

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 4, Term 4

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Mon 30	2016 School Leaders Announced
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DECEMBER

Wed 2	School Christmas Concert 6pm
Mon 7	Last Clothing Pool Reports go home
Tue 8	Awards Ceremony 9am Parent Helper Morning Tea Promotions
Wed 9	Whole School End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 9am
Thur 10	Principals Gold Morning Tea

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It is great to be back at school after my amazing experience in the Holy Land, Rome and Assisi. There were a number of highlights on the Pilgrimage, including Mass in the Tomb of Jesus in the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and Mass in the tomb of St Peter under the Main Altar of St. Peter's Basilica. I was able to offer up the prayers and intentions of St Patrick's Community in the Upper Room of the Last Supper in Jerusalem.

I look forward to sharing my learning's and experience with the students and at Parent Meetings in the near future. During my travels there was constant high levels of security and it made me appreciate how lucky we are to live in Australia and to be part of a tolerate multi-cultural and Christian community. As Catholics who believe in a loving and forgiving Father in Heaven, it is our role to be models of appropriate behaviour and to be a bridge for others in our wider community.

Warm Regards

Mr Philip Mahony
Principal



CHRISTMAS
CONCERT
WEDNESDAY
2ND DECEMBER
6.00PM IN THE
SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND

WEEKLY VALUE

Being Thankful

IDLE GOSSIP AND INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

It has come to our attention that there seems to have been an increase in the amount of idle gossip (the vast majority of which is incorrect) and appropriate use of language outside the school near the gates and the Church, both in the morning and afternoon by parents in our school. Please remember that the children here are attending a Catholic School and the best way we can demonstrate how to uphold the Gospel values to our children is to live these out through our own interactions with others.

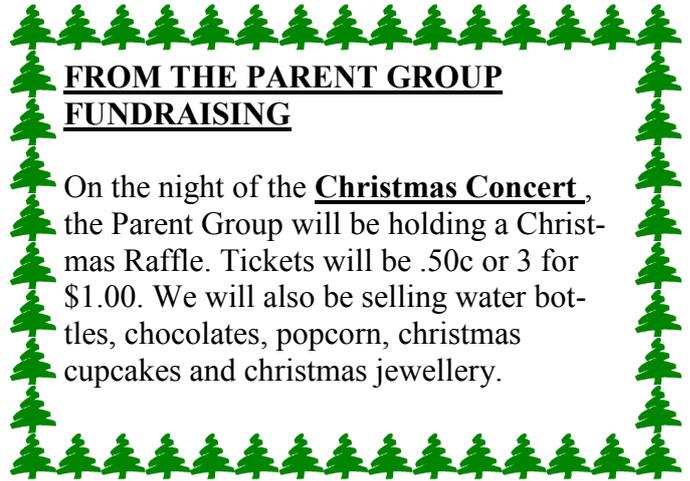
STUDENT PROMOTION TO NEW CLASSES

Please note the date has changed from Thursday 10th to Tuesday 8th November. (The children will meet their new teachers for 2016)



ST PATRICK'S GUILDFORD SWIMMING CARNIVAL 14TH DECEMBER 2015 YEARS 3-6

Parents Welcome



FROM THE PARENT GROUP FUNDRAISING

On the night of the **Christmas Concert**, the Parent Group will be holding a Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be .50c or 3 for \$1.00. We will also be selling water bottles, chocolates, popcorn, christmas cupcakes and christmas jewellery.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to the following year 6 students who have earned 10 silver Dollarmites tokens through the school banking program and are now ready to redeem these tokens with their next deposit.

Thomas Jurisevic
Josephine Moujaes
Raymond Semaan
Deanna Hanna
Benjamin McGregor
Raymond Hekeik
Jacyntha Sleiman
Karen Jreije

If you haven't already, please complete your reward card and return it, along with your 10 tokens, on Tuesday 1st of December and the item will be ordered for you. If you have not received a reward card please write your choice of prize on a piece of paper and send in with your deposit, rewards are as follows:

- ◆ ET DVD
- ◆ Galaxy Glider Frisbee
- ◆ Intergalactic Rocket
- ◆ Invisible Ink Pens
- ◆ Outer space Savers Money Box
- ◆ Scented Pencils
- ◆ Shark Key Ring

Over the past few weeks children have been issued with order forms to redeem prizes. It is recommended that the collected tokens are redeemed for prizes as they may not carry over to next year.

Thank you
School Banking

FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

ADVENT

The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning coming. The Lord is coming. We may reflect that every year at this time we celebrate his coming. During Advent we recall the history of God's people and reflect on how the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled.



The keeping of an advent wreath is also a common practice in homes or churches. The readings for the first Sunday in Advent relate to the old testament patriarchs who were Christ's ancestors, so some call the first advent candle that of hope. The readings for the second Sunday concern Christ's birth in a manger and other prophecies, so the candle may be called of Bethlehem, the way or of the prophets. The third Sunday is celebrated with rose-colored vestments and candle. The readings relate to St. John the Baptist, and the rose candle may be called of joy or of the shepherds. The readings for the fourth Sunday relate to the annunciation of Christ's birth, so the candle may be known as the Angel's candle. The Magnificat or Song of Mary may be featured

MASSES

Parents and friends are welcome to celebrate Mass with the students and Parishioners this term. The handover of student leaders will take place after the Thanksgiving Mass.



Week 9 – Wednesday 2nd December
9am Year 4 Mass
1st Week of Advent

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus

FEAST DAYS



25th November- St Catherine of Alexandria

29th November- First Sunday of Advent

30th November- St Andrew

3rd December – St Francis Xavier

7th December – ST Ambrose

8th December- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th December St Juan Diego

Cuauhtlatoatzin

Jump Up & Down 4 Kids

On Friday 13th November our school community participated in “Jumping Up & Down 4 Kids” This was awareness campaign of the harm and trauma children in immigration detention experience.

In their 2015-2016 Social Justice Statement, the Australian Catholic Bishops are calling for compassion for asylum seekers, especially those who come to Australia by boat.

“So we ask: how would we want our families and loved ones to be treated if they took such a journey of danger? How would we want them to be received by the countries to which they had fled on desperation? As people of faith we go further and ask: do we see the face of Jesus Christ in those who’ve come across the seas?”

In responding to these questions we are guided by Scripture and the social teaching of the Church. In the story of the Good Samaritan we see that our understanding of ‘who is our neighbour’ and what we owe them is not limited by borders, race, caste, religion or politics. Our neighbour is the person before us in need.” (Social Justice Statement 2-15-16, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference)



Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury

LIBRARY NEWS

All books need to be returned to the library now!

Many children still have library books on loan. Please look for these books and send them in straight away. If your child is certain that they have already returned the book/books, please send them to the library to see if they can find them on the shelves.



Children have been given a reminder from their class teachers if they have any books still on loan.

If the child finds the book at home or on the shelf, it is discharged and comes off their name.

If the book cannot be found at home or on the library shelf, the child will be given a note outlining how much the replacement fee is for that book.

If you pay for a lost book and it is found, we will refund you the amount.

If your child is in Year 6 or leaving St. Patrick's, please make sure that they have returned all their books or paid for lost books before they leave as these records follow them to their next school.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

All certificates have been printed out and will be handed out to the students as soon as the special certificates arrive from The PRC Group.



Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget to read a book and review it in 50 words or less to go into the running to win one of four iPad minis. The competition has already commenced and closes 5th February 2015. Just log into www.parra.catholic.edu.au and click on the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge link.

Good Luck and keep that reading going over the holidays.

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St Patrick's winter uniforms are now discounted.