

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Many of you might have been nagged by your children to buy the latest craze called fidget spinners. All around the playground students can be seen spinning these great devices and trying out all sorts of tricks. They turn up in the most surprising places.

Pope Francis surprised the congregation during his homily at Sunday's Mass, taking a fidget spinner from his pocket and using it to demonstrate the Trinity.

"Just as St. Patrick used the three-leaf clover to teach his followers about the Holy Trinity," Pope Francis said, "I can use my aluminium Tri Fidget Spinner to reveal the mysteries of our God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the spinner spins faster, the three arms seem to become a single disc, yet they maintain their individuality. It is one, yet three, even when I do tricks with it, such as this hand transfer."

During his homily, the Holy Father explained that just as an improperly balanced spinner won't work very well, our faith would falter if our view of God were likewise improperly balanced. "Could I execute a behind-the-back move like this, if my spinner was unbalanced? No, I tell you, no! It is the same if we don't balance God equally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!"

So next time you see your child using their fidget spinner you might say a little prayer to the Holy Trinity.

Yours sincerely
Philip Mahony
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

16th	School Leaders Cup-cake day
19th	Whole School Assembly Captivate Performance Nagle College 7pm
20th	Year 6 Story Factory Excursion
21st	Rugby League Workshop Yr 5&6
22nd	Year 6 Story Factory Excursion
23rd	Reports go home Whole School Mass
Wk 10	Parent Teacher Interviews
28th	Kindergarten Mass Gymnastics Displays
30th	Last Day of Term

JULY

17th	Students return to school
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WEEKLY VALUE - *Encouraging Others*

PARRAMATTA ALL SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE

Last night the Open Team played in the Grand Final against Rouse Hill Public School. The boys played extremely well as a team with some outstanding individual performances. They won the game 28-8 and now represent the Parramatta District at the State Titles early next term.

Congratulations to all the boys and their families on their victory, their display of sportsmanship and being great ambassadors for St Patricks School.

Latu Fainu was named Man of the Match for the final.

CAPTIVATE PERFORMANCE - NAGLE COLLEGE BLACKTOWN

A reminder that members of our choir will be performing along with other Primary and Secondary schools from the Parramatta Diocese in Captivate at Nagle College, Blacktown, next **Monday 19th June at 7pm.**

Tickets are available at
<http://captivate.parra.catholic.edu.au>
OR <https://www.trybooking.com/QBCF>
and cost between \$10 and \$40. Many have been sold so there are only a few tickets left!

Children who are performing do not need to purchase a ticket for themselves.

Children must be escorted by a parent or guardian to the library at Nagle to meet Mrs Criss and other staff members no earlier than 5pm and no later than 6pm.



OPAL CARDS

The children catching the bus to and from school **MUST** have an active OPAL card. The bus drivers have been patient with some of our students but they will soon be refusing students without their OPAL cards.

Apply online at <https://www.opal.com.au/> for a new OPAL card if required.

GYMNASTICS DISPLAY

Parents are welcome to attend your child's Dance Fever Gymnastics Display in the school hall on Wednesday 28th June

Year 1 commences at 8.35am

Year 2 commences at 9.15am

Kinder commences at 9.55am



KINDERGARTEN 2018

Offers for Kindergarten positions for 2018 are being sent out in the next fortnight.

If you have a child who is eligible to commence Kindergarten next year, you must pick up an enrolment form from the school office as soon as possible.

FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

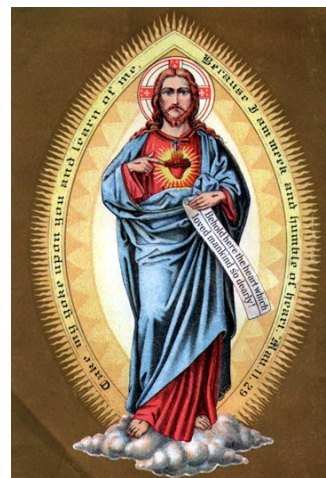
SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus occurs on Friday the 23rd of June. The heart of Christ is a symbol of Jesus' love for us.

Jesus' generous love for us is portrayed in statues and paintings with his heart crowned in thorns, bringing to mind his suffering. They remind us that love and suffering often go together.

This feast is an opportunity to remember in a special way those who suffer because of lack of food, clothing or shelter.

There will be a whole school mass on Friday morning 23rd June. Just a reminder that on this feast day every child is asked to bring in an item of non perishable food (packets or tins) that will be donated to the Manning Foundation to help cater for the needy in our Parish. Items are to be sent to the classrooms. Your generous donations are appreciated.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to the generous donations from students and families to the Caritas Lenten appeal. All donations will be accepted in class mission boxes until next Monday 19th June as they will need to be forwarded to Caritas before end of the term.

