



Term 4 Week 8
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DIARY DATES

TERM 4	2021
Tuesday 30 th November	Kindergarten 2022 Transition Group A Group B Group C
Wednesday 1 st December	Kindergarten 2022 Transition Group D Group E Group F
Friday 3 rd December	Mufti House winner
Friday 10 th December	Year 6 End of Year Event
Tuesday 14 th December	Last Day for Students



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Our students and staff are continuing with the hard work of our school and while there are still a few of weeks until the end of the year, with many events and tasks to complete before then, I thought I would share with you a prayer I came across recently that focuses on the end of the year:

Christ, Teacher and Lord,
Bless all in this school
As we seek to end our year
With the grace you so generously provide.

In a year full of disappointments and challenges due to the Pandemic
We give thanks for the students
And the staff of our school,
And all who have contributed
To this year of nurturing and growth.
We affirm all the positive moments,
Of insight, of the excitement of learning,
Of accomplishment, of creativity,
Of laughter, of resilience, of a sense of community.

Bless us and keep us safe
Amen.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
Principal

MOVING SCHOOLS OR LEAVING ST MARY'S AT THE END OF 2021?

It is a legal requirement that you inform us of the school your child will be attending in 2022. If you are moving house or changing schools, please advise the school office in writing of your new contact details and the name of the school your child will be attending. We have several families on our waiting list now (people are hearing good things about our school and want to come here) and we would like to offer them places where we can. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Oliver M in KB who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Church with Fr Peter.

To Arsh in 6L who was in a team that competed at regional level in a Lego Robot Challenge. The team came 3rd and also won the Breakout Award! An outstanding achievement.

To Nico in 6L who finished 2nd in a solo singing performance at the recent City of Sydney Eisteddfod – another outstanding achievement.

BUILDING WORK

Our building work is continuing – on time and on budget!

SKOOLBAG

Final notice that SkoolBag will be decommissioned by the end of the school year. Communications will occur via COMPASS moving forward – please download the COMPASS app to receive push notifications of news announcements. Notification of student absences need to come via COMPASS. Please do not use Skoolbag for absentee notices any longer.

BOOK AMNESTY

Do you have a reading book, guided reader, home reader or library book at home? – Please return these resources. As we prepare for the new year, we would rather the books were returned than have to purchase new ones! Thank you in advance.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



November 24	Nikita A
November 25	Isabella N
November 27	Gabriella W
November 29	Torie S
November 30	Daniel C
December 1	Jasper H
December 4	Salvatore C
December 6	Matilda C
	Ned D
December 7	Marcus R

We wish these children a very Happy Birthday!

LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED:



I need some help to cover new library books. If you are able to take a bag of books home to contact, please let me or the office know (88445700) so that we can arrange a pickup time. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Lia Radocchia - Teacher Librarian

FROM MRS DENNIS

Students are invited to bring to school for their music lesson next week a Santa Hat or Christmas Headband (or similar). Please do not go to any extra effort for this – just anything you might have at home (a small piece of tinsel to wrap around as a headband would do!

SCHOOL FEES

As previously advised, a credit has now been processed to school fees for cancelled activities during 2021. Families are reminded that all remaining school fee balances need to be settled by the end of the school year. Please contact Susan in the school office if you have any queries or issues with finalising your account by year end.

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

STAFFING

Our plans for 2022 are progressing well. We will, however, be farewelling some long-standing members of staff as the year closes. Mrs Christine Morgan will be taking leave in 2022 to travel and to spend time with family and friends. After a career of more than 45 years in Catholic Education and a very long association with St Mary's, Mrs Morgan will be missed greatly but we know she will enjoy 2022 (and beyond) very much. Chris is well known for her experience, kind words, care of and for the students and willingness to put others before herself. A true 'teacher' Chris has given dedicated service to our school and Parish for many years. She will be sorely missed by her colleagues and students alike.

Mrs Emma Atkinson has accepted a leadership position at Bethany Catholic Primary School, Glenmore Park. Having been a part of this school for the past 9 years this is a significant step in Mrs Atkinson's career. We thank Emma for her work with us - especially in her role as Kindergarten Teacher, Leader of Learning and Acting Assistant Principal - positions she fulfilled brilliantly. Emma is a natural teacher / leader and Bethany Catholic Primary School will be very lucky to have her work with them from 2022.

Mrs Amanda Gierek has accepted a position at St Andrew's Marayong in 2022. Amanda has been working at St Mary's for many years and this move is a very positive one in her career. Amanda has taught many students in her time at St Mary's and will be fondly remembered for her organisation and persistence along with the extra care she took getting to know the extended members of each of the families she taught.

Miss Samantha Brimfield has accepted a teaching position at Santa Sophia Box Hill where she will be closer to home. Santa Sophia is also our newest school in the Diocese making this an exciting move for her. We will miss Sam's love of learning which the students in Kindergarten found infectious.

Miss Maree Elias and Mrs Pauline Davison will be relocating north – Miss Elias is heading to the Far North Coast while Mrs Davison's family are relocating to the Mid North Coast. We will miss Pauline's calm, caring nature and Maree's experience and amazing technical abilities.

We wish all these members of staff the very best for their teaching careers and wish them a successful move in 2022. Joining our Team in 2022 will be Mrs Corena Laso currently a co-ordinator at St Bernadette's Castle Hill, Mrs Danielle Hartley, currently teaching at Christ the King, North Rocks, Mr Clark Mangunay currently teaching at Trinity Kemps Creek and Mrs Samantha Jackelic currently teaching at St Michael's Lane Cove.



2022 CEDP Parramatta Primary Sport Representative Team Trials Information

2022 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials Expression of Interest registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2022 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One & Two in 2022. Students in Year 4 in 2022 MAY nominate for the sports of Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Football only.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that MUST demonstrate an ABOVE AVERAGE ability, HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT or in particular sports demonstrate REPRESENTATIVE playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competition outside of school.

To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in some sports and others are through CSNSW Sport at MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022:.

TEAM SPORTS

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports to select Parramatta Diocesan teams:

- AFL - Boys/Girls combined team
- Basketball - Boys and Girls team
- Cricket - Boys and Girls team
- Hockey - Boys and Girls team
- Football - Boys and Girls team
- Hockey - Boys and Girls team
- Netball - Boys/Girls combined team
- Rugby League (U11's) - Boys/Girls combined team
- Rugby League (U12's) - Boys/Girls combined team
- Rugby Union - Boys/Girls combined team
- Softball - Boys and Girls team
- Tennis - Boys and Girls team
- Touch Football - Boys and Girls team

The following sports will be held at the MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022:.

- AFL Girls
- Diving - Boys and Girls team
 - *Springboard: 8 Years, 9 Years, 10 Years, 11 Years, 12/13 Years - Girls & Boys
 - *Platform: Open Girls & Open Boys
- Golf - Boys and Girls team - 18 Hole Competition Students must have a golf link number and handicap.
- Rugby Girls 7's

All Team Sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2022.

ELIGIBILITY - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOMINATION FORM OPEN 23rd November

To be eligible for selection for these trials the 2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form must be completed. Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information.



2022 CEDP Parramatta Primary Sport Representative Team Trials Information

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** for the 2022 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Access the information using any below:

1. Registration (Expression of Interest) link
[2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form \(Expression of Interest\) - Sport Trials](#)
2. Primary Sport Parramatta WEBSITE link
www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au
3. FACEBOOK link
[Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

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Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by the child's school. For the child to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport **MUST** be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the **2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

More detailed information can be located in the **2022 CEDP Parra Primary Sport Rep Team Trials Info for Parents COVID19 information sheet**.