



St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 4 Term 4
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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Mon 4th	Clothing Pool 8.15- 8.35am Whole School Assembly— 2018 Leaders Announced 2.15pm
Tue 5th	Year 3 Incursion
Wed 6th	Yr 4 Mass Christmas Carols 6pm
Thur 7th	Principals Gold Awards - Morning Tea
Fri 8th	Student Reports home
Mon 11th	Primary Swimming Carnival at Merrylands Pool
Tue 12th	*End of Year Awards Assembly 9.00am *Parent Helper Morning Tea 10.35am
Wed 13th	*Thanksgiving Mass 9am *Yr 6 Graduation 6pm
Thur 14th	*9.30 Yr 6 Guard of Honour (After Parish Mass) *Promotions
Fri 15th	SCHOOL CLOSES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The construction of the new Administration Building will commence on Monday 18th December with demolishing of the Art & Music Rooms and also Kinder KKG. The Kindergarten students have settled into the library for the rest of the year. The Library has been relocated to the Hall. The art and music lessons will be held in the kindergarten rooms during construction. You are welcome to view our building plans on youtube, search for St Patrick's Primary School - External Flythrough and Internal Flythrough.

In 2018 the new Kindergarten will commence in the Library area. During the next few weeks we will look at where the students will be playing while Area C (Infants Playground) is out of action in 2018 and also there will be slight changes to the Bus and Walkers dismissal in the afternoons next year.

In the last week of school you will be asked to book your child in for their MAI for the beginning of next year. We will notify you when you can go online to book. All the children in the school will do their MAI with their new class teacher. The children in Years 1 to 6 can be booked for Monday 29th January or Tuesday 30th January. If you have a Kindergarten child starting in 2018 you can book them in for the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 31st January.

Year 1 to 6 start school in 2018 on Wednesday 31st January with the new Kindergarten starting on Thursday 1st February 2018.

Yours sincerely
Philip Mahony
Principal

WEEKLY VALUE – Always respect the right of others

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Please send any books that have been borrowed from the library back to school now.

Thank you

REMINDER

School Fees are now overdue. Please pay any outstanding fees immediately. If you are having difficulties paying, please phone the School Office.

Also please advise the office if you are intending to leave St Patrick's at the end of 2017.

DIOCESAN GYMNASTICS

Last Thursday, St Patrick's sent a team of 11 students to the Diocesan Gymnastics competition held at Rooty Hill. The students competed really well and represented the school showing not only great skill but also fantastic, respectful behaviour. The team were entered in the 10 student competition where they finished third overall. I would like to give a big thank you to the parents who transported the girls and supported them throughout the day.

The Team of girls were: Seini Ohi, Isabella Tatian, Georgette Karaki, Teresa Maka, Elissa Langi, Annabella Fatoula, Tayla Saba, Brigid Semrani, Rebecca Sarkis, Joanna Norha and Chanel Draiby



YEAR 3 INCURSION ON RESILIENCE, FRIENDSHIPS AND BULLYING

This incursion will be held on Tuesday 5th December in the School Hall from 9 –10.30am. The cost of the incursion has been covered in the school fees. (Students only to attend).

SCHOOL BANKING

Starting next week Tuesday 5th December we will no longer be issuing tokens. To keep track of savings and tokens we've introduced the CommBank Youth app, available on any iOS 9.0+ device from the App Store. This innovative banking app gives kids hands-on experience in learning real-life money skills in a safe and fun digital environment. It also provides a new way for School Bankers to keep track of their Dollarmites tokens.

Any child that is eligible to order a reward item will have to wait until next year as we are no longer taking any orders, for those children that ordered their rewards this week you will receive your prizes by the end of term.

Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018. Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Tuesday 12th of December.

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the CommBank School Banking program this year.

Thank you for a great year of School Banking.



ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT—WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 2017 6PM

We will holding our Christmas Concert next Wednesday in the school playground or the hall if it is raining.

The children will be presenting Christmas Carols in their grade groups and while this is a voluntary event, we do encourage as many children as possible to attend and participate in their grade presentation to ensure a successful evening. Children will be required to stay until the completion of the concert, as all children will participate in the final.

The parents committee will be running a small canteen and raffle draw on the night. The following will be for sale.

