

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 2, Term 4

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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Fri 30	World Teacher's Day Sausage Sizzle Silly Sock Day
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NOVEMBER

Wed 4	Stage 2 Assembly 3M
Thur 5	Parramatta Marist Orientation
Wed 11	S1 Assembly KM Delany Orientation
Thur 12	OLMC Orientation
Fri 13	McAuley Orientation

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last Friday we experienced a very fitting tribute and farewell to Fr. Louis Breslan. The school community with the Parish community demonstrated the Respect and Reverence Fr Breslan richly deserved for his outstanding service to this Parish. We should be extremely proud of how the students participated in the Guard of Honour and the school leaders at the funeral and serving the refreshments in the hall.

Thank you for your attendance and support on Tuesday evening concerning the future direction of St Patrick's. The changes are necessary to ensure we keep up to date with the changing nature of education and prepare your children for modern society. The school will keep you up to date with the progress of the school changes.

Tomorrow is World Teacher's Day. It is an important acknowledgement of the professionalism of teachers and their invaluable contribution to the future of our society. Congratulations to all the teachers at St. Patrick's for their tireless efforts to nurture and develop the mind and spirit of all the students in their care.

On Sunday I leave for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome with 14 other School Principals from Diocese of Parramatta for three weeks. Mr Stephen Lee will be Acting Principal and Mrs Wardeh Khoury will be Acting Assisting Principal during this time.

Warm Regards

Philip Mahony

Silly Sock Day
TOMORROW FRIDAY 30TH
OCTOBER 2015

CHANGE TO TERM 4 – AT A GLANCE CALENDAR

Stage Two Assembly (3M) will take place on Wednesday Week 5 and The Stage 1 Assembly (1M) will take place on Wednesday Week 6.

WEEKLY VALUE

Cooperating with others

ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

2ND DECEMBER 2015

6PM IN THE PLAYGROUND

FUTURE DIRECTION FOR ST PATRICK'S

The information shared with parents on Tuesday evening included:

- * An Introduction of a \$50.00 Excursion Fee in 2016 which will be invoiced with your school fees. The teachers will be planning more excursion/incursion experiences for the students. (Year 5 Bathurst and Year 6 Canberra are not included in the Excursion Fee and these costs will also be invoiced.)
- * Each child will be assessed on the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) on either the Wednesday 27th or Thursday 28th January.
- * The school is applying for a Capital Grant to refurbish the classrooms. This will include planning of the effective use of the space available and moving to Agile Learning Spaces.
- * School Newsletter to go Digital next year and changes in Whole School Assemblies.
- * St Patrick's are on track in the implementation of the new NSW Syllabus.
- * The changing approaches to our Literacy and Numeracy teaching to meet the needs of each and every student.

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Welcome to another amazing week in Term 4. We are sad to hear that Fr. Bresaln passed away, but we are happy now that he is God's arms. We all farewelled Him in a reverent and respectful guard of honour. Year 5 have just made their leadership speeches. We heard all the nominees made a great speech and good luck to all of the nominees.

Charlie-Rose El Riachi, Julian Barakat, Josephine Moujaes, Tony Ashkar, Madison Yagki, Teresa Akkari, Mikayla Issa, Isaac Halloun and George Alam

KINDERGARTEN 2016



Our 2016 Kindergarten Information Night was held recently. We have the Information Packs in the office for any parents who did not attend this night. Please pick these up as soon as possible as our Kinder Orientation Day is on the **Friday 20th November** and your child's time for Orientation is given in the packs. Thank you.

PAISLEY PARK PRESCHOOL VISITS

This week, St Patrick’s has welcomed children from Paisley Park preschool who are currently conducting morning visits to kindergarten to learn more about ‘Big School’. They have been participating in a range of activities in the classroom and spending time on the playground at recess.



FEAST DAYS

28th October – Sts Simon and Jude

1st November- All Saints

2nd November – All Soul’s Day

3rd November – St Martin de Porres

4th November – St Charles Borromeo

9th November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10th November – St Leo the Great

11th November – St Martin of Tours

12th November – St Josaphat



RELIGIOUS TRIVIA

1. What is a prophet?
2. In which part of the Mass do we confess we are sinners and ask for God’s forgiveness and mercy?
3. What is the name of the Catholic organisation that raises money to help children around the world?
4. According to the Bible, why does everyone deserve to be respected?



