



Newsletter 4, Term 2  
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# St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MAY

11th	Mother's Liturgy and Stall
14th	Whole School Assembly
15th	Naplan for Year 3 & 6 1.15pm Family Day Liturgy—gold coin Donation. (Parents welcome) Parent Group Meeting 7pm
16th	Yr 4 Mass Naplan Yrs 3 & 5 Infants Gym Program
17th	Naplan Yrs 3 & 5 Yr 4 Excursion
18th	Yr 3 Incursion
21st	Cuppa with Principal & AP at 9.15am
22nd	K-6 Athlete's Foot visit
23rd	Infants Gym Program
24th	Whole School Mass— Our Lady Help of Christians
29th	School Photos

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**TUESDAY 12th JUNE 2018  
(THERE WILL BE NO  
CLASSES ON THIS DAY)**

**WEEKLY VALUE –**  
*Moving around the  
school in a safe  
manner*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last week the Federal Government announced reforms for Education in Australia with recommendations by Professor David Gonski. At St.

Patrick's we have been working towards these reforms over the last three years. The focus is on knowing where each child is at in their learning and planning the teaching to meet their needs. That is why we conduct the MAI at the beginning of the year, to know where each child is in their Numeracy learning; why we conduct the EYA (Early Years Assessment) to know each Infants child Reading Levels.

We use the NAPLAN results as a Diagnostic tool, so we know what the children can achieve and what they need to work on next. We do not use the NAPLAN results to compare students. That is why we focus on the students achievements and their next learning target in the students mid-year reports.

Another reform by Professor Gonski is to have the teachers working in Teams and constantly involved in Professional Development. That is why at St. Patrick's we have for our Kindergarten cohort of 66, 3 classroom teachers and a 4th teacher for 3 days a week and a full time Teacher's Aid. In Year 1 we have 3 classroom teachers, 3 Reading Recovery Teachers, 2 EMU Teachers, Teacher's Aids working across the grade and a 4th Teacher coaching the teachers. This pattern continues across each grade. Our Year 4 Teachers have recently attended intensive training on PBL (Project Based Learning) to give the students opportunities to work collaboratively and develop necessary research skills. Also the whole staff completed an intensive program last year on how to teach Multiplication.

The planning and construction of the new Learning spaces in the school is all around these reforms in Education to create the best possible learning conditions for the students to develop their skills for our modern society. We will have to go through some discomfort and lack of playground areas during construction but the finished product will be the envy of many schools.

You can be reassured that the Parramatta Diocese and St Patrick's Guildford are well on the way to meeting these new reforms in education in the future.

Yours sincerely  
Philip Mahony

### **AGILE LEARNING SPACES, HOW DO WE ASSESS AND REPORT ON YOUR CHILD?**

Assessment is the process of identifying, gathering and interpreting information about your child's learning. Teachers use a number of 'assessments' to identify what your child already knows, what skills they can already do and what they need to develop in the future. All teachers within our agile learning spaces administer the assessments. They track and then monitor what your child's learning needs are and then work together to devise a program or lesson that will cater for these needs.

Reporting is the process of communicating this information to you as parents and is an essential element in the partnership between you as parents and us as teachers. At St Patrick's this partnership begins with our parent information session in Term 1, our first semester reports, end of year reports and parent / student / teacher interviews during the year. All teachers within our agile learning spaces have had input into writing your child's report. It should answer some of the questions you may have about your child's progress such as how is my child going? Do they have the right attitude? Are they trying hard enough? Is their behaviour a matter for concern? What are their strengths and weaknesses? And how can I help them at home? These questions can further be answered at the parent / student / teacher interviews where the teachers who work with your child in our agile learning spaces will meet with you and inform you about how your child is progressing.

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

Just a reminder to parents that Term 2 fees are due to be paid by 6th June.

Please note that if your children are leaving St Patrick's, a Terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable.

