

ST PATRICK'S GUILDFORD

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Newsletter 1

Thursday, 28th July 2022



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents.

Welcome back to routine!! Last Monday morning, in homes all over Guildford and beyond, the "back to routine" blues began!! Yet no doubt there was a sense of anticipation and excitement at reconnecting with routines and with our friends and colleagues. In all our homes on Monday, I'm sure this school community was in one way or another the focus of our activity and thoughts... bags packed, shoes shined, nervousness, excitement, last minute reminders and checks.

So at 8:30am we gathered as a community... we come (as we do everyday) seeking to belong once again, wanting this community to be a safe and respectful place for ourselves. As individuals we come and together create community... **what a challenge!**

If each of us want this to be a happy, safe and respectful place...

what responsibilities lie with each individual?

At the beginning of this term, we start afresh...

to learn, to support, to commit, to enjoy, to create a wonderful community, which seeks to be ... authentically Catholic

.... inviting and safe for all whereby all care for self, others and the environment.

When individuals seek ways to be happy and safe, the community continues to flourish.

In this place find a sense of... church – community – communion

Hear a call to... loving kindness – compassion – unity

Know a time for... believing – supporting – upholding

Recognise a feeling of... openness – integrity – truthfulness

Expect a movement to – encouragement – include – forgive

Experience a school for... prayer – people – God

Inhabit a haven for... the weak – the peacemakers – the spirit

Best wishes for what will unfortunately continue to be a challenging term with the continued COVID-19 increases in cases.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we navigate these challenging times as a community.

Steven Fones

Principal

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

UPCOMING DATES

Week 3 Term 3

1/8 Year 2 Sydney Zoo Excursion

1/8 8:45am Assembly

1/8 3-5pm Year 3Blue Parent Teacher Interviews

2/8 6pm Parent Group Meeting

2/8 4:30-7pm Year 3Blue Parent Teacher Interviews

3/8 8.30 am - 9.15 am 3B Penance

3/8 9.15 am - 10.00 am Mass - Year 5

3/8 3-4pm Year 3Blue Parent Teacher Interviews

4/8 Voice of Youth School Final

4/8 3-4pm Year 3Blue Parent Teacher Interviews

5/8 Dance Fever Years 3-6

Week 4 Term 3

8/8 Feast of Mary St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 8/8 8:45am Assembly

10/8 8.30 am - 9.15 am 3G Penance

10/8 9.15 am - 10.00 am Mass - Year 4

11/8 Voice of Youth Cluster final @ Holy Family Granville

10/8 Dance Fever Year 3-6

NOTES HOME

Year 2 & 5 Additional RATs

Members of the Community Tested

Positive - 19/7/2022

Members of the Community Tested

Positive - 20/7/2022

Members of the Community Tested

Positive - 25/7/2022

Members of the Community Tested

Positive - 26/7/2022

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cyberbullying

The internet is a great resource for the economy, for communication and for learning. However, there are many risks associated with its use, particularly for school age students.

Children may be exposed to material that is inappropriate in some way, or that encourages activities that are dangerous or illegal. As we begin Term 3, the esafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant has released a media article urging parents to be alert to changes in their children's behaviour that might suggest they may be experiencing some form of cyberbullying.

She states that cyberbullying complaints to eSafety typically escalate during school terms and often play out on platforms such as Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat. eSafety are concerned about some social media challenges being used to shame or humiliate others. Some of you may have seen past episodes of Home and Away characters Theo and Ryder playing out the dangers of social media challenges and how they could have led to physical psychological harm.

Ms Inman Grant encourages parents and carers to be as engaged in their child's online relationships as they would be with their school friendship circles and activities.

"The online and offline worlds tend to be blurred for young people and we continue to see these environments becoming inextricably intertwined. As parents, we may compartmentalise our experiences online and in the real world, but these online dynamics can have very real implications for children and teens. Be sensitive to any changes in your child's behaviour that might suggest they're struggling, and keep reminding them that you always have their back if things go wrong online. Start the conversation and ask the questions about what your child is experiencing online, how that makes them feel, and above all else, how you can help."

Signs that suggest a child is experiencing cyberbullying include:

- They appear sad, lonely, angry, worried or upset more than usual
- Unexpected changes in friendship groups or not wanting to be around people, even friends
- Changes in personality, becoming more withdrawn or anxious
- Changes in sleep patterns, eating or energy levels
- Becoming secretive about their mobile phone use or what they are doing online.

Ms Inman Grant suggests that the answer to cyberbullying isn't confiscating devices but agreeing on reasonable daily use, privacy and parental controls, and when they should come to you for help and support. The threat of 'device denial', shame or other forms of punishment or judgement may deter children from confiding in trusted adults when things go wrong online.

"Encourage your children to use devices in open areas of the home, rather than in the 'privacy' of their bedroom or bathroom. And appreciate that even though your child may not be on popular social media sites, cyberbullying can happen anywhere online, including via text, DM and private messaging services and gaming sites."

Parents can greatly minimise any potential risks when online by reinforcing the following rules:

- > If your child is young, consider being with your child when he or she is on the Internet.
- > Warn your child not to give out identifying information.
- > Get to know the services your child uses.
- > Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user without parental permission.
- > Remind your children to never respond to messages that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or make them feel uncomfortable.
- > Remember that everything you read online may not be true.
- > Sit down together and create a family computer usage agreement.
- > Keep the computer in a family room rather than the child's bedroom.
- > Don't give your children mobile phones just for the sake of it inform yourself of all the risks and benefits before making a decision.

Tracy Hoey Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

SACRAMENTS



FIRST COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be receiving their First Communion over the next two terms.

Parents who received an enrolment form are encouraged to submit it to the Parish office in person with all the necessary documentation in order to ensure your preferred date is booked.

CONFIRMATION

Students in Year 5 will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout term 3 within their Religious Education Lessons. The students who are eligible to receive this Sacrament will be given the necessary enrollment information in Week 10 of this term. There is one Confirmation Mass, as this is set with the Diocese so that the Bishop or his representative attends as the celebrant. The Mass has been scheduled for **Saturday 19th November 2022 at 5.30pm**.

SAINTS MARY, MARTH AND LAZARUS

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. The Lord recognises that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that

Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly.

Immediately after, we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.

In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death.

(Francisican media)

How can we show hospitality to our Lord in our homes?

Do we recognise what is important in life or are we consumed by the incidental chores and actions?

How do we practise our faith with our family and build our relationship with God?

MASSES

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

Week 3
Wednesday 3rd August
8.40am Penance 3 Blue
9.15am Year 5 Attending Mass

26th July - St Joachim and Anne

St Dominic

FEAST DAYS

Week 4
Wednesday 10th August
8.40am Penance 3 Green
9.15am Year 4 Attending Mass
St Lawrence



29th July - Sts Marth, Mary and Lazarus 8th August - St Mary of the Cross 1st August - St Alphonsus Liguori 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta

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12th August - St Jane Frances de Chantal



- St Peter Julian Eymard 3rd August - St Dominic 4th August - St Vianney

Dear God, As we return to school for a new term, May it be for us all new start: A chance to surprise ourselves At what we can achieve,

A new opportunity to make friends and to make this school a community where everyone can feel at home. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many blessings

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Wardeh (Khoury

	MERIT AWARDS - Congratulations to the following students						
KBlue	Liam Sibug	KGreen	William Yai				
1Blue	Jacques Moussalem	1Green	Jackson El Bacha				
2Blue	Natalie Yousif	2Green	Rose Khairallah	2Yellow	Maria Hale		
3Blue	Natalia Restom	3Green	Vincent Ayrout				
4Blue	Sophia Gittany	4Green	Jeffery Zheng				
5Blue	Eliza-Jane Bremner	5Green	Youssef Elia				
6Blue	John Jurdi	6Green	Michelle Makhlouf, Michael Karaki				





GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS



PRAYERS

Prayers - Please keep Mrs
Catherine Hartsuyker and her
family in your prayers at this time
of great sadness. Cathy's mother,
Mrs Michelina Barbara passed
away on Friday, 8 July. Eternal
rest grant unto her O Lord, and
may perpetual light shine upon
her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS

To increase awareness of our wonderful learning community and promote future enrolments, we will be updating our professional photos at the school next Thursday. The professional photos will feature some of St Patrick's Primary staff and students and the things they love most about our school.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Just a reminder that Term 3s
Parent Group meeting will
take place this **Tuesday 2 August at 6pm** in the
parish/school. All parents are
invited to attend.

STAFFING

As a result of Mr Mark Aggar engaging in flexible work arrangements for Terms 3 and 4 the following staffing appointments have occurred.

- Mrs Samantha Cassar has been appointed the acting Diversity Leader for Terms 3 and 4. We congratulate Mrs Cassar on her appointment.
- Miss Nicole Alphonse has been appointed as temporary diversity teacher for Year 6. Miss Alphonse will work Tuesday to Thursday from next week for the remainder of the year.
- Mr Mark Aggar will be the diversity teacher for Year 3 and will work Tuesday to Thursday from next week for the remainder of the year.

Due to the above staffing changes the following leadership structure will be in place for Terms 3 and 4.

Learning & Behaviour - Grade Leaders

Kindergarten - Mrs Samantha Cassar

Year 1 - Miss Dalia Fadel

Year 2 - Mrs Samantha Barros

Year 3 & 4 - Mrs Michele O'Connor

Year 5 - Mrs Wardeh Khoury

Year 6 - Mrs Tracy Hoey

DATE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

Grandparents day - After discussion as a leadership team and in light of the current COVID uncertainty and the increased risk to the elderly we have moved Grandparents Day to Week 9 Monday 12 September. Further information will be shared once the Grandparent Day committee has met.

Delany Shield Debating Competition - Due to staff shortages at Delany College the Term 3 Delany Shield Debating Competition has been postponed until Term 4.

COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES

The school policy for handling complaints and grievances aligns with the Catholic Education Office policy. If parents are concerned about a matter they are advised to contact the school and make an appointment with the most appropriate staff member. For classroom issues, please speak to the classroom teacher first. For more serious matters, please make time to speak with the Grade Leader (behaviour) or Learning Leader (Learning). For any Child Protection related matters, Mr Jones or Mrs Hoey need to be informed. More information is available on the school website.

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Kindergarten - Mrs Samantha Cassar

Year 1 - Miss Dalia Fadel

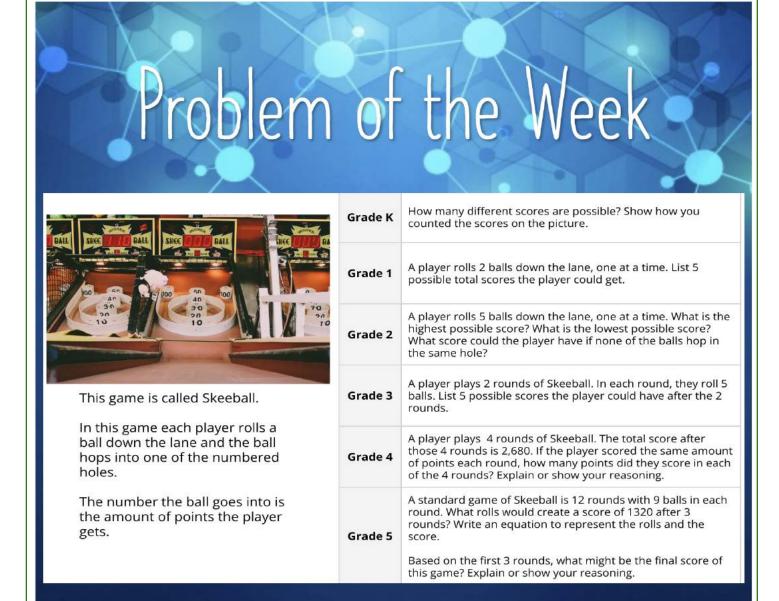
Year 2 - Mrs Samantha Barros

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NUMERACY



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

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Please be aware that Monday 29th August (Week 7) and the first day of Term 4 (10 October) are staff development days (pupil free days).



2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Commencing from **Monday 1st August 2022**, the uniform shop will reopen every 2nd Monday from 8.30am - 8.45am



OFFICE

Please note due to a system upgrade the school office is currently unable to receipt any money for the following; School bags, hats & library bags School Fees Gala Days

We will resume taking payments from Monday 8th August. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

WELLBEING

Interrelate's 2022 poster competition held its award ceremony on Friday 22nd July. Three students from Year 5 were part of the celebration as finalists. They entered great posters that portrayed this year's message for Say Yes to Respectful Relationships - 'Respectful Relationships Start With You.'

Congratulations to Seti Maka, Isabella Arriguetti and Rita Makdsi.







SPORT

Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day

Unfortunately Penrith council have assessed the grounds at the Kingsway and decided that they remain unplayable due to the continuous wet weather. As a result unfortunately the Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day scheduled for 29/ July has been postponed. Due to the backlog of cancelled gala days and upcoming gala days and athletics events, this gala day has been postponed until term 4.



