

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

20th	Athletics Carnival
23 – 24th	2017 Kindergarten Interviews
25th	School Photos
26th	Stage 3 Girls soccer
27th	Captivate in Hall
30th	Yr 6 Storyfest

JUNE

3rd	Whole School Mass
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last Sunday the Season of Easter concluded with the Feast of Pentecost.

The account of the first Pentecost tells us that the tongues of fire “separated and came to rest on the head of each of them” (Acts2:3). This is still true today. The fire of God’s love touches each one of us in a unique way. No two people have the same way of loving; each of us has our special gift from God..

We are not to compare ourselves with others, vainly thinking we are better or more gifted, or indulging in false humility by thinking we are worse. Jesus loves us as we are, and wants only to fill each one’s heart with his prayer and with his love and with his passion for the world which he wants to love. Paul tells us that the “spirit of god has made his home in us” (Romans 8:9). Whatever our family and background and circumstances, Jesus’ spirit calls each of us to love with whatever heart and mind and soul and strength we have.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity, one of our Faith’s mysteries, which was explained by St Patrick to the people of Ireland with the symbol of the Shamrock.

Congratulations to Mrs Kim Otazu and her husband Rick on the birth of their son, Nicholas on 13th May.

Tomorrow we look forward to our Athletics Carnival which will be held at Holroyd Sports Ground.

Yours sincerely

Phil Mahony
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY
25TH MAY
CHILDREN TO
WEAR FULL
WINTER
SCHOOL
UNIFORM

(NO SPORTS
UNIFORMS)

WEEKLY VALUE

Playing Fairly

NEWSLETTERS

We have been made aware that there is a problem with some parents unable to access the Newsletter on the Skoolbag app. It seems to be parents who have a Samsung phone that can not open the emails. I have contacted our head office and they said that it is a problem that they cant rectify . If you want an email sent to your personal email address, please send your details to the school office.

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Greeting parents, students and teacher's! The term is already four weeks in! We all can't believe how fast it's gone by. Hopefully everyone has been doing the right thing and doing their work! Who's excited for the Athletics Carnival on Friday? There will be lots of exciting activities such as running, long jump, shot put and many other activities. There will also be cheerleading at the carnival which we are all looking forward to! There has been a lot of preparation for cheerleading and some crazy chants! Year Six also have Story Fest coming up. We wish you all the best preparing! We all have some wonderful stories to tell you! Don't forget to move around the school in a safe manner and treat everyone the way you want to be treated.

With kind regards,
Monique Bechara, Nicholas Azizi and
Andrea Alzened

NEW PROCESS FOR PARENTS WHO VOLUNTEERS AT ST PATRICK'S

Parents who would like to volunteer at the school must complete a Building Child Safe Communities Form online. Please see the back page of this newsletter for instructions on how to log on to the website .

LADIES ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS

**Tuesdays at 10.00am
Guildford Library
Commencing Tuesday 15th March 2016**

No booking required

FROM THE PARENT GROUP

Mother's Day

We would like to send a big thankyou to our helpers, and to all families who donated items to the stall. Our guessing competitions, raffles and stall were a huge success, raising a total of \$5259 for the school. We are also pleased to confirm we sold every last item! We hope you enjoyed the presents selected for you by your children, and the lucky winners of the raffles and guessing competitions enjoyed their prizes.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following local businesses who donated goods;

- Linda Boutrous
- John's Day/Night Pharmacy
Guildford
- Cincotta Chemist Merrylands
- Ella Rouge Merrylands
- Brooklyn Pizza Granville

