

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Fri 15	Athletics Trials
Tue 19	Music Performance Club Merrylands
Wed 20	Yr 6 Writing Excursion Stage 1 Assembly 2B
Thu 21st	Yr 6 Writing Excursion All Schools Rugby League Carnival
Wed 27	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Stage 2 Assembly 4S

STAFF

DEVELOPMENT

DAY

TUESDAY 9TH JUNE

2015

There will be no
classes held on this
day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last week we celebrated Mother's Day with a beautiful Liturgy to honour our mothers. Hopefully all the mums in our community had a lovely Mother's Day and received some beautiful gifts. All the students want to say a big thank you to those parents who organised the Mother's Day stall. Special thanks to the Mums who donated to our raffle. We raised \$4,787.00.

- * Therese Anjoul (Christian 2B Jessica KM)
- * Linda Raneiri (Jospheh 3V, Chiara KM)
- * Melissa Bouchdan (Leah 2F, Billy 1C)
- * Cathy Ters (Maroun 2B, Daniella KM)
- * Raina Antoun (John 3M Maryanne 1C)
- * Berna Nahas (Frances KM)
- * Sylvana Saba (Sienna KP)
- * Rebecca Bou-Said (Joseph 1M, Ellina KR)

We appreciate the support of the local business listed below that donated to our raffle:

- ◆ Escapade HBF Granville—2x Gift vouchers
- ◆ Ella Rouge Beauty Merrylands—2x Gift Vouchers \$59.00 each
- ◆ Nutrimerics Australia - Gift Basket
- ◆ Priceline Merrylands Stocklands — Gift Basket
- ◆ Ideal Beauty—Spray tan Voucher
- ◆ Hair by Hanin— Hair Voucher
- ◆ Kmart Merrylands—Bath Towel Set

Warm regards

Phil Mahony
Principal

WEEKLY VALUE

Displaying Good Manners

Dear Parents

In 2014, St. Patrick's Guildford commenced a CEDP Professional Development strategy in the teaching of Mathematics. This strategy starts with the collection of Data. The Infants' teachers completed a Mathematical Assessment Instrument (MAI) with each child on their level of understanding in Number, Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Next year all classroom teachers will use the MAI to assess all the students (K-6) on their Mathematics skills. This data, with other assessment tasks and the NAPLAN result, assists the teachers in the planning and teaching of Mathematics to meet the needs of each student.

The teaching of Mathematics is about the students developing mental calculations and thinking mathematically to gain understanding of the processes taught. The teachers have been involved in Professional Development over the past 18 months investigating effective Mathematical strategies to improve the outcomes of all students.

After looking at the data and the research, it has been decided to cease Maths streaming groups in Years 3 to 5. Mathematics will be taught by your child's class teacher from Monday 18th May.

To support parent's questions and concerns about our changing approach to the teaching of Mathematics, we will be conducting Workshops on Friday 22nd May at 2.00pm in the hall. If you cannot attend the Workshop and need any clarification or have questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

Phil Mahony
Principal

NUMERACY

What is an array?

An array is an orderly arrangement in rows and columns. They are used in multiplication and division as a visual to show how multiplication can be shown as repeated addition and division can be shown as fair shares.

Here are examples of arrays. Mathematics is everywhere!!!!



Where can you find an array? Take a picture (or draw what you see) and give it to your class teacher or e-mail to www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au

Parent Information Session

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of Mathematics FUN! We will explore some activities that you can do at home to help your child. Please join us on Friday 22nd May at 2pm in the Hall.

See you there!
Mrs Walker

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Last Tuesday we had a very pleasing attendance for our Parent Group Meeting with positive discussion on the future direction of Parent involvement in the school. Thank you to the following parents who agreed to form a working committee for the upcoming events: the Athletics Carnival and Father's Day Stall.

Mike Jacobson	Sharmila Falzon
Emily Lichaa	Leila Younan
Rebecca Bou Said	Rania Antoun
Terese Anjoul	Warda & Amira Mako
Rima Saady	Samantha Khatter
Amanda Lawlor	Layal Makhlof

If you were unable to attend the meeting but willing to assist the Parent Group, please leave your name at the office.

PARKING

For safety of all students it is vital that everyone follows the parking arrangements outside the school. I will contact the council again to arrange for Parking Rangers to visit the school.