Zone Athletics Carnival

The Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival will take place at Charlie Bali Reserve Doonside on Friday 19 August. A note will be sent home to the selected students next week.

Unfortunately due to the continuous wet weather our local councils in the Diocese of Parramatta have closed the majority of the grounds for gala days. These closures during the year have led to a backlog of postponed gala days. The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta Primary Sports Coordinator is working with councils to enable gala days to take place at the end of term 3 and term 4.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL



As we commence Term 3, it is timely that we look at some of the guidelines about when to keep children home from school. Generally, if your child feels unwell, keep them home, consult your doctor if necessary and send a note with your child on their return to school. Children who are sick at school, will be sent home.

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Conjunctivitis	The eye feels 'scratchy', is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.	Keep your child home until they are feeling better. Antibiotics may be needed.	
Diarrhoea	Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps.	Keep your child home for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.	
Gastroenteritis	A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.	Keep your child home for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting stops.	
Hayfever	Sneezing, a blocked or runny nose, itchy eyes, nose and throat, headaches	Unless they feel unwell or are taking a medication which makes them sleepy, children can still attend school.	
Head lice or Nits	Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.	Do not send to school until treated. Treat head lice each night and treat the rest of your family. Advise the school.	
Influenza (Flu)	Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches.	Carry out a COVID test (PCR or RAT) Keep children home until they are symptom free.	
Common Cold	Runny nose and cough—no fever.	Carry out a COVID test (PCR or RAT) Keep children home until they are symptom free.	

We understand that some children may suffer from seasonal hay fever or allergies and these symptoms can present as COVID symptoms. If this is the case for your child, parents are asked to obtain a clearance letter from their doctor for their child to attend school.

Please note that NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 reinfection period from 12 weeks down to four weeks. Parents are asked to continue to notify the school at the earliest convenience via phone or email of a positive COVID-19 result or your child is a close contact of a household member. Household and close contacts are required to follow the NSW Health household and close contact guidelines for 7 days from the last time someone in their household tested positive to COVID-19.

The school will continue to monitor the COVID-19 cases and may temporarily implement additional COVID-smart measures for a short period of time as a "circuit breaker" in an attempt to reduce case numbers Schools will be supplied with RATs and these will be distributed once they are received as per previous arrangements.

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

After consultation via a parent, staff and students uniform survey in 2021 and a uniform working party to develop the new uniform, we are pleased to inform the school community that from the commencement of 2023 St Patrick's Primary will transition to a new school and sports uniform supplied solely by Oz Fashion Uniform Shop.

Parents will be able to size their child(ren) at school and then order and purchase via an app. The orders will then be delivered to school on set days (tbc) and sent home with the eldest student or can be collected from the administration office.

All students attending St Patrick's will be required to be wearing the below uniform from January 2025 (2 year transition period).

Sports Uniform

Sublimated green and yellow polo Green shorts with SPG sublimated White socks with green SPG Sport shoes (not fluro coloured)

The sports uniform will be worn by Kindergarten to Year 2 students three times per week and Years 3 to 6 students twice a week.

Girls Uniform

Peter pan coloured short sleeve shirt with school crest (long sleeve available in colder months) (no pocket) Tartan skort

Navy blue ankle socks (Navy blue knee high socks or navy blue tights able to be worn in colder months) Black school shoes

Matching scrunchie & soft headband

Boys Uniform

Coloured short sleeve shirt with school crest (long sleeve available in colder months) (no pocket) Navy blue shorts (Navy blue drawstring trousers available in colder months)

Tartan velcro tie
Navy blue ankle socks
Black school shoes

Uniform Outer garments & accessories

Navy universal jacket with school crest
Navy tracksuit pants with SPG embroidery
Navy poly/cotton jumper with school crest
Navy hat with school crest
Navy cashmere feel scarf
Navy gloves
School bag with school crest
School library bag with school crest



The above uniform will no longer be a summer and winter uniform (other than the school tie for boys). The uniform has been designed to be layered.

The boys and girls uniforms will be worn by Kindergarten to Year 2 students twice a week and Years 3 to 6 students three times per week.



Girls long sleeve shirt



Boys long sleeve shirt



Navy universal jacket with school crest



Examples of the summer uniform and sports uniform are on display on mannequins in the administration office.



