



St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

12 th	First Communion
13 th	First Communion
14 th	Peer Support 1.15pm
15 th	Whole School Mass – the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.00am
16 th	Delany Cup 1 -2.45pm
19 th	First Communion
20 th	First Communion
21 st	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm
23 rd	Yr 1 Mass 9am Parent Meeting for Confirmation 6pm in Hall

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The school has a new phone number. The old phone number will still operate for the next 6 months

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NOT IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN!

By Michael Grose

The things parents say in front of their children have wide-ranging effects on their learning, confidence and behaviour.

Ever said something about another person in front of your children, only to hear one of the kids repeat those words in public when the subject of your comments is around? Yes, children's blatant honesty can embarrass the hell out of their parents. We need to be mindful of what we say in front of our children. But being embarrassed by our children is only half the communication story. As celebrated US psychologist Martin Seligman found in his ground-breaking research about optimism, children usually reflect the explanatory style of their primary parent by the age of eight. So, for instance, if a parent is a raging pessimist there's every chance that their kids will pick up and convey the same 'woe is me' way of viewing the world from an early age. As parents, this means we need to be really mindful of how we present the world to our kids. Kids take their cues from parents as trusted adults. But it's not just with optimism or pessimism that we need to be careful about our messaging. Kids take their cues from their parents as they work out how to behave and belong in all sorts of ways. Tell a child he has a learning difficulty and he'll believe it. Tell a child she has a behaviour problem and she will believe that. Tell them they are no good at maths and the message will more than likely stick. And why not? Children look at parents as wise, trusted adults who know a thing or two about the world. Even adolescents, who are renowned for wanting to challenge the authority and world view of their parents, still use their parents as significant reference points. Parents who talk down other people – including teachers, friends and family members – in the vicinity of their children are teaching those kids to devalue those same people. Even when we vent about someone else out of sheer frustration we are shaping our children's views about those people. For all these reasons, as parents we need to be so careful about the messages we give out.

Friday 18th August
FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

Jersey Day
Multi Day

WEEKLY VALUE – Being Honest

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The weather was perfect for the competitors at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Tuesday. Every student put in their biggest efforts in their selected events. St Patrick's was well represented both in sportsmanship and behaviour. A big thanks to our parent helpers who assisted throughout the day. A big mention to William Memea Epe who was the Junior Boy Equal runner up for the day. Many of our students will have the opportunity to compete at the Diocesan carnival to be held later in August.

Results from Tuesday include:

3rd for the Junior Boys relay team (Andre Elias, George Tatian, William Memea Epe and Jae-Min Williams)

3rd for the Senior Girls relay team (Tereza Al Hakim, Ruve Somerfield, Clara El Bayssari and Talia Virzi)

1st in Junior Boys Shot Put for Felise Taufua'ao

1st and 3rd in 11 years Boys Shot Put for Enrkyo Memea Epe and Edwin Langi respectively

3rd in Senior Boys Shot Put for Nathan Kady

1st in Junior Boys 800m for Jae-Min Williams

2nd in 12 Years Girls 100m for Talia Virzi

2nd in Senior Girls 200m and 4th in 12 Years Girls 100m for Tereza Al Hakim

1st in 8 Years Boys 100m and 3rd in Junior Boys Long Jump for William Memea Epe

3rd in Senior Boys Long Jump, 4th in Senior Boys 200m and 4th in 12 Years Boys 100m for Dominic McGregor. *See photos on back page.*

NSW ALL SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE

On Monday 31st July, our Opens Rugby League team represented the Parramatta area at the NSW All Schools Rugby League Carnival. The boys performed brilliantly during the rounds then the quarter final before the rain came tumbling down. We only had 13 boys attend and after the Canberra excursion, a number were quite ill but continued to battle on.

In the semi-final we came up against a team from Scone who were very quick across the park. Unfortunately a few dropped balls in the wet conditions gave Scone an early lead which we were unable to get back going down 18-12 in the end. It was a great effort from the boys to finish in the Top 4 Primary Schools in the State.

I would like to thank the parents who came along and supported the boys and to Camille Semrani, Jeremy Tito and Paul Kady for running the team on the day. Congratulations to all the boys. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Stephen Lee
Assistant Principal

REMINDER

When you shop at Woolworth's, don't forget to collect the Earn & Learn Stickers.



FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

THE ASSUMPTION

August 15th is the day that Catholics have long celebrated what is called the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven.

The Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation -- one of the most important feasts of the Church year.

There is an important difference, of course, between the ascension of Jesus into Heaven after His Resurrection, and the assumption of Mary. To ascend is to rise up under one's own power; while to be assumed means something that is done

to one. Jesus, being the Second Person of the Trinity, had no need of assistance; whereas Mary did not have this power. She was carried up by the angels.

The Assumption is a source of great hope for us, too, for it points the way for all followers of Christ who imitate her fidelity and obedience to God's will.



ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

We celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on the 8th of August.



St Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne 1842 and died in Sydney 1909. She began a new form of religious life – The Sisters of St Joseph-to provide education for children in isolated areas and the poor. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and offered special care to destitute women and children.

She took the name Mary of the Cross and is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny and for her abiding trust in God's providence. She is Australia's first saint.

The Sisters of St Joseph continued to do her work long after her death and until today. They founded our school, St Patrick's Primary School Guildford in 1910.

We are proud to be associated with Mary MacKillop and are inspired daily to live out her vision and that of her Sisters through our own Mission Statement "Making a Difference".

First Holy Communion



Please keep in your prayers the students of our school and parish as they prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time during August.



Confirmation

Parents who have children in Yr 5 or 6 who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend a **compulsory** Parent Meeting on 23rd August at 6pm in the Hall.

MASSES

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

Week 5

Tuesday 15th August
9am Whole School Mass
Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation

Week 6

Wednesday 23rd August
9am Year 1 Mass
Ordinary Time 20



FEAST DAYS

8th August - St Mary of the Cross Mackillop
10th August - St Lawrence
11th August - St Clare
14th August - St Maximillian Mary Koble
15th August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- holy day of obligation
21st August - St Pius X
22nd August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury*

Zone Athletics Carnival

