Blacktown Festival Parade
St Patrick’s school will be participating in the Blacktown City Festival street parade this year. Students in Years K to 6 are invited to participate. Students in Years K to 2 must be accompanied by a parent.

The Blacktown City Festival is on Saturday, 30th May 2015 with the parade starting at 11:00am. The parade covers a route of approximately 1.5 km along Main Street, Campbell Street and Fluscombe Road. The students involved will be required to assemble between 10:15am and 10:30am in the Warrick Lane car park and will return there at the end of the parade. Parents will need to be at the Warrick Lane car park at the end of the parade to collect their children, by 11:30am.

All students will wear their full Winter uniform.

Our Year 6 students, as leaders of the school, are expected to participate.

All students who participate will be acknowledged for representing St Patrick’s Primary with a special lunch at school on Thursday, 4th June.

If you would like to participate you can turn up on Saturday and join in the Parade.

Partnership
Hot Chocolate and Doughnut Day
Friday, 5th June Parents & Friends will be holding a Hot Chocolate and Doughnut Day (Gluten Free Biscuit option is also available) Fundraiser at Break 2 - 1:40pm - 2:07pm.

Cost is $3.00. Please bring your money on the day!

Nagle Enrolments
The Year 7 Enrolment Interviews will be taking place on Tuesday, 9th June. Please lodge your application as soon as possible.

Office
Bulletin
This Bulletin will be the final Bulletin printed. You are invited to subscribe to our school newsletters with all the latest news and upcoming events from St Patrick’s delivered straight to your email inbox. What a time saver!

Please go to our email www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au and go to the ‘Subscribe to Our Newsletter’ or alternatively click on NEWS & EVENTS and select NEWSLETTERS to see our latest Newsletter. Copies of the Newsletter will continue to be available from the School Office.

School Fee Statements
School Fee Statements were sent home to families on 27th April. Term 2 payments are due Monday, 25th June. Please contact Mrs Browne to make payment arrangements if you have not already done so.

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
Applications for 2016 Kindergarten Enrolments are being accepted. If your child is turning five (5) before 31st July 2016 please collect an Enrolment pack from the office or alternatively download an application form from our website: www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au

All applications need to be returned by the end of May 2015. Interviews will take place in June and July.

Office Hours
School Office hours are 8.30am – 3.30pm with Wednesday mornings opening at 8.55am. All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPAY please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3.30pm.

Marking Children’s Belongings
Please ensure that all articles of your child’s clothing and belongings e.g. hat, jacket, pencil case, lunchboxes, drink bottles and school bags are clearly marked with your child’s name.

School Hats
All children must have a School hat. ‘NO HAT - NO PLAY’. Students not wearing a school hat are required to sit in the Shelter Area during breaks. Sharing of ‘spare’ hats is not permitted for health reasons. Hats are available from the school office for $10 each.

Butterfly Badges
On sale for $2 at the office. All proceeds go to the Deafness Foundation for the Deaf and Hearing impaired Community.

Winter Jackets
The Winter Jackets have now been ordered and should arrive within 4-6 weeks. We have also ordered some extra ones if parents would like to purchase.

Diary Dates
Friday, 29th May
9:30am - 10:30am - Tour of School for Prospective Parents of Kindergarten

Saturday, 30th May
Blacktown Festival Parade

Sunday, 31st May
Trinity Sunday

Monday, 1st June
Assembly Prayer

Thursday, 4th June
- 9:30am - 10:30am - Tour of School for Prospective Parents of Kindergarten
- 11:00am Lunch for Parade Participants

Friday, 5th June
- Assembly Prayer
- 9:15am Stage 2 Assembly
- Doughnut & Hot Chocolate Day $3.00

Break 2 - 1:40pm - 2:07pm

Sunday, 7th June
Body & Blood of Christ

Monday, 8th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, 10th June
6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Fundraising Meeting

Thursday, 11th June
Enrolments Interviews for Kindergarten 2016

Friday, 12th June
NO School for Students

Saturday, 13th June
Enrolment Interviews for Kindergarten

From the Principal
Acknowledging Success at St Patrick’s in 2015
At this time of the year when enrolment applications are being accepted for Kindergarten in 2016, I meet with parents who are seeking to join our community.