Chips \$2 Cupcakes and cookies \$2 Water\$2 Pop tops \$1.50 Popcorn and lollies \$1.00
Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Prizes are some hampers and vouchers from local businesses.

Members of our Parish will also be joining us for the evening. The Manning Foundation will also be collecting coins for their annual Christmas appeal to help those in need as Christmas approaches.

We look forward to seeing many of our parents join us in our end of year celebration.



YEAR TWO STUDENTS WITH OPAL CARDS

Children who are in **Year 2** will need to reapply for their opal card passes. All infants children are free to travel by bus but when they go into Primary School it depends on the distance you live from the school as to whether you are entitled to a free bus pass. Complete the application online at:
transportnsw.info/school-students

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

ADVENT

The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning coming. The Lord is coming. We may reflect that every year at this time we celebrate his coming. During Advent we recall the history of God's people and reflect on how the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled.



The keeping of an advent wreath is also a common practice in homes or churches. The readings for the first Sunday in Advent relate to the old testament patriarchs who were Christ's ancestors, so some call the first advent candle that of hope. The readings for the second Sunday concern Christ's birth in a manger and other prophecies, so the candle may be called of Bethlehem, the way or of the prophets. The third Sunday is celebrated with rose-coloured vestments and candle. The readings relate to St. John the Baptist, and the rose candle may be called of joy or of the shepherds. The readings for the fourth Sunday relate to the annunciation of Christ's birth, so the candle may be

known as the Angel's candle. The Magnificat or Song of Mary may be featured.

END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS

Parents and friends are welcome to join the school in giving thanks to Our Lord for the achievements of this year on **Wednesday 13th December at 9am**. It is also an opportunity to Farewell our Year 6 Students, Student Leaders and Staff Members and Students who are leaving St Patrick's. During this Mass we will also welcome the new School Leaders for 2018.



MASSES

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

Week 9

Wednesday 6th December

9am Year 4 Mass

1st Week of Advent

Week 10

Wednesday 13th December

9am Whole School

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass



FEAST DAYS

30th November - St Andrew

3rd December- ADVENT BEGINS

6th December - St Nicholas

7th December - St Ambrose

8th December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

13th December - St Lucy

14th December - St John of the Cross



*Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.*

Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

the
children's
hospital at Westmead

ProACTIVE Anxiety Management Group

Parents and students at St Patrick's Guildford have been invited to participate in an anxiety management group, to be conducted as part of a research study through The Department of Psychological Medicine at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, in partnership with Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP).

The group will run at school for one hour per week for approximately ten weeks in Term 1 and/or Term 2, and will be facilitated by the school counsellor and another counsellor from CEDP. The content of the sessions will consist of education about anxiety, mindfulness and acceptance based activities as well as supported exposure to feared situations to teach the students various skills to learn how to deal with their anxiety.

For students to participate in the group, parents will initially be required to complete some screening questionnaires and participate in a short interview (by phone) with one of the researchers to answer questions about their child's anxiety. Once the group commences, parents are also strongly encouraged to access one or two parent information sessions which may be delivered through a webinar option or face to face. After the group concludes, parents and students will again be required to complete questionnaires and another brief phone interview. Parents will later receive feedback by email in regards to their child's progress as indicated from the pre-group assessment data and the post-group data collected.

If you feel you and your child would benefit from learning how to manage your child's anxiety and are interested in participating in this study, we encourage you to take up this fantastic opportunity by letting your child's class teacher or the school counsellor know. There is no fee associated with your participation and all students and parents will also receive a workbook free of charge.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, GUILDFORD

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES - 2017

Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24 December

6:00pm Children's Vigil Mass

PLEASE NOTE: NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day - Monday, 25 December

8:00am and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR **CHRISTMAS 2017**

Tuesday 19 December
6:15pm-7:15pm

Friday 22 December
10:00am-12 Noon

**PLEASE NOTE: NO 9:00AM MASS, CONFESSIONS OR EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION ON SATURDAY, 23 DECEMBER AND SATURDAY,
30 DECEMBER.**

**NO WEEKDAY MASS/CONFESSIONS BETWEEN
TUESDAY, 26 DECEMBER AND SATURDAY, 30 DECEMBER 2017**