



Newsletter 4, Term 1
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St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH	
Fri 23	Harmony/Bullying No Way Day
Mon 26	Mufti Day – Children to bring in Easter Eggs 2.00pm Whole School Assembly
Wed 28	9.15 Year 2 Mass
Thu 29th	Holy Thursday Yrs 3 & 4 Stations of the Cross 1.45pm
Fri 30	Good Friday Public Holiday
APRIL	
Mon 2	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tue 3	School Returns Cross Country at McCredie Oval

**2019 KINDERGARTEN
ENROLMENTS ARE NOW
OPEN**

**APPLICATIONS CAN BE
PICKED UP AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Last Friday we had a wonderful day celebrating St Patrick's Day. At Mass Fr. Peter explained how St Patrick was bullied when he was taken as a slave and how St Patrick used his life experience to help the people of Ireland rather than to retaliate. All this week at St Patrick's school we have been focusing on what is bullying and how to say 'NO WAY to BULLYING.'

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved. Together, let's try to distinguish between hurtful or unkind behaviours and bullying behaviours. Children, especially young children, are still learning how to get along with each other as this is normal.

They need parents, teachers and other adults to model **kindness, respect, resilience, conflict resolution and responsibility.**

Yours sincerely
Philip Mahony
Principal

WEEKLY VALUE – *Playing in a Friendly Manner*

Monday 26th March – MUFTI DAY



Children To bring in an Easter Egg donation.

AGILE LEARNING SPACES, WHAT ABOUT MY CHILD? WILL THEY BE MISSED?

Every child at St Patrick's is seen, as a special individual with their own needs, interests and learning styles. Roll class teachers within an agile learning space are the primary source for teaching, nurturing and caring for your child's individual needs. It is the 'roll class' teacher who tracks and monitors your child's learning progress and informs you as parents how your child is progressing.

However in an agile learning space all teachers share in the responsibility of teaching and learning of your child. All teachers within the space develop effective teaching and learning relationships to ensure maximum learning growth of every child. Teachers talk about your child and work together to meet their needs. Instead of one set of eyes observing your child's learning in an agile learning space you now have three or four sets of eyes, what a unique opportunity to ensure your child is never missed.

Tracy Hoey

ST PATRICK'S WORLD CUP FUNDRAISER

We are seeking assistance from parents and friends of St Patrick's Primary School, Guildford in donating significant items for our World Cup Fundraiser. The World Cup Day will be held on Friday 15th of June.

- Professional services (eg legal, design, hairdressing, personal training etc)
- Artwork, memorabilia and collectables
- Luxury treats (facials, massage etc)
- Homewares
- Holidays and travel (ie use of holiday house)
- Fine wines
- Trade services (eg landscaping, plumbing, electrical etc)
- Computers or home electrical
- Restaurant, experiences or hotel vouchers
- Movie or sporting event tickets/ packages
- Anything else you think may be of value as a donation!

Thank you to Mr Anthony Rahme from Brooklyn's Pizza Pasta Bar who has donated \$150 worth of vouchers towards the St Patrick's World Cup Fundraiser. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we are proud to have you as a sponsor.

All contributions are most welcome and will assist in providing better facilities and resources for your children in the future. If you would like to donate a prize, please fill in the form that has been handed out to your child or contact Miss Issa on sissa7@parra.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for generously supporting St Patrick's Primary School.

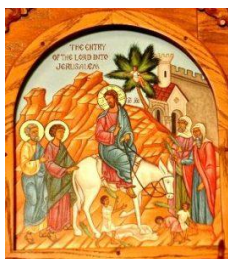
PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Your child will be given their Username and Password in the next two weeks. Please collect it from them and keep it in a safe place at home.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

LENTEN REFLECTION

John was enthusiastic when the family was getting ready to go to Mass. “Why are you so excited about going to Church this Sunday?” asked his sister. “Because”, he said, “it will be Palm Sunday and there will be a special procession at Church. We will all get palms to bring home!”



Reflection & Prayer

This Sunday is actually the 6th Sunday of Lent! Has it seemed like a long time to you? Did you ever wonder if Lent would ever end? Well, you should get enthused, because Palm Sunday means that Easter is only a week away! This Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, ultimately to suffer and die for us. That is why the day is also called Passion Sunday. It is a day to renew our resolutions for the week to come.

*Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth.
Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus.
Help me to be with Jesus in this Holy Week as he
demonstrates again his total love for me.
He died so that I would no longer be separated from you.
Help me to feel how close you are
and to live this final week of Lent in your love.*

MASSES

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

Week 8

Wednesday 21st March

9.15am Year 3 Mass

5th Week of Lent



Week 9

Wednesday 28th March

9.15am Year 2 Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week

Week 10

Wednesday 4th April

9.15am Whole School

Easter Mass

FEAST DAYS

25th March - Palm Sunday

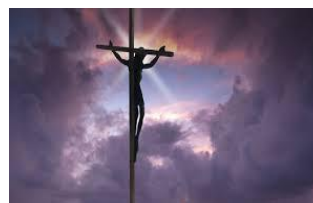
29th March - Holy Thursday

30th March - Good Friday

31st March - Easter Vigil

1st April - Easter Sunday

9th April - Annunciation of the Lord



FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

LENT

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, preparing, almsgiving and repentance. To begin our 40 day journey of Lent, we receive ashes on our forehead as a sign of being a Christian and a follower of Christ. During this season, most Christians give up a certain food, drink, activity or just even going without something for a period of time. During Lent, our school, 'St Patrick's' gathers together to go to mass and learn, through the gospel and Homily, the true meaning of Lent.



Holy Week is upon us. As a school community we will be remembering the events that took place during next week. Parents are welcome to come and pray and reflect on Jesus' road to Salvation with us. If your child is required to bring items in for their grades presentation, then the Grade teachers will request this prior to their reflection date.

Week 9:

Monday 26th March – 8.50 am Kindergarten “Palm Sunday”

Tuesday 27th March 8.50 am Year 1- Holy Thursday

Wednesday 28th March 1.45pm Year 2 The Garden of Gethsemane

Thursday 29th March yrs 3 and 4 1.45pm The Stations of the Cross”

Week 10: Wednesday 4th April Yr 6-The Resurrection - 9.15am Whole School Mass

Term 2 Week 4: Monday 21st May Yr 5 -9.15am Pentecost

Yours in Christ,

Wardeh Khoury

FROM THE PARENT COMMITTEE

A huge thankyou for everyone that helped with our St Patrick's Day fundraising last week. It was a very successful day with \$1350 profit made.

The day wouldn't have been successful if not for the parent helpers and also the many local businesses who donated items and vouchers.

Thankyou to Linda Boutros who made the cookies and mini donuts and to Samantha Khatter who made the cupcakes.

Our next fundraising is for Easter. If there is anyone that can help out on Tuesday morning, 27th March from 8.45am for a few hours please contact Rania 0408 014 900 or Rima 0421 893 649.

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

January: open 7 days

Mon-Thurs 9-5 Sat 10-3

ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS IN ONE PLACE...

****NOW ON SALE- Girls Summer Uniforms – ½ Price.**

- 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
- School back packs & laptop bags



16 March 2018
Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Dear Students,

In May we celebrate International Family Day in every country in the world.

Here in our community we have families of every kind. Some families have a mum and dad and children living in the same house; some families have a mum or dad living with children. Some families have grandparents in Sydney while some grandparents live in another part of Australia or overseas. My mum lives in Melbourne. We all belong to a family somewhere.

Sometimes families need a bit of help. Grown-ups, teenagers and primary school children like you need someone to talk to, to help them when things get tough. Maybe the mum or dad has died or someone in the family is very sick, parents have broken up, or refugee families need help to settle in. In our community we have a group called CatholicCare who offer help to families.

Every year as part of our celebration of International Family Day, every school will have a fund-raiser and the money will be sent to CatholicCare to help them help our families.

If you want to know more about CatholicCare, you can log onto our website:
<http://www.ccss.org.au/>.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
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A SPECIAL DAY FOR PARENTS
ACROSS PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS

LAUGH
PRAY
REFLECT

TAKE TIME
OUT FOR
YOURSELF

FREE DAY SPA FOR THE SOUL

Bring a friend!

**BOOK NOW!
LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE**

**Thursday 3rd May
9:30am-2 pm**

**MORNING TEA AND
LUNCH INCLUDED**

Enquire and register
by 12 April with Tania
Melki via email:
tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au
Ph:0429375226

The Franciscan Shrine of
The Holy Innocents
8 Greyfriar Place Kellyville

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ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL BAG APP

We would like all parents if possible to put the School Bag app on their phone as this is the best way to find out up to date information and alerts about activities going on at St Patrick's. Thank you.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



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