Parents, whose first child is beginning their educational journey, talk about choosing a Catholic school because of a sense of community, a commitment to social justice and a recognised standard of values and behaviours that a Catholic school offers.

Many parents of other faiths also seek a Catholic school. For some it is because our values, although grounded in the teachings of the Catholic faith, are shared by all members of the community.

For other parents, there is a need to provide an environment that will support theirs, and in turn, their children’s search for meaning and spiritual awakening.

St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School seeks to nurture the faith of young people through its Religious Education Program and through the faith environment it cultivates. Our challenge is to endeavour to be a community that believes, worships and celebrates together, is welcoming and accepting and offers quality teaching and learning.

“Catholic schools have grown more complex, but at their heart lies a great and simple truth. They are to be above all schools of holiness. They exist that people through its Religious Education Program and through the faith environment it cultivates. Our challenge is to endeavour to be a community that believes, worships and celebrates together, is welcoming and accepting and offers quality teaching and learning.

God, our Father, may the presence of Your Spirit be evident in our school community. Help us to be large of heart, broad of vision and generous in working for the good of our community entrusted to our care.

Amen

God Bless
Mrs Anne Marrins
Principal
Faith Community
Over the following Sundays the Church celebrates some of its most important feasts beside Christmas and Easter.

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, the day the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles and gave them the strength and courage to go out and proclaim the Good News to the world.

The birth of the Church is celebrated on this day. It was the day the followers of Jesus began their mission on their own in Christ’s name.

This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. It is an opportunity for the faithful who have gathered to revisit the concept of the Trinity, which refers to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit being one God. We embrace the Trinity each time we make the Sign of the Cross or profess our faith when praying the Creed – either Nicene or Apostles.

Silvana Murphy
Religious Education Coordinator

Teaching & Learning
Maths Olympiad
This year our school is participating in the Australian Maths Olympiad Competition. The Maths Olympiad Competition is an Australian wide Mathematics problem solving competition, which aims to teach mathematical problem solving strategies, explore mathematical concepts with children and stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics.

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to be part of the St. Patrick’s Maths Olympiad team.

Year 3:
- Marko Anic, Isabelle George, Aadi Kumbhat, Priyesh Chand, Diana Garipova and Christian D’Silva.

Year 4:
- Jacob Quinn, Adrienne Arellano, Bogdan Danylevych, Ezekiel Patermo, Joshua Sebastian and Brian Sto Domingo.

Stage 3: Alicia Macraeq, Martha Buitizon, Domingo Jacob Quinn, Adrienne Arellano, Bogdan Danylevych, Marko Anic, Isabelle George, Aadi Kumbhat, Priyesh Chand, Diana Garipova and Christian D’Silva.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
This term you will receive your child’s Semester One Learning Report. As part of this report you are invited to attend a Parent/Teacher Interview where the teacher will provide more detailed information about your child’s learning progress.

To make the most of these interviews it is important for parents to consider the following questions that they might want to know about their child.

1/ What are your child’s strengths?
2/ Where would you like to see your child develop to by the end of the year?
3/ What are your child’s interests?

Mr Crowley’s Problem For The Week
Each newsletter I will be giving a Mathematical Problem for children to solve. The first five children who come to me with a solution and explanation of how they worked their problem out and the correct answer will receive two ‘Pat on The Back Awards’.

Good luck St. Patrick’s Mathematicians!!!

Problem: How many 3/8 Litre glasses can you completely fill with a 3-litre container?

Tom Crowley
Assistant Principal

Awardees
We congratulate our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students who received their Bronze and/or Silver Awards last Friday 22nd May at the Kindergarten Assembly.