Tartan velcro tie



Navy poly/cotton jumper with school crest

YEAR 6 CANBERRA

Last week, our Year 6 Students undertook an education tour of Canberra, our Nation's Capital. They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. They explored a tour of Parliament House, experienced the voting process at the Australian Electoral Education Centre and remembered our fallen soldiers and heroes at the Australian War Memorial. Visiting Questacon and the Dinosaur Museum was also an exciting part of their overnight adventure.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed funding to the amount of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program which went towards covering the costs of the overnight stay.

Thank you to Miss Junayna Hanna, Mrs Amanda Khoury, Mr Anthony Bechara, Mr Mark Aggar and Mr Steven Jones for there organisation and supervision during the overnight trip to Canberra,



St Patrick's Guildford Term 3 Planner 2022 @ 28 July 2022

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	18/7 8:30am Assembly	19/7	20/7 8:30am Penance - 4 Blue 9:15am Mass - Kindergarten	21/7 Year 6 Canberra (depart 6:30am)	22/7 Year 6 Canberra (arrive 8:45pm) Dance Fever Yrs 3-6	23/7 24/7
2	25/7 8:30am Assembly	26/7 Year 3 Fizzics Incursion	27/7 Kindergarten Farm Excursion 8:30am Penance - 4 Green 9:15am Mass - Year 6	28/7	29/7 Dance Fever Yrs 3-6	30/7
3	1/8 Term overviews sent home 8:30am Assembly Year 2 Excursion - Sydney Zoo 3-5:00pm 3 Gold Parent Teacher Interviews	2/8 100 Days of Kindergarten 6pm Parent Group 3-7:00pm 3 Gold Parent Teacher Interviews	3/8 8:30am Penance - 3 Blue 9:15am Mass - Year 5 3-4:00pm 3 Gold Parent Teacher Interviews	4/8 11am Voice of Youth school final 3-4:00pm 3 Gold Parent Teacher Interviews	5/8 Dance Fever Yrs 3-6	6/8 7/8
4	8/8 Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 8:30am Assembly & Mary MacKillop Prayer	9/8	10/8 8:30am Penance - 3 Green 9:15am Mass - Year 4	11/8 Voice of Youth Cluster final @ Holy Family Granville	12/8 Dance Fever Yrs 3-6	13/8 14/8
5	15/8 Feast of the Assumption 9:15am Feast of the Assumption Whole School Mass	16/8	17/8 ICAS English 8:30am Penance - 2 Blue	18/8	19/8 Dance Fever Yrs 3-6 Cumberland Zone Athletics @ Charlie Bali Reserve Doonside	20/8
6 Book Week	22/8 8:30am Book Week Assembly & Book Week activities	23/8 Book Week activities	24/8 Book Week activities 8:30am Penance - 2 Yellow 9:15am Mass -Year 3	25/8 Book Week activities	26/8 Book Week activities Dance Fever Yrs 3-6	27/8 28/8
7 Literacy & Numeracy Week	29/8 Staff Development Day 6:30pm Parent Representative Council meeting	30/8 Father's Day Stall Wrapping Year 4 Powerhouse Museum excursion	31/8 Fathers' Day Stall ICAS Mathematics 8:30am Penance - 2 Green 9:15am Mass - Year 2 3:30-4:30pm Local Preschool Directors & Staff visit	1/9 Mufti Day - Jersey Day 7:30am Fathers' Day Breakfast 8:30am Fathers' Day Liturgy	2/9 Parramatta Diocesan Athletics @ Homebush Warm Up Athletics Park	3/9 4/9 Fathers' Day
8	5/9 8:30am Assembly Voice of Youth Eastern Semi Final	6/9 5-9:00pm Dancefever Interschool Challenge (Years 3-6) @ Quaycentre Homebush	7/9 8:30am Penance - 6 Blue 9:15am Mass - Year 1	8/9	9/9 Dance Fever Yrs 3-6 Stage 2 Touch Gala - Day St Marys	10/9 11/9
9	12/9 8:30am Assembly Grandparents Day	13/9 Netball Gala Day (Yrs 3-6) A Jamison Park	14/9 8:30am Penance - 6 Green 9:15am Mass - Kindergarten	15/9	16/9 Dance Fever Yrs 3-6	17/9 18/9
10	19/9 8:30am Assembly	20/9	21/9 8:30am Penance - 5 Blue 9:15am Mass - Year 6	22/9	23/9 Dance Fever Yrs 3-6 Last Day of Term 3	24/9 25/9