



St Patrick's News

Term 2, Issue 4- June 9th 2022



St Patrick's School Values

Term 2 Upcoming Dates

June 10th: Staff Development Day (No School)

June 12th: The Most Holy Trinity

June 13th: Queen's Birthday (No School)

June 15th: Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

June 19th: Corpus Christi

June 21st: Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

June 24th: Feast of the Sacred Heart

July 1st: Last Day of Term 2

July 18th: TERM 3 BEGINS

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and
who is to come.
Alleluia!*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Family Week: In Week 7 every term, we celebrate Family Week. During Family Week, we have no homework, no Staff Meeting and we make sure we stop and think of our wonderful families who support us every day. We hope that you also take time to enjoy the precious gift that you have been given - your family.

Mary, Queen of the Family - Pray for us.

Staff Formation: Tomorrow, Friday 10th June, all of St. Patrick's staff will join together with some Sisters of Mercy at Parramatta for a Formation Day. This day of retreat will be one to reflect on the MERCY values we espouse, a time for personal reflection and prayer, and a day to focus on what it means to be part of a school founded on the Mercy Sisters.

TTFM: All parents/carers are invited to complete this optional survey, that is held once each year. We invite you to name some of the successes of our school and celebrate all that is good about our beautiful community. Please access the survey by clicking on this link

<http://tellthemfromme.com/bsnrn>

Cash cards: In response to parent/staff feedback, we will be giving children in Years 3-6, their Cash Cards to keep with them. This will help students develop a sense of responsibility and accountability for looking after their card which is effectively 'cash'. Children in K-2 classes will continue to be issued with their cards by the teacher. Cards will now hold \$10, which will last longer and require less frequent purchases by parents.

Communication: Thank you for your positive feedback each afternoon as I greet you at the gate. I have been hearing so many positive comments around our communication methods. To make sure everyone is familiar with our everyday platforms, please read the following link carefully - we certainly don't want anyone missing out on any information!

[Parent Communication & Apps](#)

Special thanks to everyone who joined us at our Athletics Carnival this week. What a huge and happy gathering it was! We were so proud of all the students who:

- Did their best
- Encouraged others and
- Never gave up!

Enjoy your long weekend with your precious children. Happy Family Week.

Mrs Fitzalan
Principal



*God blesses those who
are merciful, for they
will be shown mercy.*
MATTHEW 5:7 NLT



Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Student Learning Reports will be available on COMPASS in Week 9. No Reports will be printed. You must log into COMPASS to see your child's Report. In Week 10, we will hold Parent/Teacher Interviews so that you can discuss your child's learning strengths and areas for development with your child's class teacher. A separate notification will come home soon detailing how to book your Interview time.



Food day pizza

New technology for students is our greatest priority at present. To raise much needed funds, we are holding a Pizza day on Friday 17th June. Pizza is \$4 and may be purchased through the **QKR app only**. Purchases are to be made by the **14th of June**. On the day, children who purchased pizza will also be able to choose either a drink or packet of chips to go with their pizza. We thank you for supporting this fundraising venture which will make a small amount of money to contribute towards the purchase of new technology for your children.



Faith Community

Sunday, 12th June 2022: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR C

Jn 16:12-15 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Pentecost Sunday

Thank you to all the families who joined us for Pentecost Sunday celebrations last weekend and our School Leaders who helped out on the day. We enjoyed fabulous performances by our School Choir as well as lots of games, dancing and international foods. This is one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. The burning fire of God's love was certainly evident throughout Mass and in the celebrations that followed on school grounds.



First Eucharist




In the Church's Liturgical Cycle, we are now celebrating major feasts related to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful time of year to be celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Over the next two weeks, many of our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion. We wish them all the best in their final preparations and look forward to celebrating with them soon.

MQOF Parish

Please be advised that the Diocese of Parramatta has recently appointed Fr. Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, known as "Fr. Chinonye" as the administrator for Cranebrook parish until September 2022. This means that he is no longer working in our parish. We wish him all the best with this new appointment.

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](#).

Important Dates and Reminders!

