



Newsletter 2, Term 1  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

Fri 23	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Wed 28	Year 5 Mass

### MARCH

Mon 6	Whole School Assembly
Wed 7	Year 4 Mass
Thur 8	Open Day

### ST PATRICK'S OPEN DAY

**MARCH 8, 2018**

**ALL WELCOME**

## WEEKLY VALUE –

Speaking with  
Respect

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Catholic Schools Week 2018

#### Communication to Parents and Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

This year from 4 - 10 March 2018 St Patrick's School, Guildford will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

***Our theme for CSW 2018 is 'Every learner, every day:  
TRANSFORMING LEARNING'.***

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.

During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us at St Patrick's on 8<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate with our school and parish community during Catholic Schools Week 2018.

**Our school will celebrate by having Open Classrooms from 10.00am to 10.30am. You are then welcome to then stay and have morning tea with your child/children.**

This is an ideal opportunity to support our community of St Patrick's and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

This special week on the Catholic Schools' calendar provides an opportunity for the community to recognise our committed and gifted teachers and support staff for their work in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Patrick's and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Once again, Australian Catholic Superannuation is a proud sponsor of Catholic Schools Week 2018 and we greatly appreciate their generous participation. I encourage you to visit the Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund's website at [www.catholicsuper.com.au](http://www.catholicsuper.com.au).

Yours sincerely

Philip Mahony

Principal

### **FROM THE PARENT GROUP**

Welcome back for another year at St Patrick's.

We had a very successful fundraising year last year and look forward to the events planned for this year.

Our last fundraising event last year was at the Christmas Concert where we raised around \$1000.

Thank you to Sam and the committee members from last year who did a wonderful job organising all the events.

The new nominated Committee members for 2018 are:

President: Rebecca Bou-Said

Vice President: Rania Antoun

Treasurer: Linda Ranieri

Secretary: Jen Lawlor

Fundraising: Berna Nahas

Mary Contreas

Rachelle Yaacoub

Hospitality: Rima Saady

Julia Baalbaki

Our first fundraising event for this year will be for St Patrick's Day and details will follow soon.



### ***Thank You***

On behalf of the students we sincerely thank Mrs Samantha Khattar and her committee for the great support during 2017 and we look forward to working with the new committee in 2018.

Mr Philip Mahony

### **FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR**

Last Tuesday we had 4 students attend the Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Pool. Well done to Joshua Homairi, Yenuli Peiris, Ethan Schembri and Nicholas McGregor for representing St Patrick's with pride.

Congratulations and good luck to Ethan, who will be going on to represent St Patrick's at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival this Friday.

### **FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS**

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome to another week of school. We hope all the Kindergartens are settled and are having fun with their new teachers and friends. This week Mr Meoli has started a sports club for year 5 & 6, we hope all students can participate. We also have free time for students who are behaving in and out of the classroom. As Vice Captains of 2018 we promise to respect and make good decisions and lead our school in the right way. We hope all students have a great and fun year.

Kind Regards,

Chanelle and Daniel

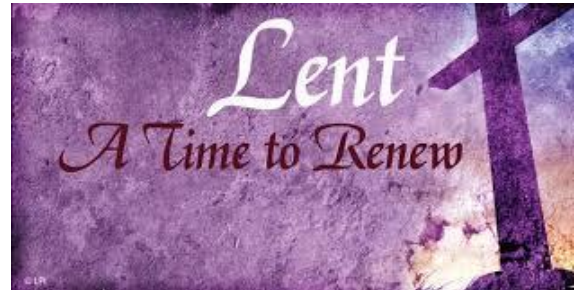
**FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

**Lenten Reflection**

Has anyone asked you what you have given up for Lent? Have you asked your friends the same question? Have you talked about this in school or within your family? Normally, during Lent, people prepare themselves spiritually for Jesus' resurrection on Easter. Giving something up is a sacrifice, and is one way of preparing. There are other ways as well, which will be discussed later. When you make Lenten resolutions, these are like promises you make between yourself and God. What have you given up?

**Reflection & Prayer**

The story of Noah and the Flood is very familiar to us all. After this event, God made a promise or covenant with Noah. He set a rainbow in the clouds as a symbol and a reminder of this covenant. Today is only the first Sunday of Lent. How will you remember to fulfill your resolutions throughout the rest of this long period?



