



Newsletter 5, Term 1
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St Patrick's School

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

Mon 9	Clothing Pool 8.15am Parent Cuppa with Mr Mahony & Mrs Hoey and Parent Helper Session 9.00am in the Art Room
Tue 10	Choir Rehearsal for Captivate at Nagle
Wed 11	Yr 1 Mass 9.15am Parent Penance Info Meeting 6pm in the Hall
Fri 13	Term 1 Finishes
Mon 30	Term 2 Begins

WEEKLY VALUE –
Accepting Others'
Differences

**CLOTHING POOL
MONDAY 9TH APRIL
8.15AM**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We wish each member of the school community God's special Easter blessings. The season of Easter continues till the Feast of Pentecost.

The whole Easter Season is really one continuous feast in which we open our lives to the Spirit of Jesus alive and risen. Each Sunday will give us another glimpse into knowing how the risen Jesus transformed the lives of those early Christians and how he transforms us now.

REFLECTION

These words are the constant greeting of Jesus to his friends after the Resurrection. Jesus does not offer them an escape from the hard realities of life. The peace he offers is not lovey-dovey, wishy-washy or absence of tension and conflict. This peace has strength to it, a power that Jesus wants his followers to draw on in the tensions and realities of life. The risen Jesus is God's great sign that we "have been saved and given a place with Jesus in heaven."

Yours sincerely
Philip Mahony
Principal

Term 1 finishes on Friday 13th April.

Term 2 commences on Monday 30th April – students are to return in their Winter Uniform.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (PUPIL FREE) –

TUESDAY 12TH JUNE

2019 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

If you have already picked up a form please fill it in and return it to the school office. Thank you.

LIBRARY NEWS



Keeping our children safe online.

The students in Kindergarten to Year 4 have been learning how to keep themselves safe on digital devices in the second half of this term. The program that we used was an Australian Government Program that include a section for parents. For more information on keeping your children safe online, go to www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent.

Premier's Reading Challenge

All of the children have been given their Usernames and Passwords. Please keep this note in a safe place so that you can log your child's books onto their Reading Log.

Website: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Happy Reading
Mrs Gladwell

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Agile Learning Spaces, what about the noise?

Surely classrooms with large numbers of children must be very noisy and distracting places for learning. Surprisingly, agile spaces are not as noisy as we think they are. Schools across the Diocese have ensured that their classrooms continue to be places for maximum learning by installing pin boards and sound proofing panelling. Furniture is arranged to create sound barriers and teacher management of children ensure children can work with little distractions.

We want our classrooms at St Patrick's to be both places where children are discussing, collaborating and talking with their peers and places where individual children can focus and hear instructions. Teachers throughout the day monitor the noise levels and provide quiet times for maximum concentration, as like any classroom when the noise levels becomes too distractive, teachers bring the noise level down.

Tracy Hoey
Assistant Principal

TERM TWO DATES

Week 1 - 30 April 2018
Week 2 - 7 May 2018
Week 3 - 14 May 2018
Week 4 - 21 May 2018
Week 5 - 28 May 2018
Week 6 - 4 June 2018

Week 7 - 11 June 2018
Week 8 - 18 June 2018
Week 9 - 25 June 2018
Week 10 - 2 July 2018
Week 11 - 9 July 2018 (School Holidays)
Week 12 - 16 July 2018 (School Holidays)

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It was celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion.

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolizes the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi.

However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all.

The meaning of Easter, for million of Christians, is that of honoring and recognizing Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

*Lord God, you loved this world so much,
that you gave your one and only Son,
that we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness
and grace of Easter Sunday every day.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon your grace
and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to tell your good news to the world. Amen.*

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Penance



The parents of children who are in Year 2 as well as parents of children in Yrs 3-6 who haven't received the Sacrament of Penance are invited to attend an Information Session on **Wednesday 11th April at 6pm in the Hall**. This is a compulsory meeting if you wish your child to participate in the Penance program and receive the sacrament this year. **Failure to attend this meeting means that your child will miss the opportunity to participate in the program this year.**

MASSES

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

Week 11

Wednesday 4th April

9.15am Year 1 Mass

St Stanislaus

Term 2 Week 1

Wednesday 2nd May

9.15am Year 5 Mass

St Athanasius

FEAST DAYS

9th April - Annunciation of the Lord

11th April - St Stanislaus

13th April - St Martin I

21st April - St Anselm

23rd April - St George, St Adalbert

24th April - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

26th April - St Mark

27th April - St Louis Grignion de Montfort

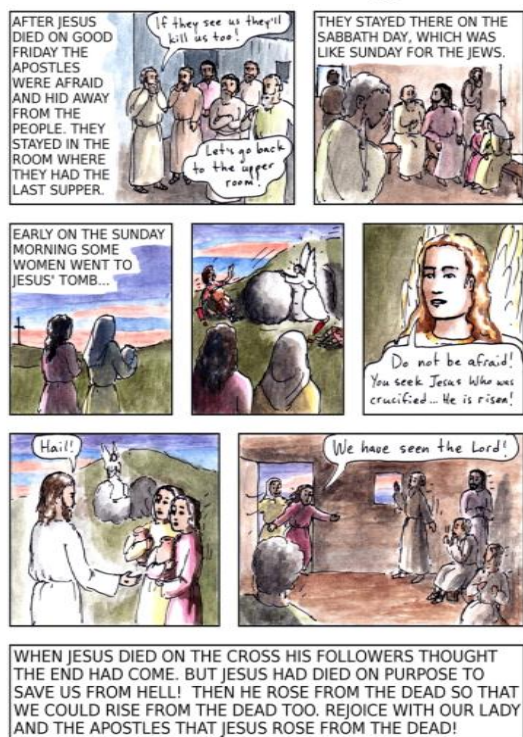
28th April - St Peter Chanel



*He has Risen! Alleluia!
May the promise of His love fill
Your hearts this Easter and always!*

*Many Blessings,
Wardeh Khoury*

Easter Sunday



Easter True or False

*How well do you know the Easter Story?
See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.*

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?



FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER

We are participating in CAPTIVATE again this year. Mrs Criss will be sending home a note tomorrow with all choir members. Please read it carefully. Our first rehearsal will be next Tuesday at Nagle College, Blacktown.

Kind regards Clothing Pool 8.15am
Mrs Criss

FROM THE PARENT GROUP

Thank you parents for the generous donations of Easter eggs. Your children were all so excited to receive a bag of Easter eggs each. The Easter egg raffle raised \$979.00. Our next Fundraiser will be the Mothers' Day Stall. A note will go home next week.



WORLD CUP FUNDRAISER

On Friday 15th of June, St Patrick's will be holding our World Cup Fundraiser at McCredie Oval. This will be our major fundraiser for the year to raise money for resources and furniture in the new buildings. Parents are invited to join us in the fun filled day of activities and to have a picnic lunch with your children. The World Cup Fundraiser will consist of students participating in activities such as bean bag archery, soccer goal shooting, Gymnastics and much more. Students will be allocated a country in their peer support group and will be required to complete 10 stations. Further information about the day will be provided in Term 2.

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 Eddy Abboud from Schweppes Australia who has donated 4 tickets to Taronga Zoo and Sara Karaki who has donated \$50 to go towards our raffle prizes for 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