



# ST PATRICK'S GUILDFORD



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Whatever ugliness there is in our world, it is on the surface. The real power and the real energy and the real life that is pulsing through the universe is the power and energy of love: the love of God's Holy Spirit. The world is like a huge room on which the sun of God's love is always shining. When we sin we pull down the blind and draw the curtains, thus plunging our lives into darkness - but we do not stop the sun shining. In the dark, we stumble, and we hurt ourselves and one another; we are lost and insecure, and we do ugly things. But Pentecost, that we celebrated last Sunday, reminds us that the Spirit of God's love is there. Our task is to lift the blind and open the curtains and welcome God's entrance. Hence the prayer we will pray as a response to the Psalm: **'Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth'**.

Another theme of last Sunday's Mass is that God wills to renew the face of the earth through us. We are disciples of Jesus and look at the love which he released in this world! So that he could continue to do it through us, he sent his own Spirit on the apostles in the form of tongues of fire.

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' (Acts 2:3). 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 own 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. 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.

If we do this together, then we are the kind of community in which Jesus takes delight, and we will continue to expand our hearts to be filled by God and to welcome all who feel drawn to the heart of God. We pray that we ourselves will be open to God's love and God's inspiration. This may not remove from us the cross, but we will be astonished at the difference that welcoming God's love and grace will make to the world, and if enough people do it, the face of the earth will indeed be renewed, for God's love is a fire. It purifies, but it gives light and warmth. And whose heart does not long for both?

All the best for the week ahead.

*Steven Jones*  
Principal

At St Patrick's we are making a difference by being safe, respectful learners.

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 7

31/5 Athletics Carnival  
2/6 8:30am Penance 4 Blue  
9:15am-10:00am Mass 4 Green

### Week 8

7/6 8:30-9:15am Assembly  
1:40pm-2:40pm Peer Support  
9/6 8:30am-2:30pm Boys Soccer Gala Day  
8:30am Penance 6 Blue  
9:15am-10:00am Mass 1 Blue  
10/6 9:15am Sacred Heart Mass  
11/6 Sacred Heart

## NOTES HOME

[Athletics Carnival Note](#)

[Tell Them From Me Student Survey - Years 4-6](#)

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In my role, I am fortunate enough to walk through our learning spaces and witness teachers personalising the learning for their students, helping them to strive for their personal best. Personalised learning takes into account students' strengths, needs, skills and interests to ensure that growth in their learning takes place. I am proud of our students who are trying to challenge themselves and find success with their learning. So, this week I write to the children of St Patrick's and thank them for all their hard work.

To Kinder, I love seeing how your writing is developing, you are now able to write letters and words. Your literacy skills are developing each day and you are beginning to read books. You challenge yourself when you investigate mathematical problems with counters and you know how to subitize. Your thinking amazes your teachers everyday.

To Year 1, I love that you are developing your oral language through experiences like the Cafe. I can see how you use this new vocabulary to create new and interesting texts. Your reading has grown this year, as you challenge yourself to read harder texts.

To Year 2, I love that your Science investigations are helping you learn about how matter can change. You are just like your experiments, you are growing and changing. When you learn something new, evaluate your understanding and deepen your knowledge.

To Year 3, I love that you are self-reflecting on your learning. That you can identify your learning goals and monitor where you need to go next. You have worked hard in your writing, reading and maths, taking on the feedback you have been given, and applying it to new scenarios.

To Year 4, effective learners are ones that work together. I love that you are trying so hard to work as an effective team. This term, continue to work hard together as a grade so that you can achieve incredible results and grow to be effective, cooperative, interdependent learners.

To Year 5, mindset is a critical component of being a successful learner. I love that you are beginning to approach every learning experience as a learner. I see the deeper discussions you are having with your texts. You seek feedback from your classmates and teachers to improve your writing and you enjoy harder maths problems that deepen your thinking and understanding.

To Year 6, I love that you are becoming critical thinkers. Every day, during reading, writing and maths, you're putting these mature thinking skills into practice. These skills will help you make sense of the world, ask questions and make value judgments that help you figure things out if they don't make sense.

Keep up all the good work!!!!

### **NAPLAN**

Congratulations to Years 3 and 5 for their completion of the NAPLAN assessments the last few weeks. All students faced the tests with maturity and confidence to do their absolute best. Year 3 and Year 5 enjoyed using technology to complete most of their assessments (Year 3's writing assessment continues to be a paper test). Thank you to all families for ensuring your children were at school and on time. Student results should be released sometime in Term 3.

