



St Patrick's News

Term 1, Issue 2 – February 18th, 2022



Dates to Remember

March 1st: Shrove Tuesday

March 2nd: Ash Wednesday

March 7th: Book Fair Sale take place (Monday - Friday)

March 10th: Eye checks for Kindergarten (more information will be provided)

March 11th: Pupil Free Day -
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

March 15th: Tour for Kindy 2023 Families 10am

March 17th: Feast of St Patrick

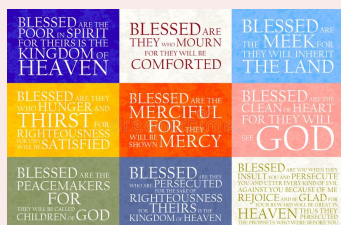
March 21st: Harmony Day & World Down Syndrome Day

March 25th: Feast of the Annunciation

March 29th: Tour for Kindy 2023 Families 10am

April 7th: Holy Week Celebration

April 8th: Last day of Term 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

In Sunday's Gospel, we heard the Beatitudes, an example for us all on how to live our lives, the 'Be Attitudes'. It is with great pride that we see your children living out these Beatitudes every day. Our MERCY values are alive at St. Patrick's!



As we work together in partnership for the benefit of all students, we thank you for taking the time to engage in valuable learning conversations with your child's teachers this week. Teachers have been excited to learn more about your child and to discuss with you, learning goals for 2022. Should you ever wish to have further conversations with your child's teacher, this can be organised through the School Office.

School Leaders: Fr Chadi celebrated the Eucharist with us at our Opening School Mass. During mass we asked for blessings upon our students, staff and school families for the year ahead. We were delighted to commission our Student Leaders for 2022.

School Captains - Jasper DelaRosa & Filinita Aho

Mission Leaders - Andie DelaPena, Arya Bedi & Kush Pandey

Media Leaders – Yash Pandey, Love Saini & Vanessa Nuval

Sport Leaders – Jasmine Apai, Christopher Weatherby & Nicholas Constable



*May God be in our mind,
May God be in our heart.*



May God be always looking over our shoulders.

Invitation: At school, we have a vegetable garden. Twice a week there are teachers and students who work in our 'Kitchen Garden' however, it really needs a few extra visits a week to keep it looking good. If you are a gardener, love weeding, watering and making gardens look good, we invite you to join a roster to support the Kitchen Garden for a couple of hours a week. If interested, please call the School Office to express your interest in volunteering.

Personal Presentation: Pride in yourself and pride in your uniform is an important aspect to being in a school community. We thank you for following our uniform policy - our focus this week is on WHITE sport shoes and correct haircuts for boys. The following excerpt is taken from our Parent Handbook: HAIRCUTS **Boys** Neat and simple haircuts. Extreme hairstyles and hair colouring are not permitted. No lines. **Girls** Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back. Hair colouring is not permitted. Hair ties, ribbons, headbands must be navy blue.

Thank you for following up with correct haircuts. Your support is appreciated.

God bless you and your beautiful children,

Monica Fitzalan
School Principal

Please take a look at Facebook regularly, to see photos of your children at St. Patrick's.


Faith Community

Sunday, 20th February 2022: SEVENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Lk 6:27-38 [*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*](#)

In this Gospel reading, Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us. When others do unkind things to us, Jesus tells us that we should be extra kind to that person. Sometimes we do unkind things too, and we hope God will forgive us. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him.

Important Dates and Reminders!

Sacramental Process First Reconciliation registrations closing this Sunday 20 February! This program is for students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who are Baptised. Register HERE 	Mercy Day <i>Monday 21st February</i> All students are invited to wear red clothing and walking shoes to school on the day. Please support our fundraiser! 	Shrove Tuesday <i>Tuesday 1st March</i> Thank you to the P&F for supplying two pancakes per child. If your child is NOT permitted to have a pancake, please email the office with your child's full name and class before Friday 25th February . If they require a gluten free or egg free alternative, please send one in with your child on the day.
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Mini Vinnies Formation Program

The St Vincent De Paul Society runs a Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP). The MVFP will nurture students, who undertake the project, to be a light in the world, inspired by the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Gospel values.

The MVFP is open to **ALL** students from Years 4-6 (regardless of whether or not they are part of Mini Vinnies). Participation in the Program is voluntary and students will make their way through three awards: Bronze, Silver and ultimately Gold. This formation will be undertaken in the students own time at home and parent or guardian supervision is required. For more information, please see the [Mini Vinnies Registration Information page](#). Please click here to [register your interest](#).

Mini Vinnies Team

Mrs HuiHui, Miss Matienzo, Miss Fauni, Mrs Leilua and Mrs Parker will be leading the Mini Vinnies Team for 2022. Congratulations to all the students who pledged their commitment at Monday's Opening School Mass. We are so proud of you all!

Mannat Gill, Abbie Singh, Aleisha Knight, Melinda Derksen-Hudson, Marcus De Villa, Meera Pillay, Jenny Juntarpoon, Aydin Kumar, Kanishka Halder, Jayla Saliba, Alisi Aho, Saige Deluca, Juben Manchanda, Rae Juanga, Isla Cunningham, Ellaiza Saranghilo, Sofia Vitetta, Manya Shah, Angel Sharma, Savannah Thorp, Melanie Tannous, Arya Bedi, Emily Zhang, Carmen Gonzalez, Kobe Deguia, Gurleen Kaur, Charbel Hajje, Tillie Mclean, Nmesoma Chineke, Jack Jones, Lemuela Crasta and Georgina Razon.