FIRST PENANCE

Please keep in your prayers the students of our school and parish community who are preparing to receive the sacrament of God's forgiveness within the coming weeks.

MASSES

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

Week 9

Friday 23rd June

9am Whole School Mass

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Week 10

Wednesday 28th June

9am Kindergarten Mass

St Irenaeus



FEAST DAYS

18th June	Corpus Christi
21st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga
22nd June	Sts John Fisher and Thomas More
23rd June	Sacred Heart of Jesus
24th June	Nativity of St John the Baptist
28th June	St Irenaeus
29th June	Sts Peter and Paul
3rd July	St Thomas



Jesus, Body and Blood, nourish us by your life.

May the way we live as your Body on earth.

Let us participate in your feeding the hungry of our world.

May our very bodies and our blood bear witness to the life your desire for all your people.

Amen.



Yours in Christ

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10 weeks to go!

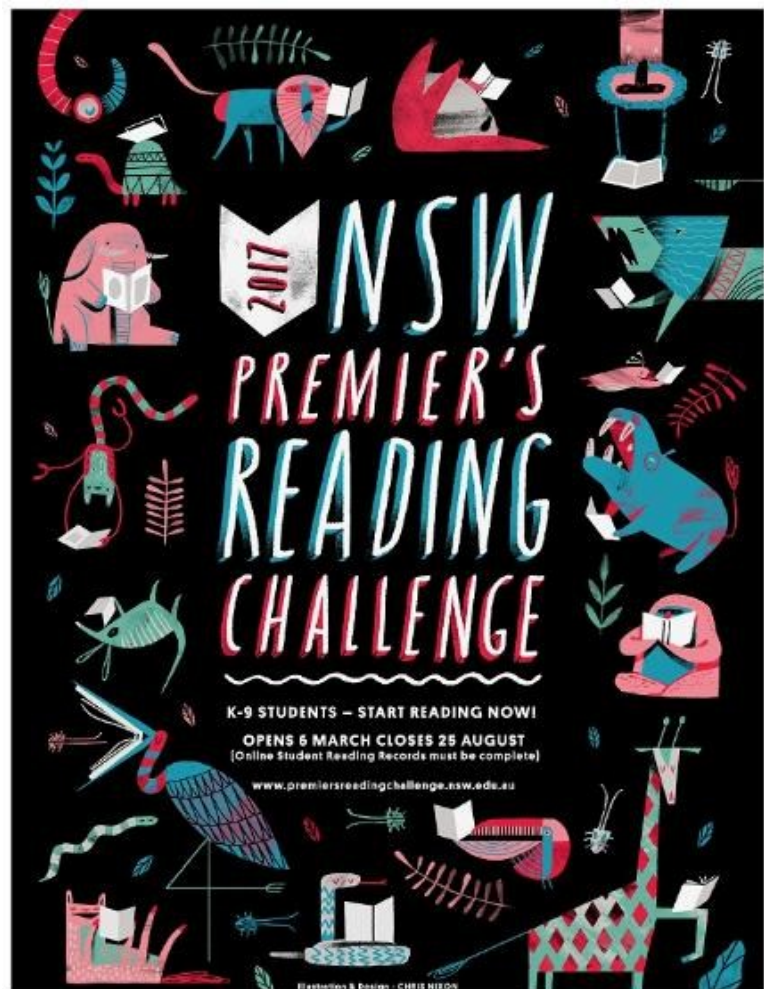
If you haven't done so, please log in and add the books you have read as soon as possible so we know you are on track.

<http://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc>

If you are unable to add your books to the Premier's Reading Challenge site, you can bring your booklist to school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and Miss Buedo, Mrs Lendvai or Mrs Fogarty will help you.

If you have lost your username and password just ask your class teacher or Miss Buedo in 4B and she will send it home again for you.

Happy reading!
Miss Buedo



Re-Usable Lunch Order Wallets

\$7.95

All New Reusable Lunch Order Bags

These new "lunch wallets" are now available at your canteen !

They are designed to :

- Replace paper lunch bags
- Hold more food than normal lunch order bags
- Long lasting & easy to clean
- Zipper pocket to separate money from food
- Folds down to a wallet in closed position

There is also a bright orange " I Have A Food Allergy Warning" bag which is perfect for children with allergies.

The orange colour and logo warning on the wallet makes it clear to our canteen staff that the child has an allergy.

The bag is also secure so it reduces the risk of other food items falling into your child's bag in the lunch basket.

Other companies sell them for \$10.50 - \$13.50 online.

But we feel it is more important to make these affordable as it reduces the amount of paper bags your school community uses !



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Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day



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