

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Fri 29	Athletics Carnival
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JUNE

Tue 2	Communion Parent Mtg 6pm
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Wed 3	Assembly 6W Stage 3
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Thu 4	Girls Soccer
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Mon 8	Queens Birthday Holiday
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Tue 9	Staff Development Day
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TRINITY SUNDAY

Michael Fallon

We have just celebrated the season of the Resurrection, coming to its culmination last Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, with Luke's dramatization of Jesus' gift to us of the Holy Spirit, his love bond with his Father. On Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. We come together to reflect on our experience of God. As Christians, our reflections upon God focus on Jesus.

Jesus addressed God as 'Abba!' - an affectionate way of speaking to a father within the family. The image comes to mind of a child running to its dad with open arms, expecting to be cuddled and consoled. It is especially significant that Jesus continued to relate to God in this way even in the isolation of his agony and death.

If God is the Father of Jesus, then God is the Father of us all. When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan, his understanding of God as his Abba was confirmed by an overwhelming experience of being God's Son in whom the heart of God delighted. It is this same experience that was offered us in our baptism. God said to each one of us: 'You are my son/daughter. I love you. My soul delights in you'. We share Jesus' faith as we say: 'I believe in one God, the Father Almighty'. I have no need to remind you that 'Father' is an image—a very sacred one because one that was dear to Jesus, but an image of all the same. We could just as easily say 'Mother'. The Catholic Catechism reminds us (n.239): 'God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood'. Any image that is experienced by us as nurturing and life-giving is a proper image for God.

Warm Regards
Phil Mahony
Principal

REMINDER

STAFF

DEVELOPMENT

DAY ON

TUESDAY 9TH

JUNE

There will be no classes held this day.

WEEKLY VALUE

Being Patient

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

The Term has gone by so quickly and it has almost come to an end. So much has happened and there is still more to come. Speaking about more to come, the Athletics Carnival is on Friday. Good luck to all the teams, we hope they do great. We hope everyone will do their best at the Athletics Carnival and do their teams proud!

Pentecost was last Sunday. If you went to church, you would of known about it and how the tongues of fire gave the disciples different talents.

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

Prayer

*Christ Jesus,
before ascending into heaven,
You promised to send the Holy
Spirit to Your apostles and
disciples.*

*Grant that the same Spirit
may perfect in our lives the
work of Your grace and love.*

*Teach us to be Your faithful
disciples and animate us in
every way with Your Spirit.
Amen.*

PARRAMATTA ALL SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE



Last Thursday St. Patricks were represented in the Parramatta District All Schools Rugby League Carnival. We entered teams in Under 8, 9, 10, 11 & Opens age divisions. Our Under 9 team unfortunately had other teams drop out before the day so were not required to attend, instead making their way straight to the Parramatta finals to be held on the 11th June.

Each of our teams played very well. Our U/8 team just missed out on the final by countback. Our U/10 team won all their pool games before unluckily losing their final. The U/11 team played a best of three match series, narrowly going down in the final match, therefore missing progression to the next level. Our Opens side won each of their pool matches before winning their semi-final then completing the day with a win in the final in the last game of the day meaning they also progress through to the next level on the 11th June.

Congratulations to all the children on the way they played on the day & a big thank you to all the parents who helped with coaching / training the children in the lead up & on the day & also thanks to the Guildford Raiders for supplying necessary equipment for the day.

A great day was had by all & we look forward to seeing if the U/9 & Opens teams are able to progress further.

ROTARY CLUB CONCERT

I had the pleasure of attending the Rotary Club's Concert at Merrylands on Tuesday 19th May where St Patrick's Choir performed a number of songs and a musical item. They were a credit to the school and their families with their beautiful singing and professional presentation.

Congratulations to the children and to Mrs Kathryn Criss who has prepared the children to such a high standard of singing and entertainment.

Mr Mahony

PENTECOST

Pentecost is the fiftieth and final day of the Easter Season. The apostles were gathered together, waiting for the promised “Holy Spirit” to come upon them. Jesus had told his Apostles prior to ascending into heaven, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and the ends of the Earth.” (Acts 1:8) And as always, Jesus kept His promise. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the beginning of the Church. As stated, “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” (Acts 2:1-4)

The Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present.

The power of the Holy Spirit is the life of all Christians; as a Church, we are called to reach beyond our own borders, our own comfort and find our place within the entire body of believers. We as Baptised Christians, filled with the same Holy Spirit that came down on the Apostles on Pentecost, therefore we are to offer the witness of the kingdom of God to our family, friends, relatives, local community and the global community. We are the Church on earth. What are we doing to proclaim it?