*Tracy Hoey*  
Assistant Principal

## UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY TRINITY

The feast of the Holy Trinity will be celebrated on the 30th May. Trinity means three and tells us there are three Persons in God. There is only one God, but God is a relationship of the Father and the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.



Each of the Persons in the Holy Trinity is really God, so the Father is really God, and Jesus is really God and the Holy Spirit is really God. But they are not all in the same Person. Each of the Persons in the Holy Trinity is also equal to all others. So the Father is not greater than the Son or the Holy Spirit, they are all equal.

Sometimes we can understand the Holy Trinity as if it were like a family. Each of the persons is different, but the family wouldn't really exist if any one of them were missing. The Holy Trinity is also a relationship of love. Because God is so full of love He wanted to share it with others, that is why He made us! When we live the way God wants us to, we are joining the life of the Holy Trinity.

We know that God the Father made everything and we are intended to go back to Him. The Holy Spirit guides us towards Him and Jesus is the way.

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS



The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus occurs on Friday the 11th of June. The heart of Christ is a symbol of Jesus' love for us.

As a lead up to this special solemnity we have traditionally asked the school community to emulate Jesus' love by donating non-perishable food items that will be given to the Manning Foundation to distribute to the needy in our community.

We will be accepting these donations for the rest of the term. A display of this can be seen in the school foyer to remind our community of helping others as Jesus did.

Donations can be sent directly to the school office or via your child to their classroom. A list of possible items can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Sacred Heart Mass will be celebrated on the 10th June at 9.15am in the Hall for the school community. Parents are welcome to attend and will need to scan the QR code while they enter the hall.

*'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you? 45 Then he will answer them. Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' (Matthew 25: 44-45)*

## FEAST DAYS

23rd May - Pentecost  
24th May - Our Lady, Help of Christians  
26th May - St Philip Neri  
27th May - St Augustine of Canterbury  
29th May - St Paul VI  
30th May - The Most Holy Trinity  
31st May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
1st June - St Justin  
3rd June - St Charles Lwanga and companions  
5th June - St Boniface  
6th June - The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)  
11th June - Sacred Heart of Jesus



- Please keep in your prayers Nicole Karam, a student from 6 Yellow who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- All those suffering around the world- especially the people suffering from COVID in India and the civil unrest in the Middle East.

Yours in Christ,  
*Wardah Khoury*

## 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION



On the 24th May 2021 (Monday week 6) Mr Jones, Mrs Antoun and I attended the 200 Years of Catholic Education Mass. All schools from the Parramatta Diocese were represented. As we entered St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta, we entered with an Aboriginal smoking ceremony. The smoke that we walked through is used as a cleanser in the Aboriginal culture. After this, we entered the beautiful church and listened to a wonderful mass led by Bishop Vincent. The Mass was full of hymns led by the captivate choir consisting of students from schools around the Catholic Diocese. Mr Greg Whitby finalised the Mass with a speech. They provided us with finger foods, as we finished them off we exited the grounds of the St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. At the conclusion of the mass each school was presented with a commemorative plaque to acknowledge 200 years of Catholic Education. I experienced something I don't think I will again, I had an amazing time!

*By Madalene (Student Mission Leader)*

*The photo shows Madeline holding the plaque beside Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv. Bishop of Parramatta.*

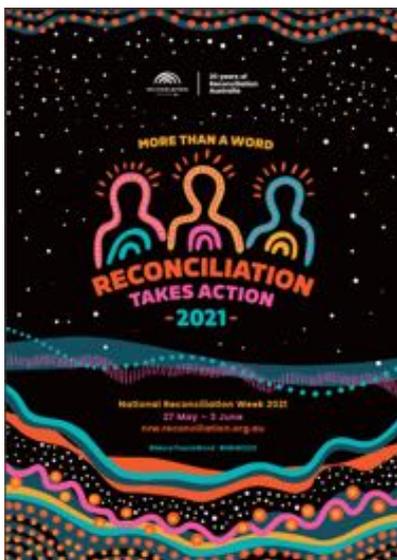
## STUDENT LEADERS MORNING TEA WITH MAYOR

On the 25th May Mr Jones, Jacob and Danielle went to have a morning tea with the Mayor of Cumberland Council Steve Christou to learn about how Cumberland Council operates and helps the community. Student leaders from schools within the Cumberland Council were invited to attend. The Council staff introduced themselves and told us what they do and their roles in Cumberland Council. A student leader from each school had to make an impromptu speech with a time limit of two minutes maximum. The student leaders had three topics which were chosen randomly out of a box... 'If I were the Mayor for the day I would', 'Recycling is important because...' and 'If I could change anything in Cumberland LGA I would'. Prior to the impromptu speeches we had morning tea with the Mayor. After morning tea Danille presented her speech... 'If I were the Mayor for the day I would'.