Mrs Natalie Coghlan
Religious Education Coordinator

Library Information

A very warm welcome to you all! Mrs Pono and I are very excited to continue to be the Library staff at St Patrick's Primary School for 2022!

Our Library is filled with a variety of valuable resources and provides a dynamic learning space for staff and students to gather throughout the day. [Library News](#)

St Patricks Book Fair is Coming!

Our first Book Fair for 2022 will take place during our Catholic Schools Week celebrations on March 7th-11th. [Book Fair 2022](#)

Please ensure that appointments for students are made outside of school hours.

At the end of the day, notes are given out and important information is shared. Children are learning right up until bell time.

When you take children out of class early, it not only causes extra 'busyness' for our Office staff, but can cause your child distress as they are being called out of class and their peers ask why.

Out of school hours appointments are best practice.

RAT TESTS***Positive Result? Please call school immediately.***

- **Tests to be taken each Monday and Wednesday morning**
- **School must be notified if there is a positive diagnosis**
- **Please note that if your child has had Covid in the last 4 weeks, they do not need to test.**

Children at school: Any child with COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurring symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

**St Patrick's Online Communication**

Compass Parent Portal - St Patrick's encourages parents to download the Compass Parent Portal app once your child is enrolled at our school. It will be our primary communication tool that will facilitate effective communication between parents and school. All **school notes, notices and newsletters will be sent through Compass.**

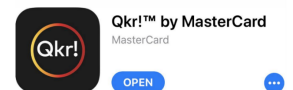


To access the Compass Parent Portal app, simply download the '**Compass School Manager**' app, available through Apple Store or Google Play. It is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones.

QKR! (pronounced 'quicker') Mobile Payment App - St Patrick's is now a 'cashless school'. QKR! is an easy to use mobile phone application that is also suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service is currently available for all payments **except for school fees**. Communications will be distributed as new events and products become available for purchase.

Also follow us on [Facebook](#) for the latest news, upcoming events and lots more!

If in need, please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 8869 6000.



Please ensure that you are watching our school Facebook page and that you have signed up for COMPASS as this is how all correspondence/updates are shared with you.

Attendance

Attendance - Every School Day Counts! Here Everyday Ready On Time - Morning Bell 8:55 am!

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. Non-attendance has a variety of effects on students, both academically and socially. As you are aware, every day of attendance at school adds to your child's chances of success and achievement from Kindergarten through to high school.



Every day at school counts towards your child's learning!

Absences add up quickly. If your child is absent 1 day every 2 weeks over the course of a school year, this will add up to 20 days loss of education. This is almost half a school term in a year!

If your child is absent due to illness, please inform the school by entering in COMPASS Parent Portal, or send us an email. Alternatively you can always contact our school office and explain absences on the day. When a student is away for more than two days, a Medical Certificate will be required when returning to school.

St Patricks Attendance Liaison Officer
Aida Almeida

EACH DAY MISSED:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 5th: Gail Arielle DelaPela

February 8th: Tyga-John Saad & Nuoxin Yan

February 11th: Luke Constable & Rhys Nawajh

February 12th: Laticia Hodgson

February 16th: Miguel Paje

February 18th: Ankampan Mahato

February 21st: Avalon Curl & Marcus De Villa

February 23rd: Jessy Morte

February 26th: Georgina Razon

February 28th: Jordan Yac

March 2nd: Sianna Dut

March 4th: Joel Mathew



February 6th: Melinda Derksen-Hudson

February 9th: Owen Cunningham

February 13th: Ashvik Chandra

February 14th: Oliver Hutchings-Kirk

February 17th: Eliche Datorin

February 19th: Grace Lasu

February 22nd: Lilliana Ziolkowski

February 25th: Austin Yu

February 27th: Nathan DSouza

March 1st: Aker Shol & Ryden Tata

March 3rd: Jake Lenferna & Johny Yac

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.**

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.

School Fees

Dear Parents, you should be receiving fee statements within the next 2 weeks. 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



St Patrick's Primary School Blacktown



**Looking to Enrol
for
Kindergarten 2023?**

**2023 Enrolments Now Open!
Don't Miss Out!**

**Contact us!
02 8869 6000**

Email: stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/

Is your child ready to start Kindy?
Join us for a
Kindy Open Day!



Open Days
15th March 10am
29th March 10am
&
5th May 10am

Enrolment Packs Available Now!

Please call our school office to organise your enrolment pack or
download an enrolment form from our school website.

www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au



OLMC OPEN DAY

Sunday, 6 March 2022
10.00am - 2.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2022.

Bookings can be made by visiting the College website www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Courageous Advocates. Limitless Possibilities.



YEAR 7, 2024
ENROLMENT
INFORMATION
EVENING
Tuesday, 29 March

MERCY / COMPASSION / JUSTICE / DIGNITY / EXCELLENCE / HOSPITALITY / STEWARDSHIP / SERVICE



NAGLE COLLEGE OPEN DAY

1 March 2022
3.30pm - 7.30pm

Year 7, 2023 prospective parents and students
are warmly invited to attend a tour of the College.
Enrolment packages available on the day.

More information please contact the College on 88874500
or visit our website.

(for Bulletin/Newsletter until 1st March - if possible)