



# St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### NOVEMBER

17th	Kindergarten Orientation Catherine McAuley Orientation
20th	Athlete's foot—Infants Tying Shoe Laces Lesson
22nd	Year 6 Mass
23rd	Gymnastic Comp at OLMC Orientation
28th	Fairfield St Pats Orientation
29th	Year 5 Mass

### 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 November 20th.**



**SCHOOL AND PARISH  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
WEDNESDAY 6TH  
DECEMBER AT 6PM**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It was announced early this week that Sr. Lucy Vo has been appointed Religious Education Co-ordinator for St. Teresa's Denistone. Her Religious Order has asked Sr. Lucy to move into a Leadership role in her education career. While this is exciting and challenging news for Sr. Lucy, we at St. Patrick's will miss her dearly.

Miss Deanna Russo will be complete her time at St. Patrick's at the end of the year. Miss Russo is heading back home to Perth and will be teaching at Holy Cross in Ellenbrook in 2018.

We sincerely thank Sr. Lucy and Miss Russo for their Valuable contribution to St. Patrick's School community over the last few years and wish them well in their new roles and schools.

Finally the D.A. from Cumberland Council has been approved and construction of the new Administration building will commence shortly. Therefore there will be movement around the school with the Library moving to the Hall, the Kindergarten to the present Library and the Music and Art rooms moving to the present Kindergarten rooms.

During construction the parking around the school will become more difficult. Please take care and be patient so we always keep the safety of the students our first priority.

Yours sincerely  
Philip Mahony  
Principal

## WEEKLY VALUE – Show Compassion

### CHOIR

Senior members of our choir enjoyed an excursion to the Sydney Opera House with Mrs Criss and Mrs Lendvai to watch a performance of Oscar Wilde's, "The Young King". We all had an amazing time.



## **FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MISS RUSSO**

Dear parents and students,

It is with mixed emotion that I wish to announce that this will be my last year teaching at St Patrick's primary school. I am sad to leave the wonderful community in which I have had the pleasure to work within. However, the time has come that I have decided to move back home to Western Australia this brings me great joy as I will be closer to my family.

I would like to thank all of the parents, students, teachers and everyone in the St Patrick's community for welcoming and accepting me with open arms into their lives.

I will always hold a special place in my heart for each and everyone of you.

I am sorry that I will not be around to experience the wonderful building developments which will be taking place at St Patrick's. This will create wonderful new learning spaces for the teachers and children. I will be sure to pop in when I get a chance to see the progress.

The school is under great guidance and care with Mr Mahony. May you all continue to grow and learn together in happiness, harmony and love.

May God Bless You All!

## **FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR**

### **2018 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials**

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 27th October as these trials will be held in November 2017.

All other sport registrations will open in November for 2018 trials.

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2017 and Term One in 2018. In some sports students in Year 4 MAY nominate.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the child's school. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

**St Patrick's Swimming carnival will be held on Monday 11th December 2017 at Merrylands Pool. Parents, if you haven't already sent in the Transport and Entry Forms for your children, please do so now. There is a copy of the notes attached to this newsletter.**

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

### PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On the 21st November, we celebrate the memorial of the Presentation of Mary in the temple. This feast recalls a legend that Mary's parents dedicated her to God at the temple when she was three years old. In the temple, she joined the girls who spent their days praying, reading Scripture, and serving the temple priests. Mary's life was grace-filled and wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

*We ask Mary to pray for us to fulfill God's plan for our life.*

*Where we may stray onto a road not chosen,*

*May her hand guide us back to where God wants us to be.*

*Where we need to wait for a new plan to begin,*

*Give us the grace to remain patient and say, "Your will be done."*

*Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.*



### CHRIST THE KING

On Sunday 26th November we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Christ the King. This is the last Sunday of the Church's year in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. The feast of Christ the King celebrates the fact that there is one who is remarkably different. He came to serve all, even His enemies. He truly was a Son of Man, with a vulnerable human nature. Many people were waiting for a Messiah that would be a mighty and powerful ruler to save their nation. Rather than executing His opponents, He forgave them. Rather than dominating His subjects, He exalted them. He even called them not servants, but friends, and bestowing on them a share in His priesthood and kingship. Christ was victorious in life and death.