*By Danielle and Jacob (Student Leaders)*



## NATIONAL SORRY DAY - 26 MAY &



Yesterday was a significant day in our nation as we journey towards reconciliation with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It was Sorry Day. It is an important moment to remember the past policies of forced child removal. We reflect <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/> on the sad and painful history of the Stolen Generations and recognise moments of resilience, healing and the power of saying **Sorry**.

The first Sorry Day was held on May 26 1998, exactly one year after the Bringing Them Home Report was presented to the parliament. This report was the result of an inquiry into the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and recommends both an apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and reparations. The term 'Stolen Generations' refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who were forcibly removed from their families by government, welfare or church authorities and placed into institutional care or with non-indigenous foster families. The forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children began as early as the mid 1800s and continued until the 1970s.

Reconciliation is an integral concept in our Catholic faith. Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that we as indigenous and non-indigenous Australians continue to walk. At its heart, it is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-indigenous peoples for the benefit of all Australians. On February 13 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivered an apology for the laws, policies and actions that inflicted profound pain, suffering and hurt on the Stolen Generation, their descendants and their families left behind.

If you would like to know more about how we can support this reconciliation process you might like to investigate these links: [Reconciliation Australia](#), [The Apology Film](#), [Kevin Rudd Apology in Parliament](#). It is important that as Australians we all take positive action to move towards reconciliation as a nation.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school athletics carnival will be held on this Monday 31st May 2021 at Holroyd Sports Oval (Peel St, Holroyd) for all children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

**Date:** Monday 31st May 2021  
**Venue:** Holroyd Sports Oval, Peel St, Holroyd  
**Time:** 8.35am-2pm  
**Transportation:** Bus  
**Uniform:** Sports Uniform (house colour shirt), hat and towel to sit on  
**Bring:** Morning tea & lunch, water, sunscreen and school hat  
**Cost:** Covered in Activity Fee

- Students are asked **NOT** to bring food that they can share with friends such as lollies and chips.
- Personal items such as sunscreen, coloured zinc, clothing, towels and water bottles **MUST NOT** be shared with other students.
- Students must remain on the field at all times unless using the bathrooms (with teacher permission).

Students **MUST** arrive at school no later than 8:25am as buses will be leaving on a strict timetable. ALL students attending will be transported to and from Holroyd Sports Oval.

Trophies and medals will be awarded at the next assembly. ALL other place-getters of races will be awarded ribbons on the day. It is the student's responsibility to look after their ribbons and they are encouraged to bring a small plastic zip bag to keep them in for safety. **Please note** that students will not be permitted to purchase anything from the canteen and all lunch orders must be preordered. **No parent will be permitted to enter the field unless they are a helper.**

Thank you,  
 Alexander Meoli  
 Sports Coordinator

## MERIT AWARDS - Congratulations to the following students

KBlue	Jasmine Abboud Genesis Ghouri	KGreen	Lillian Do Isaac Sawaqed		
1Blue	Terese-Sophia Saba	1Green	Raphael Khairallah Thalia Karaki	1Yellow	Lilian Austin Fernandez Khloe Cheble Maalouf
2Blue	Christian Svensson Charlize Saliba	2Green	Chanelle Dandan Eroz Marilag		
3Blue	Hannah Tarabay Angelina Farah	3Green	Ravpreet Kaur Carla Ishac	3Yellow	May Lin Isaac Ibrahim
4Blue	Sara Karki Joseph Tarabay	4Green	Bellarose Estephan Whitney Atang		
5Blue	Eden Perera Cara Lombardo	5Green	Maribelle Nahas Paul Ishac	5Yellow	Daniel Depares Charlisse El Chedyak
6Blue	Ruhan Sitoula Alexander Farag	6Green	Zachary Opoku Analise Hallit	6Yellow	Salim Alsaadou Madalene Makhlof



## NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday 19th of May, hundreds of students stopped all over Australia for National Stimulus Storytime read. Someone in the ISS (International Space Station) read an interesting book called 'Give Me Some Space' in space. Everyone from K-6 enjoyed the book and had many questions as to why the girl in the book wanted to be an astronaut. Hopefully the book inspired others in Australia to make their dreams come true.

