



St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter 5, Term 3
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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Friday 22nd	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
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OCTOBER

9th	School Returns Summer Uniform
10th	St Paul's Orientation
11th	Year 3 Mass 9.00am Cerdon Orientation
13th	Mission Mass at Parramatta
18th	Year 6 Parent PD Evening 6pm
23rd	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm in the hall

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This week we say farewell to Miss Megan Owens and Mrs Arlee Tones. We wish to thank Miss Owens for her wonderful contribution to St Patricks over the past two and half years and wish her all the best as she commences her role as Assistant Principal at Sacred Heart Westmead. Mrs Tones commences leave this week as she awaits the birth of her second child. We pass on our appreciation of her hard work over this year and wish her and her husband, Carl all God's blessing.

Mrs Tracy Hoey, the new Assistant Principal for 2018, commences next term and will be working with Mr Lee during the term as she settles into St. Patrick's.

We come to the end of a very busy term 3 with the students experiencing many different learning activities. The Dance Fever showcase last Thursday night at the State Sports Centre was a highlight with the primary students excelling in their dancing and school performance. I'm sure the parents and teachers were extremely proud of all the students.

ROAD SAFETY

We still have a number of parents crossing the road unsafely. Please use the Pedestrian Crossing and model safe practises to your children. We have had complaints from the general public who are driving past our school saying that they have nearly hit students and parents as they run across the road. We certainly don't want to see any road fatalities happen in front of St Patrick's. The vacant land across the road that is used for car parking, may have to be closed if people continue to cross the road incorrectly.



Yours sincerely

Philip Mahony
Principal

REMINDER

**School Fees are now
overdue.**

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

WEEKLY VALUE – Gold Award

FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR

Congratulations goes to William Memea Epe as he was named tie Junior Boy Runner up at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations to the students from St Patrick's that represented the school at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held on Friday 25th August. The students who attended on the day competed with sportsmanship and did themselves and St Patrick's proud as they represented Cumberland Zone.

Tereza Al Hakim, Nathan Kady, Edwin Langi, Dominic McGregor, Enryko Memea Epe, William Memea Epe, Felise Taufa'ao, Raquel Ters, Talia Virzi, Jae Min Williams, George Tatian, Andre Elias, Ruve Somerfield, Clara ElBayssari.

I know St Patrick's school community join me in wishing William Memea Epe and Felise Taufa'ao all the best as they now compete at the NSWPCS Mackillop Track & Field Championships as a member of the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Athletics team on Monday 18th September. William competing in the 8 Years 100m and Felise in the 10 years shot put.

FROM THE PARENT GROUP

Father's Day

Our Father's day stall for 2017 was a great success, raising a fantastic total of \$3,308.90 for the school. A big thank you to everyone who made donations, and to all of our wonderful helpers.

Sausage Sizzle Lunch

We had a great day at our sausage sizzle this week, feeding lots of hungry children and teachers! We raised a total of \$1,090 at this event. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the lead up and on the day! Your help was invaluable and very much appreciated. A very special thank you goes to Mike Jacobson who worked tirelessly on the BBQ all day.

A MESSAGE FROM TRANSIT

BUS SYSTEMS

CORRECT USE OF SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

Transit Systems is the bus operator that provides your school bus services and we justify the provision of these services to Transport for NSW by the number of students who use the bus. One of the more significant changes created by the introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school. Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage. **With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your children that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.** Your assistance helps us to ensure we are able to continue to provide the appropriate level of service to your children.

DANCE FEVER NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS



What a wonderful night St Patrick's had last Thursday (14th September) at Dance Fever. The students represented St Patrick's very well in their dances. Congratulations to Year 5 who won their section overall.

Results from the Night

1st Place Jae Min Williams and Lara Zaydan
1st Place Talia Virzi and John Paul Saliba
3rd Place Sharna Dias and Nicholas McGregor

MERRYLANDS WEST SCHOOL & WORKWEAR CENTRE

455 -457 Merrylands Road
Merrylands NSW 2160
(5 min walk from previous address)

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****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...

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

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

The Archangels

The three Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

Saint Michael is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for "Who is like God?".

Michael, whose forces cast down Lucifer and the evil spirits into Hell, is invoked for protection against Satan and all evil. Christian tradition recognizes four offices of Saint Michael: (i) to fight against Satan (ii) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death. (iii) to be the champion of God's people, (iv) to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgment.

Saint Gabriel, whose name means "God's strength," is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias, and at the Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary.

Christian tradition suggests that it is he who appeared to St. Joseph and to the shepherds, and also that it was he who "strengthened" Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

Saint Raphael, whose name means "God has healed" because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy.

Raphael is also identified with the angel in John 5:1-4 who descended upon the pond and bestowed healing powers upon it so that the first to enter it after it moved would be healed of whatever infirmity he was suffering.



MASSES

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

Week 1

Wednesday 11th October

9am Year 3 Mass

Ordinary Time 27

Week 3

Wednesday 25th October

9am Year 2 Mass

Ordinary Time 29



FEAST DAYS

21st September - St Matthew

23rd September - St Pius of Pietrelcina

27th September - St Vincent de Paul

29th September - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

30th September - St Jerome

2nd October - The Holy Guardian Angels

4th October - St Francis of Assisi

7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary

17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch

18th October - St Luke

19th October - St Paul of the Cross



We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Guide us to be peacemakers in our family, and to always be conscious of you in our lives. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. Amen

Wishing you a safe holiday.

Wardeh Khoury

BOOK WEEK WRAP UP

Thank you to everyone for all your support with the Book Fair, Book Parade and Book Week Activities. It was such a wonderful experience where the children really enjoyed the gift of reading. Thank you to the parents for all the effort you put into making the children's costumes. The children really enjoyed the parade and once again, they looked fantastic.

After recess, the Primary children participated in a Book Trivia competition, where they were placed in mixed groups and asked a variety of questions about books and authors. It was a very close finish with Groups 22 and 23 victorious on the day. There is certainly a lot of knowledge about books in our school!

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been reading a selection of Shortlisted Books, that have been chosen by the Children's Book Council of Australia for Book of the Year. The children cast a vote for their favourite book and those children that voted for the winning book went into a draw to win a prize from the Book Fair.

The Early Childhood Book of the Year was "Go Home Cheeky Animals" by Johanna Bell. The winning vote was cast by Connor Reynolds 2M.

The Picture Book of the Year was "Home in the Rain" by Bob Graham. The winning vote was cast by Leti Taufa'ao 3G.



PEER SUPPORT

Session 8 and 9 -Take the lead

The final sessions in our Stronger Together Peer Support module summarised skills learnt in previous sessions and provided an opportunity for the students and teachers to plan to implement further initiatives across the school. Students will be able to identify personal and whole of school goals to further address bullying and build their own resilience. Ask students what they have learnt and what else they would like to learn about having good relationships. Contact us with your ideas. Thank you to all the participating students, the Peer Leaders, our staff and you as parents for your support.

Kind Regards

Miss Deanna Russo

Peer Support Coordinator

TERM 4, 2017 AT A GLANCE

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Sept/ Oct	25 th Sept	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th /1 st Oct
Oct	2 nd Public Holiday	3 rd	4 th <i>Feast of St Francis of Assisi</i>	5 th	6 th	7 th /8 th
Oct 1	9 th Summer Uniform	10 th St Paul's Orientation	11 th Mass Yr 3 <i>Penance 2M</i> Cerdon Orientation	12 th	13 th Mission Mass @ Parramatta	14 th /15 th
Oct 2	16 th	17 th	18 th Year 6 Parent PD evening 6pm	19 th	20 th	21 st /22 nd
Oct 3	23 rd Whole School Assembly	24 th	25 th Mass Yr 2 <i>Penance 2F</i> <i>Yr 4 Excursion</i>	26 th <i>Yr 3 Excursion</i>	27 th <i>World Teachers Day</i> Eisteddfod	28 th /29 th
Nov 4	30 th	31 st Confirmation	1 st November Whole School Mass <i>All Saints Day</i> <i>Penance 2Y</i>	2 nd <i>All Souls Day</i>	3 rd Gymnastics Comp	4 th /5 th
Nov 5	6 th	7 th Melbourne Cup	8 th Mass Yr 1 <i>Penance 6R</i> Choir – Opera House	9 th Parramatta Marist Orientation	10 th Harmony Day	11 th /12 th Remembrance Day
Nov 6	13 th Whole School Assembly	14 th	15 th Mass Kinder <i>Penance 6F</i>	16 th	17 th <i>Kinder Orientation 2018</i> Catherine McCauley Orientation	18 th /19 th
Nov 7	20 th Athletes Foot Shoe lacing les- sons	21 st	22 nd Mass Yr 6 <i>Penance 6W</i>	23 rd OLMC Orientation	24 th	25 th /26 th <i>Christ The King</i>
Nov/ Dec 8	27 th	28 th Fairfield Pat's Orientation	29 th Mass Yr 5 <i>Penance 5C</i> CAROLS	30 th	1 st December	2 nd /3 rd <i>1st Sunday Advent</i>
Dec 9	4 th Whole School Assembly	5 th	6 th Mass Yr 4 <i>Penance 5B</i>	7 th Gold Morning Tea	8 th Reports sent home	9 th /10 th <i>2nd Sunday Ad- vent</i>
Dec 10	11 th Primary Swim- ming Carnival	12 th Awards & Parent Helper Morning Tea Promotions	13 th Thanksgiving Mass <i>Penance 5W</i> Yr 6 Graduation 6pm	14 th 9am Yr 6 Guard of Honour	15 th SCHOOL CLOS- ES	16 th /17 th <i>3rd Sunday Advent</i>
Dec 11	18 th SDD	19 th SDD	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd /24 th <i>4th Sunday Advent</i>

*All dates subject to change. Notification of changes via Newsletter or Skoolbag app