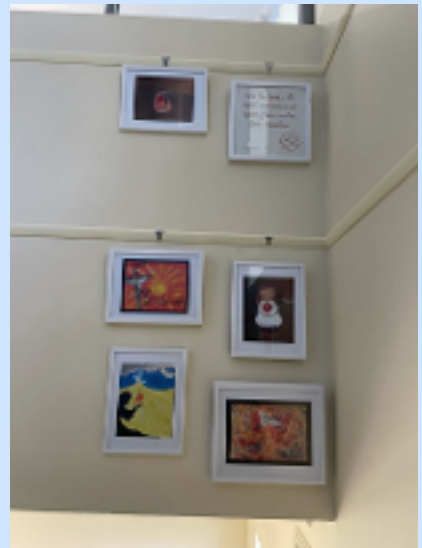
Requirements:

Name:

Class:

Title of the Entry:

Brief explanation of artwork



News regarding change of Menu for Online Lunch Service Claudia's Kitchen.

Dear Parents and Caregivers ,

The school's online lunch service will not longer be selling the following products:

** Humus
** Zaatar pack

** Carrot pack cup
** Falafel wraps

The decision to discontinue selling these foods is due to their high sesame seed content.

Many of you may be aware that we have a number of children who are allergic to nut products. Exposure to nut products especially Nutella, peanut butter and foods containing sesame seeds such as manoush and the above mentioned, is potentially life threatening and can result in an anaphylactic episode which is a very serious condition. As you can appreciate, it is a very worrying situation for their parents and although parents work very hard in preparing their children with the skills necessary to live with their condition, minimising the risk for their little ones is very important.

I know that your children not being able to buy these foods or bring them to school may be disappointing, however children's safety will always take priority. These lovely foods can be kept for treats at home if needed.

As always I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Kind regards
Bernadette Fabri

Information re Christmas Gifts

At this time of year I am often asked the question, '**Can our children bring Christmas gifts to school for other children?**' My response is always firstly to thank the parent for checking in with the school. My second response is how kind and generous parents are.

Children can definitely bring gifts to give to other children for Christmas however I do ask that you consider the guidelines below:

- There is absolutely no expectation that children bring gifts to school for other children.
- Giving a gift to a friend is a very kind gesture, however giving a gift to every member of the class is unrealistic for many families. Children are really good at learning to manage different situations like not receiving a gift, if they are given the opportunity. I am sure that our children will have many gifts for Christmas within their family.
- If you are considering giving gifts to all children in their class please do not go to excessive expense. Many families are already under so much time and financial stress at this time of year and they may feel obligated to respond the same.
- The school is fully aware that our families are extremely generous and will often show this by gifting on special occasions. Let us all come to an understanding that a sense of gratitude is all that is needed in response. No gift is required in return. In this way families that wish to gift can continue to do so without pressure on others. Let us enjoy this wonderful season soon to be upon us.
- Please be mindful that food gifts are restricted, however, due to the number of children that have severe allergies. Please check with your classroom teacher.

2022 REMEMBRANCE DAY FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Commemorate at Epping and City of Parramatta RSL sub-Branch public memorials.

Supported by City of Parramatta Council.
Visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/remembrance-day



Faith In Action (FIAT)

As part of Religious Education there is a Faith in Action component. Students are empowered to contribute to God's mission in the world by supporting the work of Catholic Mission through prayer, advocacy, and action, including fundraising.

In Term 4, St Patrick's Primary will be fundraising for:

JRS	Christmas Hampers
Catholic Mission	Ice block Friday and Socktober Donation



OUR MISSION

To empower school communities by celebrating and engaging with mission through a Head, Heart and Hands model.

Socktober

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Just a reminder this week (week 3,) during your child's PE lesson, they will be participating in the Socktober Challenge to assist Mission Australia in raising money to help support vulnerable people living throughout Australia and the world.