### MASSES

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

#### **Week 7**

Wednesday 22nd November

9am Year 6 Mass

*Ordinary Time 2*

#### **Week 8**

Wednesday 29th November

9am Year 5 Mass

*Ordinary Time 34*



### FEAST DAYS

16th November - St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude

17th November - St Elizabeth of Hungary

18th November - Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

21st November - The Presentation Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

22nd November - St Cecilia

23rd November - St Clement I, St Columban

24th November - Sts Andrew Dung- Lac

25th November - St Catherine of Alexandria

26th November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

30th November - St Andrew

3rd December- **ADVENT BEGINS**



Yours in Christ,  
Wardeh Khoury



## **ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM**

### **Worm farm and Herb and Veggie Garden**

Yes it is finally here. With the money we have raised for fruit and veg and crunch and sip week we have been able to set up our very own worm factory and herb and veggie patch. Thank you to the Holroyd City Council for providing the worm factory. With the money we have raised from selling apple slinkies, we were able to purchase the worms and other items needed to set up everything.

Thank you to the group of year 4 environmental team students, year 6 students and Mr Bourke who helped get everything up and running. The year 4 students are already very efficient in making sure the worms are fed and the garden is watered. We still have a few extra surprises to add to the garden before the end of the year.

This is a great way for students to learn early how to recycle fruit and veg scraps and learn how the worms turn the food into compost and liquid fertilizer, perfect for the garden. They can also watch the garden grow and eventually get to sample our own fresh produce.

Miss Issa will be organizing the students environmental team which will mostly consist of year 5 early next year. If there are any parents who have a current working with children check and are willing to dedicate a little of their time each week to help Miss Issa oversee the jobs the students are doing in regards to the maintenance of the worm factory, garden and other school environmental initiatives, such as waste free lunch boxes, it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact Miss Issa early term 1.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Talal Khanafer the manager of Trim's fresh fruit and veg at Merrylands Stocklands for supplying the lovely fresh produce for our Harmony Day fruit and veg platters. Also a big thank you to the parent group who prepared the platters for the day.

Keep our school beautiful!

Miss Russo



# Premier's Reading Challenge

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** for 2017 began on February 1 and concluded on September 8. St Patrick's achieved some excellent results in 2017 with 157 students completing the challenge. A special congratulations to all the students in gold and silver who received special awards. Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge:

## KINDERGARTEN

- Akenese He'Ofa Amone
- Sofia Ashkar
- Jacinta Bazouni
- Joseph Bouchdan
- Patrick Chami
- Charbel El-Koura
- Isaac Hasham
- Alexia Hashim
- Julian Kalouche
- Makayla Keirouz
- Leila-Maria Khoury
- Eva Lourenco
- Brandon Makdessi
- Joseph Makhoul
- Jayden Mokdassi
- Joseph Yabac

## Year 1

- Pesi Amone
- Adriana Antoun
- David Antoun
- Michael Azzi
- Zoe Bodiam
- Marcel Chehade
- Alexander Dib
- Alexander El Maalouf
- Kayla Elias
- Mya Elias
- Gabriella Emmi
- Jessica Emmi
- Christiana Harb
- Isaiah Johnston
- John Kalouche
- Austin Lawlor
- Maribelle Nahas
- Eden Perera
- Lauren Silvestre

## Year 2

- 'Ilaisa Futa Helu Amone
- Cayla Reese Atienza
- Sara Baltasar
- John Paul Chakty
- Sienna Contreras
- Isabella El-Khoury
- Mario El Bayssari
- Isabella Elias
- Analise Hallit
- Elizabeth Hasham
- Lucas Kady
- Serena Kartabani
- Brayden Keirouz
- Georgina Khalouf
- Madaiene Makhoul
- Tony Moubarak
- Francis Nahas
- Zachary Opoku
- Sienna Saad
- Leon Salem
- Isabella Scaltrito
- Raquel Ters
- Ashwini Wijesinghe
- Selene Yacoub

## Year 3

- Maryanne Antoun
- Justin Bazouni
- Isaiah El Khoury Hanna
- Nathan El-Koura
- Sienna Geha
- Aaliyah Johnston
- Christiana Kaliffe
- Elias Khoury
- Harrison Lawlor
- Mary Moubarak
- Teresa-Maree Saba
- Christina Salloum
- Andrew Scaltrito
- Patrick Tannous
- Lara Zeydan

