

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools week across all Catholic Schools in NSW. 2020 sees the celebration of 200 years of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Parramatta. We continue to grow from our earliest beginnings, acknowledging the work of the people that have gone before us. We follow in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, whose faith and determination saw many opportunities for education reaching the most vulnerable of society. We aim to celebrate all that unites us in a modern world and continue to build intentional faith communities based on faith, hope and love for God and one another.

It is an important time for communities to share the many learning opportunities available to our students and strengthen relationships between all stakeholders- students, staff, families, parish priests, parishioners and members of the wider community. We aim to showcase the learning this week through our Open Classrooms and our Catholic Schools week Liturgy.

Thank you for your continuing support in the education of your child within our Catholic School.

Yours in education,

Sarah O'Rourke
Principal

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Thank you to everyone for their support of the Bushfire Appeal. The vibrant colours in our school that day were amazing!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation

Gospel

Mt 17:1-9 Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

What are your favourite quiet places?

What sort of things do you like to do in your quiet place?

Quiet places can be very good for praying. Take a moment to think of when you can go to your quiet place this week.

What or who can you pray for?

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Catholic Culture



Congratulations once again to all the children who presented themselves for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation last year. It has been wonderful to see so many children participating in their Sacramental journey with their families. They are then able to fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church and the celebrations we have as a school. We nurture, plan and prepare our children for many things and their spiritual life should be part of this as well. Our first Sacramental meeting for Penance (Reconciliation) was last night. If you were unable to attend please contact the Parish Office.

Tuesday 24/3/2020 4B - 11.30am

Wednesday 25/3/2020 4E - 11.30am

Thursday 26/3/2020 4G - 11.30am

Please be aware that we have some upcoming celebrations which we hope many families and friends will be able to attend.



6/3/2020 Catholic Schools Week Mass (Please note this will be a liturgy in the school hall) - 9:15am

29/3/2020 Harmony Day - Orange Mufti

Social Justice



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PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

First Week of Lent (School Week beginning 2nd March) Around 2.8 million children in the Philippines do not go to school. We begin Project Compassion learning about the story of Shirley. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep her children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is

able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au

Many blessings,

Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE GROUP (PRG)

We had an overwhelming response at our recent PRG meeting. Thank you to everyone who came along and shared their ideas. There are many plans for the year ahead to celebrate our wonderful community.

FRONT GATE SECURITY - SCHOOL HOURS



A reminder that if you are leaving the school grounds via the front gate during the school hours especially in the morning at drop off time, you are asked to ensure that you do not let any late arriving children through the gate. **All late arriving students need to be signed in through the Office by their parents or caregivers.**

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all of our families who have returned their Parent Questionnaires. The teachers are setting time aside to read them with their grade partners. There is still time to send them into your child's teacher. We are looking forward to getting to know the children better.

NAPLAN 2020

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN will be administered in Week 3 and Week 4 of Term 2 (12th May- 22nd May). There will be a trial period in Week 9 (23rd March- 26th March) of this term for Year 3 and Year 5. This will give students the opportunity to navigate the platform that they use in May and gain a better understanding of how to complete elements of NAPLAN. This trial period will also involve a co-ordinated, Australia wide, practice test for Year 5 Writing on 23rd March. It will provide an opportunity to identify any platform load related issues that need to be addressed before the actual NAPLAN test period. Parents will receive more information towards the end of the term.

As a parent, from time to time we notice changes in our children. Whilst these changes can stem from a variety of factors, sometimes these can be stress or anxiety related.

Signs of anxiety and stress in children

- Aggression, irritability
- Crying and tearfulness
- Physical complaints such as stomach aches and headaches
- Appetite and sleep changes
- Trouble with memory and concentration
- Refusing to attend school
- Withdrawal from social interactions and pleasurable activities

What can parents do to help?

Ask your child how they are feeling and thinking. Encourage children to talk about their thoughts and feelings. Sometimes children can better express their feelings through play than through words, so make time to play with them.

Talk to your child about your feelings. Express your feelings honestly, but do your best to avoid alarming or upsetting your child further.

Monitor media exposure. Limit the amount of time your child listens to media reports. If children are viewing media stories of distressing events, it is best to watch with them.

Reassure children. Children need comfort, reassurance and support, and to know that they are safe and are being looked after.

Allow your child to retain as much of their daily routines as possible during stressful times. Maintaining familiar schedules can help reduce anxiety in children and re-establish a feeling of normalcy.

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

Term1 School fee statements have now been sent to your home address. If you have not received a School fee statement, please contact the school office on 4726 2200. Payment for instalment 1 2020 fees, are due 18th March 2020. Cash payments for school fees can **no** longer be accepted at the school office. Please refer to the detailed information that was enclosed with your school fee statement, for further payment options. If you are returning a Direct debit request form or a Bpay form to the CEDP, please make sure you enclose the form in the reply paid envelope that was provided and post it back to the CEDP. Please **DO NOT** return these envelopes to the school office. These envelopes are due back to the CEDP by tomorrow, **Friday 6th March 2020.**

STUDENT AWARDS**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

Khloee Hockley - 2B
 Jonas Hoffman - 3G
 Joshua McWilliams - 3G

**PLAYGROUND AWARD**

Ava Ashmore – 3B *(For helping a Kinder student find their way to lines.)*

COORDINATOR AWARDS

Lukas Hoffman - 1B	Carlos Saliadarre - 1E	Ella Sekulovski - 5E
Jyson Cook - 1E	Timothy Balassis - 3B	Georgia Baldwin - 6B
Ciara Pace - 1E	Samantha Attard - 4G	

**MERIT AWARDS - Students who are showing 4C's**

Koby Davis - KB	Ivy Cohen - 2E	Kieran Mitchell - 4G
Emilia McGrath - KB	Liam Cremona - 2E	Indie Thompson - 4G
Coby Hyde - KE	Isabella Binns - 2G	Mannat Batth - 5B
Emilia Saliba - KE	Jasper Stacey - 2G	Kaden Mazurek - 5B
Mason Galea - KG	Michael Croke - 3B	Dominique De Boer Diaz - 5E
Ava Higgins - KG	Summer Tagle - 3B	Laura Sadomba - 5E
Emma Vella - 1B	Eliana Cook - 3E	Peter Ankuma - 5G
Ricky Zammit - 1B	Hunter Tengdahl - 3E	Abigail Xiberras - 5G
Leila Bateman - 1E	Lachlan Ives - 3G	Mario Hazeem - 6B
Ayva Ram-Wolarczuk - 1E	Sibella Mazurek - 3G	Ollie Mosbey - 6B
Zahra Harb - 1G	Harris Butt - 4B	Connor Pryke - 6E
Noah Doherty - 1G	Aniella Cruz - 4B	Nelvia Vinu - 6E
Jade Major - 2B	Bailey Cochran - 4E	Cooper Fleming - 6G
Jenson Pryke - 2B	Eva Varlamova - 4E	Marchella Isabell - 6G



SPORTS NEWS

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

TERM 1

- 19/3 Cross Country**
- 25/3 Mackillop Swimming Trials**
- 3/4 Stage 3 Touch Football**

SWIMMING

Congratulations to our Age Champions and Runner Up Age Champions from our Swimming Carnival on 5th February.



Jnr Girls Age Champion - Jeneka Gulati
Runner Up - Elizabeth Newman



Jnr Boys Age Champion - Cooper Falzon
Runner Up - Austin Barglik



11yrs Girls Age Champion - Caitlin Medak
Runner Up - Sarah Morphett



11yrs Boys Age Champion - Conner Pryke
Runner Up - Saxon Mumford



Snr Girls Age Champion - Georgia Baldwin
Runner Up - Mikaylah Elks



Snr Boys Age Champion - Darcy McGettigan
Runner Up - Benjamin McWilliams



DIOCESAN CARNIVAL REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the children who represented the Nepean Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Thursday 20th February at Blacktown Aquatic Centre.



Caitlin Medak, Darcy McGettigan, Sarah Morphett, Mikaylah Elks, Georgia Baldwin, Cooper Falzon, Jeneka Gulati, Braxton Mumford



PARRAMATTA SOCCER & AFL TRIALS



Congratulations to Isabelle Pace (Year 6) who was selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials for Soccer in Goulburn on 27th March. Congratulations Isabelle!

Congratulations to Darcy McGettigan (Year 6) who was selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the MacKillop Trials for AFL in Wagga Wagga on the 3rd April. Congratulations Darcy!

CROSS COUNTRY

Please note the change of date of our school Cross Country to **Thursday 19th March**. The children will run the Cross Country during an allocated time on that day. All children in Years 2-6 will be required to wear their sports uniform on that day. A note outlining the details of the day will be sent home.



STAGE 3 TOUCH FOOTBALL



The Stage 3 Touch Football trials will be held on Wednesday at lunch time for the GIRLS and Thursday 12th March at lunch time for the BOYS. Children who wish to trial for these teams are to bring their joggers/boots to school and get changed during eating time at lunch. One Year 5 Boys Team will be picked, one Year 6 Boys Team and a combined Year 5 & 6 Girls Team will be chosen. This gala Day will be held on Friday 3rd April.

Melissa McGrath
PE Teacher & Sports Coordinator



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2020



The PRC started on the 2nd March and will run until the 28th August 2020.

Thank you for sending the participation forms back to school. The Usernames and Passwords for new students and students requesting their passwords have been sent home.

Students who wish to participate will need to enter their own reading records online by logging on to the PRC website at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> prior to the close of the PRC on 28th August 2020.

Information on the privacy issues can be downloaded from the official PRC website at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/privacy.html>

Thank you, Library.



HELPERS NEEDED TO COVER BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

If you are able to spare some time to cover some books for us at home please complete the slip below. We will supply you with the contact for the books. We will ring you and ask you to collect the books from the school and to return them to the school when covered.



Thank you for your help, it is greatly appreciated.

Att: Library

Yes I can help contact books when needed.

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Child's name _____ Class _____

GRIP Leadership SRC



On Tuesday the 3rd March, the SRC attended the GRIP Leadership conference to help us learn about being a school leader. We learnt a lot about different qualities of leaders and how different leaders have a variety of ways of showing leadership.

GRIP Leadership is a conference for students from over 90 schools in the Parramatta Region. It shows how to be a fun leader but also shows how to be a role model for students. GRIP Leadership changed our view as a leader and it shows other leaders how to know, go and show the way on how to be a good school leader. GRIP Leadership can show others how you can do what you want if you show good qualities of a leader.

There were ways to show how you can be a leader even if it was a different point of view from others. There are examples such as posters, Google docs, Powerpoint, loudspeaker, speaking at assembly and going around to different classrooms telling the students about your idea.

The Word Generosity Means...

Generosity means that you are very giving and you ask for nothing in return. Also they want to help those in need and are always willing to share.

The Word Responsibility Means...

The meaning that you have earned something and now you have to work for it to keep that role, also doing what is expected of you.

The Word Integrity Means...

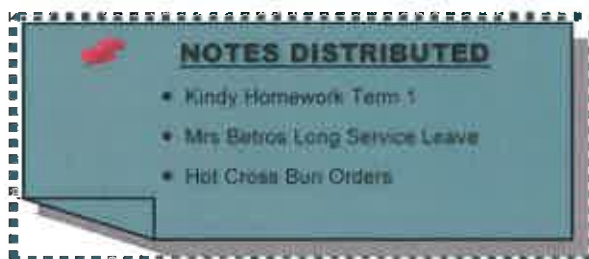
That you are very honest and that you are trustworthy to other people.

The Word People Means...

Human beings in it together.

These are the good qualities of a leader but not only for leaders but for everyone.

~ By Christy Budianto & Logan Buzzi ~



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KINDERGARTEN 2021!

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2021!


Applications are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2021. Please see our Office Staff for further information.

Please inform family and friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 will close on Friday, 29th May. Any enrolments received after this date will be deemed as a "late enrolment".



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TERM 1 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/ SUNDAY
Week 6	2nd March ● Award Stamping ● Student Banking ● Afterschool Cricket Clinic 3:30pm-4:30pm	3rd March ● Twilight Tours 2021 5:00pm-7:00pm	4th March	5th March	6th March ● Catholic Schools Week Liturgy - 9:15am-10:15am ● PRG Zooper Dooper Day	7th March / 8th March
Week 7	9th March ● Student Banking ● Afterschool Cricket Clinic 3:30pm-4:30pm	10th March	11th March	12th March ● Yr 5 Incursion - Graffiti Presentation	13th March ● Yr 6 Incursion - Graffiti Presentation ● PRG Zooper Dooper Day ● School Assembly - 2:10pm	14th March / 15th March
Week 8	16th March ● Award Stamping ● Student Banking ● School Cross Country ● Afterschool Cricket Clinic 3:30pm-4:30pm	17th March	18th March	19th March	20th March ● PRG Zooper Dooper Day ● Harmony Day - Orange Mufti Day	21st March / 22nd March
Week 9	23rd March ● Student Banking ● Afterschool Cricket Clinic 3:30pm-4:30pm	24th March ● First Reconciliation 4B - 11:30am	25th March ● First Reconciliation 4E - 11:30am	26th March ● First Reconciliation 4G - 11:30am	27th March ● PRG Zooper Dooper Day ● Earth Hour for Schools 2:00pm-3:00pm ● School Assembly - 2:10pm	28th March / 29th March
Week 10	30th March ● Award Stamping ● Student Banking	31st March	1st April	2nd April	3rd April ● PRG Zooper Dooper Day	4th April / 5th April
Week 11	6th April ● Student Banking	7th April	8th April ● Hot Cross Bun Collection - 3:00pm	9th April ● Last day of Term 1	10th April ● Good Friday	11th April / 12th April

Oz Fashions Uniform Shop



- * Online ordering system via the QKR app.
- * Delivery to school every Wednesday. Orders must be placed by 4pm Tuesday for delivery on Wednesday.
- * No refunds. Exchanges accepted on merchandise returned in original condition.
- * **Sample sizes available in the school office, to try on for sizing, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am-8:55am and 3:05pm-3:30pm.**



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