



St Patrick's Primary School
Newsletter
17th November 2016
Term 4 Issue 6



Dear Parents,

This week I would like to share with you some information regarding important guidelines and procedures when taking photos on the school premises or school functions. With the end of year celebrations and ceremonies taking place, this information for parents and carers will assist us to ensure that all members of our community are mindful of safety, privacy and possible legal ramifications of breaches. Please take some time to make yourselves familiar with the information below.

School Photography Guidelines for Parents and Carers

Information for Parents and Carers

We recognise that parents and carers enjoy photographing and recording the progress of their child at school and on school activities. We recognise that many of you like to share these personal memories online and on social media.

We ask for your cooperation and care concerning the use and distribution of photographs of other children at our school. Some families have very real legal and safety issues which could put a child at risk if an image is made public online. More generally, it is respectful of the privacy of other members of the school community to ask permission before posting an image online. Even if your social media settings are private, it is easy for images to become public, particularly if they are tagged or shared by others.

Best practice guidelines

The following best practice guidelines have been adopted by our school to keep our students and school community safe, and to ensure respectful practices concerning the use of social media. When taking photographs or recordings at school or at school events and your images include other identifiable persons please follow these guidelines:

- Crop out other students or seek the permission of the student or (for students under 16) his or her parent/carer before posting online.
- Do not tag or name the person without permission.
- If a parent or carer requests that you do not circulate an image of their child to others, please comply with the request.
- Please seek the permission of our staff to photograph or record them at school. Photography of staff presenting or receiving awards is permitted.
- Photography in St Patrick's Cathedral, during mass or when requested not to, is not permitted.

The school will periodically review these best practice guidelines.

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Mandatory policies:

As per standard esafety policies, the school may from time to time determine that photography or recording at school events or on school grounds is restricted. Where restriction is notified, failure to comply may result in your exclusion from school premises or activities. There may also be consequences as set out in the enrolment agreement.

Under no circumstances may you photograph or record in private areas such as change-rooms, or in school offices or staff rooms, or at meetings, without express permission.

Queries and further resources

The following resources provide further information about safety online, and privacy. Parents are encouraged to follow the school Complaints Handling Policy regarding concerns about privacy online. If you wish to discuss an issue further with the school, please contact the principal - Bernadette Fabri through the school office Ph 9630 1421

FURTHER RESOURCES

Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

<http://esafety.gov.au>

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, FAQs about social media

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/individuals/faqs-for-individuals/social-media-ict-identity-security/social-media>

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



Honour Award

The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter

3L	Brandon Roque
3T	Elias Nakhle
4B	Arabella Gittany
4G	Isla Giron
5C	Michael Farah
5T	Nicole Aboumelhem
6P	Charbel Wehbe
6W	Naomi Faddoul

st patrick's award

The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

3L	Scarlett Khoury
3T	Christiana Kalouche
4B	Aaron Neroy
4G	Norm Shidiak
5C	Annabelle Younis
5T	Chanel Nader
6P	Jasmine Nasr
6W	Gabriel Rashada



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:

Clyde Guatlo, Isabeli Rosal, Arwen-Cady Firmeza, Camran Nasrulla, Abbey Matta

Not Returning to St Patrick's in 2017

Thank you to the parents who have informed the office that their child will not be returning to St Patrick's in 2017. If your child is not returning to St Patrick's in 2017 please send a letter to Ms Fabri stating the last day of attendance at St Patrick's and which school they will be moving onto in 2017.

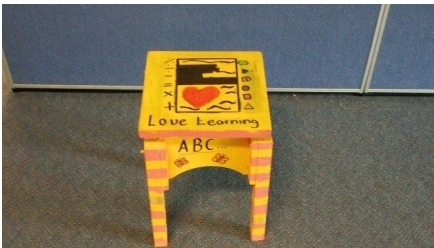
SCHOOL HOURS

Dear Parents

Can I remind you that school hours are from 8.50am to 3.00pm. Although school finishes at 3.00pm we have extended the pick up time to 3.30pm to allow for and to assist with the traffic congestion around the school. This is an extra half an hour.

We have noticed however that there are a growing number of children who are regularly not picked up before 3.30pm. This can often distress children and is putting extra strain on staff who have often arranged meetings, organised tasks and who have after work commitments. It is recommended that if you are having difficulty picking up children on time that you organise after school care. Thanking you for your consideration and cooperation with this matter.