**PARENT GROUP MEETING**  
**NEXT TUESDAY 15TH MAY AT 7PM IN THE STAFFROOM**  
**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME**  
**(Access to school will be through office gate)**

### **KINDERGARTEN 2019**

**The Interviews will commence on the 6th June. If you would like to enrol your child, please collect an application from the office now as we will be contacting parents with an interview time soon.**

### **FROM THE PARENT COMMITTEE**

Just a reminder that our Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 11th May. Prices of gifts will range from \$1-\$10. We will also have gift baskets to raffle. Raffle tickets will be 50c each or 3 for \$1.00.

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The Ascension will be celebrated on the 13th of May. We remember Christ making His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead.

He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

*HOW ARE WE LIVING AS WITNESSES OF CHRIST?*

*DO OUR ACTIONS SUPPORT OUR FAITH OR COMMITMENT TO OUR FAITH?*

*IN WHAT WAYS CAN WE INSPIRE OTHERS TO BE LIKE JESUS?*



*PENTECOST REFLECTION: PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS REFLECTION ON 21ST MAY AT 9.15AM IN THE MAIN PLAYGROUND. IT IS THE CULMINATING WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER GATHERING FOR HOLY WEEK TO EASTER, LEAD BY YEAR 5*

### FAMILY LITURGY



*Parents are welcome to attend a Liturgy **Tuesday 15th May at 1.15pm in the Hall**. It will be a special time to celebrate and give thanks for families, especially our own family and all the families that make up our school family. We would love to share images of the families in our school so if you have a photo of your family (it could be a portrait, a picture of your family having fun at a party, picnic on the beach etc.) please send it to the office or email it to [stpatsguildford@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatsguildford@parra.catholic.edu.au) by Monday 14/5/18 BY 3pm*

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Penance



The parents of children who are in Year 2 as well as parents of children in Yrs 3-6 who haven't received the Sacrament of Penance and were unable to attend the Information Session on Wednesday 11th April at 6pm in the Hall are invite to attend a meeting on 22nd May 1.30pm in the Parish Office. This is a compulsory meeting if you wish your child to participate in the Penance program and receive the sacrament this year. **Failure to attend this meeting means that your child will miss the opportunity to participate in the program this year.**

## MASSES

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend Mass with the Parish and school this term:

Week 3

Wednesday 16th May

9.15am Year 4 Mass

*7th Week of Easter*

Week 4

Thursday 24th May

9.15am Whole School Mass

*Our Lady Help of Christians*

## FEAST DAYS

12th May - Sts Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras

13th May - Ascension of the Lord

14th May - St Matthias

18th May - St John I

20th May - Pentecost Sunday

24th May - Our Lady Help of Christians



## WORLD YOUTH DAY

**FUNDRAISING  
RAFFLE FOR WORLD  
YOUTH DAY 2019**



Aon Monday 14th May, a booklet of tickets will be sent home with the eldest child from each family to sell. The proceeds will support those who will be on pilgrimage from the Parramatta Diocese in Mexico, Panama and the USA in January 2019. Raffle books have 10 tickets at \$2 each.

**All sold ticket books with the money as well as all unsold ticket books must be returned to school by 26th June 2018.**

Extra tickets will be available from the office upon request.

*Many Blessings,  
Wardeh Khoury*

## MERRYLANDS WEST SCHOOL & WORKWEAR CENTRE

455 -457 Merrylands Road

Merrylands NSW 2160

(5 min walk from previous address)

**P: 02 9637 4502**

**\*\*Lay-by Welcome\*\***

**Second week of school holiday**

## ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS IN ONE PLACE...

School uniforms for **St Patrick Guildford**

Grosby school shoes – 30% off second pair  
(equal or cheaper value)

Boys shirts, shorts and trousers

Girls dresses, slacks, blouses and skirts

School socks, sports socks, tights

## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Overdue Books

From time to time you may receive an overdue book notice from the library.

A book that has been borrowed will remain on your child's name until it has been returned and scanned through the library borrowing computer.

If your child has an overdue book on his or her name, an overdue book notice will be given so that you have an opportunity to search for the missing item. Check your child's bag, behind their bed and on the desk or bookshelves at home. Ask your child to check the bookshelves in their classroom at school.

There are times when the book can be found in the library.

