



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

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### NOVEMBER

Mon 6th	Clothing Pool 8.15am
Wed 8th	Mass Year 1 9.00am Choir Excision to the Opera House
Thur 9th	Parramatta Marist Orientation
Fri 10th	Harmony Day Remembrance Day Ceremony
Mon 13th	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in the hall
Wed 15th	Kindergarten Mass 9am

### **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  
6th November.**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last Friday our school choir attended the Inaugural Catholic Education Department Parramatta Captivate Eisteddfod at Plumpton. Under the direction of Mrs Kathryn Criss the choir performed outstandingly and won the Eisteddfod. Congratulations to all the choir members and Mrs Criss for this great achievement.

Three students, Diya Badawi, Therese Hanna and Carys Atienza were selected to record our school song with Andrew Chin from Butterfly Music last Monday. We are looking forward to hearing the new recording and singing the school song at assemblies.

While 2018 is still more than 2 months away, preparation for the new school year has already begun. Soon, teachers will be meeting to organize classes for next year. Teachers spend a lot of time trying to give every child the best learning environment in which to learn. Consideration is given to balancing social, academic and behavioural needs so that all classes are equal. As is our policy, if you have any reason for your child not to be placed in the same class as another student I ask you to let me know, in writing, stating your reason. While every request will be given consideration, please understand that it may not be possible to accommodate all requests.

Finally, if your child will be leaving St Patrick's school (other than our Year 6 children), please let the office know as soon as possible. You must give 10 weeks notice. We have a long list of families wanting to enrol their children in our school and, with very limited vacancies, it is not always possible to accept their enrolments.

Recently a number of students have not complied with the Uniform and Grooming Policy with unacceptable haircuts and incorrect hair ribbons. Please ensure that your child's haircuts are neat and tidy with no major undercuts.

Yours sincerely  
Philip Mahony  
Principal

**WEEKLY VALUE –  
Being Persistent**

## **HARMONY DAY**

The message for Harmony Day this year is “Everyone Belongs”.  
At St. Patrick’s we will be having a small celebration on:

**FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**

We are asking the children to wear something orange  
(if possible) as this is the colour for Harmony Day.



## **KINDERGARTEN 2018**

Letters giving session times for Orientation Day to be held on November 17th have been sent to parents who have enrolled their children in St Patricks for 2018. We would like to ask these parents to pay the \$120.00 Acceptance Fee now or as soon as possible. This would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

## **ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL**

We have a large number of children arriving at the school office after the bell goes. The children should be at the school by 8.35am. When the children arrive late they are marked on the roll with a partial absence which is then reflected on their school reports so parents please have the children to school on time.

## **OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**



Our library is an important part of our school and contains many valuable books and resources that can be borrowed by your child on a weekly basis.

If your child is told that they have an overdue book they need to look for the book at home and in their classroom and return it immediately to the library or they may not be allowed to borrow. If they think they have returned the book to the library, please ask them to come and check on the shelves or send a note to the library or class teacher.

If we cannot find the books on the shelves, a note will be sent home and you will be charged a replacement fee.

**It is an audit requirement that we account for all our books and resources, so it is important that your child’s library books are returned.**

**If your child is leaving St. Patrick’s at the end of this year, please make sure that they do not have any overdue library books as these records carry forward to their new school.**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PARENT GROUP**

We are calling for items to be donated for our 2017 Christmas Hampers. All donations would be greatly appreciated and can be given to the school office.

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Congratulations to the students who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday night. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit inspire you to be Christ-like in your daily lives.

Thank you to the teachers: Mr Bladwell, Mrs Williams, Mrs Chatten and Mr Lee for preparing the students to receive this sacrament of initiation.

### **Crazy Sock and Hat Day**

Well done St Patrick's for participating in Crazy Sock and Hat day! As a result from this day a total of \$845.15 was raised. This money will be sent to Catholic Missions at the end of the term together with any further contributions to the class mission boxes for the rest of the year. Thank you to all Parents for encouraging and supporting our outreach projects throughout the year.

### **Religious Education Literacy Assessment**

Late last term the students of Years 4 and Year 6 Students participated in the online assessment of Religious knowledge. In addition to this, Year 4 students also had a creative task as a response to their units of work "Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing." The overall reports from this assessment and letter will be sent home this week with your child in Years 4 and 6 stating their level of achievement in each domain. This is only one form of assessment that will be taken into consideration to grade and report on your child's progress in Religious Education at the end of this year.

## **ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY**

November 1st is a special day called the feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. We go to Mass and remember that all these holy people are happy with God.

Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. Some of these people are members of our family, our friends, and our neighbours. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of these people were so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven. Do you know the names of some of these saints?



Saints are people who love Jesus and share his love with others. We can all live like the saints even while we are still on earth. God calls each of us to be saints. We become saints by doing things like those we just mentioned. Then when we die, we will live with God in heaven.

On this feast of All Souls November 2nd, and throughout the entire month of November, we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of heaven in purgatory. We pray for them, remembering that likewise these people being purified have the power to intercede us too.

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## **MASSES**

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



### **Week 5**

Wednesday 8th November  
9am Year 1 Mass  
*Ordinary Time 31*

### **Week 6**

Wednesday 15th November  
9am Kindergarten Mass  
*Ordinary Time 32*

## **FEAST DAYS**

1st November - All Saints  
2nd November - All Soul's Day  
4th November - St Charles Borromeo  
9th November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
10th November - St Leo the Great  
11th November - St Martin of Tours  
15th November - St Albert the Great



## **REPRESENT OUR DIOCESE: SHARE YOUR WISDOM**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for greater participation of lay people through new advisory councils. Please consider nominating or encourage someone you know. Details, including the nomination kit, are available from [parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils) or by contacting Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

*Let perpetual light shine upon them,  
with your Saints forever, for you are merciful.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them,  
with your Saints forever, for you are merciful.  
Amen.*

Yours in Christ,  
Wardeh Khoury

## **CAPTIVATE EISTEDDFOD AT PLUMPTON.**



### **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