Bernadette Fabri



Year 5 SEATS Exhibition

This semester Yr 5 has been involved in a special project for Missions called **SEATS**. This is a values based program that empowers students to explore their own potential to enhance the world they live in. The children have researched some of the problems facing the world today and have seen first hand that solutions and effective actions are possible. The program centres around the story of 'Little Stool that

Could' and involves the construction, design and decoration of a SEAT, to highlight an issue of need and to demonstrate the values and action achievable by students who participate. The culminating event is an exhibition and silent auction of decorated SEATS.

The exhibition of their finished stools will be on Monday 21st November at 2.30 till 4.00pm in the school hall. We are also holding a silent auction where anyone who is interested in buying one of the stools can make a bid in a silent auction. The silent auction will close on Wednesday, 23rd November at 10am, when the highest bidders will be informed. The money raised from this project will go to support the work of Catholic Mission and Arrupe Place, Jesuit Outreach Centre and the wonderful work they do in assisting people in need.



Congratulations !!!

On Monday 14th November we were lucky enough to have a visit from "Pat the Dog" and the branch manager of the Commonwealth Bank

Westfield store. Our school was randomly selected for the Term 3 prize. We received sports balls to the value of \$200. This was made possible by all the children contributing to their school banking. So THANK YOU !!!!!



WAY of MERCY CELEBRATION

Way of Mercy- Friday

On Friday morning our school community including Father Bob, parents and friends, gathered as the final school in the Diocese to celebrate the **Way of Mercy**. We shared a liturgy in which we thanked God for his mercy and asked that we would have the grace to show mercy in all aspects of our lives.

Because it was Remembrance Day, we also offered a prayer and laid a wreath for all those who have died serving in wars.

The highlight of our morning was processing behind the 4m cross and relics of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and St Teresa of Kolcatta and then having the opportunity to venerate them. Our ceremony concluded with the Year 6 liturgical movement to *Blessed are the Merciful*.

A special thank you to Mr Margerison and Mr Buhagiar from CEDP who transported the cross and relics. Mr Magerison visited each Year group with the relics and spoke about them to the students. We all learnt a lot from these chats.



Way of Mercy – Sunday

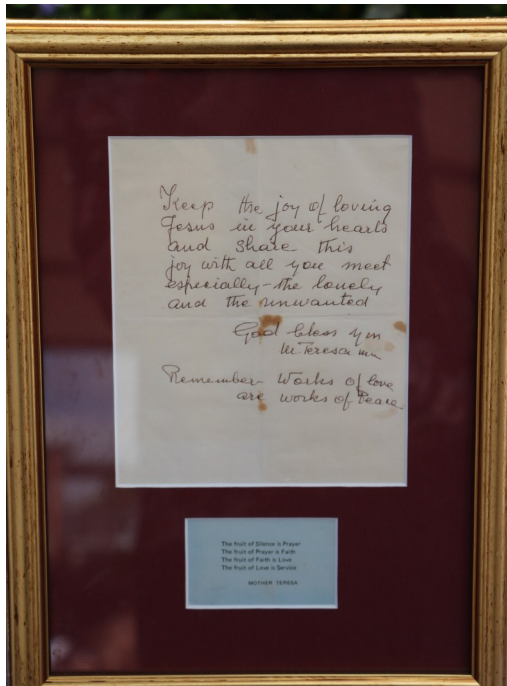


On Sunday afternoon a number of students participated in our parish celebration of the **Way of Mercy**. We marched from the Old Kings Oval to the forecourt of the Cathedral. We followed the Cross and relics, one of which was carried by Miss Azar. Year 6 students performed their liturgical movement on the steps of the Cathedral, Kristiana carried the school banner and John A read a prayer of the faithful at mass.

At the conclusion of mass, Bishop Vincent closed the Door of Mercy which had been open for a year, and through which we walked each time we went to mass. Bishop Vincent reminded us that although the physical door is closed, the Door of Mercy to our hearts must remain open.

During the afternoon each school and parish was presented with a canvas reproduction of Rembrandts' *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. The print came with an easel and notes for reflecting and meditating. It is a beautiful memento of a very special year for our school.

St Patrick's Primary is always well represented at out of school functions. We are very grateful to the parents who sacrifice other things in busy lives to make this happen. God bless you!



Year 1 Excursion to the Wetlands

On Thursday we went on an excursion and we saw water bugs. We had to catch them and put them in a container. We saw a fish and I saw a frog. We ate our food then we went to the bus and we went home.

Baxter Gittany 1S



On Thursday we went to Sydney Olympic Park. We saw some slime and some roots of the mangrove trees. I found a snail, we had to draw it in our free writing books. We had to find little creatures and when we had found some we would take it to an adult so they could tell us what it was.

