



# St Patrick's News

## Term 4, Issue 3 – November 11th 2022



### Service

#### St Patrick's School Values

### Term 4

**November 15th:** **Kindy 2023 Orientation Session 2**

**November 17th:** Yr6 - Parish 9am Mass

**November 18th:** Swimming Carnival

**November 21st:** Pupil Free Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**November 24th:** **Kindy 2023 Orientation Session 3/** Yr5 - 9am Parish Mass

**November 25th:** Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic day

**November 27th:** First Sunday of Advent

**December 1st:** Yr4 - 9am Parish Mass, **Christmas Concert (night)**

**December 2nd:** 10am Thanksgiving Mass  
**December 5th:** Year 6 Fun Day

**December 8th:** Yr3 - 9am Parish Mass

**December 9th:** End of Year Awards Ceremony

**December 13th:** 7pm Graduation Mass

**December 15th:** Yr2 - 9am Parish Mass

**December 16th:** **Last Day of School for Students**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, Mr Crowley, Miss Matienzo and I attended the **Diocesan Symposium for Catholic leaders and clergy**.

Our focus was: Catholic Education for all.

Catholic schools find their authenticity in the Gospel priorities of respect for human dignity, outreach, inclusion, and special concern for young people at risk of being left behind. "Ours are not schools that provide education for Catholics only but Catholic education for all." (Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL, Bishop of Parramatta)

May you all feel very valued, respected and included in our community.

**New Assistant Principal:** I am delighted to share again, that Mrs Preston has been appointed as our new Assistant Principal from the beginning of 2023. Mrs Preston is a highly respected staff member who is valued for her expert knowledge of curriculum, dedicated work with staff to build their capacity and support of teachers and students. This significant Leadership Position is a CEDP appointment, which recognises the great talent and commitment of Mrs Preston.

**Congratulations also to Mrs Aberley** who is moving on to a position with Student Services as a Lead Teacher. She has worked with, supported and led out staff in Literacy, for the last 2 years. We will miss her energy, commitment and extensive knowledge of our curriculum.

**Walk-A-Thon:** What a fabulous day! Our community spirit was so evident as we walked, danced, ate ice blocks, supported the Cake Stall and then did some more walking!

Special thanks to our Walkathon Coordinator, Mrs Javidi, who has put so much effort into planning this day. Her committee of staff helpers and all parent helpers, are also greatly appreciated.

What happens now? Please collect all funds raised, then deposit the TOTAL amount via the QKR app.

**Prizes will be drawn on Tuesday Nov 22nd.**

**Building Works:** We thank you for your patience and support as this crucial and exciting work continues. The bathrooms are up to tiling! Year 2 and Year 4 are close to moving back into their spaces. Soon our Kindy and Year 1 classes will move to the Library/MPA as the roof will be replaced over their spaces.

**PL Day:** Monday 21st November, is a Pupil Free Day. Please note that there is no school for children on that day.

***'Under your protection and safe in your arms, we reach out in hope, spread the Good News for all.'***

God bless,  
Mrs Fitzalan  
St. Patrick's Principal



## Faith Community

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week a number of students from Years 3 to 5 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance). It is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offences committed against God. Let us join together to pray for those candidates in their next big step of their faith.

On Sunday 6th November, Tom Green our Seminarian made his Profession of Faith and Promise of Celibacy in preparation for his ordination to the Diaconate. Tom in his homily stated: "My desire is to preserve my heart for Jesus and to live for others. I promise to give my life to God and profess my belief in him. I say "yes" to him because he said yes to me. He chose me for his own". Tom's ordination will take place at 5:30pm, November 27, 2022 at St Patrick's Church. Please pray for him as he takes on this next step into Priesthood.



Please take the time to read the Religious Education News which is linked in the box below.


God bless!

Miss Cecilienne-Mae Matienzo

Religious Education Coordinator



### Important Dates and Reminders!

| Religious Education News  | <i>Sunday Gospel Reading</i>  | Parish Links   |
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| <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 5</p> | <p>Sunday, 13th November 2022:</p> <p><b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C</b></p> <p>A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke <a href="#">Luke 21:5-19</a></p> | <p>For the latest news and updates from Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, please visit their <a href="#">website</a> and follow their <a href="#">Facebook page</a>.</p> |

### 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

### Home Learning SURVEY

We are currently in the process of reviewing our Home Learning policy, and we would like to hear your feedback on your child's Home Learning experiences this year. We are planning to revise and implement this new policy from the beginning of next year.

The policy will be developed after collecting many responses from our school community - parents, staff and students. It will be incredibly hard to suit everyone, but with your feedback we hope we can provide a policy, which takes everyone's ideas into account.

As you will no doubt be aware, the most complex issue with homework is the range of differing ideas around what it should look like for your children. Please access the survey via the following link.

[2022 Home Learning Survey](#)

Please send your responses in by Monday 21st November. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**November 11th:** Gabriel Jacobi & Sophia Sumagui

**November 15th:** Marian Paje

**November 16th:** Ian Iman

**November 18th:** Reet Bhinder

**November 19th:** Paige Cunningham

**November 21st:** Ridit Bedi

**November 23rd:** Moe Homs

**November 25th:** James De Guia



## Fundraiser-Walk-A-Thon

### What do we do now?

**Well done everyone. Please collect your Sponsor money and once you have it all, please deposit it via QKR so that your Raffle Tickets can be set up.**

## Library News

**Book Club:** Issue 8 is available now for purchases. To view the online catalogue, please click [this link](#).

There are some paper copies of the catalogue available to take from the school office.

Please place your online orders before 2nd December. Click [HERE](#) to place your online orders via Scholastic Book Club LOOP.

Please see the Parent information letter for more information [Parent Information Letter](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Allison Gudaitis

Library Teacher

## KINDERGARTEN 2023 Orientation has begun!

**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