*Lord God, you who established a lasting covenant with me,  
help me to be faithful to my promises to you.  
Help me to find my way back to you.*

*Help me to work hard this Lent and to serve others as your son Jesus did.*

**MASSES**

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

Week 5

Wednesday 28th February

9am Year 5 Mass

*2nd Week of Lent*



Week 6

Wednesday 7th March

9am Year 4 Mass

*Sts Perpetua and Felicity*

**FEAST DAYS**

22nd February - The Chair of St Peter

23rd February - St Polycarp

7th March - Sts Perpetua and Felicity

8th March - St John of God

9th March - St Frances of Rome

## 2018 Sacrament Information

Please note the following dates for your diary. Parents need to attend the Parent Meeting for the Sacrament that they wish to enrol their child in. The table below is taken from the Pastoral Letter from the Parramatta Diocese and indicates whether your child is eligible to receive the sacrament in the Catholic Church. St Patrick's Parish Guildford follows these guidelines.



### Penance

Who: Yr 2 children and those in Yrs 3-6 who have not received it.

Penance Parent Information Meeting: 11th April 6pm

First Penance is celebrated during school time as a class due to the nature of the sacrament.



### Eucharist

Who: Yr 3 children and those in Yrs 4-6 who have not received it.

First Eucharist Parent Information Meeting: 13th June 6pm

First Eucharist will be celebrated in the month of August. Dates will be allocated after the information Session.



### Confirmation

Who: Yr 5 children and those in Yr 6 who have not received it.

Confirmation Parent Meeting: 22nd August 6pm

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 4th November 6pm

Yours in Christ,  
Wardeh Khoury

## Table of Initiation

The following table clarifies eligibility and for which sacraments a child ought to be presented.

Autonomous Ritual Catholic Churches		
Church of Baptism	Sacraments received when baptised	Later stages of sacramental process
Latin (Roman) Catholic Church	Baptism only	Penance, Confirmation, & Eucharist
Maronite Church	Baptism & Confirmation	Penance & Eucharist
Melkite Catholic Church	Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist	Penance only
Syro-Malabar Catholic Church	Generally Baptism only; more recently confirmation may have also been celebrated. Pay careful attention to details on baptism certificate.	Generally Penance, Confirmation & Eucharist BUT Penance & Eucharist if they received Confirmation as an infant.
Coptic Catholic Church	Baptism & Confirmation	Penance & Eucharist
Armenian Catholic	Baptism & Confirmation	Penance & Eucharist
Chaldean Catholic Church	Baptism & Confirmation	Penance & Eucharist
Ukrainian Catholic Church	Baptism & Confirmation	Penance & Eucharist
Those not in communion with the Catholic Church		
Anglican	Children baptised into a non-Catholic church ought to continue sacramental formation within the particular tradition into which they were baptised.	
Protestant		
Orthodox: Greek Russian Antiochian Coptic	Such children ought not to be enrolled in a Catholic sacramental process.	





# SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



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We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school.  
Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more  
vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.





# CERDON COLLEGE MERRYLANDS

*Aspire to Great Heights*



## OPEN DAY

**Tuesday 6 March 2018**

Come along  
anytime between  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Sherwood Road  
Merrylands

Cerdon College continued its fine record in the HSC with another year of excellent results and congratulates its 2017 HSC students.

### **MANY FINE INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WERE ACHIEVED-**

- Three students were awarded for All Round Excellence in the HSC.
- 140 Cerdon College Band 6 achievers were acknowledged in the HSC Honour Roll of All Round Achievers.
- 54.7% of all results were Band 5 or Band 6 results.
- 84.5% of all results were above Band 4.
- One student placed 2nd in State in PDHPE
- One student placed 3rd in State in Legal Studies
- One student placed 3rd in State in Croatian
- One student placed 4th in State in Italian Extension
- One student placed 4th in State in Croatian
- 11 subjects more than 5 marks above the State average

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# Delany College

Every learner, every day:  
**TRANSFORMING LIVES**

**ENROL  
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## **DELANY COLLEGE'S OPEN DAY**

**Friday, 9 March 2018**

### **SESSION 1 at 9-10am: LEARNING IN ACTION**

Walk through our learning spaces and witness learning in action.  
Contemporary teaching & learning combined to provide quality education.  
Academic programs designed to bring out the best in your child.

### **SESSION 2 at 2.30-6pm: MEET OUR DELANY COMMUNITY**

Free Rides, Free Games, Free Sausage Sizzle