



St Paul's Post

At St Paul's we are Safe, Respectful, Learners

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Term 3, Week 4

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow is a very special day in the life of our Church - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we are unable to celebrate Mass together at this time, the children have been preparing images, prayers and reflections about all the special Mary's from the Gospel and throughout the Church's history. Today, we all had the opportunity to stop and reflect (in our class groups) on the importance of Mary and I hope you find the time and space to engage in the reflections which will be shared with you via Skoolbag and Facebook.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen"

Prayers for all in Lebanon

It was with great sadness that we all watched the images on the news of the terrible incident in Beirut last week. This has affected many of our St Paul's community so please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families in Lebanon and we are praying that God's healing hand will provide comfort and peace.



Communication

As we continue to respond to the limitations and restrictions of COVID19, we are constantly striving to come up with new and innovative ways to connect to our parent community. Our usual communication channels of Skoolbag and Facebook are great ways to keep in touch with school notes, learning and prayer reflections. However, I also appreciate that this is a challenging time for our community. So, if you have any suggestions as to how we can continue to keep you up to date or what you'd like to see more of, please send your suggestions to winstonhills@parra.catholic.edu.au with the subject line "Suggestions - COVID-19".

Grounds update

One of the many agendas that continues to remain my priority is the enhancement of our playground and school. There have been many improvements made such as the new access ramps, sensory boards, line and step marking, replacement of all lighting, the installation of solar panels and purchasing of additional play equipment (large building blocks, balance beams, giant lego etc - which are all in storage due to COVID19 restrictions at this time). Last week, I met with a group of Year 6 representatives to establish student voice about the colour of the replacement shade sail on the playground and we expect that this work will be undertaken in the very near future. Last term and this term, I've also met with a number of contractors to establish quotes for replacing the damaged playground equipment. Once these quotes are submitted by contractors and sent to CEDP for approval we will be able to commence work on this important upgrade. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we have had to work around the limitations of COVID19.

Thank you!

I am very appreciative of our parent community who have provided us with complimentary feedback with regards to our response to COVID19 restrictions and guidelines. Many have commented that they are very grateful for the ability to come onto the grounds to collect their children in the afternoon and to quickly drop them off in the morning with social distance guidelines. We have also received great feedback from parents about the measures we have taken to promote social distancing and hygiene within our school community. These measures are not possible without the understanding and patience of our parents and grandparents. Whilst challenging for us all, your support keeps us energised. Thank you!



Peace and Joy!

Mrs Megan Baird
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. As parents from previous years would appreciate, this tool is generic in nature and not specific to Primary Schools. This year the survey includes some additional questions on COVID-19 and the impact on students as well as some added questions on Religious Education, which appear toward the end of the survey.

We would like to invite you to complete the **Tell Them From Me (TTFM)** Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing. The anonymous survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the following URL: <http://tellthemfromme.com/7h6t7>

A letter outlining your child's participation was sent home on Monday. If you do not wish your child to take part in the survey, please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter and return it to your child's class teacher by Tuesday 18 August.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards
Jane Misk
Assistant Principal

REMINDER: School Photos - Wednesday 19 August

School photographs have been rescheduled to be taken by **advancedlife on Wednesday 19 August** subject to COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines. A photo envelope was distributed to students and it is the preference of the company and the school that ordering be completed online. This is aimed at reducing administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day. Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's **unique 9 digit advanced order code - R1E 42W Q8C** Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day. Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photo day. Sibling photos will only be taken if an order has been placed. Should you have any queries concerning school photos or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au.



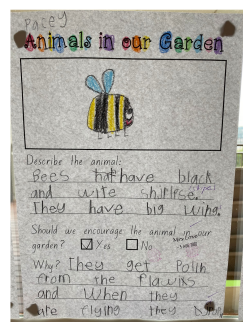
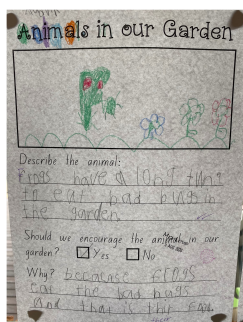
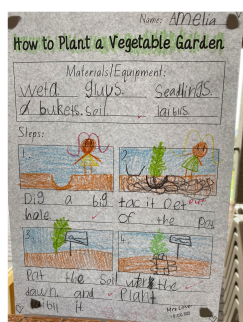
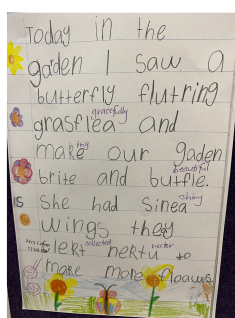
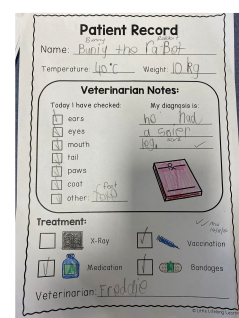
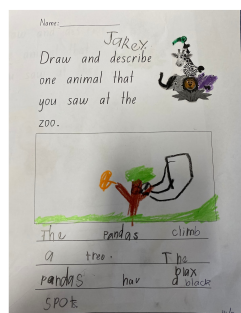
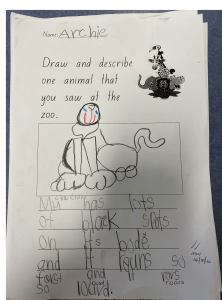
Due to COVID-19, there WILL NOT be Class Group Photos for 2020, we will have a composite photo instead.

Parents will not be permitted on to the school grounds or into the parish centre to wait with their children as they have their photo taken. Thank you for your assistance and your understanding for these additional safety procedures.

Please remember that your child is to wear FULL WINTER UNIFORM on Wednesday. If it is your child's timetabled sport day, we ask that you pack their sport shoes so that they can change after they have had their photo taken.

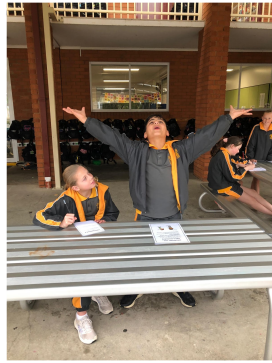
Literacy learning - Celebrating our Kindergarten authors!

Kindergarten have been writing about the animals in their zoo. We also have some veterinarian notes for our sick animals.



Kindergarten have also been writing about their new Vegetable garden.

Mrs Margaret Ferguson
Leader of Learning



Stage 3 Draft Religious Curriculum - Trial Inquiry "What is my existential purpose in life?"

The Stage 3 teachers have engaged in Professional Learning with the Draft Religious Curriculum to plan this new inquiry. The planning started with the students participating in an experiential opportunity to ignite the Inquiry. They completed different tasks and discussed what gifts or talents each of them brought to their team. They then discussed their findings from these activities with the statement of inquiry *I have been called to use my gifts and talents to contribute to God's Mission*. They then wrote what they now Know and what they Need to Know to answer this question. They are all excited to start moving into this inquiry next week.

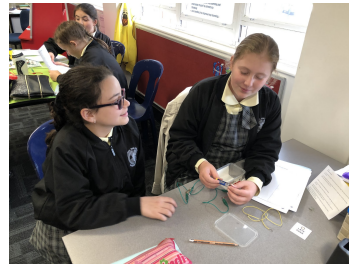
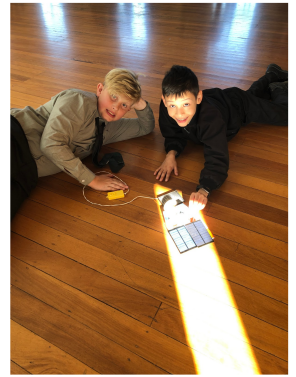
Mrs Johra Brackenbury
Religious Education Coordinator



Inquiry learning

Year 5 have been investigating energy and electricity as part of their scientific inquiry into 'What Impact Does Energy Have On Our Daily Lives?'. Students have been investigating sources of energy, explaining how electricity is generated and describing the uses of electricity in everyday life. As part of this inquiry, Year 5 participated in an incursion to develop their understanding of how various sources of energy generate electricity and they had the opportunity to explore a simple circuit. Students enjoyed figuring out how to connect the circuit to make their light globe light up.

Mrs Julie Hooper
Leader of Learning



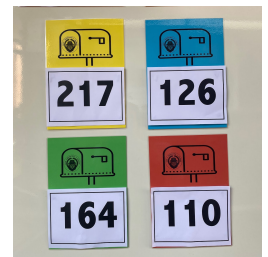
PBS4L

Paw Tokens

Currently leading the PBS4L paw tally for demonstrating safe, respectful and learner behaviours is the Gold colour house! Congratulations Gold!

Lions in the Den

Congratulations to Kindergarten for earning their lions in the den! Kindy worked collaboratively on their goal to walk quickly and quietly from their desks to the mat. To reinforce their positive behaviours they enjoyed some free play! Well done Kindy!



Congratulations to Year Two for earning their lions in the den! Year Two worked together on their grade goal of being respectful during class prayer. To reinforce their positive behaviours they enjoyed some extra play! Keep it up Year Two!



General School Information

No CEDP Zone or Diocesan Athletics Carnivals 2020

The Parramatta Diocese Sports Council has made the difficult decision to cancel the Zone and Diocesan Sports Carnivals for 2020. Thank you for your understanding.

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is de-identified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by **28 August 2020**. Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Catholic Education Office leaving the school policy

If you are leaving the school, **one term's notice in writing is required** (except for those graduating Year 6), otherwise you will be charged the term's school fees as per the enrolment agreement. Thank you for your understanding.

Work, Health and Safety Reminders

Social Distancing COVID-19

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep your social distance when collecting your child in the afternoon.

Children who are collected by parents will be lined up in their class groups at different points under the COLA. We respectfully ask that you refrain from entering the COLA area and instead wait on the outside of the COLA for your child to come to you. In this way, we can strive to ensure that we are continuing to respond to social distancing guidelines in our community.

We also ask that when entering the school grounds that you continue to maintain your social distance from others - especially when using the stairs and ramp.

We continue to follow COVID-19 health and safety guidelines and follow advice received from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. We will update our families via our Skoolbag App as new information is provided to us.

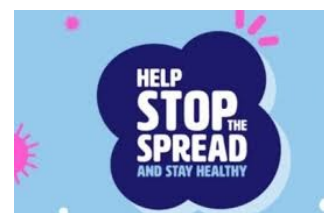
Our staff continue to be vigilant with monitoring and acting regarding children who appear to be unwell. Please keep your child at home if you think they are sick, runny nose, cough, headache etc. If a child presents as unwell at school, they will be isolated from other children and staff in the sick bay or an area of the office. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately. We understand that this may be difficult but it is in the best interests of the school community as a whole.

- Additional cleaning is taking place on a daily basis.
- Our staff are reminding students how and when to wash their hands.
- There are soap dispensers in the toilets, and these are topped up regularly.
- Signs have been placed in classrooms and toilets to remind the children and to demonstrate to them appropriate hand washing procedures.
- Each class has been provided with hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and additional paper towels.
- All learning spaces have designated "used tissues only" bins with lids which are emptied daily.
- The school has discouraged handshakes, hugs and kisses.
- Please limit the number of people in the foyer to five - if there are 5 or more, please wait outside.
- Our amended line up afternoon dismissal procedures are in place and we ask that parents do not enter the space under the COLA, please wait on the outer area for your child.

Thank you all for continuing to keep our community safe.

Reminder

**Please remind your children to wash their hands.
Help us to keep them safe.**



Defibrillator available in the School Office

Our school is very fortunate to have two Automated External Defibrillators (AED). In the event that one is required, they are kept in our school administration office and the Year 2 learning space. All CEDP (Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta) schools now have at least one defibrillator on site.

URGENT REMINDER NEW *Building Child Safe Communities - Volunteer Undertaking*

All Volunteers have until 30 September 2020 to submit a **new Undertaking in the new system.**

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help. A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.



CEDP has launched a new *Building Child Safe Communities* form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au and clicking on *about us/building child safe communities*. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.

Thank you in advance for your support.



The Challenge is quickly drawing to a close, with just two weeks left before all student entries are to be finalised. Closing date for the 2020 Challenge is *Friday August 28*:

Congratulations to the following students who completed the challenge this fortnight.

Lucas A (K) Gemma L (K), Patrick McK (1), Joel S (1), Christina A (3), Archie F (3), Ainsley R (3), Aiden McG, (4), Noah S, (4), Heidi S, (5).

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated their birthdays recently and who are celebrating in the next few weeks.....

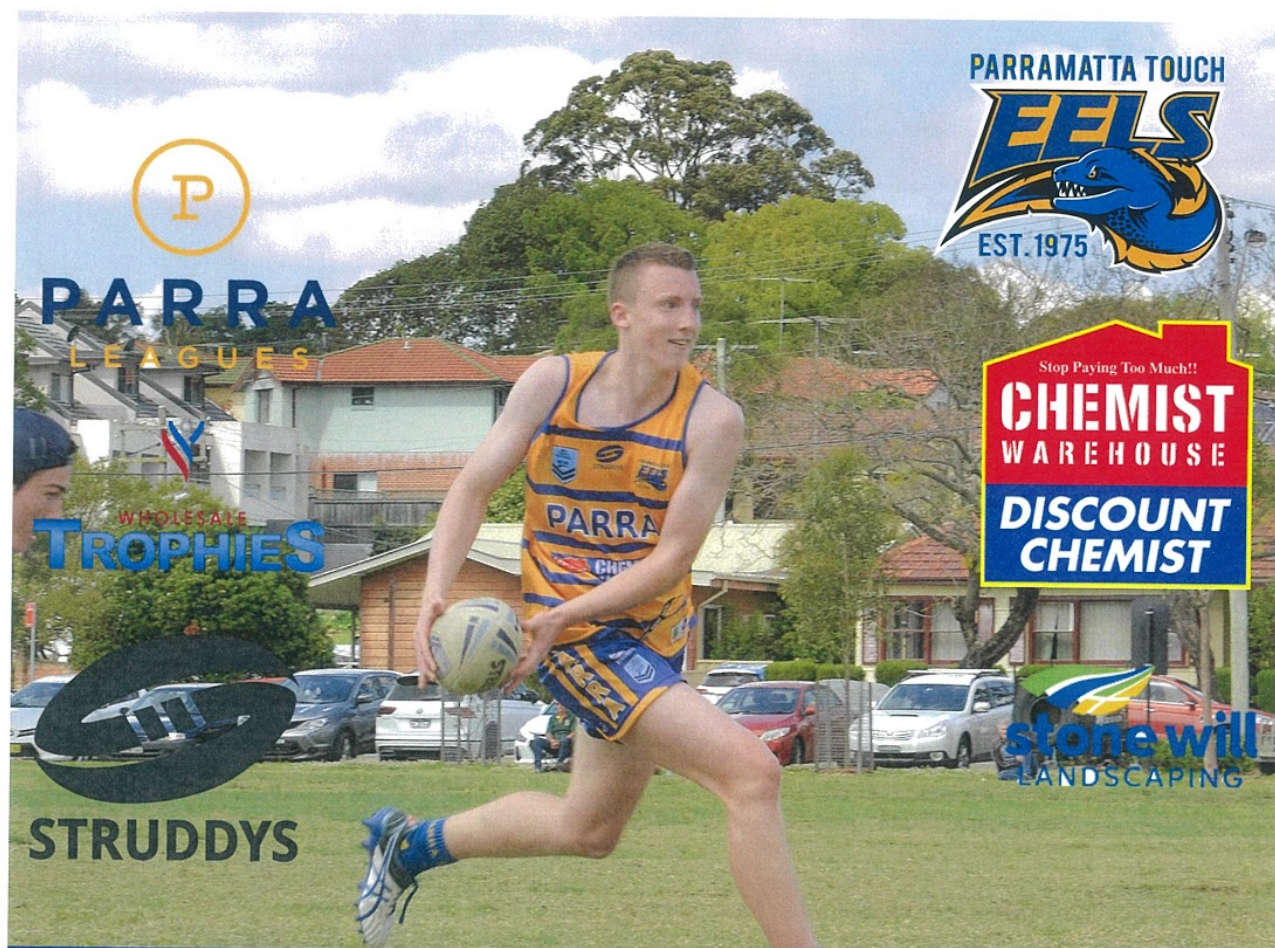
Grace F, Chase D, Zoe H, Jacob J, Chloe M, Jacinta G, Lilly G, Cooper H, Nathan B, Harriet A, Samantha U, Luke L



Sport Days - Term 3

Kindy -	Monday and Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Thursday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Monday and Thursday
Year 5	Thursday and Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Thursday





PLAY TOUCH FOOTBALL!!

2020 SUMMER JNR COMP



Every team receives a free touch ball
 Every player receives a reversible playing singlet
 Cost U7-U9= \$70.00 (8 Player Min)
 Cost U11-U17= \$80.00 (10 Player Min)



Start on 1st and 2nd of September at Doyle Park
 Tuesday= Boys and All Under 9's and 7's & Wednesday= Girls

Active kids voucher accepted

Head to touchfootball.com.au/register-your-team/

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