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| 1. | A person who speaks God’s message. |
| 2. | The Penitential Act |
| 3. | Catholic Mission |
| 4. | Every person is created in the image and likeness of God |



Prayer for World Teachers' Day - 30th October

Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers,

Look upon our teachers with love
Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds
and to never give up on us who fall behind.

Bless their hearts for they rejoice
when we succeed and encourage us when we fail
And bless them with gentle patience
for the path of learning is never easy

Kindle a spirit and passion in them
it is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us

Help them see the potential in each student
Their belief in us means much more than the grade we make

Instil in them a commitment to keep on learning
It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences

Inspire them to touch the future
They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves

Bless our teachers who have come before
For their work endures to this day
Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers

To build up with their words
To love with their mind
To share with their heart.
Amen

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thank you parents for your support and effort in selling the chocolates, it is much appreciated. We still have many boxes left. Please consider selling a 2nd box. The chocolates sell well in the work place, maybe Dad could take a box to work. They are available at the office. The more boxes we sell the more money we raise for additional resources for our children.



FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR



The 2015 Swimming Entry Programme sheet was due back on the 23rd October. If you haven’t already returned this sheet, please send it back tomorrow.

Parents are welcome to attend the Swimming Carnival on Monday 14th December. Children in Years Three to Six will compete.



FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

REST IN PEACE FR BRESLAN

Fr Louis Breslan was the parish priest of St Patrick's Guildford from 1975-2009. He was a firm believer in prayer and the celebration of the Sacraments and ensured that the students were provided with as many opportunities as possible to engage in them and develop a deep reverence for their faith. He was often found on his morning walk before 8am in the surrounding streets and would later be present in the playground talking with students, parents or teachers before school or at Monday morning assemblies. Fr Breslan supported the school in its initiatives to improve the premises or resourcing. He preached about God's infinite love for us and the importance for each person to develop a closer relationship with our heavenly father. We pray that Fr L Breslan has finally met our Heavenly Father and He has looked on him with favour. Rest in Peace Fr Breslan and thank you for your dedication and inspiration as the Parish Priest of Guidlford.



Dear Mr Mahony, staff and students of St Patrick's Primary School.

The family of Fr Louis Breslan would like to send their sincere thanks and gratitude for the contribution you all made to the celebration of his life on Friday.

The guard of honour last Friday was incredibly moving and these memories have been taken back to Ireland to share with the rest of the family.

Wishing you all
God's blessing.
Kindest Regards
Clare Harb (nee
Irving)



Silly Sock Day

Silly Sock Day– **TOMORROW 30TH**

OCTOBER. To begin our Mission fundraising this term students can come to school in their school uniform but they can wear silly socks. Be as crazy as you want, decorate your socks, wear different socks on each leg, long socks, short socks, stripy socks, layered socks.whatever socks you want! A gold coin donation is requested which will go to Catholic Missions.

Mission Boxes: Throughout terms 3 and 4, all donations to the class mission boxes will be forwarded to Catholic Mission.

MISSION MASS

On Friday, the 16th of October, the Year 5 Debating Team attended the 2015 Diocesan Mission Mass which was at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta.



After we took part in Mass, we went into a hall and watched a video on how children in Madagascar are struggling to get clean water and healthy food. It was a pleasure to be present at this event. It was a great experience because we got to see how poor people are living in other countries. We learnt that we should live Jesus' message " Love one another as I have loved you" and stand up for the poor and donate more. Did you know that every 12 seconds a child under the age of 5 dies from dirty water and sickness? People from catholic mission are asking for our help to help those in need especially children who are sick. We can as Catholics make a difference and donate to those in need. As Mary Mackillop said, " Never see a need without doing something about it."

Taylah Yacoub, Alicia Potts, Alice Wall, Ray Bourchdan, Virginia Hechme, Antonia Harb, Kaja Katovic and Monique Bechara.

