



St Patrick's News

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St Patrick's School Values

Term 4

November 27th: First Sunday of Advent

December 1st: Yr4 - 9am Parish Mass,
Christmas Concert (night) 6pm

December 2nd: 10am Thanksgiving Mass

December 4th: Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th: Year 6 Fun Day

December 8th: Yr3 - 9am Parish Mass

December 9th: End of Year Awards
Ceremony

December 11th: Third Sunday of Advent

December 12th: Principal's Morning Tea

December 13th: 7pm Graduation Mass

December 15th: Yr2 - 9am Parish Mass

December 16th: Last Day of School for
Students, Yr 6 Guard of Honour



Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent Season

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. Advent is a time for us as people of God to reflect and prepare for the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. May this Advent be the season in the church's year where we bring to consciousness all the things that stop us from being fully alive and basking in the light of Christ. Let our preparation for Christmas confirm in us that Jesus Christ is the light that shines for us guiding us in his image and likeness.

Swimming Carnival

Last Friday our Year 2-5 students participated in our school swimming carnival. It was a great day for all students as they got to spend time in the water competing in a variety of events and having fun. I would like to thank all of our students who participated on the day. Their enthusiasm and positive energy made this another memorable school event. A special thank you to Mrs Harkin for her organisation and facilitation of the day, Mrs Pono for entering all the entries and all other teachers and parents for making the day go as smoothly as possible.



Walkathon

Once again a big thank you to all of our community for your efforts in raising money for the walkathon. Our grand total was \$16000.00. A big thank you to Mrs Javidi and the walkathon Committee for all their efforts in organising such a great school event.

[Attached](#) is a copy of the Walkathon Round Up

Farewell Mass for Greg Whitby:

Last week Miss Matienzo, four of our student leaders and myself attended a special mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We join all Diocesan staff in thanking Greg for the Leadership and guidance he has given to our system of schools for 16 years.



God bless,

Mr Crowley
St. Patrick's Assistant Principal



Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday we enter into the Season of Advent. During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. We contemplate the First Coming of Jesus as Saviour, and anticipate his promised Second Coming. And amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, we look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives. This morning as a school community, we began our Advent journey through prayer to help us get ready for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



This Sunday, Tom Green's (Our Seminarian) ordination will take place at 5:30pm, November 27, 2022 at St Patrick's Church. Please pray for him as he takes on this next step into Priesthood.

Please take the time to read the Religious Education News which is linked in the box below.

God bless!

Miss Cecilienne-Mae Matienzo
Religious Education Coordinator

Important Dates and Reminders!

| Religious Education News | Sunday Gospel Reading | Parish Links |
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| <p>Please click on the link to read information about Religious Education</p> <p>For further updates see:</p> <p>Religious Education News - Term ...</p> | <p><i>Sunday Gospel Reading</i></p> <p>Sunday, 13th November 2022: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A</p> <p>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 24:37-44</p> | <p>For the latest news and updates from Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, please visit their website and follow their Facebook page.</p> |

Kids On Keyboard - Enrol Now

Kids On Keyboard Returns!

Kids on Keyboard enrolments are now being taken for Term 1 in 2023. Class runs Tuesdays in the first break. The program is open for students in year 2 and above. Keyboards are provided in class time for each student to use. Keyboard is a lot of fun and a great way to introduce your child to the world of music.

Creative Vouchers are accepted.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or wish to know more please contact **Christine on 0409247424**.



Christmas Spectacular

MQOF YOUTH PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY 17TH DEC

6PM - 10 PM

NAGLE HALL
58A ORWELL STREET, BLACKTOWN

We **invite** you and your families to join us for a celebration of Christmas with stalls, carolling and the annual Christmas play to fundraise for our 'World Youth Day 2023' pilgrims

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| \$5 CHILDREN | UNDER 12 YEARS OLD | TICKET INFORMATION: All tickets include Entry and Food 1x Sausage Sizzle 1x Bottled Water |
| \$10 ADULTS | 12 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE | |

PLEASE SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKET PURCHASES
www.mqofblacktown.org/mqofchristmasspectacular

