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Newsletter 2

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

*Whatever troubles may be before you
Accept them cheerfully
Remembering who you are trying to follow
Do not be afraid.
Love one another, bear with one another,
And let charity guide you in all your life. Mary MacKillop*

On Monday Catholics remembered and celebrated the remarkable life of Mary MacKillop ~ an Australian woman who devoted herself to caring for the poor and defending the rights of all people. Her tireless trust in God inspires all Australians and many people throughout the world. Mary's example was followed by other women and this Friday we especially celebrate her life as Catholics.

Sisters of St Joseph and other religious orders continue her good work today.

Mary MacKillop...

... A woman with a compassionate heart.

Who has shown you the compassionate face of God?

... A woman with a heart full of trust.

What keeps my heart full of trust when I am facing difficult situations?

... A woman with a forgiving heart.

Who are the people in my life that God is inviting me to forgive at this time?

... A woman held in the hospitable heart of God.

In what ways has God shown love to me in my life?

... A woman with a heart for Mission.

In what way is God calling me to bring the good news to those who are poor?

... A woman with an open heart.

With whom is God inviting me to keep an open heart?

... A woman with a courageous heart.

How have the crosses of your life called forth courage within you?

All the very best for the week ahead.

Steven Jones

Principal

At St Patrick's we are making a difference by being safe, respectful learners.

UPCOMING DATES

Week 5

15/8 9:15am Assumption Mass (No Assembly)
15/8 6:30-9pm PRC - Help your boys become respectful men" with Dr Andrew Fuller
17/8 Years 3-6 ICAS English
17/8 8:30am - 9:15am Year 2B Penance
19/8 Years 3-6 Dance Fever
19/8 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Cumberland Zone Athletics
Carnival Charlie Bali Reserve Doonside

Week 6

22/8 8:45am Book Week Parade
24/8 8.30 am - 9.15 am 3G Penance
24/8 9.15 am - 10.00 am Mass - Year 3
26/8 Book Week Pyjama day
26/8 Dance Fever Year 3-6

NOTES HOME

[Promotional Photos](#)
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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Most children learn to speak early in life, without any direction. This ability grows as children mature, but does not automatically lead to perfection. In order for oral language to grow and develop children need constant practise in rich and varied language experiences.

Oral language is the foundation of all student learning and social interaction. Oral language is the foundation of all literacy skills. Effective use of oral language is critical for students' social, emotional and academic wellbeing. If young children experience rich oral language by talking with and listening to adults and other children, they will have a large 'bank' of spoken vocabulary, words they understand when used in spoken communication.

Students and adults talk for a range of purposes and to varied audiences. Interactions are so frequent and so diverse. Similar to reading and writing, the purpose and audience for speaking influences many choices made by the speaker. A skilled speaker makes many decisions unconsciously to achieve his or her purpose. Decisions are made about vocabulary choices, the volume, speed, intonation (the rise and fall of the voice in speaking) and pitch of the speech.

As children develop their oral language skills and are exposed to different speaking and listening forms they start to learn to adjust their talk to meet different purposes and to address different audiences.

Families can support children in their oral language development by providing a variety of opportunities for children to listen and talk for different purposes.

Here are some of the best ways parents and caregivers can encourage oral language:

- Talk to your child and listen responsively. Ask and answer questions.
- Read aloud to your child at least once a day. Good books expose children to vocabulary and sentence structures that they won't hear in everyday situations.

Each year, Year 6 students across the Parramatta Diocese participate in the 'Voice of Youth' public speaking competition. This competition has been held in the Parramatta Diocese for over 30 years.

Participation in public speaking develops children's ability to:

- express their ideas
- gain skills in researching information for their speech
- improve their speaking skills
- develop skills in planning, organising and outlining a speech based upon a central idea



Voice of Youth provides our students with the opportunity to develop as confident and self-assured communicators.

We congratulate all the children that showed confidence and poise as they presented their speeches last week. Special congratulations to Annabelle Nakhoul, Michelle Makhoulf and Mirella Kanaan who represented St Patrick's at the Cluster Final at Holy Family Granville today.

A big congratulations to Annabelle who won the Granville Cluster Final today and will represent St Patrick's at the Eastern Divisional Semi-Final at St Paul's Greystanes.



Tracy Hoey
Assistant Principal

THE ASSUMPTION

August 15th is the day that Catholics have long celebrated what is called the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven.

The Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation -- one of the most important feasts of the Church year.

There is an important difference, of course, between the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven after His Resurrection, and the Assumption of Mary. To ascend is to rise up under one's own power; while to be assumed means something that is done to one. Jesus, being the Second Person of the Trinity, had no need of assistance; whereas Mary did not have this power. She was carried up by the angels.

The Assumption is a source of great hope for us, too, for it points the way for all followers of Christ who imitate her fidelity and obedience to God's will.



ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



We celebrated the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on the 8th of August at Monday's Assembly.

St Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne 1842 and died in Sydney 1909. She began a new form of religious life – The Sisters of St Joseph-to provide education for children in isolated areas and the poor. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and offered special care to destitute women and children.

She took the name Mary of the Cross and is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny and for her abiding trust in God's providence. She is Australia's first saint.

The Sisters of St Joseph continued to do her work long after her death and until today. They founded our school, St Patrick's Primary School Guildford in 1910. We are proud to be associated with Mary MacKillop and are inspired daily to live out her vision and that of her Sisters through our own Mission Statement "Making a Difference".

MASSES

Parents and friends are welcome to attend mass with the students and parishioners.

Week 5

Monday 15th August

9.15am Whole School Mass

- **The Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Wednesday 17th August - 8.40am 2B Penance

Week 6

Wednesday 24th August

8.40am Penance 3 Green

9.15am Year 3 Attending Mass

- **St Bartholomew**



FEAST DAYS

11th August St Clare

12th August St Jane Frances de Chantal

13th August Sts Pontian and Hippolytus

15th August Assumption of the Virgin Mary

16th August St Stephen of Hungary

19th August St John Eudes

20th August St Bernard

22nd August Queenship of Mary

23rd August St Rose of Lima

24th August St Bartholomew



*All-powerful and ever-living God,
you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of
your Son,*

body and soul to the glory of heaven.

*May we see heaven as our final goal and come
to share her glory.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,*

*who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,*

one God, forever and ever. Amen

Many blessings,

Wardeh Khoury

MERIT AWARDS - Congratulations to the following students

KBlue	Chiemerie Oyi Gabriel Galayini	KGreen	Sophia Safar Joshua Ilobi		
1Blue	Liana Dib Joshua Tarabay	1Green	Era Dongol Joseph Racanelli		
2Blue	Elisia Chehab	2Green	Christian Saba	2Yellow	Raphael Khairallah
3Blue	Jackson Opoku Mikayla Makdsi	3Green	Charlize Saliba Daniel Makhoulf		
4Blue	Kai Mahony Rashel Eliass	4Green	Rachelle Sukkar Jayson Hallit		
5Blue	Levi Boustani Rita Makdsi	5Green	Tayla Geaitani Sophia Ashkar		
6Blue	Charbel Bou-Said Charlise El-Chedyak	6Green	Jamielee Al Taheck Angelo Semaan		



Problem of the Week



This is El Capitan, one of the most famous rock climbing walls in the world, in Yosemite National Park, California USA. The mountain is about 1,097 metres high.

Grade K	How many trees can you count in the picture?
Grade 1	In 2019, a 10-year-old girl named Selah became the youngest person to climb the mountain. Are you older or younger than Selah? By how many years?
Grade 2	People climbing El Capitan need to bring water to drink. The water for one person weighs about 12 kg. How much will water for two people weigh?
Grade 3	The fastest climb of El Capitan was about 2 hours and 24 minutes by Alex Honnold and Hans Florine in 2012. How many minutes was their climb?
Grade 4	The Freedom Tower in New York City is 541 metres high. How many metres higher is the mountain El Capitan? The Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in the world at 828 metres. How many metres higher is the mountain El Capitan?
Grade 5	On June 3, 2017, Alex Honnold climbed one mountain route, which was 1260 metres long, in about 4 hours. If he climbed almost the same distance each hour, how many metres did Alex climb in the first hour?