Please ensure that your child has their 'sockball' ready to participate in their PE lesson with Mr Younis and, if possible, that a donation on behalf of your family has been made via the QKR App.

We will be organising for the used sockballs to be recycled through an organisation that is working to help decrease the amount of waste and landfill by recycling unwanted clothes and textiles. H & M is a great example of a company taking initiative to help our environment. At St Patrick's, we are also concerned about helping to protect and renew God's creation (our common home) and therefore would like to support this great initiative.

After the students are finished with their sockball, they will be collected by Mr Younis and the Faith in Action Team members, who will then arrange for the socks to be transported to a recycling centre.

Today, less than 1% of the materials used to make clothes get recycled each year. This means that thousands of tonnes of textiles end up in landfills. By reusing or recycling fashion, we can turn that around. All of the old socks are shredded into textile fibres and used to make, for example, insulation materials.

If you do not wish for your child to recycle their socks that is perfectly ok. However, if they are old socks and you would rather dispose of them, then please have your child hand them in after their Socktober Challenge experience for recycling into the allocated tubs.

We appreciate your support in helping to care for our environment as well as supporting those in need.

St Patrick's Parramatta FIAT Team

STUDENT CHARTER FOCUS (WEEK 1)

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 Parramatta Primary School.

This week we are focusing on:

Be treated with courtesy and respect

This means we have the responsibility to;

- **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 listen and speaking to others**



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.

Literacy: Poem Forest

This term, many of the students at St Patrick's have been busy composing poems for the Poem Forest initiative. For every poem submitted, Red Room Poetry will be planting a tree in Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. Every week we will be highlighting some of the wonderful poems submitted by our students:

5T

Rose Rizk

Trotting through lushious, green rustling leaves,
Listening to the chirping humming bird as it
feeds,

I noticed a croc in the creek!,
Phew! Good thing it's fast asleep,

I turn to look up at the ragged mountain ranges,
WOW! To climb that would take ages,
Behind the mountain the sun rises,
The soft palette of colours meets my eyes,

I hear a kookaburra plucking some sort of fruit,
That looks like it was from a golden berry shoot,
Once the kookaburra was done,
It flew into the sun,
Flying into the ocean
Its wings flutter in all of the commotion

The gushing of the waterfall draws me in,
Next to it is a campfire that's dim,
Sitting by the crackling fire,
Watching the red embers shoot higher and
higher

Looking up at the stars
While listening to the rumble of cars
As the insects crawl, I hear the rainforests call!

Lawrence Wahbe

With every step I quietly mumble,
Cassowarys stomachs greedily grumble,
Bright blue fish leap in trickling streams,
I'm gazing intently at the greens.

The scent of fresh air falls down like a veil,
Dapples of light attempt to shine but it fails,
Massive Mangroves block the buttery sun,
The heat is immense and the humid air is sticky.

When the chorus of Cicadas die out,
Birds fly to their nests to roost,
The sun slowly vanishes, into the abyss of darkness,
While the Moon's cautiously rising, with the stars at
its side.

Gwyna Palmos

Leaves rustle as I walk through the woods.
Dappled light shines over tree trunks.
I reach the crackling fire,
Setting more woods onto the burning fire.

It started to rain.
So I walk towards my tent.
Water slips away from leaves,
Fire was left as smoke.
The double rainbow was in the sky,
One dark, one light.
The shimmering gum trees moving their leaves,
Up above a mountain of clouds.

I climbed out of my tent.
Strolling towards the dark foggy woods.
Searching for my destination.

Pushing the leaves away,
Clearing my view,
Of a shimmering, majestic waterfall.
The sound of pouring water,
It is beautiful.

5C

Sara Lorenzo

Strolling along the green, silven forest,
Listening to an orchestra of animal calls,
Looking up above me,
And gazing upon the waterfall.

The trickling sound of water,
Is like music to my ears,
It puts a calming effect on me,
Standing in the cool breeze.

