

As we end Refugee Week 2019, a brief update on the 2 Asylum Seekers Sacred Heart Parish has supported over the past few years ...

GEORGE FANG

Through your generosity, George was able to attend Blackheath Pre-School – an important part of his social development and English learning skills. What a success! George is now in Year 1 at St Canice’s Katoomba – having received Bursary support from the Diocesan CEO. At a recent school assembly, George received a Certificate of Excellence for Personal and Academic Achievement. The only days he has missed school were when he had to attend the Federal Court – continuing his appeal to be allowed to stay in Australia. How many 7-year olds do you know who have had to appear in the Federal Court – his case pertaining to the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child??





A little update from the Behzadi Rad family-

“Hello all! We haven’t been around much lately so here’s a little update. We are currently living in Clarence as a requirement of Patrick’s visa. Patrick is continuing his work as a painter and Ali is at home looking after Xavier (who turned 2 last month!). Most of our days are spent exploring with Xavier, who is learning so fast it’s hard to keep up! He loves bushwalks, drawing, music and clocks! We are very happy with our lives and can never forget how lucky and grateful we are. We have around 3 years left on this visa- after this we can apply for longer visas. Right now we are focusing on our present time as a family in this beautiful world. Much love from us all!”

Again, **Patrick, an Iranian asylum seeker**, received very important support from our Parish when he had to make appeal against the Immigration Department’s refusal to grant him a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa. No doubt our letter of support, with more than 100 signatures, played a role in the success of his appeal.