Hand in your solutions to Miss Fadel or take a photo of your solutions and send to stpatsguildford@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Every submission puts you in the draw for a chance to win a prize at the end of the term.



Dalia Fadel
Numeracy Leader

ATTENDANCE NOTES

Thank you to those parents who enter attendance notes into Compass. Please ensure that times are not adjusted as this will create a partial absence.
Can you also check your child/ren's bag of any notes particularly unexplained absentee notes.

DANCEFEVER

Dance Fever interschool challenge for students in Years 3-6 will be in week 8 of this term
Tuesday 6 September
Please don't forget to return your [child's note](#).

LABELLING OF PROPERTY

We continue to have a large number of lost property items with no names. For items that are regularly washed the names often fade and are unable to be read. Please take a moment to check that all your child(ren)'s items are labelled correctly.

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

To avoid disruption in classrooms, particularly around dismissal time, we ask parents if they need to pick up students early they need to contact the office prior to 2.00pm.

BOOK WEEK



We are so excited to be able to celebrate Book Week this year and have a lot of fun activities planned for Week 6.

Monday 22nd August - Book Character Parade and class visits

Students come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Parents are invited to join us for the parade in the hall starting at 8:45am. Following the parade parents will be able to visit their child's classroom.

Story Quest Live Stream Event

After recess students will be participating in a Live Stream event hosted by Perform Education. The show explores some of the shortlisted books from the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards.

Overview of the show:

Marley wakes up full of excitement and expectation. She's been dreaming that she has written the most marvellous story and now she's awake it's time to set about making it happen. STORY QUEST explores the CBCA Book Week 2022 theme "Dreaming With Eyes Open...", in an interactive and educational musical adventure!

Tuesday 23rd August - Family Storytime

After lunch we will hold a webinar where we will listen to stories read in different languages.

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th August - Recess Storytime

Staff will read their favourite stories in the story area outside the library.

Friday 26th August - Pyjama Day

Students come to school dressed in pyjamas and bring their favourite book. From 12noon students will participate in a range of activities with their Peer Support group.

Family Storytime - We invite any parents who would like to record themselves reading a story, either a family favourite, or a translation, in their first language. Please email the school by the end of the week to express your interest and we will contact you to make further arrangements.

WELLBEING

So far this term we have been looking at the school expectations of being safe and respectful whilst on the playground. It is important that we show and teach our students how to

- Include others when playing
- Follow the rules
- Take turns and be patient

Playing a game can be frustrating especially when things aren't going our way. Many students play weekend sports outside of school and even in these situations the above points are important. Children need to learn that it is ok to lose a game. If they do, then they keep trying and hope to win the next one. Sportsmanship is not only about playing by the rules it is also being able to congratulate the opponent on a great win.

YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

At the moment the Year 1 teachers are assessing the phonetic understanding of Year 1 students through a Year 1 Phonics Screening check.

What is phonics?

Phonics is the relationship between letters and sounds and is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read so it is important that these children are identified quickly so teachers can plan for any specific support they may need.

What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. Your child will sit with the class teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The test normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

Why use nonsense words?

The assessment includes pseudo or nonsense words to see if the student is able to use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before.

More information

If you have any further questions, please talk to your child's class teacher or Mrs Samantha Barros (Literacy Leader).

LIBRARY

Overdues: There are still quite a number of students with books that they borrowed last term. Although we do not require payment for lost books we do keep a record of these books so that they can be marked off if found or so we can track students that regularly lose books. When students visit the library they are told to keep their books in their library bag unless reading, and also to not let any other child or student touch their book. Your help in making students responsible for their own books or finding and returning books would be appreciated.

