

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 2 Term 4

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

4th	Staff Development Day
8th	Stage 3 Assembly Yr 5 Presenting
9th	Year 6 Mass
10th	Marist Orientation
11th	Remembrance Day
15th	Delany Orientation
16th	Year 5 Mass
18th	Kinder Orientation

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

At this time of year it is easy to get distracted from our work. It is important for the students to be able to concentrate on their learning. A couple of tips for helping your children maintain focus and attention. First is to build your child's focus. As with all tasks the aim is to start small and build your child's capacity to master the concept of "sticking with it". Secondly remember it's all about the journey. Teaching your children to tolerate the unexpected can have wonderful benefits. Lastly, keep calm and focus. Use calm methods to engage children who become distracted.

Reaching what you thought was unattainable by engaging in a single focus and "sticking with it" can provide lifelong lessons.

Warm regards

Philip Mahony
Principal



Reminder!

**STAFF
DEVELOPMENT
DAY
TOMORROW 4TH
NOVEMBER
THERE WILL BE
NO CLASSES
HELD
TOMORROW.**

WEEKLY VALUE

Being Persistent in Areas of Work

FATHER PETER'S SABBATICAL

Pastor's Sabbatical 2017: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv has approved my application for Sabbatical Leave from 1 January to 31 May 2017. The word "sabbatical" has its origin in the Bible. The main Bible passage for sabbatical concepts is Genesis 2:2-3, in which God rested (literally, "ceased" from his labour) after creating the universe, and it is applied to people and even to beasts of burden in one of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15). All agriculture was stopped during these periods, so even the land itself was given a Sabbath. In recent times, "sabbatical" has come to mean any extended absence in the career of an individual in order to achieve something. I shall be undertaking a course of study at the Institute for Continuing Theological Education at the North American College, Rome, from mid-January to mid-April. This includes nine days in the Holy Land, a place I have not previously visited. One month of my leave includes my annual holiday. Our Bishop supports the wisdom of his clergy taking "time-out" to review, refresh and relax, away from the normal challenges of ministry. I am very grateful to Bishop Vincent. I am confident that I can rely on your moral and prayerful support during my absence. I shall look forward with renewed enthusiasm to returning to the Parish and Tribunal for the second half of 2017. ~ Fr. Peter Blayney

OLMC PARRAMATTA OPEN MORNING TOUR

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on November 14, 2016 the last tour of the year.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

CLOTHING POOL

St Patrick's Clothing Pool will be open next Monday 7th November from 8.15 until 8.35am. There is a large supply of size 6, 8 & 10 winter jackets, jumpers and winter parkas in good condition. There is also quite a lot of size 6 boys summer shirts, size 10 girls winter and summer dresses. There are also swimmers, goggles ect that haven't been claimed that will be for sale as well. Prices start from \$5.00. We are short on larger sizes 12 and 14 for all uniforms. If you can't make the Monday 7th and would like to purchase uniforms, please let the office know and we will open the next Monday 14th November as well.

Mrs Dolly Chahine



PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 1-3

Being a trustworthy person

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ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY



On All Saints day we honour all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

All Souls day expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory ‘who have been buried in their human imperfection.’

Both of these days remind us of the important to live our faith and be models of good morals and values.

Let us pray that we continue to grow in faith and fellowship among our brothers and sisters in this life and the next.

MASSES

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

Week 5



Wednesday 9th November
9am Year 6 Mass
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Week 6

Wednesday 2nd November
9am Year 5 Mass
Ordinary Time 33

CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 25th October at 7pm. May the Holy Spirit always guide you in the ways of Jesus and inspire you to live lives that are full of peace and love

WAY OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

13TH NOVEMBER

The Way of Mercy Pilgrimage with the Mercy Cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Teresa of Kolkata will conclude on Sunday 13 November with a ceremony at St Patrick’s Cathedral commencing at 4.30pm.

At the 6pm Mass, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will close the Cathedral’s Holy Door. A sausage sizzle fundraiser will follow with proceeds going to Arrupe Place, a drop-in centre for newly arrived Australians run by the Jesuit Refugee Services Australia.

FEAST DAYS

- 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

Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury