

St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE	
Fri 22nd	Reports go home
Mon 25th	Whole School Assembly 2.15pm Parent Teacher Interviews begin
Tue 26	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 27th	Parent Teacher Interviews Kinder Mass 9.15am
Thur 28th	Parent Teacher Interviews
JULY	
Wed 4th	Yr 5 Mass 9.15am
Thur 5th	Infants Athletics Carnival
Fri 6th	Last Day of School for Term 2
Mon 23rd	First day of Term 3

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT
DAY
MONDAY 30TH JULY 2018
TERM 3 WEEK 2
STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY**

REMINDER

Please send in any out-
standing money for World
Cup Day and also World
Youth Day Raffle Tickets.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Building a strong partnership between parents and the school is vital to the success of a child's learning. One way we do this is through our Parent-Teacher interviews at the end of this term.

Parent-Teacher interviews provide opportunities for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their child's Semester 1 Report and to discuss ways that parents can work with the teachers to support their child's learning and development at school and at home.

We know when teachers and parents work in partnership, and in particular when parents are engaged in their child's learning, children do better at school and experience higher levels of well-being.

What can you do to make your Parent-Teacher interview a productive meeting for you and your child?

- Think about questions to ask, such as: Is my child achieving at the appropriate level? What do you see as his or her strengths? How could he or she improve?
- Acknowledge that the teacher has many students that they are responsible for. Let the teacher know that you appreciate the opportunity to meet with you about your child.
- Ask to see examples of your child's work. Ask how the work is assessed/graded.
- Be sure to share your thoughts and feelings about your child. Share with the teacher what you think your child needs help with.
- Ask what you can do at home to help your child.
- Ask how the teacher will both challenge your child and provide support when needed.
- Talk to your child about the meeting. Share what you have learned and show your child what you will do to help with learning at home. Write down an action plan and stick to it!

I hope you will all take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and I trust that you will find it a valuable experience. I welcome any feedback.

Yours sincerely
Phil Mahony
Principal

WEEKLY VALUE – Encouraging others

STAFF NEWS

We farewell Miss Jasmine Chamoun tomorrow and we thank her for her contribution to St. Patrick's over the last two Terms. Mrs Nicole Gambino returns next week and will be teaching Year 6MC on Thursday and Fridays.

PLAYGROUND ARRANGEMENTS

Due to the loss of Area E and the Infants Playgrounds during construction, we will have split recess and lunch for the Infants and Primary students.

Infants Recess 10:10 to 10:40am.
Primary Recess 10:45 to 11:15am

Infants Lunch 12:40 to 1:10pm
Primary Lunch 1:15 to 1:45pm



SCHOOL TERM DATES

School Terms	2018	2019	2020
Term 1	Monday, 29 January to Friday, 13 April (<i>see local school for class starting dates</i>)	Tuesday, 29 January to Friday, 12 April 2019 (<i>see local school for class starting dates</i>)	Tuesday, 28 January to Thursday, 9 April 2020 (<i>see local school for class starting dates</i>)
Term 2	Monday, 30 April to Friday, 6 July	Monday, 29 April to Friday, 5 July 2019	Monday, 27 April to Friday, 3 July 2020
Term 3	Monday, 23 July to Friday, 28 September	Monday, 22 July to Friday, 27 September 2019	Monday, 20 July to Friday, 25 September 2020
Term 4	Monday, 15 October to Friday, 21 December	Monday, 14 October to Friday, 20 December 2019	Monday, 12 October to Friday, 18 December 2020

School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year. Check with your school, as schools may vary some of these dates.

FROM THE OFFICE

Parents, please advise the school office of any changes made to phone numbers, home address, emails, change in home situations and child's medication.

If your children are leaving St Patrick's, you need to give 10 weeks notice or you will be billed for a Term's fees. Thank you.

We are sorry to advise that all our past school Newsletters on the Schoolbag App have disappeared. It is a problem that can not be rectified. This newsletter will be on the app today. You will find all our past Newsletters on our website at www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au
If you would like to subscribe to our newsletters, you can do so on the above site.

REMINDER ABOUT PARKING

It is illegal to park in any driveway when dropping or picking up your children. For the safety of all the students, please follow the traffic rules and the parking restrictions.

Literacy Learning Links

This fortnights *Learning Links* begins to describe **Reading**. Part of the process of getting children to read, is understanding them as readers and creating an atmosphere that supports reading. Children's desires to read independently grows out of having been read to by someone; a parent, sibling, grandparent or teacher.

Learning to read takes practise. Loving to read takes enthusiasm! One of the teaching practices that we use at St Patrick's to help increase children's reading abilities and their love of books is Shared Reading.

What is Shared Reading?

Shared Reading is a powerful strategy for providing your child with the opportunity to learn what effective readers know and do when reading. Shared Reading involves the teacher reading aloud to their class daily and modeling what a reader does. From time-to-time the teacher might stop reading and 'think aloud' about the various aspects of the reading process. When the teacher 'thinks aloud' students can begin to see and hear what an effective reader does when blocked by an unknown word, when they're unsure of the meaning of a sentence, or when confused about the overall meaning of the text. A variety of texts, including picture books, fiction and factual texts, are used by all grades.



Supporting your Child with Reading

Top Tips for Parents

Tip 1 - Talk to Your Child

As a parent, you are your child's first and foremost teacher. When you help your child with reading, you are opening the door to a world of books and learning. It is the joy and love of sharing a good book on a nightly basis that sets the foundation for your child's reading success, and ensures that reading is seen as a priority.

