



ST PATRICK'S GUILDFORD

Newsletter



VALUE OF THE WEEK: SHOWING COMPASSION

DIARY DATES

27/11	Delany Yr7 Orientation
28/1	Kinder Mass 9:15am
3/12	Clothing Pool 8:15am
5/12	Year 5 Mass 9:15am CAROLS 6pm in the Hall
7/12	9.15am End of Year Thanksgiving Mass
14/12	Swimming Carnival at Merrylands Pools Yrs 3-6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DEAR PARENTS

We are presently organising teachers and classes for 2019 and placement of classes while construction is underway. There will be two Kindergarten and two Year 1 classes next year while Years 2 to 6 will remain as three classes per grade.

We can announce that Miss Stephanie Eid and Miss Lisa Walsh have accepted teaching positions at St. Mary's Rydalmere for 2019. Miss Sara Issa has accepted a position at St. Francis, Edmondson Park and Mrs Jackie Moshtaghi, at Sacred Heart, Westmead for 2019. We thank these teachers for the outstanding contribution to St. Patrick's Community and wish them well at their new schools.

The Christmas Carols will be held on Wednesday 5th December in the Hall. The Carols will commence at 6.00pm and again we will be supporting the Manning Foundation.

Yours Sincerely

Philip Mahony



LIBRARY NEWS

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY TOMORROW.

Any lost books will incur a fee.



Literacy Learning Links

This fortnight's *Learning Links* describes how you as parents can help to improve your children's **Reading**.

Some tips for home reading

- Establish a home reading routine. Read aloud for about 10 minutes with your children everyday. If English is your second language, read in your home language. If you lack confidence in reading aloud, the fact that you are reading with your child is what matters. Talk about the illustrations and contribute where you can. Share your excitement for reading and this will be the model your child will adopt.
- The reader holds the book! If your child is doing the reading, let them hold the book.
- Before you read a book, set your child up for success. Reading is not a test! Keep the introduction short – one minute is enough. Talk about the illustrations and the title. Read the blurb and talk about the author, talk about any unusual words, discuss the characters.
- Find a reading time that works for your family. Limit the time and set the timer if reading in the past has always been difficult. It is better to have an enjoyable 10 minutes than a laborious 30 minutes where everyone is left feeling frustrated.
- At the end of the 10 minutes, ask questions that encourage discussion, for example: What was your favourite part? Tell me about the characters. What do you think will happen next? What did you think about that setting? What do like/dislike about this book? Make it a conversation as you would in a book club.
- Encourage your child to read independently. A bedside light is one of the best enticements for your child to read before going to sleep. After the 10 minutes of reading with you, the child can elect to continue reading independently.
- The less you interrupt the reading, the more you are supporting the readers independence, resilience and confidence. Zip your lips, monitor the miscues, and listen as your child reads.
- Avoid judging your child's reading with words such as: 'good', 'excellent' or 'getting better'. Instead say things about the strategies your child uses when reading such as: 'I like how you read on when you came to that difficult word.' 'I like how you changed your voice to be the voice of the character in the story'. 'I noticed that you reread the bit that did not make sense.'
- Visit the local library. Let your children select their books while you select books you are interested in reading.
- Model what it means to be an enthusiastic reader. Talk about what you have read. Read aloud what makes you laugh and share it with your child.

Tracy Hoey
Assistant Principal



WEEK 6's AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at the Week 6 assembly.

Value: Showing Compassion

KE Angelina Farah
KF Robert Amone
KSF Raupreet Kaur

1A JR Nazha
1B Evan Remaili
1CF Levi Boustani

2A Tayla Fares
2F Alexander Dib
2M James Sarkis

3F Charlotte Boutros
3M William Hallit
3SB Amalita Dandan

4D Bianca Loulach
4M Isabella Hourani
4KM Harrison Lawlor

5D Maria Makhoulf
5S Isabella Ters
5W Roni Bouchdan

6A Deanna Ters/Alexia Laguzza

6C Victor Mansour
6MC Chanel Finianos



SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME (SSTS)

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

FROM THE OFFICE

Parents, please advise the office now if your children are leaving St Patricks at the end of 2018.

SCHOOL FEES 2018

School Fee Statements showing outstanding balances were emailed on Monday 22nd October.

Unless you are on a payment plan, it would be appreciated if all outstanding balances were finalised by 23rd November.

If you are unable to finalise your account by that date, please contact the office, as soon as possible to make an appointment to meet with Mrs Hartsuyker to discuss the matter.

SOCIAL SKILLS

Each week the children at St Patrick's are learning a new social skill in class.