Looking up at the dappled light,
That's seeping through the leaves,
Puts my mind at ease.

St Patrick's Award

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

KA	Antonio Ty	Tia Bayssari
KM	Amelia Naudi	Zachariah Abu-Ali
1C	Flynn Davis	Oskar Tudberry
1S	Elena Sunwar	Jeremiah Khoudeir
2M	Jayden Bounassif	Juana Boby
2Y	Charlize Malkoun	Sierra Usman

Honour Award

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

KA	George Mourad	Paul Daher
KM	Joseph Wehbe	Angelina Zhang
1C	William Bazouni	Joseph Kalouch
1S	Anyce Ibrahim	Nicholas Chu
2M	John-Luke Rahme	Monica Gould
2Y	Noah Naudi	George El-Khoury



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3L	Ava Takchi	Melinda Malkoun
3T	Sophia Khoury	Xavier Bayssari
4B	Liza Navasardyan	Georgia-Rose Rizk
4G	Logan Munro	Johnnie Daher
5C	Marcus Moses	Chloe Vella
5T	Eva Jakopovic	Luke Wehbe
6P	Joseph Maroon	Shavene Perera
6W	Phillip Ayoub	James Morson

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3L	Ian Mason	Edward McCloskey
3T	Nina Kancijanac	Samson Sayegh
4B	Frances Thomas	Sara Jabbour
4G	Ashton Grohs	Jim Sayoun
5C	Bailey Grohs	Benjamin Aitkins
5T	Josephine Behan	Angelique Saliba
6P	Donnacha Ryan	Sophia Semaan
6W	Isabelle	Iulia Vytingo





Term 4 Week 3

Spotlight - Year 5

Elijah Skaf:

Who is your favourite superhero and why?

My favourite superhero is **Spiderman** because he doesn't need to walk anywhere, he can just shoot his webs to go wherever he wants.

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

My favourite thing to do in my spare time is to **play tackle footy** because it is fun and it is my favourite sport.

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

If I could eat anything for dinner, I would choose to eat **kafta** because it just tastes delicious.

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

I would choose to **own a house** because when I grow up, I wouldn't have to worry about being homeless or working to save for a house.

What are 4 words you would use to describe yourself?

I would describe myself as; **Sporty, funny, smart and caring.**

Josephine Behan:

What is your favourite food to eat? Why?

My favourite food to eat is **tabouli and kibbeh** because it is a traditional food in my family's culture and it tastes delicious.

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

My favourite character is **Enola Holmes** because she is clever and smart, and loves to do lots of things.

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

My favourite holiday was a trip to **Queensland** because it is a very sunny State and there are plenty of family activities to do.

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

If I could have any pet, it would be **a dog** because you can take them anywhere, they are playful and they're really cute.

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

If I could meet anyone in the world I would definitely like to meet **Louis Partridge** because he is an excellent actor, funny and kind.

Bailey Grohs:

What is your least favourite food to eat? Why?

My least favourite food to eat is **avocado** because I don't like the taste and the texture is very soft and soggy.

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

My favourite character is **Hermione Granger from Harry Potter** because I like all the roles she plays. She is also my favourite character because she is one of the smartest witches in Hogwarts.

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 visited is **Terrigal**. This is because there are many activities that I can do and it is a great place to visit.

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

An animal that I would have as a pet would be **a dog**. They are my favourite animal because they are playful and very soft. Dogs are great and very friendly animals.

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

If I had \$100 I would buy **lots of clothes** because there isn't much else to do with a little amount of money.

Panayioti Yannakis:

Who is your favourite superhero and why?

My favourite superhero is **Batman** because he is a super cool guy and I watched him in movies ever since I was little.

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

In my spare time I like to **play guitar** because the feeling and sound of the music calms me down when I am anxious or angry.

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 **sushi** because the seaweed, rice and soy sauce all mix well together. It is delicious.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a **lawyer** because I want to help others out by gaining justice for them.

What would you do with one million dollars?