Bronze - Kindergarten
Sydney Nolan
Anna Danylevych
Jesse Li
Olivia Pender
Agamdeep Chhatwal
Sahil Bhat
Kristen Cruz
Nicole-Kate Graham
Mangok Deng
Blake Pasnin
Georgia Quinn
Eiksam Randhawa
 rejoeh Oghoh
Maya Domingo
Angela Tako
Jamal Suliman
Ruby Sicilina
Amir Alsaadi
Mercy Almani
Franzuel Azuruoleh
Adeena Mokoia
Rajor Matharu
Junrey Esgana
James Andrea
Daz Vasandani
Aariz Khan

Silver - Kindergarten
Leon Anic
Krish Gupta
Xavier Borg
Franzuel Azuruoleh
Talana Blackier
Seelea Dao
Maya Domingo
Caliph Parra

Bronze - Year 1
Riddhi Ranade
Simone Chishaya
Ibrah Gill
Jordan Bindley
Aj Sabid
Ayan Aguek
Avay Gujral
Sydney Manalac
Chantelle Jones-Sack
Deng Deng
Josephine Juwa
Ryan Sabharwal
Rxina Guerrero
Hayden Howley
Kual Shol
Matilda Rowe
Yac Yac
Aaron Joseph
Lei Liskander
Marial Noi
Cody Walker
Ravya Aryal
Enrico Razan
Anabella Anic

Charlize Matjevic
Mark Gao
Silver - Year 1
Tanya Shah
Levi Goncalves
George Akonda
Matthew Domagas
Ethan Quinn
Zaran Mortimer
Shedrack Okoduwa
Taulo Lilomaia-Smith
Lana Barrameda
Matthew Lukudo
Crichton Pahuru
Dorian Bradley-Willkinson
Patrick Stewart
Anamika Alsaadi
Jude Boado
Silver - Year 2
Sawtore Disano
Levi Goncalves
George Tannous
Akeeny Abusalah
Ayisha Doshi Syeda
Johnny Fugawai
James Lai
Sophie Sharma
Oscar Waring
Matthew Dennis Jones
Katherine Ailimo
Dasha Danyleylvch
Brodie Howley
Aayuk Deng

Bronze - Year 2
Tanya Shah
Levi Goncalves
George Akonda
Matthew Domagas
Ethan Quinn
Zaran Mortimer
Shedrack Okoduwa
Taulo Lilomaia-Smith
Lana Barrameda
Matthew Lukudo
Crichton Pahuru
Dorian Bradley-Willkinson
Patrick Stewart
Anamika Alsaadi
Jude Boado
Silver - Year 2
Arjun Pillay
Zoe Thompson

Kindergarten Assembly
On Friday of week 5, Kindergarten had their first assembly. They were excited and eager to share what they have been learning in kindergarten with their family, friends and stage 1.

In Religion they have been learning about celebrations that happen in a church. It was great to see all the different celebrations that kindergarten had been to in a church. In Human Society & its Environment they have been learning about their families and talked about how we all have different families and backgrounds. To show what they have been learning in Numeracy they presented various ways they can make different numbers using addition.

Over all, their learning journey for this term has been bright, colourful and very exciting. It was a great opportunity too see the smart thinking that has been going on in Kindergarten this term.

Health Promoting School
St Patrick’s community values the health of students and aims to create an environment that supports healthy choices and behaviours. The Health Promoting Schools Framework provides a ‘whole of school’ approach to developing effective health strategies.

Positive nutrition and health related issues are primarily taught within the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDPE) Key Learning Area.

Good Nutrition for Children
- improves learning and attention span
- improves physical and psychological well being
- promotes growth and development
- reduces the risk of diet-related health problems such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, some cancers, stroke, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, dental caries and obesity

Student Lunchbox
Two pieces of fruit, sandwich, a healthy snack (e.g. raw vegetable stick and dip) and water or juice are an ideal lunch for primary school students.

Confectionery – lollies, sweets and chocolates are special occasion foods and should not be brought to school.

Eating before and after school on the playground is not permitted.

Math Problem Solving
We welcome our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students who received their Bronze and/or Silver Awards last Friday 22nd May at the Kindergarten Assembly.

5/11 of the year?