Last week we learnt about the social skill of **Accepting Differences**

We are all different!!!!

It is ok to be different or unique

Celebrate your differences

Be kind to others, especially those who are different from you

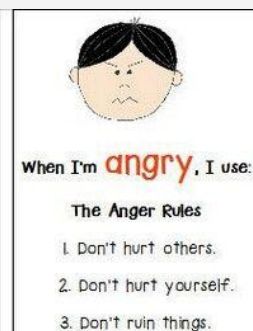
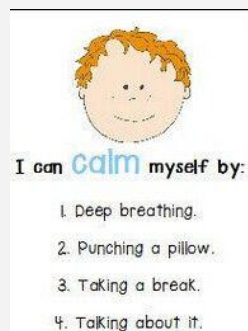
All of us need to be liked and treated well



This week we are learning how to **Deal with Anger**

The 'cool down' steps to teach children

1. Recognise that you are angry notice the body signals that mean you're angry, such as getting hot, heart racing, and tense muscles give a number from 1 to 10 to show how angry you are.
2. Cool down your body breathe slowly take time-out in a quiet place go for a walk, do something physical draw how you feel.
3. Use coping self-talk
"It's okay. I can handle this."
4. Try to solve the problem talk to someone who is a good listener. Plan what to do next time.



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Assistant Principal



JESUS KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On Sunday 26th November we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Christ the King. This is the last Sunday of the Church's year in honour of Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation. The feast of Christ the King celebrates the fact that there is one who is remarkably different.

He came to serve all, even His enemies.

He truly was a Son of Man, with a vulnerable human nature.

Many people were waiting for a Messiah that would be a mighty and powerful ruler to save their nation. Rather than executing His opponents, He forgave them. Rather than dominating His subjects, He exalted them. He even called them not servants, but friends, and bestowing on them a share in His priesthood and kingship.

Christ was victorious in life and death.

HOW ARE WE IMITATING CHRIST IN OUR LIVES? DO WE ADHERE TO HIS TEACHINGS?

Mission Week Fundraising

Thank you for your ongoing support to raise funds for Catholic Missions.

Currently the following classes in each grade are leading the fundraising.

KSF, 1CF, 2F, 3M, 4KM, 5S, 6C

Our current fundraising total so far across all activities and class mission boxes is
\$838.50

MASSES

Parents and friends are welcome to attend Mass with the school and parish.

Week 7 - Kinder Mass

9.15am Wednesday

Ordinary Time 34



Week 8 Whole School Mass

9.15am Wednesday 21st November

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

SOCK PUPPET COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the creative children and parents who assisted in making the sock puppets in support of Catholic Missions. Due to the outstanding standard and the goodwill to participate in the "Sock it Campaign", all 38 entrants will receive a prize for their fantastic efforts.

Well done!



YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY

On Thursday 15th November year five had their leadership day! During the day we learnt about the qualities of a leader and what makes a good leader. We had tasks to complete and questions to answer about leadership. We were fortunate enough to have Mrs Hoey come in and talk to us about what makes a good leader.

We also had the current year six leaders come in and teach us about leadership and the responsibilities you will have as a leader; the attributes you must have and give to be a leader. After lunch we had Mr Mahony come in and teach us about his perspective on what makes a good leader. At the end of the day we each nominated two students from our grade that we thought would be good leaders.

All of year five had a great day and are very grateful to Miss Walsh, Mrs Dawood, Mrs Sassine, Mr Bladwell and Miss Chamoun for putting together the leadership day and setting up all the activities and worksheets. Also we are also thankful for Mr Mahony, Mrs Hoey and the year six leaders for taking time out of their day and teaching us about leadership.

Tracey Rodricks 5D



FEAST DAYS

22 NOVEMBER ST CECILIA

24 SATURDAY STS ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND
COMPANIONS

25 NOVEMBER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF

THE UNIVERSE

30 NOVEMBER ST ANDREW

2 DECEMBER ADVENT BEGINS

3 DECEMBER ST FRANCIS XAVIER



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School Terms	2018	2019
Term 1		Tuesday, 29 January - MAI Testing Wednesday 30 - Yrs 1- 6 Return to school Friday 1st February - Kindergarten begin Friday, 12 April 2019
Term 2		Monday, 29 April to Friday, 5 July 2019
Term 3		Monday, 22 July to Friday, 27 September 2019
Term 4	Monday, 15 October to Wed 19th December	Monday, 14 October to Friday, 20 December 2019



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

Price List & \$50 gift voucher available at School Office Counter

 The Athlete's Foot

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