



# St Patrick's News

## Term 3, Issue 1 – July 22nd 2022

# RESPECT

Dear Parents and Carers,



## Welcome to Term 3

I hope that during these school holidays, you have had a chance to talk with your children about their learning, their good choices and the fact that because they go to St. Patrick's, they are different! We are defined by our values of hospitality, forgiveness, excellence, dignity, respect and LOVE. We are people of Mercy.

I know that our staff, as well as myself, were very excited to see all of the smiling faces of our students as they returned safely on Monday.

**Staffing Update:** After 21 years at St. Patrick's, Mrs Coghlan has accepted a position as the REC (Religious Education Coordinator) at St. Mary's Rydalmere, beginning in Term 4. The chance to experience the role in a different community will be a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Coghlan. Mrs Coghlan has been a huge part of the fabric of St. Patrick's for so long and has educated and supported many students and their parents/carers. This important role in a Catholic School is one that Mrs Coghlan does so well. We know that her new school will be delighted to have her join them. We will have opportunities to farewell her later in the term.

**Baby news:** We are delighted to announce that Mrs Parame is expecting her second child. This little one is due in December. We congratulate Mrs Parame and her husband Patrick on this wonderful news.

**Principal's Morning Tea:** Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their teacher to attend the Term 2 Principal's Morning Tea last term. Living our school values each and every day is so important to our community.

*Julie Collins, Marcus Retamales, Zoe Borg, Harbaaz Singh, Abigail Pelayo, Ashvik Chandra, Lavin Eyupoglu, Kimi Lin-Scott, Avalon Curl, Ridit Bedi, Imana Sowsun, Matthew Pavlek, Lilliana Ziolkowski, Aerika Sikri, Montana Ma'afu, Pierre Hajje, Krystal Zaghtiti, George Hontas, Xinfu Xi, Miko Panganiban, Aleisha Knight, Kingston Webber, Alisi Aho, Jay Refalo, Georgina Razon, Kris Alimo, Grace Lasu, Rannbir Grewal, Brianna Ghanoum, Jaeden Coloma.*

**Be safe..... Be Respectful.....Be a Learner**

God bless,  
Mrs Fitzalan  
Principal



### St Patrick's School Values

#### Term 3 Upcoming Dates

**July 28th:** Year 3 Attending Parish Mass at 9am

**July 29th:** Grandparents Day: Liturgy 9:15am

**August 4th:** Year 6 Attending Parish Mass at 9am

**August 8th:** St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Liturgy 2:30pm

**August 11th:** 2022 School Photos Year 5 Attending Parish Mass at 9am

**August 12th:** PIZZA DAY Fundraising

**August 15th:** Feast of the Assumption Mass 12pm

**August 18th:** Year 4 Attending Parish Mass at 9am

**August 25th:** Year 2 Attending Parish Mass at 9am

**August 30th:** 7pm - Confirmation St Pats Church

**September 1st:** Kindy Attending Parish Mass at 9am  
7pm - Confirmation St Pats Church

**September 2nd:** Father's Day Liturgy & Breakfast

**September 4th:** 10am - Confirmation St Pats Church

**September 8th:** Year 1 Attending Parish Mass at 9am

**September 15th:** Year 5 Attending Parish Mass at 9 am

**September 22nd:** Year 6 Attending Parish Mass at 9am

## TTFM Survey - Thank You

**TTFM Survey:** Many thanks to all of the parents/carers who took the time to complete this survey last term. Your feedback is gratefully received and suggestions certainly looked at. The following is just a snippet of positive feedback received, which really acknowledges the dedication of our outstanding staff:

- *St. Patrick's is the best school in the area. All children and staff are very respectful and friendly.*
- *Thank you for your service and for guiding my children through learning. Keep on leading them towards their dreams.*
- *The school caters for a diverse and inclusive environment - academically and culturally. This helps staff and students become resilient towards one another and accepting of each other no matter what their background may be.*
- *A big thank you to the Principal and teachers for maintaining the school's integrity.*
- *Very good communication - we always know what's going on!*
- *Children are safe and well looked after.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**July 23rd:** Andie Dela Pena

**July 25th:** Alyza Dhaliwal & Dana Santos

**July 26th:** Jayla Saliba

**July 28th:** Uina Rimoni

**July 29th:** Nicholas Constable, Cara Paras, Brandon Saranghilo & Fatu Tupouto'a

**July 31st:** Dionna Crasta

**August 3rd:** Xinfu Xi

**August 5th:** Mya Refalo & Josh Reyes



## Toastie Thursdays

Toastie Thursdays are back for Term 3.

If you would like your child/children to have a warm 'Toastie' on a Thursday morning from 8:30am, please place their order by Tuesday evening of the same week on the QKR! app (from the menu, Recurring Food Days).

*Thank you for supporting the Mini Vinnies Team.*

## Faith Community

Sunday, 24th July 2022: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

### [Lk 11:1-13](#) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need. The purpose of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. © Dianne Bergant CS



### St Patrick's School Song

Over the past year and a half, religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn has been working closely with our community to shape our school song. It is currently being sung at Friday assemblies, with a final recording being made later this term. Andrew Chinn has led many workshops and Christmas concerts in our school over the past 20+ years and we look forward to him returning for Christmas this year.

### Thursday Parish Mass

Every Thursday morning from 9am - 9:30am, each grade will take turns attending Parish Mass. Year 3 will be attending next week. Upcoming grades will be advertised in our newsletter and in Grade Overviews. We are excited to be able to resume this important connection and we hope some of our families can join us too!

### 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](#).

## Important Dates and Reminders!

### First Reconciliation

**ATTN: Years 3 and above**

Online registrations close 18th September. [See flyer](#) for key dates.

This program is for students in Year 3 or above who are Baptised.

Register [HERE](#)



### MQOF Parish Feast Day

**Sunday 21st August 2022  
10am Mass**

**followed by lunch and entertainment**

More details to follow soon.



### Grandparents Day Celebrations

**Friday 29th July 2022**

**9:15am in MPA**

**9:45am Open Classrooms**

**10:15am Morning Tea**

As it is an indoor celebration, please wear a mask.

We hope that grandparents can join us!



## 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 Process.



### TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube

Learn about TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube to help your children stay safe online.

The eSafety commission runs free webinars for parents and carers of school-aged children about online safety and cyberbullying. These webinars and information sessions are a good way for parents to learn about the risks and dangers of being online and explore strategies to keep their kids safe. [eSafetyparents](#) [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

### Attendance

#### Attendance - Every School Day Counts!

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

As winter is upon us, it's getting harder to get up and motivated in the morning **but 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*

### 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.

#### Kids On Keyboard!

Kids on Keyboard is a program open for students in Year 2 and above.

Class runs **Tuesdays** in the first lunch break. 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.**

[Kids on Keyboard](#)

### Library News

**Book Club** Issue 5 is available now for purchases. Please see the Parent information letter [HERE](#) for more information.

[Parent Information Letter](#)

*Mrs Gudaitis  
Library Teacher*



### The African Homework Club

Rafa from the African Centre at our Parish has asked for donations of story books/novels in good condition and or activity books that you do not need anymore as they could be used in the after school Homework Club. Please send your donations to school and put them in the box labelled The African Homework Club next to the lost property bin. Thank you for your support.

*Mrs Lowden*

## 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 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](#)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our school office on 8869 6000.

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.

## 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.**

## Lunch Orders

Orders must be placed by 8:30am on the day the food is to be received.

Spriggy app ["Spriggy Schools" app](#)