Yours in Christ

Wardeh Khoury

CONGRATULATIONS

Below is an article which was printed in the Localnewsplus/Auburn Review paper. Congratulations Andrea on all of your achievements.

Andrea's Artist Dream Comes True

AT THE age of 10, Andrea Alzened became the youngest artist to be exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, with a gallery dedicated to her work in October last year.

Diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in June 2013, as she underwent intense medical treatment to combat the disease, it was art which helped her and Andrea made a request to Make-A-Wish to show her creations in a professional gallery.

Now with that dream safely under her belt, the Year 5 student from St Patrick's Primary School in Guildford, will be a judge for the Make Art initiative involving students in Years 4, 5 and 6 across Australia.

General manager of Bic Oceania, Peter Travers, says it was Andrea's "powerful wish" that inspired the Make Art competition with participants asked to create artworks reflecting the 2015 theme 'What I aspire to be ...'.

Enjoying painting and sculpture, and in particular using clay and making animals, Andrea said her favourite artist was Leonardo Da Vinci and the way the eyes of his Mona Lisa portrait appeared to follow the viewer.

"I like art because it's very inspiring and has lots of emotion in it," she said.

As a judge, Andrea says she will be looking for works with lots of meaning that make people feel something.

Joining Andrea on the judging panel will be chief curator (MCA) Rachel Kent, CEO Make-A-Wish Australia Gerard Menses and a Bic Kids representative.



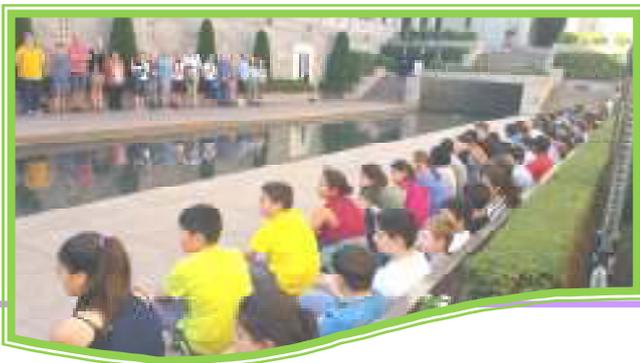
CANBERRA EXCURSION

Year 6 have been studying Government during Term 4 and were excited to travel to our National Capital City, Canberra to enhance their learning in this area. The students were accompanied by Mr. Stephen Lee, Ms. Megan Owens, Miss. Sara Issa and Miss. Marjorie Buedo.

The Year 6 students represented St Patrick's with great pride. Whilst on their excursion, Year 6 participated in a variety of educational programmes that focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist with meeting the cost, the Australian Government contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme towards travel expenses incurred. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their continued support of this programme.

Thank you to the Year 6 parents for supporting this rewarding excursion and a huge thank you to the Year 6 teachers and Mr Lee who attended. Without the parents and teachers this excursion would not be possible. The excursion was a very rewarding and positive experience for everyone.

Miss Marjorie Buedo



LIBRARY NEWS

Executive Director's SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

These summer holidays Greg Whitby is encouraging students to read, read, read!

Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel.

This year they have made it easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read. They have also provided students with more chances of winning a prize. There are 4 iPad minis to be won.

The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge.

Read something you enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why you loved it!

Entries open on Monday 2nd November and close at 5pm on 5th February 2016.

How to enter:

1. Enter www.parra.catholic.edu.au into your browser.
2. Click on the "More" box on the left side of the banner entitled "Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge."
1. Enter your "50 words or less" comment on each book to enter.



OVERDUE BOOKS

Many children have overdue books. We would like to have them all returned as soon as possible in preparation for the annual stocktake.

If your child is told that they have an overdue book and they think they have brought the book back to the library, please ask them to come and check on the shelves. (Infants children may need an older child to help them with this. Just send a letter to your child's class teacher and they will find a buddy to help them.) Sometimes the books can be placed on the shelves without being discharged.

If your child is leaving St. Patrick's at the end of this year, please make sure that they do not have any overdue library books as these records go with them to new schools. It's much better to start with a clean slate.

If we cannot find the books on the shelves, you will be charged a replacement fee for the book/s.

Joanna Gladwell

