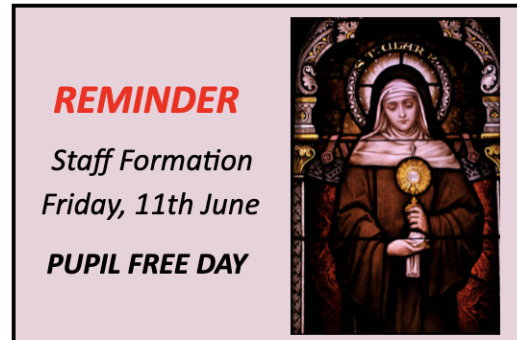
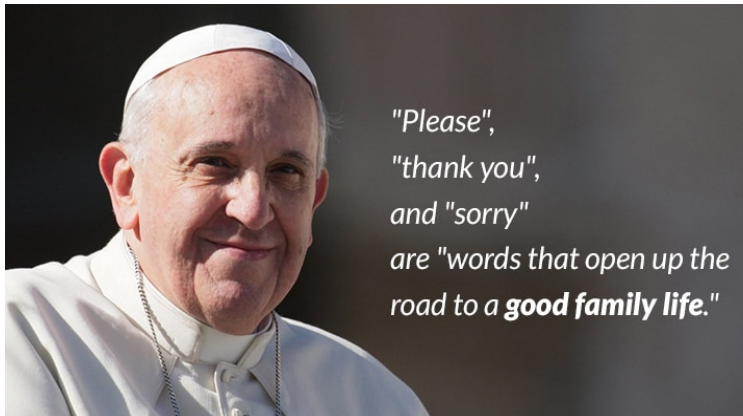




LEARNING UPDATE - 20

Thursday, 10th June, 2021

Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and learning.



Student / Parent / Teacher - Interview Opportunities



We are delighted to offer our parents / carers opportunities to visit the school and meet their child's teachers. On **Thursday 24th June, from 2.45pm to 5pm** and **Friday 25th June, from 8.15am to 2.30pm** you are encouraged to book interview times for you and your child to sit down with their teachers and discuss their 2021 progress thus far, and how they may improve for the semester ahead. It is important that your child attends these meetings with you to receive the feedback. We will be ensuring there is adequate social-distancing for all interviews. Please use this link and code below to make your bookings.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au Event Code: U352Y

HSC Success

Please be aware that one of the biggest contributing factors to HSC success is student attendance. It is important that your child attends school each and every day. This starts in Year 7 and continues through to the last day of Year 12.



Year 11 Reports

Please be advised that Year 11 students have been given their Semester 1 Reports. It is important that you sit down with your child to read their feedback and set goals for Semester 2. If you have any questions about the results or feedback, you can find a list of all the teachers' email addresses below in which you are encouraged to make contact.

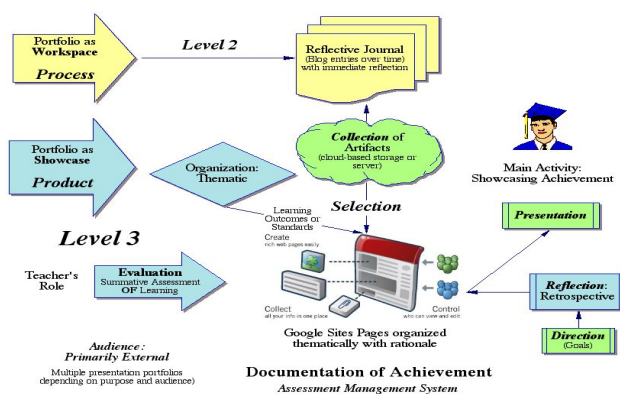


CLUB Wednesday 2.30 - 3.30pm: Library

This Wednesday marks the second session of our new **Homework Club**. This is an initiative developed by our Stage 6 students who saw there was a need to support the learning of our students. We would encourage students who need some help to make use of the students and staff who will be available in the Library each Wednesday after school.

Clare Connect - Learning Portfolios

As a school we are making deliberate decisions to foster a strong learning culture within our community. As a result of that, we have been working with our students across the school to set themselves learning goals as part of our pastoral time on Tuesday mornings and Thursday's prior to sport. Research suggests that goal setting forms an important role in student learning success. A joint study by UNSW and the Education Department's statistics unit analyzed the impact of "growth goal setting", which focus on student's achieving personal bests. Over 61,879 year 7 to 10 students across 290 public schools in NSW were surveyed. The results indicated greater engagement and achievement for the students who have engaged in a goal setting. We have also committed to having students work towards creating a portfolio of their learning which celebrates successes both in and out of the classroom and identifying artifacts that showcase their progress on the learning goal they set themselves. We will be piloting the portfolio's with our Year 7 students in the coming semester. Learning Mentors, Learning Advisors and Peer Support students have and will receive training over the coming weeks so that they will be able to support the year 7 students in their learning groups as they embark on this process. We will keep you in the loop about the progress of the portfolio's and how the Year 7's are engaging with this work. If you have a child in Years 8 -10 ask them about the goals that they have set themselves this semester and what progress they have made towards achieving them.



TTFM Survey (Your Feedback is Valuable to us)

The survey window has been open for a week and we have had few parent responses. We value your input and are always looking to improve. As in the past, we as a school community are involved in completing the Tell Them From Me Survey. The survey will be available for you to complete until the survey window closes on Wednesday, 25th June at 4.30 pm. This survey provides you with the opportunity to shape the direction our work takes moving forward as your feedback will indicate to us how well we are working as a whole school community to provide a quality Catholic school education for your children. This survey is carried out across the Parramatta Diocese in both Primary and Secondary schools.

As a school, we are focussing on quality feedback for students so that they are able to make gains in their learning. As a system and a school, we too require quality feedback to assist us to constantly improve the learning provision for our students and to improve their opportunities to learn to the best of their ability. [HERE](#) is the link to the survey. Please see the attached letter from the Executive Director, Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, Gregory Whitby regarding the importance of you completing the survey and the value placed on the feedback you give us.



LAWS *you need to* KNOW

Visit from Mount Druitt Police Youth Command and Multicultural Liaison

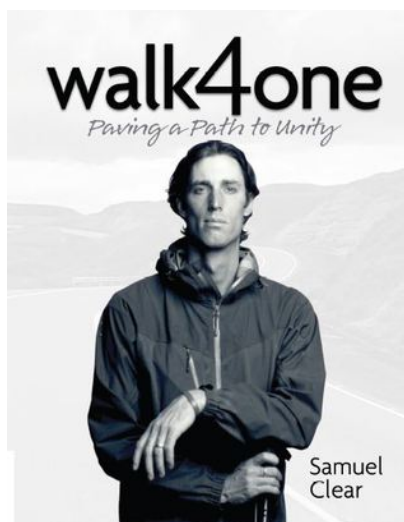
In weeks five and six respectively **Stage 4 & 5** had a visit from the Youth Liaison Officer Senior Constable Laura Wilkinson and Rana Barham the Multicultural Community Liaison. Laura covered topics such as violence in and out of school, inciting violence, the carrying of weapons, being part of or a bystander to violence, in possession of footage of a violent altercation or a crime and how this is treated by the law and the penalties that are

associated with such crimes for young people. Laura talked about cyber safety and the tricks that are used by criminals to make contact with young people. Laura also touched on the topic of Vaping making it clear for students that it was illegal for them to buy, sell or engage in vaping. **As a school we take the above matters very seriously and any student who engages in any of the above behaviours can expect to be suspended from school until you are able to attend a re-entry meeting with a parent or guardian.**

From the Sports Coordinator

Congratulations to **Boston Lauvao** and **Siolo Tamaseu** of Year 9 who were both selected in the U15 Sydney Independent Catholic College (SICC) Rugby League team that competed in the NSW Combined Catholic College (NSWCCC) Rugby League Championships earlier this term. This is a fantastic achievement from these students.

Congratulations also goes to **Mereina Tamarua** who has been selected in the very first U16 Girls Metropolitan Rugby League team. This team was selected from girls across the Parramatta and Broken Bay dioceses. She will now go on to play at the NSWCCC Girls Rugby League Championships in Term 3. We wish her luck at this event.



Reminder: Year 10 Reflection Day - THIS Friday, 18 June, Week 9

The Year 10 Reflection Day is on Friday, 18 June, Week 9. This Reflection Day will be facilitated by Samuel Clear who speaks powerfully to hearing a call from God and acting upon that calling.

This reflects the work Year 10 have done this term on discerning their future vocations. The Reflection Day will occur in our Chapel at school and students attend school as per a normal day.



GBW:es

3/06/2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for walking with us on the journey towards a new Religious Education curriculum for students in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools. We have been working closely with clergy, parents, teachers, students and friends including experts in theology, scripture and Religious Education, on an updated version of this document that includes further changes in response to your feedback.

I am also very pleased to announce that this approach to sharing our Catholic faith with the next generation has been named for the first time. The curriculum will be known as ***Living Life to the Full***, a scriptural reference to Jesus' words in John 10:10: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full." As Bishop Vincent says here, this reflects "the richness of our Catholic Tradition that enables fullness of life through the Gospel".

Now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website together with a guide to help community members learn more, *Living Life to the Full* will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the Religious Education curriculum that has been in place in the Diocese of Parramatta for 20 years. Faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition, Catholic Teaching and Values, *Living Life to the Full* is designed to be age appropriate for children and young people.

This is a work in progress: as a draft, changes will also continue to be made based on feedback from clergy, parents, teachers, students and friends. We very much appreciate the interest of our Catholic community in bringing the Gospel to children and young people in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GB Whitby'.

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