



St Patrick's News

Term 3, Issue 5 – September 16th 2022



St Patrick's School Values

Term 3 - Upcoming Dates

September 19th: Principal's Morning Tea

September 20th: Mrs Coghlan's Farewell

September 21st: Last day of Term 3

September 22nd: Public Holiday

September 23rd: Staff Development Day **NO SCHOOL TODAY**

Term 4

October 10th: Staff Development Day - PUPIL FREE.

October 11th: School Returns

October 13th: Year 5 attending Parish Mass at 9am

October 14th: Dance Fever Kindy-Year 6 Begins

October 18th: Children's Global Rosary Day

October 20th: Year 3 attending Parish Mass at 9am

October 27th: Year 2 attending Parish Mass at 9am, International Teacher's Day

October 28th: Socktober

November 1st: All Saints' Day

November 2nd: All Souls' Day

November 3rd: Year 1 attending Parish Mass at 9am

November 10th: Kindy attending Parish Mass at 9am

November 11th: Fundraiser-Walk-A-Thon

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is our last Newsletter for Term 3. Thank you to you all for your support, encouragement and commitment to our school community. It has been a wonderful term, in which we have been able to celebrate as a community on many occasions: Sacraments, Grandparents Day, Book Week Parade and picnic, Father's day and many grade masses. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on our playground/school grounds/church as we joined together!



Pupil Free Day & National Day of Mourning: The last day of school for Term 3, is Wednesday, September 21st. As per my communication on Tuesday, Thursday is a National Public Holiday and Friday is an extra Staff Day provided to give teachers time to plan for teaching and learning.

Mrs Coghlan Farewell - Change of Date: Due to the Public Holiday, Mrs Coghlan's farewell has been moved to Tuesday, 20th September at 2:30pm in our church. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. We are looking forward to celebrating Mrs Coghlan and all of the wonderful memories she has made whilst working at St. Patrick's for 21 years. May God bless Mrs Coghlan as she takes on a new role at St. Mary's, Rydalmere. She will remain always in our hearts and in our prayers.

Staffing Term 4: Congratulations to Mrs Thoms who will be teaching 5 White for the remainder of the school year.

Swimming Program: Again, due to the Public holiday and Staff Development day, a change needs to be made. We will postpone the Year 2 Swimming Program until Term 4, Week 4.

Principal's Morning Tea: Next week, teachers will select 2 students from each class who have continuously shown themselves to be safe, to be respectful and to be learners every day, to attend the Principal's Morning Tea! This will be held on Monday 19th September.

Walk-A-Thon: To raise funds for much needed technology and a new lawnmower, we will be having a Walk-A-Thon in November. We are asking parents to kindly donate prizes for this event. Do you work for a restaurant that may be able to donate a voucher? Movie vouchers? Meat or vegetable hampers? Donations of electrical items? Toy shop vouchers? The more we have the more exciting the day will be!

REMINDER: School returns for Term 4 on Tuesday, October 11th. Students are to wear their Summer uniform. If it is still cool, they may still wear their Winter uniforms for Week 1.

Enjoy your holiday - special thanks to our teachers and staff for their daily energy, commitment and focus on learning.

God bless,
Mrs Fitzalan
St. Patrick's Principal

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.*

Education Mass: Last Thursday, we took our School Mission Leaders and Mini Vinnies representative to Parramatta Cathedral to a special mass celebrated by our Bishop, Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen. Well done Andie, Kush, Arya and Sophia - you were outstanding examples of 'leadership through action', in a Catholic community.



It is with great sadness that I write my last newsletter item and prepare to say my final farewells to the St Patrick's School and MQOF Parish community. For the past 21 years, St Patrick's community has been such a huge part of my life. It's shaped the person I am today and will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Throughout the years I have had many roles alongside my teaching position, with the highlight being Religious Education Coordinator for the past four years. It has been a true blessing being able to teach and serve in a community where Mercy values of Love, Compassion, Hospitality, Excellence, Service, Justice, Respect and Dignity are certainly alive and flourishing. Our community is certainly a special place to be!

It is now time for me to continue the path God has chosen for me and move to another school community founded by the Sisters of Mercy. As I embark on this new journey, I will treasure all the precious memories. We will always be connected through our faith and you will all continue to be in my prayers. May God bless you all.

'Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.'



Faith Community

Sunday, 18th September 2022: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Luke 16:10-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Parish Links

For the latest news and updates from Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, please visit their [website](#) and follow their [Facebook page](#). Here is a link to their last [Newsletter](#) which includes upcoming events and a disco for our youth and young adults.

Important Dates and Reminders!

Mini Vinnies Formation Program

Open to ALL students from Years 4-6 (regardless of whether or not they are part of Mini Vinnies).

For more information [See information page](#)

The program is completed at home with lots of projects that can be completed over the school holidays.

Register [HERE](#)



World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Sunday 23 September 2022

2pm Mass with Bishop Vincent Long
OFM Conv at St Patrick's Church

3:30 - 5pm Afternoon event at All
Saints of Africa Centre 63 Allawah St

Register [HERE](#)



Mary's Pantry

Provides emergency provisions and groceries for those who are struggling in our community.

**Open weekdays
between 10am - 1pm**

Located near the entrance
to the Church.

Thank you to MQOF
Parish for providing this support to our families.



September 17th: James Ocampo
September 19th: Ranon Duggal & Arieta Ma'afu
September 20th: Aydin Kumar, Matilda McLean & Chukwuka Oghor
September 21st: Amberly Gurung
September 22nd: Yenuja Wickramanayake & Richard Zheng
September 23rd: Sasha Amosa, Pierre Hajje & Ahmed Hanin
September 24th: Aleisha Rhad Knight
September 25th: Jaeden Coloma & Faez Oulabi
October 1st: Aaron Sahota
October 2nd: Daniel Malouf
October 3rd: Ravrinjot Kaur & Abbie Singh
October 6th: Rey Gerado
October 7th: Ravleen Kahlon, Adam Kirton & Senetali Lilomaiava-Smith
October 8th: Isabella Juanga, Angel Sharma, Marcus Valenzuela & Jaskaran Virk
October 10th: Zahria Bradley-Wilkinson
October 11th: Jewel Calderon, Emaanvir Sidhu
October 13th: Eliaz Bradley-Wilkinson & Allano Castro
October 15th: Hannah Pascual
October 17th: Jay Refalo
October 18th: Amyah Sisikefu
October 20th: Edward Lampson
October 21st: Ardine Bautista & Ryan Pasnin



Fundraiser - Walk-A-Thon

Donations of PRIZES needed.



Do you work for a company who can donate a voucher? Prize? Dinner out?

Please contact the Office as we are hoping to have lots of great prizes to give out on the day! More details soon.

Date: Friday November 11th

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

KINDERGARTEN 2023 ENROLMENTS OPEN

Please let family, friends and neighbours know that 2023 Kindergarten enrolments are now open!

If your child was born between 1st January 2017 and 31st July 2018, your child is ready for school in 2023.

Please collect an Enrolment pack from our school office between 8:30am and 3:00pm or simply download via the school website. [Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol](#)

Please follow [THIS](#) link for more information regarding our Kindergarten Enrolment Process.



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, you should now have received school fee statements for Term 3. 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.

Let us know...

Mrs Fitzalan and Mr Crowley are always happy to meet with any parent who has a concern. We hope that by being at the gate every afternoon, as well as some mornings, you feel comfortable to approach us for a conversation or to request an interview to discuss any challenges you may be facing.

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.



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