Premier's Reading Challenge: Congratulations to the 17 students who have already completed the Premier's Reading challenge on their own. A reminder to any other students wishing to enter the challenge, all books must be entered on the challenge site <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> no later than next Friday the 19th of August.

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

Thank you for the positive feedback regarding the new school uniforms. Based on feedback, the colour of the sports uniform has been changed to predominately navy as per below image to match the tracksuit pants and jacket.



eSAFETY PARENT WEBINARS

Popular Apps

Learn about TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube and help your children stay safe online. This webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13. It will cover:

- case studies, research and targeted advice
- ways of supporting the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

Tuesday 16 August 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Thursday 25 August 12:30pm to 1:30pm

[Register here](#)

The full 2022 parent and carer education schedule is [available here](#)

CUMBERLAND ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Good luck to the following students who made it to the 2022 Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival and will represent the school next Friday 19 September at Charlie Bali Reserve Doonside.

Boys	Girls
Zane Fontana Sebastian Nasrallah Joseph Saad Zayne Kizana Izayah Obied Samuel Awad Kai Mahony Joey Burchdan Jacob Alemu Youseff Sukkar Daniel Depares	Adriana Antoun Jacinta Abraham Tahlia Boustani Emily Loulach Terese-Sophia Saba Georgia Camilleri Natalyah Kizana Sophia Gittany Jessica Khattar Sienna Tatian Joy Sovula

We wish them all the best of luck and congratulate them on making it to Zone.

Alexander Meoli
Sports and Special Projects Coordinator.

NOTICES

2022 PARENT SURVEY

CLOSES 31 AUGUST



Catholic School Parents
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**HAVE
YOUR SAY**

Catholic School
Parents Australia
is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia
(CSPA) acknowledges the funding
received from the Australian
Government to support this work.

Have your say on what matters
regarding the wellbeing and learning
of your child.

For example, has COVID or your
partnership with the school affected
your child's wellbeing and learning?

If you are a parent or carer with
a child in a Catholic school, CSPA
would love to hear from you.

Click on the survey link and share
your feedback to assist CSPA in
reporting to the Federal Government
and Catholic education.

Your feedback will remain
anonymous.

Please consider sharing this flyer
with other parents.

[Click here for CSPA Parent Survey](#)

2022 HSC Supervisors

The College is seeking expressions of interest for supervising the 2022 HSC Examinations.

Eligibility Criteria

To work as an HSC exam supervisor, you must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- have a valid Working With Children Check for employment (not volunteer status)
- be double vaccinated for COVID-19
- have attention to detail
- be able to carry out duties confidentially and discreetly
- be able to stand for long periods of time

You CANNOT work as an HSC supervisor if:

- you have a friend or relative (including children, siblings, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or

first cousins) sitting the HSC exams at the same exam centre you are working at.

- you tutor HSC students at the same exam centre you are working at.
- you have been recently employed by the school (paid or volunteer) as this may be perceived as a conflict of interest. The only exemption is if you have been employed by the school for
- other exam supervision work only (for example, HSC trial exams).

If you are interested please contact the College Office on 88683700.



Parents Representative Council

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Help your boys become respectful men



Our guest speaker for the PRC parent engagement event is:

Register here to attend

Dr Andrew Fuller

Andrew is a clinical psychologist and family therapist who works to create resilience in families, communities and schools. He specialises in how children learn and how their educational outcomes can be improved. He is the author of many parenting and wellbeing books.



Andrew will talk about how we create an awareness in boys of their power to become wonderful young men who can make a difference in the world through building healthy relationships, having a sense of meaning and purpose and creating a great life for themselves.


Our Presentation Partners



Monday 15 August 2022

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)
(PRC General Meeting will be held prior to guest speaker)

St Dominic's, 54-94 Gascoigne St, Kingswood, NSW 2747

Check out our Facebook site  @prcparra

Light supper and refreshments will be provided,
and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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