



ST PATRICK'S GUILDFORD



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

The past month we have finally seen the opportunity for our students and school community to participate in extracurricular activities and whole school events. When we all look back on our schooling, for many of us, it is the below events and experiences that come to mind as the favourite part of school. Unfortunately for a considerable duration of time, we have not been able to provide such experiences. Thankfully after two and a half years, our students are once again having the opportunity to experience these wonderful opportunities.

Last Thursday we welcomed our fathers, grandfathers and significant males in our lives to the Father's Day breakfast and liturgy. It was wonderful to see so many attend, many in their favourite jersey. Our students loved having their fathers, grandfathers and significant males in their lives come to school. The words and pictures spoken and displayed by our students signified how important these people are in our lives.

A few weeks ago we celebrated a school community Book Week with many enjoyable events taking place throughout the week, from the favourite dress up for the Book Week parade on Monday to pyjama day on Friday when students reconnect with their peer support groups for an afternoon of fun related to literature.

On Tuesday evening 65 students from Years 3 to 6 and 10 staff attended the Interschool Dancefever competition at Quaycentre Homebush. It was an evening filled with glitz, glamour, laughter and fun. The students participated in the FoxTrot and Cha Cha at grade levels and we had some wonderful results, with many of our students being selected for the finals and earning places overall. At the end of the evening each school presents a showcase dance. Once again, our students danced the centre down and had so much fun. I strongly encourage all our Years 2 to 5 students to consider participating in next year's events.

Over the past three weeks, a number of our athletes have participated at the Cumberland Zone and Diocese Athletics carnival with dedication and incredible athleticism. The previous newsletter (Zone) and within today's newsletter you will have read/be able to read the outstanding results that a number of our students achieved. Further ten students volunteered at the Zone carnival to assist in the many tasks that ensure an event of this nature runs so smoothly.

On Monday, Annabelle Nakhoul was one of seven students to present her Voice of Youth speech at the Voice of Youth Eastern Semifinal. Our Year 6 students attended the event as moral support for Annabelle. Once again Annabelle spoke with poise as she continued to attempt to persuade her father to buy her a phone. Still no luck!

Today, seven year 6 students who have displayed a passion for the mission of the church, along with Mrs Khoury and myself attended the annual Diocesan Education Mass and Agency Mission Expo at St Patrick's Cathedral. The students had the opportunity to view the work of Mission Agencies in the Diocese of Parramatta and the various opportunities for

schools to engage in. Schools are invited to inquire into the various opportunities and explore new ideas in Mission for their communities.

On Monday, we continue our whole school events with the celebration of Grandparents Day. Another opportunity for us to recognise and show appreciation for important members of our family.

Each of these extra curricular and community experiences provide lasting memories for our students. Thank you to the many staff and parents who plan, organise and assist the provision of the above and many more opportunities that St Patrick's looks forward to providing for our students. Don't forget that you can see the many photos for these extra curricular and community experiences and many more opportunities via the school Facebook page.

Steven Jones
Principal

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

UPCOMING DATES

Week 9

12/09 8:45am Assembly
12/09 Grandparents' Day
14/09 8:30am-9:15am 6 Green Penance
14/09 9:15am-10:00am Kindergarten Mass
16/09 Dancefever Years 3-6

Week 10

19/09 8:45am Assembly
21/09 8:30am- 9:15am 5 Blue Penance
21/09 9:15am-10:00am Year 6 Mass
23/09 Dancefever Years 3-6

NOTES HOME

[Grandparent's Day Invitation & RSVP](#)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Did you know that the first Fathers' Day was 110 years ago? Fathers' Day as we know it, started in 1910 as a result of the efforts of a young American girl who wanted to recognise fathers, inspired by her own father who was a single dad with six children. Since then Fathers' Day is celebrated in many countries but not all on the first Sunday in September as it is here in Australia. While Fathers' Day is a celebration of fatherhood, it's a time for us to honour, celebrate and to be thankful for all of the men, father figures and male role models in our lives... including our uncles, grandfathers, Godfathers, and even our male teachers. We recognise the very important role you have in the lives of children.

"A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall, but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again." (Anon)

Last Friday we gathered as a community to celebrate all of the fathers and father figures in the childrens' lives. We were amazed to see so many fathers and grandfathers gather for breakfast and for the Liturgy that followed.

Special thanks to the parent group for the father's day stall, to all the staff members who prepared and cooked the delicious breakfast. To the RFF team who created and taught the children the special fathers day powerpoint reflection and song. To the committee members who made the fathers day powerpoint and ran the assembly.

But most importantly thank you to all of the dads in our school community. The children love you and are so proud of you. We hope you had a great day last Sunday. You are our heroes!



