

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 2, Term 1

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wed 24th	Whole School Assembly 2pm
Fri 26	Diocesan Swimming Blacktown
Wed 2nd	Year 4 Mass

WEEKLY VALUE

Speaking with Respect



Save the date:

**Cross Country
16th March at
McCredie Oval**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We are now in the season of Lent, a time to prepare ourselves for Easter, through fasting, prayer and giving to the poor. Let us help each other be open to the grace of God, so that we become more loving, more forgiving, more gentle, more compassionate and more humble. Let us help each other so that our hearts be transformed into the Heart of Jesus, and that the face of our school community becomes more like the face of Jesus.

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Parent Information Evening. Hopefully you have a clear understanding of what is occurring at St Patrick's this year and have had the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to be part of the Parent Group for this year. If you have not put your name down and would like to assist, please leave your name at the office. There are a number of events this year where we need parent help, the Easter activity, Mother's and Father's Day Stalls and sports carnivals.

This year we will be having 2 major fundraisers. Firstly to support Sr Lucy and Miss Buedo to attend World Youth Day in Poland and the Olympathon in Term 3 to support the purchase of new laptops and ipads.

Kind Regards
Philip Mahony
Principal

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER

This is the last newsletter to be printed and sent home. The next fortnightly Newsletter will be available through the school website, the Skoolbag App or by email. If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email and haven't already sent in the slip from our last newsletter, please register at the St Patricks Website which is on the top right hand side of this newsletter.

On the right hand side of our site you will see: Newsletter Sign-Up.

Some newsletters will be printed for any parents who can't access our digital formats. (Eldest child will need to pick up a newsletter from the office).

FROM THE VICE CAPTAINS

Hello everyone

We feel so privileged and so grateful to be the Vice Captains for such a great school like St Pats. We can't wait to get to know all the new students and teachers in our school community. We were all lucky enough to meet three fabulous players from the Parramatta Eels Rugby League team on Tuesday. Also, we would like to congratulate all the students who went to the Cumberland Swimming Carnival. We are positive that you represented our school well. Once again, we are so happy and honoured to be the vice Captains of such a wonderful school community.

Kind Regards

Ronny Rahme and Alice Wall

ROAD RULES AND PARKING

Parents, please remember the road rules and observe all parking signs when dropping and picking up children. Please show courtesy to our neighbours and do not park across or in their driveways. The area in front of the church is a 'Drop Only Area' in the mornings. We have had a great deal of complaints from parents who can not drop off their children in the appropriate area as other parents have locked their cars and gone into the school. You will be fined by the parking rangers if they are in the area.



Parent Questionnaire for the PAVe Project (Preventing Anxiety and Victimisation through education)

Your school is participating in the PAVe project - a research project at Macquarie University. In 2015, students with permission from their parents completed the second PAVe survey at school.

If you have not already done the survey, we are inviting parents of these children to complete the PAVe parent survey.

Two schools with the highest return rate of parent surveys will win a \$2,000 prize for their school!

The online survey will take about 12 minutes to fill out. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/paveparents> to complete the survey.

The information you provide will assist in evaluating programs that reduce bullying and anxiety in schools as well as the health impact and costs to run these programs. The information will also help plan future support for families to prevent bullying and anxiety in children.

The PAVe team and St Patrick's thank you for participating in the PAVe Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sally Fitzpatrick (9850 8097) or paveadmin@mq.edu.au

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Every family would have received a book of raffle tickets last week to help raise funds to support Sr Lucy and Miss Buedo's trip as pilgrims to World Youth Day this year.



Just reminder that these tickets are due back to school at the end of this week. If you are able to take more books, these are available at the school office and need to be returned by next Tuesday at the latest.

Raffle books have 10 tickets which are \$2 each or \$20 per book. All tickets sold or unsold need to be returned and accounted for.

Upcoming fundraising:

A Gold or Fold day will be next Friday to raise money for the missionary work the World Youth Day Pilgrims will be undertaking in the Philippines before they head to Poland. A separate note will be sent home next week informing you of this event. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR



Mercy is a virtue. It compels us to alleviate the suffering of another. The Church presents us with 7 spiritual and 7 corporal works of mercy. These are ways in which we can practice charity to others and thus bring about tremendous good in the world. The practice of these works is required of all of us. These works are binding. Though it may not always be possible to practice them, as the situation does not present itself to perform these works at all times, we should always take the opportunities to live by these works when possible.

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbour in their spiritual and bodily needs. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist of feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned and burying the dead. Among all these, giving alms (money) to the poor is one of the main ways to express charity and love. It is also a work of justice, which is pleasing to God.

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy seek to help alleviate human misery – material deprivation, unjust oppression, physical and psychological illness and death. Such misery is an obvious sign of our human frailty and need for salvation as a consequence of original sin.

The list in the Catechism is a very brief overview of what is traditionally grouped into seven spiritual works and seven corporal works of mercy. Here is the traditional list that has been passed down through the centuries: It is an ancient list that has roots in various biblical passages that we will explore in each newsletter



MASSES

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

Week -6
Wednesday 2nd March
9am Year 4 Mass
3rd Week of Lent

Week -7
Wednesday 9th March
9am Year 3 Mass
4th Week of Lent

Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury

FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the team of 10 students who participated in the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival held at Parramatta Pools on the 16th February. The team showed great sportsmanship on the day which they should be proud of. The following students participated on the day:

Clara El Bayssari, Dominic McGregor, Nathan Kady, Angelina Mouawad, Nicholas Azizi, Olivia Budini, Caitlin Mouawad, Jerome Kady, Nicholas Hasham and Fares Antoun.

A special 'thank-you' to Mrs Budini who spent the whole day on timekeeping. Without parent support carnivals and Gala days will not be able to go ahead. Thank you also to the parents who supported their children by spending the day at the pools.

Cross Country

Save the Date: Cross Country 16th March at McCredie Oval. More information to come out shortly.

School Swimming Team



FROM THE LIBRARY

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE - PRC

The Premier's Reading Challenge will commence on 7th March 2016. This is a voluntary program this year. Children in Years K-2 have to read, or be read, 30 books that are specified by the PRC group. Children in years 3-6 have to read 20 books specified by the PRC Group.

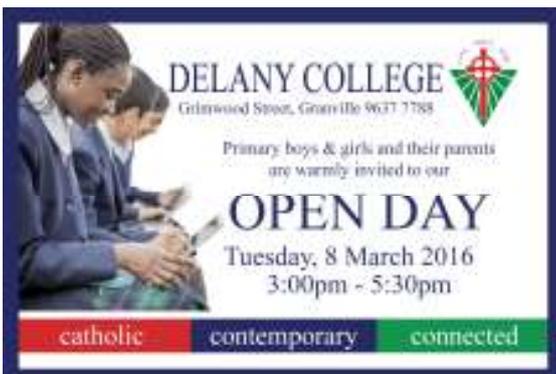
In our school library, the K-2 books have a red sticker on them, Years 3 and 4 have a green sticker and Years 5 and 6 have a purple sticker on the spine so the children can borrow them with ease.

A note went home last week regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge. If you did not receive this note and wish for your child to participate in the PRC this year, please ask your child's teacher for another note.

Permission notes must be signed and returned to school before login details can be released. This is a privacy issue as your child's name will be published on the PRC Honour Roll. Happy Reading

Joanna Gladwell

Teacher- Librarian.



DELANY COLLEGE
Greenwood Street, Greystanes 9637 7788

Primary boys & girls and their parents
are warmly invited to our

OPEN DAY
Tuesday, 8 March 2016
3:00pm - 5:30pm

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St Pauls Catholic College, Greystanes invites you to our -
**OPEN DAY: Sunday March 13th
from 11.30am-2.30pm.**

The College is situated at 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Come along to experience what our College can offer young men during their secondary schooling years.