<p>Confirmation ATTN: Year 5 & Year 6 Online registrations close Sunday 26th June. See flyer for key dates.</p> <p>This program is for students in Year 5 and Year 6 who have received their First Eucharist.</p> <p>Register HERE</p> <p>REGISTER NOW</p> 	<p>Toastie Thursday Orders due by 10am Tuesday Pay via Qkr!</p> <p>Cheese toasties will be served on Thursday mornings from 8:30am-8:50am to those who have prepaid</p> 	<p>Feast of Sacred Heart Liturgy Friday 24th June 2022 at 2:40pm MPA</p> <p>Year 1 will lead the liturgy. Please wear a mask as it is indoors. We hope you can join us!</p> 
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Book Club

Scholastic Book Club has moved to online orders only at St Patrick's. Your child will no longer be receiving the Book Club brochure to take home. Book Club is still very much alive and available for your children, only it is now all online.

How to place a Book Club order:

To view the catalogue and to make your **Credit card** purchases, simply visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP OR download the **LOOP** app. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order and will be delivered to the school then distributed to your child.



Want to learn more? See our Parents' Guide scholastic.com.au/parents

Issue 4 is currently open for orders until 17th June 2022 Click [HERE](#) to see the latest Issue.

In the coming weeks we will be inviting our Year 4, 5 & 6 students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

From Monday, 30 May to Friday, 1 July, we invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *St Patrick's Primary School*.

The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey (20 different languages available) on your computer or mobile device. <http://tellthemfromme.com/bsnrp>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

June 11th: Harry Nash
June 12th: Valentine Fransco
June 13th: Raivya Duggal & Imana Sowsun
June 14th: Olivia Quinn
June 15th: Kanishka Halder
June 16th: Nina Dsouza
June 17th: Portia Concepcion & Asmin Feraset
June 19th: Samar Chhina & Andrew Gutierrez
June 21st: Lavin Eyupoglu & Lara Razon
June 22nd: Daoud Suliman

**Managing Complaints Policy**

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. Should you not be satisfied after meeting with us, there is a formal Complaints Policy which we have shared with you.

[Managing Complaints Policy](#)
[Intake Form For Complaints](#)

School Counsellor's Update

Our school counsellor Julia Kwiet-Lipari has been busy this term and her hours have been increased to 3 full days this year. Julia is available for school based counselling and family support on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Families can contact her directly on her mobile 0457 359 338 with any questions or concerns. Face to face meetings can be arranged on site.

It has been a difficult time for many families and our community with ongoing stressors from COVID, the impact of home schooling and uncertain times. Approximately 1 in 5 young people experience significant anxiety and fearfulness that affects their daily life. The NSW Department of Education has engaged the Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University to offer free access to online treatments for school students who have significant anxiety disorders. The "Cool Kids Program" can be accessed online and our school counsellor plans to start running groups and information sessions for parents later this year.

Please access the following link for further information.

[CEDP's School Counsellor's brochure](#)

[Cool Kids Program](#)

[Mental health resources](#)

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.

<https://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol>

We ask that all families who have a sibling starting in 2023, advise the Office within the next week so that we can confirm how many places we have available for other families.

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



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.

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.

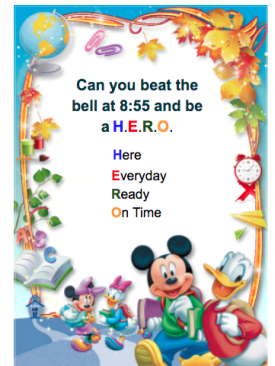
Please note if you enter your child absent days via COMPASS Parent Portal, the time is not to be adjusted.

If your child is unwell due to COVID you must notify the school office immediately.

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

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

St Patricks Attendance Liaison Officer
Aida Almeida



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 2. 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.

The St Pat's Way

Our PBS4L focus for Weeks 7 and 8 is: At St Patrick's I am respectful when I follow teachers' instructions.
Click here to read about our PBS4L expectations and for more information on our fortnightly focus.

[The St Pat's Way](#)



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.**

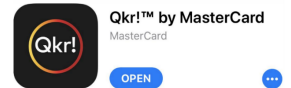


To access the Compass Parent Portal app, simply download the '**Compass School Manager**' app, available through Apple Store or Google Play. It is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones.

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.

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YEAR 7 2023/2024

Click the link below to express your interest.

[EXPRESSION OF INTEREST](#)

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