In the morning it is NO PARKING from 8am to 9am which means you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle. **Fine is \$173 plus 2 demerit points.**



In the afternoons it is a 15 minute parking from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. You can not double park while waiting for a position or load passengers while double parked. **Fine is \$311 plus 2 demerit points.**

It is also advisable to hold your child's hand when crossing the road, even on the school crossings.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We are now uploading most of our school notes to St Patrick's website. We will always send the first copy home but if you misplace it and have to send the permission back to your child's class, please download it from the site which is:

www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au

COMPLETE THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE AND GET YOUR NAME ON THE TREE!

Just a reminder that you need to log-on to Premier's Reading challenge using the following URL:

online.det.nsw.edu.au

to register your child's reading list into their Reading Log.

Click on "Login" and enter the Username and Password given to your child. If your child has forgotten this, they can ask their class teacher.

Make sure that you use CAPITAL LETTERS for the Username and lowercase for the password.

Make sure that you do not use any spaces in between letters or numerals.

If your child's login does not work, please get them to come to the Library on Tuesday or Wednesday at lunchtime and I can issue them with a new password.

Once they have completed their Reading List (K-2, 30 books and 3-6, 20 books), Right click on the list page and print off the list so that I know they have completed it. They can bring their list down to the library and add a leaf on our tree. The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 21st August so we have only 14 weeks to complete it! Enjoy reading.

Joanna Gladwell
Teacher/Librarian.



FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held on 2nd June 2015 at 6pm in the School Hall.



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is offered to children in Years 3-6 who have received the Sacrament of Penance (Catholic, Maronite, Assyrian Catholic, Coptic Catholic).

If your child has received their First Communion at Baptism (Coptic Orthodox, Melkite, Greek Orthodox, Antiochan Orthodox) they will still be learning about the sacrament during their religion lessons, however will not be eligible to enrol in the sacrament as they are able to receive the Eucharist at every Mass since their Baptism.

The organisation for First Holy Communion has undergone a major review in order to align with the Church's teaching. Attendance at this Parent Meeting is compulsory.

MASSES



Week 5 – Wednesday 20th May
9am Year 5 Mass
7th Week of Easter

Week 6 – Wednesday 27th May
9am Year 1 Mass
Ordinary Time 8

FEAST DAYS

13th May - Our Lady of Fatima
14th May – St Matthias
17th May – The Ascension of the Lord
18th May – St John I
20th May – St Bernadine of Siena
21st May – St Christopher Magallanes
24th May – Pentecost Sunday

MISSIONS FUNDRAISING

Thank you to students and parents for their continued support during various mission fundraising activities.

As a school community so far we have raised \$845.55 for Caritas, which includes contributions to the class mission boxes, and student lead activities such as the lolly jar guessing competition and cupcake day. Donations for the Rockhampton Appeal totalled \$399.70. This term we will continue to gather contributions for Caritas.

RELIGIOUS TRIVIA ANSWERS

How many symbols of Easter can you identify from the photos?



Answers: Pascal candle, colour yellow and white, water, oil, Easter egg- the empty tomb and new life, greenery/flowers- new life.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Nicole Hadi 4C	Angelica Antoun 1H
Francis Nahas KM	Moana Fifita 5M
Virginia Hechme 5M	Sienna Saba KP
Noah Baysari 4S	Sharna Dias 1H
Charbel Diab 6O	Andrew Sleiman 1M
John Antoun 3M	Jayden Camilleri 6B
Dylan Tran 6O	Ethan Elcham 5M
Daniella Ters KM	



Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury

NEW BABY

Congratulations on the birth of a little girl, Carolinna, to the Rutz Indolfo family (Paulo KM).



CANTEEN ROSTER - JUNE

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Fri</u>
1st Samantha Keirouz	3rd Charolette Tannous	
8th Samantha Keirouz	10th Sadie Ters Rania Antoun	12th
15th Samantha Keirouz Joanne Elias (lunch)	17th Lisa Antoun Maria Uno Rosie Narse	19th Natalie Durbidge Natalie Fontana Maria Ryenolds
22nd Tae-Kyong Kim Samantha Keirouz	24th Melissa Bousdan Rosie Narse	26th Samantha Khattar

FROM THE CANTEEN

As you can see from the Roster, we no longer have any help on **FRIDAYS , 2 days a month**. If you are able to help please ring or come to the canteen.

There are a few amendments to our last canteen list which are:

Sausage rolls are \$3.50.

Mini Pies and mini sausage rolls, which are only sold at recess for \$1.00

KINDERGARTEN CALMSLEY HILL FARM EXCURSION



MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY

