

NEWSLETTER

ST PATRICK'S

Making a Difference

Newsletter 5, Term 2

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

1st	Last day of school
18th	First day of Term 3
20th	Year 5 Mass
25th	ES1 & S1 Assembly (Yr 2)
26th	Grandparent's Day
27th	Year 4 Mass
28th	Year 6 Excursion to Canberra

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WEEKLY VALUE

Being Considerate

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy and exciting Term 2 with the students experiencing many different learning activities. We should all be proud of how the students represented St. Patrick's School on the recent excursions. The children were a credit to the school and to their families, from Kindergarten at the Farm; Year 1 visiting the Maritime Museum; Year 2 at Featherdale; Year 4 enjoying their day at the Imax Theatre and Luna Park and to Year 5 who travelled sensibly on the trains to the Imax Theatre and Sydney Observatory. Thank you to the teachers for organising such wonderful learning experiences for the students. Year 3 have a Science Incursion tomorrow and are planning a major excursion for later in the Year. Year 6 head off to Canberra early next term.

Sr Lucy and Miss Marjorie Buedo will be attending World Youth Day in Poland and will be away from St Patrick's for the first 3 weeks of Term 3. We wish them God's blessings and a safe journey as they embark on this once in a lifetime experience. Mrs Deidre Burke will be teaching Year 5 and Ms Brodie Westwood will be teaching Year 4B.

We say farewell to Miss Rebecca Zeait (2RL) and thank her for outstanding work with Year 2. We welcome back from leave Mrs Sandra Rechichi, who will be teaching Year 2RL and to Mrs Ashleah Walker who will be joining the Learning Support Team.

Yours sincerely

Phil Mahony
Principal

**SCHOOL RETURNS ON THE
MONDAY 18TH JULY 2016**



*Special Thank You From
Sr Lucy and Miss Buedo*

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has made it possible for us to attend World Youth Day. Your continuous support, generosity and prayer, has allowed us to prepare for this uplifting and faith-filled experience.

As we embark on this pilgrimage, please be assured that we will bring along your prayer intentions and will hold you and your family in our thoughts and prayers along the way.

We hope that you will continue to pray for us and for the youth around the world, united in prayer and festivities, to celebrate our Catholic faith. We also ask that you pray for the Church in Poland, who will be receiving us.

May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

With deep gratitude,

Sr Lucy and Miss Buedo.

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Hello Everyone!

Term 2 has been a very busy and fun-filled term! There have been lots of excursions and incursions. However, Term 2 will come to a close this Friday afternoon. We hope that you have a safe and happy holiday...

Remember keep warm!

Alice Wall & Ronny Rahme

FROM THE PARENT GROUP

With Term 2 coming to a close, we have begun our preparations for Term 3, including Father's Day – stay tuned for more details when school goes back.

Special Mention

A big thank you to those who donated fruit and water for our Athletics Carnival, it was greatly appreciated! We would like to give a special mention to Growers Fresh Produce for their fruit donation.

We hope everyone enjoys the break, we look forward to an exciting Term 3!

**SCHOOL
TERMS**

2016

Term 3

**Monday 18th July to
Friday 23rd September**

Term 4

**Monday 10th October to
Friday 16th December
(Students)
Tuesday 20th December
(Teachers)**

CAPTIVATE

Thanks to all those parents who came along to support the children in Captivate last Thursday night. If any of those parents have any feedback, Mrs Criss would be more than happy to pass it on to the organisers.

GRANDPARENTS DAY—26th July 2017

Parents, if you have a photo of your child /ren with their grandparents that you would like to be included in our Grandparents Day celebrations, please email it to us Wednesday 20th July. Thank you.

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FROM THE OFFICE

Term 2 School Fees are now overdue. Please finalise any outstanding fees. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM (SPORTS SHOES)

Recently we have had an increase in the number of children wearing incorrect sports shoes. Our School Uniform Policy states that sports shoes are to be predominately white in colour with white laces. Your support around this would be appreciated.

UNDER 11 RUGBY LEAGUE

Yesterday afternoon St. Patrick's Under 11 Rugby League team played in the Final of the Parramatta All Schools Rugby League Carnival. While the boys unfortunately were beaten 18-12, they played with great spirit and teamwork, doing St. Patrick's proud. We would like to thank Mr Semrani and Mr Bladwell for coaching the team and also the many families who came along and gave such positive support to the boys.



THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY- Pray for the Living and the Dead

The final spiritual work of mercy is surprisingly simple and accessible to all “pray for the living and the dead.”

“Praying for the living” is a practice accepted by almost all Christians. While it is appropriate to ask God for what we desire in life, that should not be the center of our prayer life. This is very similar to how we teach children to not seek only what they want.

Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609-1685), “The Virgin in Prayer”



That is why we must cultivate praying for others. This will help us acquire the virtue of charity and combat the sins of pride and greed. If we think and pray more about others, we will have a very fruitful prayer life that imitates the love and care that God has for us.