Learning to read begins with talking. Children need opportunities to interact and talk with others. Recent research indicates that children are communicating with commands and demands rather than being competent in extended conversations. Electronic devices may be inhibiting the time children spend talking. Children need to be included in interactions with significant others and to ensure that happens, children need time away from electronic devices.

Parents need to talk with their children! It is in the context of engaged conversations that children expand their vocabularies, increase their understandings of the world, learn about themselves, and learn the nuances of the language and effective communication.

Some ideas to start the talking...

- * Ask your child to tell you about his or her day; about activities they have participated in and what he or she thinks or feels.
- * Tell family stories about yourself, your child's grandparents, and other relatives.
- * Retell family holidays or family events, trying to remember specific details.
- * Ask your child lots of questions.
- * Talk about world issues seen in the media.

Tracy Hoey
Assistant Principal

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



From the Religious Education Coordinator **ST PETER AND ST PAUL**

St Peter and St Paul were two great leaders of the early church. Peter was a fisherman whose original name was Simon. Jesus called him and his brother Andrew to be 'fishers of men'. Peter was the leader of the apostles, selected by Jesus to be 'the rock' upon which the early church was built. The Gospel according to Mark is believed to be based on Peter's teachings. Paul was originally named Saul, a man who persecuted the early Christians. On the road to Damascus, Saul had a vision of Jesus, who told him to become a Christian and preach to the gentiles. Paul became a tireless missionary whose ideas and thoughts made an enormous impact on the early church. Traditionally, both Peter and Paul were persecuted and executed by the Roman Emperor Nero, and their remains are believed to be buried at the Vatican.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS FOOD DONATIONS



Thank you for the generous support of the Manning Foundation in regards to the countless food items that have been and are still being donated. They will be distributed to the needy in our parish and without doubt received thankfully.

MASSES

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

Week 9

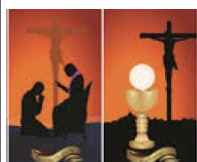
Wednesday 27th June
9.15am Kindergarten Mass
Ordinary Time 12

Week 10

Wednesday 4th July
9.15am Year 5 Mass
Ordinary Time 13

FEAST DAYS

21st June - St Aloysius Gonzaga
22nd June - St John Fisher and Thomas More
23rd June - St Paulinus of Nola
24th June - The Nativity of John the Baptist
27th June - St Cyril of Alexandria
28th June - St Irenaeus
29th June - St Peter and Paul
3rd July - St Thomas



SACRAMENTS

Please keep in your prayers the students who will be receiving the sacrament of Penance for the first time during the next fortnight and the students who will be beginning their First Eucharist program this term.

World Youth Day

A booklet of tickets were sent home with the eldest child from each family to sell on Monday 14th May.

All sold ticket butts with the money as well as all unsold ticket books must be returned to school by 26th June 2018.

Extra tickets will be available from the office upon request.

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I found this prayer and thought it was suitable for this week as the children bring home their half-yearly reports.

Prayer for Students

***God of Light and Truth,
thank you for giving me
a mind that can know
and a heart that can love.
Help me to keep learning every day of my life,
for all knowledge leads to you.
Let me be aware of your presence
in all things and at all times.
Encourage me when work is difficult
and when I am tempted to give up;
encourage me when my brain seems slow
and the way forward is difficult.
Grant me the grace to put my mind to use
exploring the world you have created,
confident that in you there a wisdom
that is real.
Amen.***

--- Charles Henderson

***Many Blessings,
Wardeh Khoury***

World Cup Fundraiser



The World Cup has a way of bringing people together, bonded by a common goal of goals, family, friendships, and patriotism that is unique to the international soccer tournament. On Friday the 15th of June, the students of St Patrick's participated in the World Cup fundraiser, we were brought closer together as we made new friends, we participated in various activities and celebrated with other students across the school in our peer support groups.

The day began with a parade of flags that we made in our peer support groups. The school was filled with colour and was very proud to show off their one of a kind flags! The opening ceremony was lead by the exquisite and exclusive choir, they were working hard for as long as you can imagine, when finally they got to show off their unique and delightful voices! As they sang at the top of their lungs and brought harmony to the room, the crowd cheered with glee as they were singing along. But there was more to come, the delightful gymnastics group were up next! From flips, to cart wheels, to handstands they left the crowd astonished with their jaw dropping performance. As soon as Mr Mahony declared the world cup open we moved to our peer support groups to begin the activities.

The day was filled with a variety of games and activities that taught us to work together from sack racing, to cricket to tunnel ball to building towers with the some of the most unusual materials, we ALL had a whole heap of fun but the best part about it was all the delicious lollies and popcorn being sold by the parent group!

The world cup fundraiser wasn't just an ordinary day, it was an extraordinary day! It is a day of harmony, respect, love throughout the world. Everybody made new friends with children from different grades. The best job was helping out the younger students with all the activities. We all had lots of fun and raised \$5500 to go towards furniture and resources for the new school buildings!

Elyssa Eid & Angelina Aoun

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These Interviews will be held next week from Monday 25th until Thursday 28th June. If you haven't book as yet, please follow the steps below to make your booking.



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Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly.
Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on XXXX XXXX

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **XXXXXX**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.
DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by 21st February at 4pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

FROM THE PARENT GROUP

Thank you for supporting the school with the World Cup Pizza lunch. It was very successful day. Also thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped out on the day.

**CLOTHING POOL WILL BE OPEN ON
MONDAY 2ND JULY
FROM 8.15 UNTIL 8.35AM.**