



St Patrick's News

Term 4, Issue 2 – October 27th 2022



HOSPITALITY

St Patrick's School Values

Term 4

October 31st: Swimming for Yr 2 begins
November 1st: All Saints' Day
November 2nd: All Souls' Day
November 3rd: Year 1 attending Parish Mass at 9am
November 4th: Pizza Day
November 7th: Basketball Gala Day
November 9th: **Kindy 2023 Orientation Session 1**
November 10th: Kindy- Parish Mass at 9am/ First Reconciliation -7pm church
November 11th: Remembrance Day
Fundraiser-Walk-A-Thon
November 15th: **Kindy 2023 Orientation Session 2**
November 17th: Yr6 - Parish Mass at 9am
November 18th: Swimming Carnival
November 21st: Pupil Free Day - **NO SCHOOL**
November 24th: **Kindy 2023 Orientation Session 3/** Yr5 Parish Mass at 9am
November 25th: Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic day
November 27th: First Sunday of Advent
December 1st: Yr4 Parish Mass at 9am, **Christmas Concert (night)**
December 2nd: Thanksgiving Mass 10am
December 5th: Year 6 Fun Day
December 8th: Yr3 Parish Mass at 9am
December 9th: End of Year Awards Ceremony
December 13th: Graduation Mass at 7pm
December 15th: Yr2 Parish Mass at 9am
December 16th: Last Day of School for Students

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we focus on our Mercy value of HOSPITALITY. In the words of a song for children, 'When we welcome a stranger or care for the poor, we hear HIS song sounding again.' Hospitality is our ability to welcome others, to include others, to make others feel valued and special. I see so many wonderful examples of this hospitality between staff, students and within our parent community.

Thank you for the gift that you are to each other. Thank you for your humility and graciousness. We certainly are a very blessed community.

International Teachers Day: Today, our P&F and parent volunteers provided an amazing lunch for our staff. Our teachers are people of great faith, people who show great dedication and people who care deeply for the wellbeing and education of your children. It was a special opportunity to stop and say 'Thank you' to our teachers for all that they do.



Walk-A-Thon: Wow!!! We have had many students working hard to obtain sponsors so far. Some have raised over \$200, which means 20 tickets in the barrel to have a chance to win some amazing prizes!

Prizes include: Signed Wanderers Jersey, signed Parramatta jersey, Wet and Wild vouchers, Restaurant vouchers, McDonalds vouchers, Penrith Panthers pencil cases, PUMA sports bag and soccer balls, Bunnings Craft kits, Smiggle vouchers, Flip Out vouchers, and Movie tickets.

All sponsors will be named and thanked in upcoming Newsletters. If you wish to donate a voucher as a prize, it's not too late. The children are VERY excited!

- Please collect sponsorship money raised by your children and when it's Walkathon time, simply go to the QKR app and deposit the amount raised.

Building Works: We thank you for your patience and support as this crucial and exciting work continues. Hopefully the builders will be able to get their work done during 'rain breaks'.

Principals Symposium: Next Thursday and Friday, the Diocese is bringing together all Priests, Principals, Assistant Principals and Religious Education Coordinators for 2 days of Prayer, Reflection and planning. Therefore, on Thursday 3rd November, and Friday 4th November, Mr Crowley, Miss Matienzo and myself, will be offsite. We will keep all of our community in our prayers during those 2 days.

God bless,
Mrs Fitzalan
St. Patrick's Principal

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mission Week:

This October, we are celebrating World Mission Month, a month dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. This year, we walk hand-in-hand with the Church of Ethiopia and the local communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those most in need.

Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Mission Sunday message, invites everyone to answer the call to be missionary, sharing that "Mission is carried out together, not individually...". Socktober invites schools to engage with mission in a holistic way through the head, heart and hands model: encouraging a learning mind, an open heart and hands for action.

This year, the funds raised from Socktober go to supporting a range of mission development programs in Ethiopia. Thank you for your generous support.

New Assistant Parish Priest:



A very warm welcome to Fr. Evergisto "Ever" Bernaldez, MSP to the MQOF community. Fr. Ever is from the same congregation as Fr. Regie and began his ministry here in Australia in March 2017. Fr. Ever is currently the assistant priest at St. Nicholas of Myra at Penrith and prior to that was the assistant priest at St. Matthew's at Windsor and his first parish at Mary Immaculate, Quakers Hill. Fr. Ever will be assisting in the pastoral needs of our parish alongside Fr. Regie, Fr. Chadi, and Deacon John.

