



St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 1, Term 4 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Mon 23rd	Clothing Pool 8.15am Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in Hall
Tue 24th	Year 4 Mission Talk Parent Group Meeting 2pm
Wed 25th	K-6 Mission Talk Yr 2 Mass 9.00am Year 4 Excursion to Reverse Garbage
Thur 26th	Year 3 Excursion to Homebush
Fri 27th	Work Teachers Day Choir Eisteddfod
Tue 31st	Confirmation 7pm

NOVEMBER

Wed 1st	Whole School Mass 9.00am All Saints Day
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REMINDER

School Fees are now overdue. Please pay any outstanding fees immediately. If you are having difficulties paying, please phone the School Office. Also please advise the office if you are intending to leave St Patrick's at the end of 2017.

WEEKLY VALUE –

Being Persistent

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last Sunday's Gospel tells the story of a king who invited people to the wedding of his son. Instead of taking up this invitation and enjoying the hospitality of the king, many just decided to refuse the invitation.

Put yourself in the same situation and imagine you were planning a birthday party. It was the party of your dreams. You made lots of great plans, invited all your favourite people and told them all about this terrific party you were having. Then, shortly before the party, people started calling and giving ridiculous excuses as to why they could not come. Think how that would make you feel.

When we invite people we care about, we feel badly when they can't come, even if they have a good excuse. It is just not as much fun when people we like aren't with us to enjoy something. But if we think they just don't want to come, that they really don't have a good excuse, that really make us feel upset.

We are invited to God's banquet. Jesus is trying to show us that we are all invited to eternal life with him in heaven. Jesus really wants us to be with him in heaven. That is because he loves us and cares about us. He has planned this wonderful surprise for us. But will we accept the invitation?

The invitation has already come—all we have to do is accept it.

Yours sincerely

Philip Mahony

Principal

Our next Parent Group meeting will be held next Tuesday 24th October at 2pm in the School Hall. All Parents are welcome to attend.

Due to a number of issues, the parking area on the vacant land across the road will be closed in the coming weeks. The following issues have influenced us to make this decision; damage has occurred to some of the plumbing in this area, parents not crossing the road safely with their children, plus the council requires certain regulations for parking areas. It will only be used on special occasions.

SCHOOL AND PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 6PM

REMINDER

Year 3 Excursion on Thursday 26th October at Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush. Students must be at school by 8:35am. It is expected we will be arriving at school later than the usual 2:45 dismissal, depending on traffic as we are leaving Olympic Park at 2:15. Please make alternative pick up arrangements for the day if your child usually catches a bus or goes to after school care.

Wear sports uniform and school hat.

What to bring: **A small backpack or school bag with your child's name clearly labelled. Food for sip and crunch, recess, lunch and a water bottle.** Please ensure your child is wearing **insect repellent and sunscreen (applied before school)**. They are also permitted to **bring sunscreen** to reapply throughout the day, as well as **wet weather gear** in case.

If your child has placed a form in for a lunch order, **they must** pick it up in the morning before school.

School Terms	2017	2018
Term1		Tuesday, 30 January to Friday, 13 April
Term 2		Monday, 30 April to Friday, 6 July
Term 3		Monday, 23 July to Friday, 28 September
Term 4	Monday, 09 October to Friday, 15 December	Monday, 15 October to Friday, 21 December

SYMPATHY



We would like to extend our condolences to Mr Lee and his family on the sudden death of his sister. Please remember them in your prayers.

Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal

Thomas Moore

****Easter Public Holidays 2018**

Good Friday 30th March
Easter Monday 2nd April

ST PATRICK'S CLOTHING POOL

The Clothing Pool will be open every two weeks on a Monday morning from 8.15am to 8.35am. **It will be open next Monday 23rd October.**

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****

ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS IN ONE PLACE...

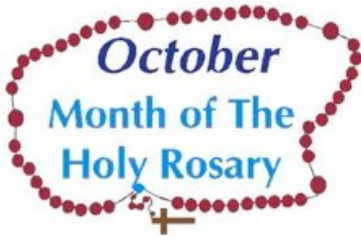
School uniforms for **St Patrick Guildford**

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

Boys shirts, shorts and trousers

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the rosary, but these additional prayers can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month, too.



The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic (1170- 1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

MASSSES

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

Week 3
Wednesday 25th October
9am Year 2 Mass
Ordinary Time 29

Week 4
Wednesday 1st November
9am Whole School Mass
All Saints Day



FEAST DAYS

17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch
18th October - St Luke
19th October - St Paul of the Cross
28th October - Sts Simon and Jude
1st November - All Saints
2nd November - All Soul's Day



CONFIRMATION

Please keep in your prayers the students of St Patrick's and our Parish as they prepare and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this month.

Diocesan Fees Schedule 2018

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2018

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal instalments. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools - see 'Sibling Discounts' below). To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

The 2018 Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$ 1,173	\$879	\$588
	Years 1 – 6	\$ 1,515	\$1,137	\$759
Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$ 2,100	\$1,575	\$1,050
	Years 9 – 10	\$ 2,331	\$1,749	\$1,167
	Years 11 – 12	\$ 2,976	\$2,232	\$1,488

INSTALMENT FEES	Charged in Terms 1,2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$391	\$293	\$196
	Years 1 – 6	\$505	\$379	\$253
Secondary	Years 7 – 8	\$700	\$525	\$350
	Years 9 – 10	\$777	\$583	\$389
	Years 11 – 12	\$992	\$744	\$496

The 2018 instalment rate is as follows:

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2018

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). The levy for 2018 is \$783 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$261.

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2018

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2018 is \$1,935 per student, payable in three equal instalments of \$645. The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

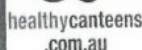
RESOURCE FEE 2018

The Resource Fee for 2018 will be \$120.00 per child. This fee will appear on your 2018 Term 1 statement. The fee covers the cost of stationery in the classrooms, exercise and handwriting books, art and craft classes and curriculum requisites. The fee is also used to assist with the employment of school cleaners, water rates & electricity costs; the maintenance & repairs of school resources; for costs involved in photocopying school newsletters, circulars, excursion & sports notes etc.

This fee is not tax deductible.

OTHER FEES

EXCURSION FEE	\$60 per student.
DANCE FEVER//GYMNASTICS K-6	\$36
SWIMMING K – 2	\$120
CANBERRA YEAR 6	\$225 (\$75 x3 instalments)



Your School Canteen News

Week 1
Term 4

Starting from 1st December, you will be able to collect 10 cents for each of your cans, bottles, popper drinks and more

The NSW Container Deposit Scheme is very similar to the one used in South Australia which gives you money for every container you take to a deposit depot

From 1st November, the NSW Government will charge manufacturers around 15 cents per drink. This will be then charged to shops

So start keeping your cans, bottles, Poppers and Up n Go's to earn some pocket money!

NEW

NEW School Canteen Menu

The new School Canteen Menu will start in Week 5 this year on Monday 6th November

In the next few weeks, your child will bring home a new, green coloured, glossy menu

There are lots of new yummy menu items and a few more Meal Deals

We also have a new \$4 Tuesday Lunch Deal

We will also put the new menu on the schools website for you to download



At Your School Canteen

***"Trolls"* Container to hold your Pencils or Lunch !**

Starting Week Three (Monday 23rd October).

Just go to the canteen and collect your Free Trolls Container

Free when you order any Meal Deal

* While Stocks Last