## Year 4

- Tia Ammari
- Jamieleen Amone
- **Angelina Aoun**
- Reign Atienza
- Madeleine Azizi
- **James Baltasar**
- Roni Burchdan
- **Mikayla Camilleri**
- Charlise Chakty
- Jamie Chalfe
- Ava Dib
- Elyssa Eid
- **John-Paul El Bacha**

- Angelina El Maalouf
- Wissal El-Morabi
- **Gabriella El-Ters**
- **Alexander Elias**
- Andre Elias
- Frank Emmi
- Bianca Fares
- Annelise Harb
- Tatiyana Harb
- Charbel Hechme
- **Jerome Issac**
- Aidan Johnstone
- Luka Katovcic

- Elissa Langi
- **Mikayla Londy**
- Veronica Maatouk
- **Teresa Maka**
- Maria Makhlof
- Amy Makko
- Malake Moubarak
- James Moujaes
- Maroun Nasrallah
- Ethan Roberts
- **Tracey Rodricks**
- Christine Sahyoun
- Ethan Schembri
- **John Yasbic**

## Year 5

- John Antoun
- Chanelle Azzi
- Alyssa Bodiam
- Hannah Chami
- Mark-Antony Chehade
- Chanel Finianos

- Victoria Hasham
- Jayden Hashim
- Charlize Hekeik
- Erika Issac
- Thomas Lawlor
- Reyad Makdessi
- Rafaella Makhlof

- Eevi Opano
- Yenuli Peiris
- Charlize Roberts
- **Tayla Saba**
- Deanna Ters
- Troy Vakauta
- Lea Zeydan

## Year 6

- Diya Badawi
- Christian Camilleri
- Anthony Chami
- Ashlee Dib
- Lara El Bacha
- Clara El Bayssari
- Christian El-Kour

- Charlotte Harb
- Cynthia Maka
- Charlotte Meafoou
- Georgina Moujalli
- Mikaela Nasrallah
- Joseph Nguyen
- Carlson Perez

- Michaela Tannous
- Adarsh Wijesingh
- Nicholas Hasham
- David Jacobson
- Nathan Kady
- Joshua Kahila
- Jonathan Kaliffe
- Joseph Khalil
- Edwin Langi

11th October, 2017

## **ST PATRICK'S SHORT COURSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2017**

Dear Parents,

Our school swimming carnival will be held for children **Years Three to Six on**

Date: **Monday 11th DECEMBER, 2017**

Venue: **Merrylands Pools.**

The students will be able to compete in 50m, 25m and novelty events depending on their confidence and ability. It is **highly recommended** that you take time to sit and discuss with your child which events are appropriate as we will be using the 50m pool for those students who are competent squad swimmers and wish to compete for a spot in the 2017 Zone Carnival. Entry notes attached.

Due to the cost of the transport, we are allowing parents to transport their children to the pool by car. Buses will be available for students who are unable to be driven on the day. Due to the organisation of this, we are asking for information from parents as to the travel arrangements of the students.

Please fill out the information below and return to the class teacher by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 (Term 4 Week 3).**

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick the appropriate information for your child's transportation on the 11th December for the St Patrick's Swimming Carnival to Merrylands Pool.*

My child will be

My child will be attending the swimming carnival on the 11th December.

My child will not be attending the swimming carnival on the 11th December.

Travelling by bus, with the school, to the pool in the morning.

Returning to school, by bus, at the conclusion of the carnival.

Travelling by car with a parent or guardian to the pool in the morning by 9:30am.

Going home from the pool with a parent/guardian at the conclusion of the carnival.

Going home from the pool with another adult at the conclusion of the carnival.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Entry Form

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Champions

***If you enter the 50m Championship races you can not enter the 25m or novelty races as they will be in different areas of the pool centre. Students will compete against students that were born in the same year in Freestyle only. Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly compete in Junior, 11 years and Senior age groups.***

Circle the events you will participate in.

## Open Individual Medley (4 laps of 50m pool)

## 100m Open Freestyle Events (2 laps of 50m pool)

## 50m Events

Backstroke (Jun, 11 Years, Sen)      Butterfly (Jun, 11 Years, Sen)

## 25m Events

## Backstroke (Jun, 11 Years, Sen)

### Novelty- Competing in grades

Kickboarding

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Due back to class teachers by 3rd November 2017**