

# ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

*Making a Difference*

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### AUGUST

26 Diocesan Athletics Blacktown

27/28 First Communion Masses

31 Year 6 Mass  
Book Fair Arrives  
Parent Confirmation Meeting 6pm

#### SEPTEMBER

1 Father's Day Stall

2 Father's Day Celebrations in the Hall 9:50 am

5 Early Stage 1 / Stage1 Assembly  
Kindergarten Presenting

7 Kindergarten Mass  
Book Fair Departs

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We had an amazing day last Friday for our Olympathon. The students experienced our Opening Ceremony then participated in ten different sports at the park. They all enjoyed the day and the Year 6 students were great leaders, working with their Peer Support Group. A huge thank you to our Parent Group who organised the Canteen and Sausage Sizzle and to the Olympathon Organising Committee at school lead by Mrs Terese Croan.

The money raised at the Olympathon will be used to install Artificial Grass around the School Hall and to purchase other educational resources. The day was also a great opportunity to increase our School Community and encourage the St Pat's values of Playing Fairly, Respecting Others and Taking Pride in Ourselves and School.



BOOK WEEK  
PARADE  
FRIDAY 9TH  
SEPTEMBER



### REMINDER

If you haven't already sent in your Olympathon Sponsor money, would you please do so as soon as possible. All children who bring in \$20 will be in the draw for a major Prize. In addition to this, individuals may also receive an incentive prize. For every additional \$20 raised, an additional raffle ticket will be given. Vouchers from our prize sponsors will also be drawn out. All families that raise a collective amount of \$100 will be in the draw to win one of the major family prizes.

### WEEKLY VALUE

**SEEING A NEED AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT**

## LIBRARY NEWS

*Premier's Reading Challenge Is Now Closed!*

*Congratulations to the 212 students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge!*

*The Challenge has now closed and certificates will be issued in Term 4.*

## Book Fair

Commencing next Thursday 1st September - Tuesday 6th September! Don't forget to come along and buy some books.

## Book Character Parade

Our big day will be held on Friday 9th September. Get your costumes ready. Parents are most welcome to attend the Parade.

Book Trivia for Primary Classes will also be held on this day.

## Allergy Alert

On our Book Character Parade Day, all the children in the school are given a lollipop. If your child has an allergy to sugar, corn syrup, citric acid, artificial flavours, titanium oxide, artificial colours or you simply do not wish your child to have a lollipop, please write a letter to your child's class teacher so that we do not give your child a lollipop.



Principal's Award Recipients -

"Seeing a need and doing something about it."



EnviroMentors Lessons

## FROM THE OFFICE

Parents, just a reminder that Term 3 School Fees are now due.



A Parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st August 6pm in the Hall for the parents of children in Years 5 and 6 who are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Eligibility: Your child was baptised in the Roman Catholic Church

Not Eligible: If your child has already received Confirmation at Baptism eg. Maronite, Orthodox, Melkite

**The Confirmation Mass will be held on 25th October at 7pm**

### RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Years 4 and 6 are currently completing the Diocesan Religious Literacy Assessment. Teachers are continually assessing students' learning and reporting to you on their developing religious literacy. In addition to this school-based assessment, and in consultation with the Parramatta Diocesan Schools Board, all Year 4 and Year 6 students in Primary and Year 8 and Year 10 students in Secondary are currently participating in a Diocesan Assessment of their religious literacy. Students in these grades will complete an online assessment during the next few weeks. The students will answer a series of multiple choice questions related to their learning in Religious Education.



In addition, Year 4 students will complete a variety of learning tasks related to the Religious Education unit, Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing. Their achievement in completing these tasks will be formally assessed.

A report based on students' completion of these assessments will be forwarded to parents during Term 4.

### MASSES

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

#### Week 7

Wednesday 31st August

9am Year 6 Mass

Ordinary Time 22

#### Week 8

Wednesday 7th September

9am Kinder Mass

Ordinary Time 23



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep in your prayers the last group of children who will be receiving the body and blood of Jesus for the first time this weekend.

*"The Eucharist does not end with the partaking of the bread and blood of the Lord. It leads us to solidarity with others. The communion with the Lord is necessarily a communion with our fellow brothers and sisters. And therefore the one who is fed and nourished by the very body and blood of Christ cannot remain unaffected when he sees his brothers suffering want and hunger. Those nourished by the Eucharist are called to bring the joy of the gospel to those who have not received it.*

*Strengthened by the living Bread, we are called to bring hope to those who live in darkness and in despair." Pope Francis.*

### FEAST DAYS

24th August - St Bartholomew

25th August - St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz

27th August - St Monica

29th August - Passion of St John the Baptist

3rd September - St Gregory the Great

8th September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Yours in Christ  
Wardeh Khoury

## PEER SUPPORT

Dear Parents,

In this weeks Peer Support Session 5 the students looked at rights. We focused on how we as individuals have rights and the rights of other people. The activities reminded the students that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing. Discuss with your child a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

Next week in Session 6, the students will be discussing and developing ways to be responsible. The activities will reinforce the concept that being responsible is doing what we say we will do and to the best of our ability. In the next week help develop with your child 2-3 things they can do around the home to show they are responsible. For example feed the dog each night, set the table each day or do or pack away the dishes.

I would like to send a big thank you to all the students and parents who are helping to support the Peer Support Program and make it successful across the school this is evidence in the way the students are interacting and cooperating together to complete the activities.

Kind Regards

Miss Deanna Russo



**Olympathon Photos**



**KKS Swimming Champions**