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 Churches teaching. The Masses that children will receive the Sacrament for the first time will be throughout the month of August. Due to the nature of the changes, dates will be allocated by the end of this term. **Attendance at this Parent Meeting is compulsory.**

MASSES

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

Week 7 – Wednesday 3rd May
9am Year 4 Mass
Charles Lwanga and Companions

Week 8 – Wednesday 10th June
9am Year 3 Mass
Ordinary Time 10

Week 8- Friday 12th June
9am Whole School Mass
Sacred Heart of Jesus

FEAST DAYS

25th May : Our Lady Help of Christians
26th May: St Philip Neri
27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury
31st May: Trinity Sunday
1st June: St Justin
2nd June: Sts Marcellinus and Peter
5th June: St Boniface

Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury

RELIGIOUS TRIVIA

1. Who is the Patron saint of Australia?
2. Who did Jesus send to the apostles at Pentecost?
3. Name the three persons of the Trinity.
4. What is the liturgical colour after Pentecost?

1. Our Lady Help of Christians
2. The Holy Spirit
3. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
4. Green

FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR

What a busy term it has been with sports, from the All Schools Knockout, the Diocesan Cross Country, the athletics heats, Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day and the Athletics Carnival on Friday 29th May.

On the 5th of May a group of 3 students attended the Diocesan Cross Country with Mr Mahony, Mr Lee and Mrs Gabriel. Congratulations goes to all those that participated in their event, you did St Pat's proud. Special mention to Ben McGregor who came 5th in his age group and will now represent Mackillop on the 12th June at Sydney Motorsport Park. We Wish him all the best.

The following students represented St Patrick's: Leah Bouchdan, Jimmy Moussa, Jacob Vasilj, Ashwell Starr, Victor Mansour, Tayla Saba, Elie Bishara, Dominic McGregor, Nathan Kady, Ashlee Dib, Ethan Elcham, Alicia Potts, Rachelle Elbazi, Christen Baltasar, Christopher El-Hosn, Sebastian Daoud, Ben McGregor, Charlie Rose El Riachi, Jude Wall, Liem Phan, Angus Wall, Cesar Perez, Tony Ashkar, Andre Moussa, Dion Lenden, Deanna Hanna.

The students year 2 to 6 took part in the athletics heats at McCredie Oval, to see who would qualify for 200m and which division they will run in on Friday. Kinder and Year 1 ran these back at school.

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day was held on Wednesday 27th May at Jamison Park, Penrith. A team of 15 boys represented St Patrick's with good sportsmanship. Mr Maher and Mrs Gabriel thought they played well to win 3 games, lose 3 games and drew 2 games. Well done John-Luke El-Rahi, Christian Finianous, Joel Carder, Julian Barakat, Frank Virzi, Ben McGregor, Jaidyn Finianos, Geroge Azizi, Jacob Elias, Vicktor Bishara, Cesar Perez, William Durbidge, Ethan Elcham, Mark Doueihy, Samuel Hanna.

On Friday, St Patrick's head down to McCredie oval for the annual Athletics Carnival. Children will participate in running races and tabloid activities. They will have a hot dog lunch kindly run by our Parent Group. As a special occasion to celebrate our 50th Athletics carnival we will have some special guests who will take part in an event. *Watch out for the celebrities! Who is running?* Don't forget your drink, food, towel, sunscreen and hats. Remember your house coloured plain shirt. In the event of the wet weather check the Skoolbag app in the morning.

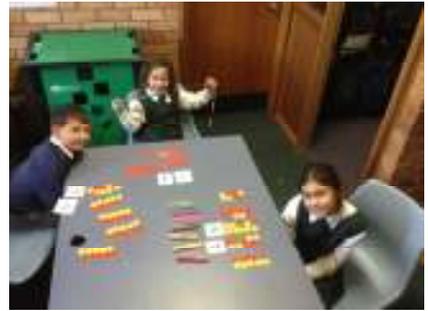


THE BIG QUESTION... WHAT IS EMU MATHS?

"Simon has the largest number because he has 5 tens. He has more tens than us." (Kristy M)

"I have 4 tens and 8 ones. That makes 48." (Kristy M)

"We have some fun learning about numbers." (Isabella C)



"My number is 33. It has 3 tens and 3 ones. If I had 10 more it would be 43." (Isabella C)



"We have been learning about doubles. I can see double 3. It makes 6." (Simon S)

".. I wonder how many you would have if you had another 3..."

(Miss Harkin)



STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES ON... 'What is EMU Maths?'

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 with mathematics. Please join us on Friday 5th June at 2pm in the Hall. Please bring your container and cards from last session.

See you there!

Mrs Walker

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