Tracy Hoey
Assistant Principal



Please send any photographs of your child with their Grandparents to StPatsGuildford@parra.catholic.edu.au by the end of the day on this Friday 9th September.

The RSVP slip on the invitation sent home is also due back to the school office this Friday 9th September.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne. The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.



Mary's father Joachim has been described as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply sad, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness.

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting to please God as they thought God had not given them a child because he wasn't pleased by them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah were with Isaac, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. When she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

May we have the faith of Mary and her parents to believe in God's will in our lives. Let us remember to celebrate what God has granted us and recall those who may need our prayers, help and support. Our Mother Mary, Pray for us.

MASSES

Parents and friends are welcome to attend mass with the students and parishioners.

Week 9

Wednesday 14th September
8.40am Penance 6 Green
9.15am Kindergarten Attending Mass
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Week 10

Wednesday 21st September
8.40am Penance 5 Blue
9.15am Year 6 Attending Mass
St Matthew





FEAST DAYS

8th September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9th September - St Peter Claver

13th September - St John Chrysostom

14th September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows

16th September - Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

17th September - St Robert Bellarmine

19th September - St Januarius

20th September - Sts Andrew KinTae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

Many blessings,

Wardeh Khoury

MERIT AWARDS - Congratulations to the following students

KBlue	Sarah Zaidan	KGreen	Ava Zahra		
1Blue	Joseph Geaitani	1Green	Gerard Salem		
2Blue	Aarav Pantra	2Green	Michelle Scott	2Yellow	Elias Moussa
3Blue	Prisha Pandey	3Green	Rose Racanelli		
4Blue	Connor Davidson	4Green	Robert Amone		
5Blue	Michelle Ayrout	5Green	Jacob Alemu		
6Blue	Isabella Remaili	6Green	Destin Dandan		



NUMERACY

This week we congratulate Isabelle C, Alyssa D and Vlad D who graduated from the Middle Years Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Program. These students attended daily lessons with Miss Fadel to extend their mathematical understanding, particularly in Number and have made AMAZING progress! We are so proud of you all!



Problem of the Week



	What do you see the most of in the picture? What do you see the least of in the picture?
Grade K	Complete the sentences based on the picture: I see more than 10 _____. I see less than 5 _____.
Grade 1	Jada had 14 tulips in her yard. She put some tulips in a vase and then 6 were left in her yard. How many tulips did Jada put in the vase?
Grade 2	A flower farm grew 529 tulips. The farm sold 100 tulips on Sunday. How many tulips were left on the farm? On Monday the farm sold 10 tulips. How many tulips were left on the farm?
Grade 3	A flower farm grew 529 tulips. What is 529 rounded to the nearest ten? To the nearest hundred?
Grade 4	A flower farm grew 529 tulips. A garden centre grew 678 tulips. Find the total number of tulips grown and write the total in words and in expanded form.
Grade 5/6	Tulips can be shipped in 58 pallets per truck. Each full pallet contains 18 crates of 100 un-sprouted bulbs and 6 crates of 60 sprouted bulbs. Write and evaluate a mathematical expression to represent the truck load of tulip bulbs.

Hand in your solutions to Miss Fadel or take a photo of your solutions and send to stpatsguildford@parra.catholic.edu.au. Every submission puts you in the draw for a chance to win a prize at the end of the term.



Dalia Fadel
Numeracy Leader

STAFFING

At the end of this term and commencement of Term 4 there will be a number of staff taking long service leave. Parents will be notified of the staffing arrangements whilst staff are taking leave via compass email.

Mr Mark Aggar (Weeks 7 to 10 Term 3)

Mrs Leeanne Barber (Weeks 9 & 10 Term 3 and Weeks 1 to 3 Term 4)

Miss Lena Hanna (Weeks 9 & 10 Term 3 and Weeks 1 & 2 Term 4)

Miss Maria Tsalikis (Weeks 9 & 10 Term 3)

Mrs Mary McKenzie (Week 10 Term 3 and Weeks 1 & 2 Term 4)

Mrs Marica Bosen (Week 10 Term 3)

We wish both Miss Lena Hanna and Miss Maria Tsalikis all the best as they are both getting married next week.

WELLBEING

Respectful Relationships- Start With You

Congratulations to Seti Maka, Isabella Arriguletti and Rita Makdsi on receiving your wonderful prizes from Interrelate and Faber Castel as national finalists in the 2022 poster competition.



GOLD AWARDS



2022 NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 Parents will receive tomorrow, Friday 9 September their child's 2022 Naplan results. If you have any questions, please speak with your child's class teacher.