All Saints and All Souls Day:

On the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, the Church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual maturity. A saint is defined as a "person in heaven (officially canonised or not), who lived heroically virtuous lives, offered their life for others, or were martyred for the faith, and who are worthy of imitation." A day later, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), the Church remembers and prays for the faithful departed: our brothers and sisters who have died marked with the sign of faith. Particularly, we pray for all the souls in purgatory.

On Monday 31st October, you are invited to join us for a prayer in the Church led by Year 2 for the remembrance of the Saints. Please be seated in the Church at 2:30 pm.

God bless!

Miss Cecillienne-Mae Matienzo

Religious Education Coordinator

Important Dates and Reminders!

Religious Education News	Mini Vinnies News Socktober	Parish Links
<p>Please click on the link to read information about Religious Education</p> <p>For further updates see:</p> <p> Religious Education News- Term 4, Week 3</p>	<p>On behalf of the Mini Vinnie's team and the coordinators (Miss Fauni, Mrs Hui Hui, Mrs Leilua and I) I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the support of Socktober 2022.</p> <p>As a school community we managed to raise: \$657.00</p> <p>Photos from the photo booth will be printed and distributed in the next couple of weeks.</p>	<p>For the latest news and updates from Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, please visit their website and follow their Facebook page.</p> <p><i>Sunday Gospel Reading</i></p> <p>Sunday, 30th October 2022: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 19:1-10</p>

[Positive Partnerships](#) are delivering a **free, government-funded autism workshop** for parents/carers **1st and 2nd November** in **Parramatta**.

We invite parents/carers of young people on the autism spectrum to join us to learn about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnerships. Please find further details in the flyer attached.

[FREE 2 Day Autism Workshop](#)

Counselling Corner

Hi St Patrick's Community,

Technology presents great opportunities for learning and connection, however, it brings new challenges in keeping children safe. I've included some **eSafety** resources below. Please contact me via the school office if you have any questions or concerns relating to online safety.

eSafety Commissioner - Tips to manage cyberbullying, screen time, sexting, sharing photos, pornography, grooming and gaming) <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> Cyber Safety Solutions - <https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/> Healthy screen time - [Managing screen time](#)

- Caitlin, Wellbeing Counsellor

The St Pat's Way



The St Pat's Way
Our three expectations are:



**We are
Learners**

**We are
Respectful**

**We are
Safe**

Term 4 Weeks 3 / 4 Focus

**At St Patrick's I am safe when I am
in the right place at the right time.**

[The St Pat's Way](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 29th: Abhijeet Sodhi & Shivansh Thaker
November 1st: Simon AngokDut, Jack Jones & Jessica Malouf
November 2nd: Japji Kaur
November 4th: Kendrick Florentino
November 8th: Jarwyn Quartey
November 9th: Lance Mayo & Navraj Sidhu



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

Library News

Book Club

The next issue of the Book Club brochure 7 is available now to download. To view the brochure, click the link [HERE](#). To make your orders please visit the link [HERE](#). There are some books which cost as little as \$3 so everyone can experience independent reading for pleasure. **Please complete your order by 28th October** to avoid missing out. Your orders will be delivered to the school and then handed to your child at school. Thank you for your continued support!

Please note: A small portion of the sales made from Book Club will go towards restocking the library with new and exciting books.

Mrs Gudaitis,
Library Teacher.

KINDERGARTEN 2023 ENROLMENTS OPEN

Please let family, friends and neighbours know that 2023 Kindergarten enrolments are still 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. Orientation Sessions begin soon!

Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd

From the beginning of 2023, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will have a new name, Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese Ltd. The organisation will also have a new governance framework. It is not expected that these changes will have an impact on the day-to-day operation of schools, or upon students, parents and carers, and parishes. Further information is available [here](#).



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, all school fees should now be paid in full, unless an arrangement is in place. 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.

Healthy Food at School

Children are encouraged to bring a 'Healthy Lunchbox' to school. Teachers often have discussions around healthy food choices.

The right balance of food groups can help children maintain focus and energy levels throughout the day.

We thank you for spending the time to pack a healthy lunch.

Please do not send UBER EAT meals for your children (ie. McDonalds, KFC) as this does not align with what we are promoting with children.

'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind'.

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.

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