Lucia El Hani 1S



On Thursday we went on an excursion to Sydney Olympic Park. We went on the bus. Then we went for a walk to the shelter to have recess. After that we went on a bridge and saw a floating buoy that looked to catch rubbish in the water. We learnt that it is salty water and it comes from Parramatta river. Then we moved on and we did the boardwalk and we were investigating what was inside the mud. Then we came back to the shelter and picked a leaf of a mangrove tree. It was salty on the unsmooth side. We were looking for things that were alive, not alive, something interesting and lots more. After lunch Claire our leader shook a tree which we thought had no insects on it but there was. Later we did scooping of animals from under the water and then we went back to school.

Louis Wehbe 1S

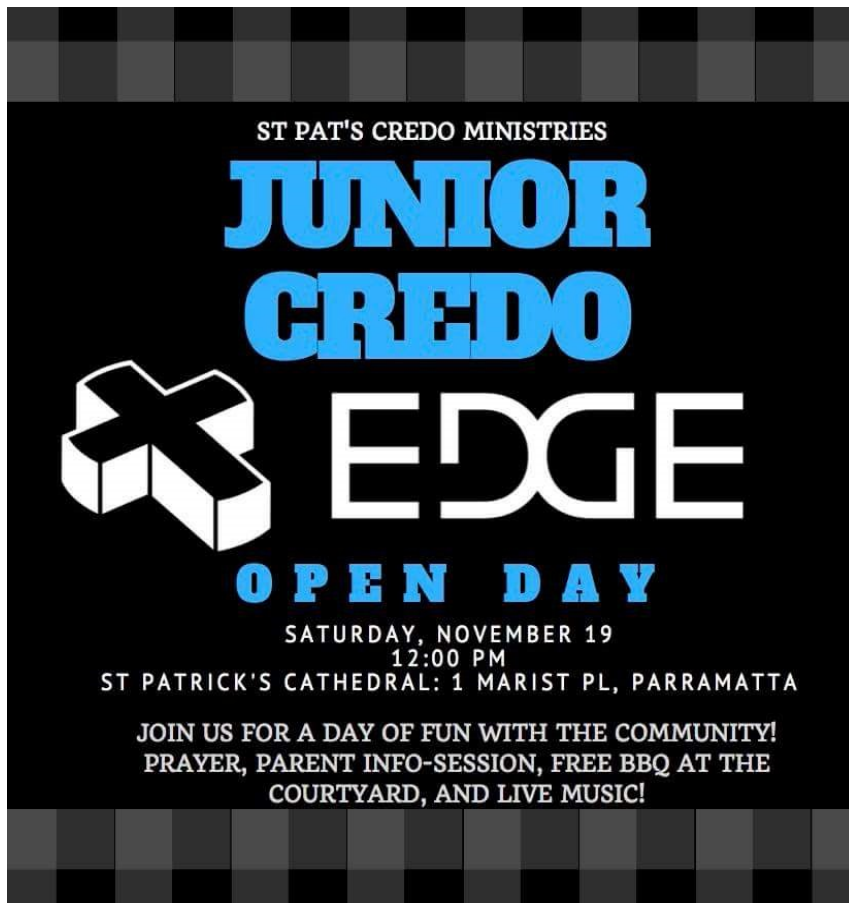


Kindergarten 2017 Parent Information Night

Last night the Kindy Information night was held. Again this meeting was very well attended with many happy & enthusiastic families ready to join the St Patrick's community. The highlight of the evening was the group sharing, where 8 experienced parents lead Q & A sessions. Thank you to Mrs Warn, Ms Nederpelt, Mrs Benkovich and Mrs Nutter for attending and presenting. Thank you to the parents for leading the groups Mrs Johnson, Mrs Romanos, Mrs Scanlon, Mrs Wehbe, Mrs Semaan, Mrs Said, Mrs Reyes-Mangabat and Mrs Coles.

OZ Fashions opening & closing times during the Christmas period.

Our last trading day for this year will be Saturday, 24th December (9am – 4pm) and we will re-open on Thursday, 5th January (9am-5:30pm). I strongly recommend parents purchase their uniform early January to avoid lengthy queues.



ST PAT'S CREDO MINISTRIES

JUNIOR CREDO EDGE

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
12:00 PM

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: 1 MARIST PL, PARRAMATTA

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN WITH THE COMMUNITY!
PRAYER, PARENT INFO-SESSION, FREE BBQ AT THE
COURTYARD, AND LIVE MUSIC!



If you would like to be informed of the upcoming events of the Order of Malta and our charitable works, please email your postal address to info@smom.org.au to receive a copy of our newsletter

The Order of Malta invites you to

Lourdes Day Mass 2016

The Order of Malta NSW invites you to the Lourdes Day Mass, a mass for the sick and fragile in our community. A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the shrine of Lourdes.

It is a manifestation of the Order's commitment to fulfill their mission to nurture, witness and protect the faith and serve the Lord's sick and poor.

Date: Saturday, 3 December 2016

Time: 10am

Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Accessibility details:

Wheelchair access is by the side pedestrian gate in St Mary's Road (near College St corner)

Parking access:

Paid, secure parking is available at the Cook and Phillip Park Aquatic & Fitness Centre carpark (entrance from Cathedral Street).



Condolences

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Ellen (1S) and the Nikolakopoulos Family on the passing of her grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.

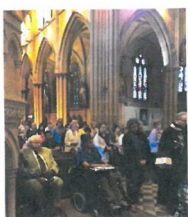


**Bookclub Issue 8 2016—
Closing Date 25/11/2016**

**Please follow below
instructions to order online
LAST ISSUE FOR THE YEAR**

- Log into www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our new iPhone or iPad app from the App store.
- Follow the online prompts to place order
- No need to send anything back to the school as the order automatically comes into the office.

Should you have any problems ordering online please call Mrs Jones in the office on 9630 1421.



ICE BLOCKS !!

From this Friday the money raised from ice block's will support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Each child may buy ONE ice at \$1.00.



St. Patrick's Dance Group

The Mercy Music and Performance Academy and St. Patrick's Primary School would like to start an **Extracurricular Dance Group** in 2017.

Rehearsals would be held before school on a Monday morning on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy College. Parents would drop students off at the gates of Our Lady of Mercy College for their group rehearsal. Students would then walk to St Patrick's under the supervision of their dance teacher.

We are seeking expressions of interest from families whose children will be in years 4-6 in 2017.

We would kindly ask for all families to complete a short survey by following the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H8F8VHH>

St. Patrick's Music Ensemble

Do you learn a Concert band instrument? Would you like to join the St. Pat's Music Ensemble?

The Mercy Music and Performance Academy and St. Patrick's Primary School are starting a Music Ensemble that rehearse every Tuesday on the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy College. Rehearsals are from 8am – 8:35. At the conclusion of the rehearsal, students are then taken across to St. Patrick's, under the supervision of the Ensemble Conductor.

Any students who are currently learning a Concert Band instrument are welcome.

For more information please email music@olmc.nsw.edu.au or call: 02 8838 1226 during school hours.



We have noticed over the last week that there has been an increase in the number of children coming to sick bay for the following 2 illnesses. The below information has been taken directly from the NSW Government Infection Disease website.



Conjunctivitis

Time from exposure to illness 1-3 days.

Symptoms The eye feels scratchy, is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, while there is discharge from the eye.

How can I help prevent spread? Careful hand washing; avoid sharing towels. Antibiotics may be needed.

Gastroenteritis

Time from exposure to illness Depends on the cause: several hours to several days.

Symptoms A combination of frequent loose or watery stools, vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, at least for 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.

How can I prevent spread? Careful hand washing with soap and water after using the toilet or handling nappies and before touching food.

2016 Important Dates

Term 4

Week 6

Friday 18th November Primary Assembly—Year 5—2.15pm
Year 6 Farewell Dinner—Parent organised function

Week 7

Tuesday 22nd November Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 25th November **Whole School Assembly—Choir—2.00pm**

Week 8

Tuesday 29th November Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 2nd December Primary Assembly—Year 4—2.15pm

Week 9

Tuesday 6th December Footsteps Dance continues
Friday 9th December Year 6 Graduation Mass—9.15am
Infants Assembly—Kinder—2.15pm

Week 10

Monday 12th December Meet the Teacher Afternoon
Tuesday 13th December Footsteps Dance continues
Concert Evening—More details to come
Wed 14th December Swimming Carnival
Thurs 15th December Year 6 Fun Day
Friday 16th December Thanksgiving Mass
Whole School Farewell Assembly
LAST DAY OF 2016 FOR STUDENTS

2017 Start Dates

27/01/2017 SDD (Children booked in for MAI Assessments TBA)
30/1/2017 SDD (Children booked in for MAI Assessments TBA)
31/01/2017 Years 1– 6 return
02/02/2017 Kindergarten Commence



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Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –
Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all Experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am (Family)
11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri 6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Hol 8.00am

Pastoral Team

**Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.
Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Deacon Willy Limjap
Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)
Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)
Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)