However, we must realise that praying for others does not stop once they are buried. The dead need our prayers as we do not know their final destination. Most likely they are in purgatory (we have no way of knowing) and our prayers do help them draw closer to Heaven. This practice is as ancient one.

The need for forgiveness of sins after death is revisited in the Gospels and in the letters of the New Testament. In the Gospels Jesus makes a reference to Purgatory:

“Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; truly I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny” (Matthew 5:25-26).

The most obvious text in the New Testament comes from St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians:

“For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble—each man’s work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire” (I Corinthians 3:11-15).

We in turn are asked to pray for our deceased family and friends in a similar way that we are asked to pray for the living. Both the living and the dead (those in Purgatory) suffer trials and both are in need of prayers to help alleviate the time and pain endured.

Praying for the dead is also a great work of mercy that helps shape our own souls. It reminds us of our mortality and the fact that we must work hard for our own salvation on earth. Whenever we pray for the dead, we should always seek to examine our own lives and contemplate the state of our soul.

PENANCE

Congratulations to the children who have received the Sacrament of God’s Grace and Mercy this term.



MASSES

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend Mass with the Parish and school in term 3:

Week 1

Wednesday 20th July
9am Year 5 Mass
St Apollinaris



Week 2

Wednesday 27th July
9am Year 4 Mass
Ordinary Time 17

FEAST DAYS

11th July - St Benedict
15th July - St Bonaventure
22nd July - St Mary Magdale

Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury



Year 2 Excursion to Featherdale

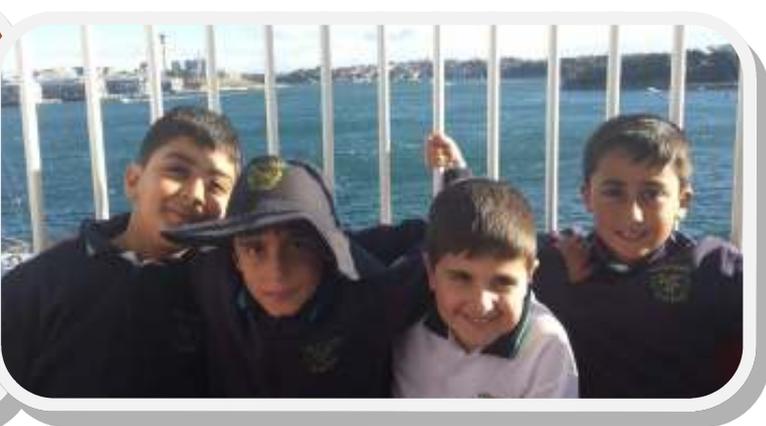


INFANTS GOLD AWARDS

PRIMARY GOLD AWARDS

"BEING CONSIDERATE"

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Y4 - LUNA PARK



KINDERGARTEN READING



Stage 3
Football Team
Football Team
stage 3

St. Patrick's Guildford
Term 3 – 2016 - At a Glance

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
July	July 4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th /10 th
July	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th /17 th
July 1	18 th WYD	19 th	20 th Yr 5 Mass	21 st 3JA Penance	22 nd	23 rd /24 th
July 2	25 th ES1 + S1 Assembly (Yr2)	26 th Grandparents Day	27 th Yr 4 Mass	28 th Year 6 Canberra 3M Penance	29 th Year 6 Canberra	30 th /31 st
Aug 3	1 st August Swimming Prog. K-2	2 nd VOY Cluster Final	3 rd Yr 3 Mass	4 th 8:45 Whole School Assembly	5 th	6 th /7 th
Aug 4	8 th Whole School Mass - St Mary MacKillop	9 th Cumberland Zone Athletics	10 th Education Mass Parramatta	11 th 3F Penance	12 th S2 Assembly Yr4	13 th /14 th First Communion Masses
Aug 5	15 th Whole School Mass - Assumption	16 th Hack Day – Parramatta Marist	17 th	18 th 5W Penance	19 th Olympathon	20 th /21 st First Communion Masses
Aug 6 Week	22 nd ES1 + S1 Assembly (Kinder)	23 rd	24 th Yr 1 Mass Delany Cup	25 th 8:45 Whole School Assembly	26 th <i>Diocesan Athletics Blacktown</i>	27 th /28 th First Communion Masses
Aug/ Sept 7	29 th Aug	30 th	31 st Yr 6 Mass Book Fair Arrives	1 st Sept 5B Penance Fathers Day Stall	2 nd Father's Day Liturgy	3 rd /4 th Father's Day
Sept 8	5 th	6 th	7 th Kinder Mass Book Fair departs	8 th Blessed Virgin Mary B'day 6S Penance	9 th Book Week Parade	10 th /11 th
Sept 9	12 th	13 th S3 Assembly (Yr6)	14 th Yr 5 Mass	15 th 8:45 Whole School Assembly	16 th	17 th /18 th
Sept 10	19 th	20 th	21 st Yr 2 Mass	22 nd 2F Penance	23 rd S3 Boys Touch Football School Closes	24 th /25 th

*** All dates subject to change ***