

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 5, Term 2

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Fri 30	Athletics Catch-up School Closes
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JULY

Mon 17	Term 3 Starts
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Wed 19	Dance Fever Commences
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TERM 3 2017

Mon 17th July to

Friday 22nd September

TERM 4 2017

Mon 9th October to

Friday 15th December

**OUR NEXT PUPIL
FREE DAY WILL BE
ON:**

**FRIDAY 1ST
SEPTEMBER 2017**

**There will no classes
held on this day.**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy and productive Term 2. We should all be proud of how the students represented St. Patrick's School on recent events, such as Captivate Concert, Rugby League Football Knock-out, Soccer Gala Days, Excursions to the Farm (Kinder), Maritime Museum (Year1), Featherdale (Year 2), Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural Centre (Year 4) and The Story Factory (Year 6).

Yours Sincerely

Phil Mahony

Principal

RESPECT STARTS AT HOME

As parents we have an incredible power to shape positively children's attitudes and behaviours, including how they treat others.

Here are three ideas and attitude of respect at home:

1. Start by insisting that siblings treat each other well. Encourage both genders to resolve conflict and disputes using low power methods such as talking things through; give and take and apologising.
2. Socialise your sons. It's easy to excuse boy's aggressive behaviour as part of being a boy. Yes, their physiology may mean they are more prone to handle disputes physically but that doesn't mean we accept that. Model for your sons how to resolve disputes in a civil and civilised way.
3. Put respect on the agenda. Healthy families talk about the things that matter to them. If respect matters then you need to hold conversations around disrespectful behaviours – whether they occur in the family outside. Be willing to listen to children's and young people's views but also to challenge views that are questionable.

Respect is the core value of a civil society; and that's also the core value in every healthy, functioning family I've ever worked with.

By Michael Grose

FROM THE OFFICE

The CEDP has installed a new finance system called Tech1. We would like to advise that new process will now mean we will be emailing receipts as the preferred method. While this new system is being put in place, we ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

Also School Fees are now overdue. We would appreciate it if you could settle any overdue accounts. Thank you.

FREE MULCH

We have a lot of mulch from trees that were cut down at St Patrick's.



If you would like this mulch for your garden, please ring the school office.

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Dear parents, welcome to Week 10 Term 2, in the past 10 weeks we have had a pleasant term. We have had many school occasions. The kindergarten had an amazing excursion to farm. They milked animals and watched a whip show.

Year 3 they had an incursion for science. They learnt about friction and melting metal.

Year six took an adventure to the Sydney Story Factory learning new useful writing skills. The year six students also participated in the two peer support training course for Peer Support in term three.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Parents, would you please take the time in the school holidays to check that all your children's school clothes are marked with their name. We have so many lost school jackets, hats etc. that are not named. Also remind your children to put any items they take off in their bags.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT GUILDFORD LIBRARY

(ALL ARE FREE)

Wednesday 5 July 10.30am NAIDOC week craft event for school age children—no need to book.

Tuesday 11th July 10.30am Electronics workshop Limited places, children, must be 10 years or older. Booking essential.

Wednesday 12th July 10.30am Asian Craft for school aged children. No need to book.

Thursday 13th July 2.30pm Movie for all ages. Popcorn. No need to book.

TERM 3 AT GUILDFORD LIBRARY

Every Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm -After-School Craft

Every Thursday 3.15pm to 5.00pm—Homework Help



WINTER WONDERLAND FRIDAY 7 July

10am-2pm

CENTRAL GARDENS MERRYLANDS

VISIT:

Cumberland.nsw.gov.au/fun4kids or phone 87579000

Father, Help me to see
those who are hurting.
Don't let me miss the
broken hearts that
cross my path. Give me
the wisdom and love to
be "God with skin on" to
the people in my world.
Amen.

FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT



Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school and the parish.

There is also a religious literacy that is needed for life in a multicultural society. Increasingly we love, live and work, learn and serve with people of differing cultures, Christian traditions, world religions and other people of goodwill.

Teachers are continually assessing students' learning and reporting to you on their developing religious literacy. In addition to this school-based assessment, and in consultation with the Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board, all Year 4 and Year 6 students in Primary and Year 8 and Year 10 students in Secondary will participate in a Diocesan Assessment of their religious literacy. Students in these grades will complete an online assessment during Term 3. The students will answer a series of multiple choice questions related to their learning in Religious Education.

In addition, Year 4 students only will complete a variety of learning tasks related to the Religious Education unit, Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing. Their achievement in completing these tasks will be formally assessed and the results will be published for parents.



SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Thank you to our very generous families for your contribution of non-perishable food that has been received by the Manning Foundation to help the needy in our local community.



First Penance

Congratulations to the students who have received the Sacrament of God's forgiveness during the last fortnight. Please keep in your prayers the students of 2M who prepare to receive their First Penance tomorrow.

MASSES

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

Term 3

Week 1

Wednesday 19th July
9am Yr 4 Mass
Ordinary Time 15



Week 2

Wednesday 26th July
9am Whole School Mass - Grandparents day
Sts Joachim and Anne

FEAST DAYS

29th June - Sts Peter and Paul
3rd July - St Thomas
11th July - St Benedict
15th July - St Bonaventure
22nd July - St Mary Magdalene
25th July - St James

Have a safe and enjoyable break.

Many Blessings,

Wardeh Khoury



SOCCER GALA DAY

STAGE 3 BOYS



Well done to the Year 5 & 6 boys who represented St Patricks.

The boys had a great day playing soccer against other schools in the diocese.



every learner
every day



PRINCIPAL'S GOLD MORNING TEA