If I had a million dollars, I would **invest most of my money but also buy a small house** because I wouldn't want to waste this gift on something random when I can use it to make more money and set myself up for the future.

St Patrick's Primary School Disco Donations

Thank you to all the Disco committee members for all your help and great ideas. Your help has been appreciated.

The St Patrick's Primary School Disco is on Friday the 25th of November this will be a fundraiser to purchase equipment to be used to enhance creativity and teamwork through play. Examples of these would include



- Puzzles
- Game boards
- Class lego
- Construction materials suitable for infants as well as primary
- Big Books
- Big Book stands
- Chess sets for class spaces.
- Card game sets
- Games to encourage critical thinking
- Dress ups
- Magnifying glasses to explore their environment
- Magnetic sand
- Containers to store these items neatly in the classrooms
- TV for library, staff room and outside in the cave with Wifi
- Outdoor seating (Aluminium)
- Kids furniture in the classroom desks, chairs etc

The aim would be to re-engage students to play together without needing to use devices.

We are asking for donations of items to be sold in the canteen on the night, these include packaged lollies, individual kids size chips and glow sticks.

These items will be sold on the night.

Thank you for your generosity.

Any items donated can be taken to the canteen each morning from 8:30am.

Lollies & Confectionery

Single Serve Chips

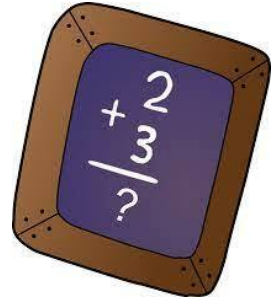


Glow in the Dark

Zooper Doopers



Helping your child with all strands of Primary school Mathematics



<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.

Temperature

How do children learn to measure temperature?

Children need opportunities to compare two or more things to understand measurement. To understand temperature they need to compare two things to measure the 'hotness' or 'coldness' of a substance. They need to see and talk about how temperature can affect things as well as the ways we can measure temperature.

What can you do at home?

- Read the instructions on food and drink packages to see the recommended temperature for storage.
- Ask your child to pack and make a label with the 'use by' date for meat or cooked foods that are to be frozen.
- Talk to your child about how temperature will change foods and drinks while you are cooking. What's going to happen to the water when we put it in the freezer? See what happens to the chocolate in the saucepan when I put it on the warm stove.
- Watch the weather report together and talk about the predicted temperatures. Ask your child what they might need to wear or have with them.
- Look at trees in your neighbourhood and talk about how the trees change with the seasons.
- Find different types of thermometers and talk about how they are used.
- Measure the temperature of bath water before your child steps into the tub. Talk about the water being too hot, too cold or the correct temperature for bathing.
- Talk about safety issues regarding household items that can be very hot such as the stove, iron or heater.
- Share books that are based on temperatures or seasons. A well known event or celebration, such as Christmas, could be compared to the same event in cold climate countries.

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 on devices and accounts](#)

Wearables Wearable technology such as iWatches, Fitbits and Virtual Reality headsets can be fun and provide benefits such as being portable. Some of these new technologies have parental control options that limit use to specific times, schedule downtime or hide your child's location from others. It's worth looking at the options available before buying any wearables. Find out about staying safe while using wearables and other new technologies in the eSafety Gift Guide.

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 opened from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at transportnsw.info/ests-update

How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school endorses your application.

Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off†
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at transportnsw.info/opal or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit transportnsw.info/opal-retailers



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a Transport Concession Entitlement Card. To apply contact your school or institution.

* Excluding Sydney Airport train access fee.

Please

For information on how to handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at transportnsw.info/tickets-and-opal-opal-privacy-policy and the School Pass Terms at transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms





'The gifts of the Holy Spirit are never given for the exclusive use of those who receive them. They are blessings meant for all God's people: **the graces we receive are intended for others**, not for our own private use, and the graces others receive are necessary for us.'

[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](#)



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

Office Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm