



Term 2 Week 6  
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## DIARY DATES

### TERM 2 2019

Friday 7th June	Pentecost Liturgy 11:30am
Monday 10th June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY "Public Holiday"
Tuesday 11th June	Athletics Carnival
Friday 14th June	CPS Cross Country
Saturday 15th June	Prep session for Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30–6:30pm
Tuesday 18th June	School Photos
Wednesday 19th June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day
Wednesday 19th June	Keyboard Concert in the Hall from 6:30pm
Friday 21st June	SCHOOL DISCO
Saturday 22nd June	Prep session for Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30–6:30pm
Tuesday 25th June	Year 6 Graduation CAKE STALL
Tuesday 25th June	Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30– 4:30pm

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Parents,

Last week around Australia we celebrated Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Australia invites all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation. In that spirit we share this prayer:

*Holy Father, God of Love You are the Creator of this land and of all good things.*

*We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the suffering of our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness.*

*We thank you for the survival of indigenous cultures.*

*Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.*

*We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.*

*Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our nation.*

*Teach us to respect all cultures.*

*Teach us to care for our land and waters.*

*Help us to share justly the resources of this land.*

*Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.*

*Help young people to find true dignity and self esteem by your Spirit.*

*May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Prepared by Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13th March 1997, Brisbane*

During the last week of this term we will also prepare for NAIDOC Week (which falls in the first week of the School Holidays) and our next Holiday Challenge will draw from the rich history of our Indigenous Nations. Stay tuned for more details.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden  
Principal



**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Today you will receive an envelope for the upcoming School Photos, which are scheduled for Tuesday 18th June. **Please check your child's bag.** Each envelope is personalised with your child's name and class on the front. Please take care not to misplace or lose the envelope as they cannot be replaced.

Follow the instructions on the back of the envelope on how to order and pay for the photo's. **ALL envelopes are to be handed directly to the photographer on the day. NO envelopes are to be sent to the office.**

If you would like a sibling photo taken, please collect an envelope from the school office.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Term 2 school fees are due for payment this week. Please contact Susan in the office if you did not receive your second term invoice mailed to your home address.

**BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club catalogue number 3 for 2019 was sent home last week. You can order and pay online for your child's Book Club purchases using a credit card via LOOP. The order will be electronically linked to our school. Please order and pay via the website. **Orders for Issue 3 close 20.6.19.**

**HOW TO ORDER USING LOOP**

- Sign in or register an account at: [scholastic.com.au/loop](http://scholastic.com.au/loop) or by using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App store or Google Play.
- Click on ORDER and select school and child's class.
- Add child's first name and last initial (so we know who the book is for).
- Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- Make payment via credit card.
- All orders will be delivered to St Mary's and distributed to the children.

Any questions, please contact Kristine Muir—Book Club Organiser on 8844 5700.

**PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT—SATURDAY 29TH JUNE** 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start finish at 9.30pm. Venue is at the Parish Hall. Have you booked a table yet? Come along for a great night and help support our Parish.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Due to the postponement of yesterday's Athletics Carnival we will be using our backup carnival date – which is next **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.** Please check Skoolbag for updates as the ground may be closed even if the weather is fine and we will keep the community updated as we know more.

**TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO**

The professional learning of the staff continues to be a strength of our school. Recently Mrs Atkinson attended two training sessions to support students as they exit from our Reading Recovery Programme, Mr Blissenden attended a state conference for Catholic School Principals and many of our classroom teachers completed some additional

**HOLIDAY CHALLENGE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following winners of the random draw for students who completed the Holiday Challenge:

- Kinder - Hayon K and Olivia W
- Year 1 - Matilda C
- Year 2 - Isabella M
- Year 3 - Alyssa M
- Year 4 - Kristina A
- Year 5 - Sanderson K

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

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| June 8  | Maiya H     |
| June 10 | David K     |
| June 11 | Antonious M |
|         | Gabriel M   |
| June 12 | Marcus S    |
| June 14 | Aren S      |
| June 17 | Majella C   |

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

## FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

### SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL

Please remember that playground supervision at school commences at 8.20am and concludes at 3.20pm. At afternoon dismissal, children must be collected by this time. For safety reasons, children should not be at school before or after these times.

### THREE WAY INTERVIEWS

In the last week of this term our teachers would like to invite you and your child to attend a Three Way Interview (3WI). A separate letter with how to make an interview time will be sent home shortly. We introduced 3WIs three years ago and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. You, your child and your child's teacher will discuss their work from Semester One (Terms 1 and 2) and together set some goals for Semester Two (Terms 3 and 4). More details to follow.

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

'Building Child Safe Communities' is an initiative developed by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta. It is a requirement that all volunteers must complete an online 'Undertaking Form' that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at schools. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

The Child Protective Training module is a compulsory two-step process for all volunteers working in our schools and can be accessed via the following link: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au> Click onto VOLUNTEERS. Complete STEP 1-Volunteer Form - Complete online. STEP 2-Training Module Read through the presentation then complete and submit the quiz questions. After successful completion of both steps, two notifications will be sent via email to the school and also to the volunteer's email address. The Volunteer Form and Training Module will remain valid for two years.

### INVITATION

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese. Held at St Andrews College in Marayong, on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world. Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/> Free ticket registration for this event is available at [www.chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au) If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via [landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au) or on 9840 5790.

### TELL THEM FROM ME

Over the next fortnight 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.

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 at St Mary's. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using this URL: <http://tellthemfromme.com/x5vkj>



**SKOOLBAG IS IMPORTANT...**