SCHOOL DATES 2023

To assist families in planning, please see below the 2023 school dates.
Term 1 - Tuesday 31 January Years 1-6 Students commence
Thursday 2 February Kindergarten students commence
Thursday 6 April - last day of Term 1
Term 2 - Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June (Tuesday 25 April - ANZAC Day)
Term 3 - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4 - Monday 9 October to Monday 18 December

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME

A reminder that all students are required to arrive at school prior to 8:30am. During the past two years due to COVID-19 there has been some leniency but the expectation is now that all students are at school by 8:30am. From next week the gates will be closed at 8:30am by Mr Jones and or Mrs Hoey and parents will be required to sign their child into school as late.

ST PATRICK'S TOTEM PROJECT

In October 2022 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Education New South Wales State Conference will be held in Leura. To showcase the work of schools in the Diocese, each school has created a visual display of their school totem project at the conference. Below are photos of the St Patrick's totem and information describing the totem. At the conclusion of the conference it will be displayed in the administration foyer.



At St Patrick's Primary Guildford, like peacocks, we are loyal and true to our word. We remain honest in every area of life and have deep values and beliefs. Our students walk their talk and sometimes go far with that, but at the end of the day, life is all about living with truth and honesty. This ability makes us born leaders. We have great characteristics inside and out. Like peacocks, we let our inner beauty shine and hold close to our self-esteem. As a school community we live by the words. Just try to be a kind-hearted person that you are from within. When you remain kind to others, it comes back in surprising ways. At the start of our totem journey, we incorporated learning experiences within our Creative Arts lessons.

Students in Stage 3 researched native animals in our area and carried out an investigation. At the completion of their research students presented their findings through PowerPoint presentations and chose the totem based on research presented alongside staff members. Although a peacock is not native to our local area, students persuaded their audience that there is a peacock in Central Gardens Nature Reserve in Cumberland. So, the peacock was our focus for our totem project.

Students in Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 2 started participating in a range of peacock activities such as, creating peacocks within Visual Arts and dancing and movements to impersonate a peacock.

There were many reasons the peacock was chosen to represent our school; these included the colours of a peacock being the same as our school colours. Many of the peacock traits identified on our second canvas represent the traits we share.

As a staff we encourage our students to always embrace who they are. Like peacocks, we encourage them to not hide their feathers but embrace their beauty, talent, skill, and let them shine.

Thank you to Mrs A Khoury, Miss Dann and Mrs Black for all their work supporting the students of St Patrick.

SPORT

Disesean Athletics Zone Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who went on from the next level of the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival to represent our school at the Parramatta Diseason Zone Athletics Carnival. These students were outstanding and were unfortunate not to make it to the next level. However they are to be applauded for their amazing efforts in how they performed and participated in all of their events.



DANCEFEVER

Congratulations to the following finalists on their amazing results....

FOXTROT

Year 3 - 3rd Place Antonio Diab & Simone Arrow

Year 4 - 1st Place Kia Mahony & Emily Abboud

Year 5 - 2nd Place Joseph Tarabay & Isabella Arriguetti

Year 6 - 2nd Place Maroon Diab & Mirella Kanaan

CHA CHA

Year 3 - 3rd Place Josh Mariag & Prisha Pandey

Year 4 - 1st Place Kia Mahony & Emily Abboud

Year 5 - 2nd Place Joseph Tarabay & Isabella Arriguetti

Year 6 - 3rd Place Maroon Diab & Mirella Kanaan



YEAR 5 - OVERALL CHAMPIONS

Well done to all the students from Years 3 to 6 who participated in the Dance Fever Interschool Challenge. It was a fantastic night with fantastic results. All the students were amazing in their partner dances and the whole school performance.

BIG thank you to Mrs Amanada Khoury, Mrs Wardeh Khoury, Mrs Brooke Black and Miss Monica Dann and Mr Meoli who helped with the practise and the costumes. Thank you to all the staff who went to assist and support our students' performances. To all the parents, thank you for your support in the evening and transporting your children to the event.





E-SAFETY WEBINAR FOR PARENTS

TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

5.30PM ZOOM

St Patrick's School Counsellors Genevieve Carey & Vanessa Pollicina Present e-Safety Webinar via Zoom

Understanding our children's online world. In the current digital world students are more active online than ever before. It is important we provide them with the skills to engage safely and responsibly with online content such as social media and games. By developing healthy social media and game use we are encouraging our students to make good choices in these environments. The webinar for parents will aim to provide knowledge and tools to support safe online experiences for children. We will touch on what does social media offer our kids, what are the risks, and what parents can do to keep their children safe online.

ZOOM DETAILS

Tuesday 13 September 2022

Meeting ID: 651 1475 2698

Password: 977 111