



Term 4 Week 2
Wednesday 21st September 2022
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DIARY DATES

TERM 4	2022
Monday 24 th October	Kinder Parent Coffee & Chat 8:50 – 9:30am
Monday 24 th October	Socktober Launch
Tuesday 25 th October	Cyber Safety Presentation for Stage 3 Parents 7-8pm
Wednesday 26 th October	Socktober Liturgy Students wear crazy socks
Friday 28 th October	World Teachers Day
Friday 28 th October	Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day
Tuesday 1 st November	All Saints Day Liturgy
Tuesday 1 st November	Yr 4 & Yr 5 Parish Mass
Wednesday 2 nd November	All Souls Day
Wednesday 2 nd November	Band Demo Concert Yrs 2 – 6 11:20am
Friday 4 th November	Mufti fundraiser Yr6 EOY
Friday 4 th November	Kindergarten Sharing of Learning 2:20pm
Friday 4 th November	Confirmation Yr6 & above 7pm
Monday 7 th November	Staff Development Day – No school for students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Tradition holds that October has been celebrated as the month of the rosary since 1571, and the victory of the Catholic League (an alliance of Spain, Venice, the Papal States, Genoa, Savoy, and Malta) over the forces of the Ottoman Empire who were seeking to take over Italy in an effort to move into the heart of Europe.

Following the victory, the Rosary was recited in St. Peter's square and in time the whole month became associated with the rosary, rather than just one day. Pope Leo XIII officially established October as the Month of the Rosary in the 1884.

The following are the steps for praying the rosary using rosary beads:

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1. On the crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the next large bead, pray the Our Father.
3. On the next three small beads, pray three Hail Marys.
4. On the chain, pray the Glory Be.
5. On the large bead announce the first mystery (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful or Glorious) then say the Our Father.
6. On the next ten beads, pray ten Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery.
7. On the chain, pray the Glory Be.
8. Repeat steps 5 through 8 for the next four decades.

During the month of October why not try praying a decade or two of the Rosary as a family?

Peace and Best Wishes

Richard Blissenden
Principal

PARENTS AND FRIENDS GENERAL MEETING

The next P&F meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8th November on Zoom commencing at 7pm. The P&F have adopted a hybrid meeting model – alternating face to face meetings with virtual meetings. Face to Face meeting will be held in Terms 1 and 3 while meetings in Term 2 and 4 will be via zoom. Look out for the link to be shared closer to the meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

There were many entries in the challenge with some fantastic descriptions and portraits. There will be 7 'winners' announced at Assembly and their portraits will be displayed in the office – a little like the Archibald Prize. Additionally, there will be a further 'winner' picked by the Office Staff (the Packing Room Prize)...we will share the 'winners' with you in the next newsletter.

'PARENTS AS PARTNERS'

Now that we are almost back to life pre-COVID, we would like to invite parents to some 'Parents as Partners' sessions. Some will be focused on supporting your child with learning while others will be a chance to connect with other parents. The first of these is a Coffee and Chat session for Kinder Parents next Monday (details have been shared). Keep your eye out for information about a Cyber Session for Stage 3 Parents coming soon.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

October 19 th	Tia Z
October 20 th	Esther T Ariya S Amandi D Amelia P
October 21 st	Paul R Jemma L Samuel C Joshua W Daashan W
October 23 rd	Jensen M
October 25 th	Ava C
October 26 th	Cooper S Isabella R Olivia R
October 28 th	Elliot I
October 29 th	Arya W
October 31 st	Jacob H
November 1 st	Amy L
November 2 nd	Lucas O William Z

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

Students may wear either Winter or Summer Uniform for the first two weeks with Summer Uniform to be worn from Monday 24th October.

FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

COVID UPDATE

Changes to self-isolation requirements

- On 30 September, National Cabinet announced that from Friday 14 October 2022 people who test positive for COVID-19 do not need to self-isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education has worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions. It is recommended that staff and students continue to stay home if they are sick.
- Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is recommended to monitor for symptoms, test, and wear a mask if they are concerned. If you test positive on a rapid antigen test (RAT) please [register](#) this with Service NSW (note that such registration is now voluntary). Voluntarily registering your result can help you access medical support from NSW Health, including antiviral medicines if you are eligible. It also assists NSW Health to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Continued COVID-smart measures

- Our school will continue to operate with the 'baseline' COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4 to minimise transmission and keep schools open while prioritising student and staff wellbeing. This includes a combination of layered safety measures – encouraged mask-wearing, rapid antigen testing (RAT) kits available, encouraged vaccinations, ventilation, hygiene and additional cleaning.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Australia celebrates World Teachers' Day on the 28th October, 2022 with a theme of "Hats off to Teachers". Our teachers have shown great resilience over the challenges of the past few years, all so they can give Australian students the best future possible. So, get your hat ready – beret, beanie, bucket, bowler – and think about how you want to make teachers feel special on 28th October 2022. Students may wear any hat they like on World Teacher's Day!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

LIFTED LIVE IN THE FORECOURT 2022

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on the 22nd October from 7pm to 10pm for LIFTED Live. There will be live performances, food stalls, games, activities, an art exhibition and adoration. Entry fee is \$5 on arrival. We hope to see you there!



OCTOBER WORLD MISSION MONTH - SOCKTOBER

On Wednesday 26th October we will be celebrating Socktober as part of our World Mission Month activities. On this day, students are invited to wear **cr**azy **s**ocks with their school uniform and make a donation to Catholic Mission via QKR app. There will also be a whole school liturgy at 11:20am under the COLA, parents are welcome to join.

For more information visit [World Mission Month 2022](#) & [Socktober](#)



SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL

Our second hand clothing pool is run by some of our dedicated P&F mums and is open for 'in person' sales each Friday morning from 8:30am - 9:30am. If you can't make it at this time, please send an email to stmarysrydal@parra.catholic.edu.au listing the items you need and the clothing pool ladies will fill the order on a Friday. Please include a contact phone number in the email so the ladies can call you if they need to discuss the order. The office will send it home once payment is made by the QKR App.

PRINCIPAL'S HOLIDAY CHALLENGE...

Some examples of the student's portrait entries.





positive partnerships

Working together to support so 100-aged students on the autism spectrum

FREE 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Location: Parramatta, NSW

Join other local families to learn more
about autism and ways to strengthen the
partnership between home and school

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Understanding sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



1st & 2nd November 2022
9.30am - 2.30pm



Rydges Parramatta
116-118 James Ruse Dr
Rosehill NSW 2142

SCAN TO REGISTER



Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit
www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact
Trish Nicoll tnicoll@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call:
1300 881 971



PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MC22-066069

19 September 2022

Ms Rachael Menday
1 Myrtle Street
RYDALMERE NSW 2116

Dear students

Thanks very much for writing to me. I love hearing the stories of young Australians. When you tell me about what you're experiencing and what you're thinking, about what you believe in and what you hope for – I hear the voice of Australia.

There is nothing more important than a great education. Subjects like reading, writing, maths, science, technology, sport, and art all play a role in equipping you for a lifetime of learning.

I would also add that believing in yourself is just as important – if you work hard and aim high, you will achieve many great things.

We are lucky to live here in Australia, where it doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, the doors of opportunity are open to us all. My path to becoming Prime Minister is proof of that, and I hope it inspires you to reach for the stars.

I'm delighted that you are taking such an interest in politics and government, and I hope that continues throughout your lives. Australia needs people like you to help our government and our country be the best it can be.

You are wonderful young Australians with so much to offer. I'm proud to share the journey to building a better nation with you, the thinkers and innovators of the future.

I wish you all the very best for your time at school, and the years ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Albanese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

ANTHONY ALBANESE