- Sometimes the scanner doesn't scan the barcode properly
- A student may return the book to the shelves instead of handing it to the teacher to be discharged
- A student has allowed another student to borrow the book without returning it through the computer first
- If you know that the book has been returned, just send a short note to the librarian and we will search for it on the shelves.

### Damaged Books

If a book becomes damaged at home, please do not attempt to fix it yourself. The library has special equipment and the expertise to repair most books that have been damaged. You would be surprised at how well a damaged book can be repaired, however the job is much harder if we must undo what has been done at home.

Sometimes the book cannot be repaired if

- ♦ The book becomes wet and not allowed to dry properly
- ♦ The book is drawn on or written in
- ♦ The book is damaged by food waste
- ♦ Missing pages etc

If a book has been lost or damaged beyond repair you may be asked to pay the replacement cost of the book.

We need to look after our valuable resources for all to enjoy.

For this reason, your child will not be permitted to borrow if he or she does not have a library bag.

Thank you for your cooperation. Mrs Gladwell and Mrs Fogarty can be contacted in the library every day except Monday.

## REMEMBER OUR LIBRARY RULES





## **WORLD CUP FUNDRAISER**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of June, St Patrick's will be holding our World Cup Fundraiser at McCredie Oval. This will be our major fundraiser for the year to raise money for resources and furniture in the new buildings. Parents are invited to join us in the fun filled day of activities and to have a picnic lunch with your children. The World Cup Fundraiser will consist of students participating in activities such as bean bag archery, soccer goal shooting, Gymnastics and much more. Students will be allocated a country in their peer support group and will be required to complete 10 stations. Further information about the day will be provided in Term 2.

**We are seeking assistance from parents and friends of St Patrick's Primary School, Guildford in donating significant items for our World Cup Fundraiser. The World Cup Day will be held on Friday 15th of June.**

- ◇ Professional services (eg legal, design, hairdressing, personal training etc)
- ◇ Artwork, memorabilia and collectables
- ◇ Luxury treats (facials, massage etc)
- ◇ Homewares
- ◇ Holidays and travel (ie use of holiday house)
- ◇ Fine wines
- ◇ Trade services (eg landscaping, plumbing, electrical etc)
- ◇ Computers or home electrical
- ◇ Restaurant, experiences or hotel vouchers
- ◇ Movie or sporting event tickets/ packages
- ◇ Anything else you think may be of value as a donation!

All contributions are most welcome and will assist in providing better facilities and resources for your children in the future. If you would like to donate a prize, please fill in the form that has been handed out to your child or contact Miss Issa on [sissa7@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sissa7@parra.catholic.edu.au)



**Catherine McAuley Westmead**  
**School Open Morning**  
9.15 – 11am  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### **Enrolments for Year 7 2020**

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2020.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on our upcoming school tour especially for Year 7 2020 applicants but open to any year group. School tours later in the year get very crowded so beat the rush!

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.



**MyTime**  
supporting parents of  
children with disabilities



**New group started in 2018:**



MyTime **D.A.D.S** is a group aiming to connect male carers of children with a disability, developmental delay, or a chronic illness to a support network of other carers in similar situations. It's a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences. It's a world away from appointments and therapy. It's support for you.

All dads/male carers are welcome. It is a **FREE**, government funded service for families.

**D.A.D.S** meet fortnightly on Tuesday evenings. (During school terms)

**Term 2 dates:**

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm

**Where:** St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre,  
5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands.



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**Local Groups in Western Sydney**

**MyTime Westmead.**  
Domain Community Centre,  
1 Oakes St, Westmead.  
**Mondays 10:00am**

**MyTime Chester Hill.**  
Bill Lovelee Youth Centre,  
Banool St, Chester Hill.  
**Thursdays 10:00am**

**MyTime Prairiewood.**  
Good Start Preschool,  
510 Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood.  
**Saturdays 10:00am**

**MyTime St Mary's**  
St Mary's Public School, Preschool Building  
Gabriel lane, St Mary's  
**Saturdays 10:00am**

**MyTime D.A.D.S Group**  
St Margaret Mary's Parish Centre,  
5 Chetwynd Rd, Merrylands  
**Tuesdays (F/N) 7pm**