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MARY QUEEN OF THE FAMILY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 27th: Jessica Gill

December 1st: Kris Alimo, Larissa Hamed & Gabriel Menczel

December 2nd: Alfonso Castro & Jacob Israel

December 4th: Jayden Robalino

December 6th: Biong Aguek

December 7th: Erianne Datorin

December 8th: Meera Pillay

December 9th: Kobe De Guia



Counselling Corner

When we are calm, our bodies are in 'rest and digest' mode. Our breathing and heart rate are normal, our muscles are relaxed, and our thoughts feel safe. When we are stressed or worried, we may go into 'fight, flight or freeze' mode. Our heart rate increases, our stomach stops digestion, and our breathing becomes shallow. It can be difficult to talk, listen or think.

Breathing exercises are a skill for children to self-regulate when under stress or feeling afraid. These could be practised before bed, in the car or waiting in queues. Please read more... [Counselling Corner](#)

Office News

Notification of Student Leaving

The Diocesan Tuition Fee and School Building Levy are annual fees billed in Terms 1, 2 and 3. A pro rata fee based on weeks enrolled for the year is made for students entering the School part way during a term. If a student leaves the School during a term, no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term. Other School Based Fees for items such as camps, excursions, materials or technology may be charged to a student's account and are payable under the same conditions as Diocesan Fees. **A Term's notice in writing must be given to the School Principal before the withdrawal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable.**

Leave of Absence

If your child is going on extended leave greater than 5 days, an **Application for Exemption Form** must be completed and returned to the office prior to the leave date. Please complete the following form [Application Extended Leave](#). This leave will be considered by the Principal for approval.

Please note that any Leave time taken during term will impact on your child's learning. Our Diocesan mantra is, 'Every Child, Every Day' and students are legally obliged to attend school every day of the school year. Holidays and Leave should ideally be taken in school holiday periods.

School Fees

Dear Parents, all school fees should now be paid in full, unless an arrangement is in place. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our school office on 8869 6000. If you have changed your address please don't forget to update it by filling out the following form and returning it to us as soon as possible. [Change of Address/Contact Details](#)

Many thanks,
Mrs Browne

No Toys from Home at School

At St Patrick Primary School, we request that children do **NOT** bring toys from home to school. Toys brought to school can disrupt the learning at school. Whilst we understand that children may wish to carry familiar toys with them to show their friends, bringing toys from home to school can create difficult situations to manage. Hence we request that children do **NOT** bring toys from home to school.

Please note that children are NOT TO BRING POKEMON CARDS TO SCHOOL.

Healthy Food at School

Children are encouraged to bring a 'Healthy Lunchbox' to school. Teachers often have discussions around healthy food choices.

The right balance of food groups can help children maintain focus and energy levels throughout the day.

We thank you for spending the time to pack a healthy lunch.

Please do not send UBER EAT meals for your children (ie. McDonalds, KFC) as this does not align with what we are promoting with children.

'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind'.

Phones & Apple Watches

Please remember that if any student brings a phone or Apple Watch to school, it must be signed in at the Office and students can collect them at the end of the school day. If parents need to contact students during the day, calls must go through the Office. If a child is unwell they will be sent to the Office by a teacher and parents will be called. We thank you for your support with this important matter of privacy, child protection and safety.

Attendance

Here Everyday Ready On Time - Morning Bell 8:55 am!

It is important that your children come to school on time every day, unless they are genuinely unwell.

Attendance Matters!

If your child is absent due to illness, please inform the school by contacting our school office and explain absences for the day by entering in the COMPASS Parent Portal. Alternatively you can send us an email or call our school office on 8869 6000.

Please note if you enter your child absent days via COMPASS Parent Portal, the time is not to be adjusted.

When a student is away for more than two days, a Medical Certificate will be required when returning to school.

Missing School?

Leaving Gaps in your Child's Learning.

St Patricks Attendance Liaison Officer
Aida Almeida

Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd

From the beginning of 2023, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will have a new name, Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd. The organisation will also have a new governance framework. It is not expected that these changes will have an impact on the day-to-day operation of schools, or upon students, parents and carers, and parishes. Further information is available [here](#).