Parent Meeting

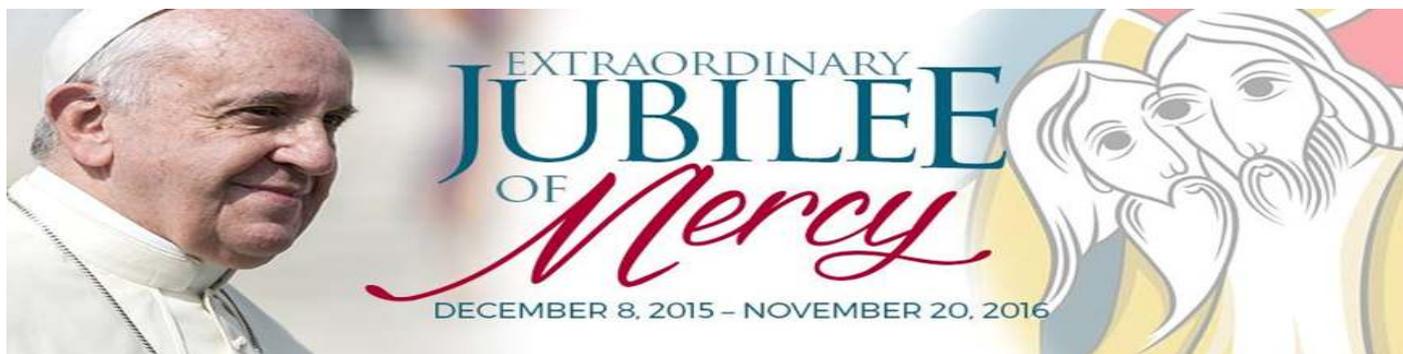
Our parent meetings are held each term, and are a great way for parents of St. Patrick's School to come together and understand more about the school and committee, offer input and suggestions, as well as find out about events and occasions.

Thanks to those who attended the Parents meeting for Term 2. Mr Mahony provided a comprehensive update on the school and upcoming events, while the Committee shared information and reports of events held, along with plans/suggestions for Term 2 and 3.

Our next parent meeting will be held in Term 3 with the date to be confirmed. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. You are also able to leave a note at the office or speak to one of the committee members should you have any questions or suggestions.

Athletics Carnival Helpers

Final call for helpers! We still need more hands on deck for the carnival tomorrow, if you are available to help, please come and see the committee at the Athletics Carnival canteen.



FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY- *To bear wrongs patiently*

We all know how to be charitable and patient to those who are pleasant, kind and humble. However, our initial reaction is not “patience” when someone cuts into our parking spot or the line in the canteen.

Jesus had much to say in regards to this spiritual work of mercy. He said,

“You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” (Matthew 5:38-41)

Jesus’ instruction to “turn the other cheek” is different to what human nature instinctively pushes us to do. We feel that when someone hurts us in some way we must “return the favour.” In our own minds, we believe we are “justified” in slapping someone back or regaining our spot in the line. We say to ourselves “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth!”

What is even more controversial is what Jesus said following this passage. He goes even deeper saying, *“You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” (Matthew 5:43-46)*

God does not want us to base our actions on what the world says. He desires that we be battle our inner tendencies and not “fight fire with fire,” but seek the “high road” that leads to salvation.

This spiritual work of mercy received its purest expression in the crucifixion of Jesus. While reading the Passion narrative during Holy Week our hearts cry out and we want to say to Jesus “You can stop all of this! You are God! Throw down fire and defeat these evil Romans!”

Bearing wrongs patiently is not easy. This work of mercy is “spiritual” for a reason, it requires divine grace to be successful. We must allow God to penetrate our hearts and minds and transform them into something new.

MASSES

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend Mass with the Parish and school on:

Week 5

Wednesday 25th May

9am Year 3 Mass

Ordinary time 8

Week 6

Friday 3rd June

9am Whole School Mass

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury

Feast Days

20th May – St Bernadette of Siena

21st May- St Christopher Magallanes and companions

22nd May – The Most Holy Trinity

24th May – Our Lady Help of Christians

25th May- St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi

26th May – St Philip Neri

27th May – St Augustine of Canterbury

29th May – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

31st May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1st June – St Justin

2nd June – Sts Marcellinus and Peter

3rd June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

4th June – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY— Children who received Principal Awards

MOTHERS DAY PHOTOS

- * Guessing competition winners
- * Raffle winners
- * Mother's Day Liturgy
- * Parent Group



BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

‘Building Child Safe Communities’ is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on ‘[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)’ or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on ‘Child Protection Training Forms’ (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on ‘[Volunteer Form](#)’ (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on ‘[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)’ or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on ‘Child Protection Training Forms’ (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on ‘[Contractor Form](#)’ (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.