By Antonio (Learning Leader)



## LEARNING AT ST PATRICK'S

For the last five weeks Year 2 have been exploring the different types of mixtures to identify the causes of these science experiments. Year 2 has discovered the results of many mixtures such as coke and mentos, which turned out to become a huge explosion. Year 2 also mixed baking soda with vinegar and that became very heavy and squishy.



## WELLBEING

The National Day Against Bullying and Violence was on the 19th March 2021. The students of St Patrick's had an opportunity to 'Say No to Bullying' by saying 'Yes to Respectful Relationships' and entered the national Interrelate anti bullying poster competition. The following three students Terese-Sophia Saba (1B), Tala Haddad (1Y) and Eva Panta (2B) made it to the final judging. The virtual awards ceremony will be on Friday 11th June 10:00-10:30am <https://events.humanitix.com/say-no-to-bullying-poster-competition-awards-ceremony> where the overall winner will be announced. Fingers crossed for our 3 finalists!



Tala Haddad



Terese-Sophia



Eva Panta

This week we saw the grade gems start filling up the School Gem Jar. Congratulations to Years 1 and 5, who will now get to enjoy a grade reward.



## TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL ON THE BUS

It has come to our attention that children travelling to and from school, on the school buses, are displaying inappropriate and unsafe behaviours. These behaviours include standing up and/or moving back and forth between seats while the bus is moving, using profane language, throwing items around the bus and out of windows, screaming, fighting with each other and disrespecting the bus driver. These behaviours do not follow our school expectations of being Safe Respectful Learners and can consequently distract the driver and put everyone at risk.

In order to ensure that children arrive safely to and from school, any incident on the bus (which can be clarified by the cameras on the bus) will result in time off the playground for both recess and lunch, for a number of days and ongoing occurrences may result in loss of bus privileges.

You can help. Please discuss this situation with your child and the impact on their safety and the safety of others on the bus. The expectation is that children sit in their seats and keep their hands to themselves, not throw things, scream or use profanities during the bus ride. I'm sure you can agree that if this is possible and an expectation within your family car then it is an expectation on the bus too.

We want every child to arrive safely to and from school daily and your support is imperative to these efforts. For further information, please read the Guidelines for Managing School Student Behaviour on Buses available via the [www.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au) website.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



## TELL THEM FROM ME



During the next two weeks we will be inviting students, staff and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Patrick's Primary Guildford.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below: [www.tellthemfromme.com/stpatsguildford](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/stpatsguildford)

### STAFFING

**Mrs Amanda Khoury** has been appointed for the remainder of 2021 as the Music & Drama teacher to replace Mrs Narelle Boatfield. Mrs Khoury will commence next Tuesday 1 June. Mrs Khoury has been teaching at Murray Farm Public School for the past five years. She has also taught choir and is involved in her parish, Our Lady of Lebanon as a Flame Teen teacher. We welcome Mrs Khoury to St Patrick's.

### CLOTHING POOL

Due to the Athletics Carnival the Clothing Pool will be **closed**. Alternatively, you can complete a "[Wish to Order](#)" form at the office. School staff will attempt to meet the request if items are available.



### CANTEEN

**Please note that the canteen will be closed on Monday 31 May due to the school Athletics Carnival. This includes before school.**

## LIBRARY



# 2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

**2nd March - 28th August 2020**

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now begun and there are 13 weeks left in the challenge. Parents will need to enter the books their child has read into their Reading Log on the PRC website. Once you have returned the permission slip, a note will be sent home from this week with the Username and Password.

In the meantime, have a look at the Premier's Reading Challenge website and familiarise yourself with the rules. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>. The school library and public libraries have many books that appear on the PRC booklists. K-2 will borrow books with the red PRC sticker, 3-4 green PRC sticker and 5-6 purple PRC sticker. They may read books above their level but not below.

This week all children in the school participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime and together read the book "Give Me Some Space! This book can be added to your child's Premier's Reading Challenge reading log.

## NEW CHILD PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS

Parents and carers are being encouraged to become involved in our school life.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for, or provide services to Parramatta schools. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities. CEDP has launched a **NEW** Building Child Safe Communities undertaking form and online training module that ALL volunteers are required to complete. The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

1. The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.
2. The training module should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

These can be accessed via this [link](#).

Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission. The undertaking form will expire within two years and at that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs. Please view the [Video for Volunteers](#) to understand the BCSC process for further information on the new online form and training module. **Please note, that the previous training module no longer enables a volunteer to assist. The above MUST now be completed.**

## PARENT GROUP NEWS

Thank you to everyone for your support at our recent fundraising events – the Easter Raffle and the Mother's Day Stall and Raffle. Both events were very successful and we raised a total of **\$904.25** from the Easter Raffle and **\$2173.90** from the Mother's Day stall and raffles.

The Committee would like to thank the parents who volunteered their time to help out on the day, to Linda Boutros for the wonderful cookies and to the following local businesses who generously donated stall items and raffle prizes.

- Beautique' by Angela
- Bunnings Villawood
- Candelori's Restaurant & Bar
- Cincotta Chemist
- Glamourize
- John's Chemist
- Seafood R'US
- Silk Skin Clinic
- Swan Chocolates
- Sweet Blooms

We would also like to thank the Teachers who cooked and served at the lovely Mother's Day Breakfast for the school mother's last week. Our next fundraising event will be a Sausage Sizzle at the upcoming Athletics Carnival.

## Food Bank: Items for the Manning Foundation

Can of Heinz Vegetable Soup	Sun Rice (Medium Grain) Australian Calrose Rice 500 gram Packet
Tom Piper Braised Steak & Vegetables	Black and Gold Full Cream Long Life UHT One Litre non refrigerated
Tom Piper Braised Steak & Onion	Jar of Vegemite 150 gram
Tom Piper Sausages & Vegetables	Black and Gold Wheat Biscuits: Breakfast Cereal 750 grams (FAMILY)
Tom Piper Home-style Irish Stew	Uncle Toby Vita Brits 375 gram Packet (SINGLE)
Campbell's Spaghetti Sauce with Beef	Black and Gold Dry Pasta "Small shells" 500 gram packet
Cans of Tuna – various sizes	Dehydrated Pancake Mix small containers where you just add water
Campbell's Vegetable & Beef Soup	Cans of whole Champignons
Tomato Soup	Red Kidney Beans 400 gram tin
Pumpkin Soup	Legos Red Wine Bolognese: Sauce 575 gram container
Tins of Spam or Hormel	Kan Tong Pineapple Sweet & Sour Cooking Sauce 515 grams
Tins of Spaghetti	Edgell Mixed Vegetables 420 grams can
Chicken Noodle Soup Mix or Cup of Soup	Sugar 50 sticks white packet
Chicken & Beef Flavoured Noodles 85 gram packet (2 minute noodles)	Can of Milo 200 grams
Can of Corn Kernel	Packet of Custard 300 grams Variety (Woolworths Purchase)
Can of Diploma Instant Full Cream Powder	Black & Gold Tomato Paste 250 grams
San Remo or Homebrand Spaghetti 500 gram packet	Liquid Stock: Beef/Chicken/Vegetable
Tins of Beetroot	Black and Gold Tomato Sauce 300 grams
Cans of diced Tomatoes 400 grams	Container of Soap Packet of Eight (Homebrand)
Golden Circle Fruit Salad Traditional 450 grams or any fruit in a can	Black & Gold Mashed Potatoes Dehydrated 125 grams Packet
New Season Lentils (Not to be purchased only taken when donated)	Can of Edgells Beans
Jar of Honey	Can of Gravox Traditional Gravy 120 gram tin
Jar of Strawberry Jam	Can of Chickpeas
Jar of Apricot Jam	Can of Butter Beans
Cans of Baked Beans – various sizes	Lentils
Plain Biscuits (SAO)	Lipton Tea Bags (25 tea bag packets)
Sweet Biscuits Scotch Fingers	Small jar of Granulated Instant Coffee Black & Gold 100 grams or Homebrand
Kraft Cheddar Cheese 250 grams (Non refrigerated!)	Black and Gold Strawberry & Raspberry Flavoured: Jelly Crystals 85 gram Packets