



St Patrick's News

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St Patrick's School Values

*Excellence
Compassion
Hospitality
Service
Respect
Dignity
Justice
Love*

Term 4

December 11th: **Third Sunday of Advent**

December 12th: Principal's Morning Tea

December 13th: 7pm Graduation Mass

December 15th: Yr 2 - 9am Parish Mass,
Christmas Raffle Draw

2:45 Guard of Honour for Mr Crowley -
Parents welcome. Blue/Gold MUFTI Day

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

Yr 6 Guard of Honour. 2:45pm

2023

Term 1

January 27th: 1pm MAI's for Yr1 -Yr6,
1pm Kindy Best Start

January 30th: MAI's all day 8:30am-3:30pm
Kindy Best Start

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Advent. During this Season of WAITING, may we remind ourselves that we can 'Prepare the Way of the Lord' by allowing Christ to be present in us and through us, every day. I know that as I see parents supporting each other, students caring for each other and staff interacting so caringly with students, I am seeing Jesus alive in our community every day!

Prepare the Way!

Over the last 2 weeks, there have been some lovely opportunities to farewell some special members of our school community who will be leaving us at the end of this school year.

Mr Crowley: After 8 years in our community, Mr Crowley will be the new Assistant Principal at St. Madeleine's at Kenthurst. Mr Crowley has been a great gift to our school staff and a blessing to parents and students. He has led with his heart, his passion and his sense of justice and fairness. He is an outstanding leader and educator who has been a wonderful support to me over the last 4 years. So many lives have been shaped by Mr Crowley's wisdom, guidance, morals and values. I know he will be missed greatly by all in our community. He will leave a very special imprint in all of our hearts.

Mrs Aberley has been at St. Patrick's for 2 years in her journey of Leadership and education. From 2023, she will be a Lead Learner: Student Services, supporting many students across different schools, with their learning. Her great passion and wealth of knowledge will, in this way, benefit many more staff and students! We will miss her energy, passion, wealth of curriculum knowledge, and outstanding support of all staff and students across the school. She has made great contributions to our Leadership Team and we wish her all the best!

Miss Miroasaini, our IT Trainee has supported staff and students at St. Patrick's for the past 2 years. Her gentle, knowledgeable and supportive presence will be greatly missed. She has been an exceptional IT Trainee in our community, and as happens with all Trainees after 2 years, it is her time to move on. We wish Miss Miroasaini all the best in her future. We know it will be a bright one!

Miss Jessel has worked as a Diversity teacher at St. Patrick's for the past 4 years. She has made wonderful contributions daily, to ensure that education is accessible for all. Her passion, commitment and dedication to her role have been greatly appreciated. Miss Jessel is moving to CathWest High School to share her talents with a new, very different community. We wish her all the best.



January 31st: Years 1-6 Return
Kindy Best Start

February 1st: 2023 Kindy begins 9am-2pm

February 2nd: 2023 Kindy first full day

February 9th: Kindy Welcome BBQ 5pm-7pm

February 10th: Mufti Day for students

Mrs Parker has worked with us in a support role for 2023, with Stage 3 children. She has helped to bring out the best in many students, through small, intentional group work. We wish her all the best as she moves on to new adventures and thank her for the difference she made with her sunny smile and support for students.

Leave: For 2023, Mrs Borg will be on Long Service Leave and Mrs Parame will be on Maternity Leave. We wish both ladies all the best and thank them for all of their outstanding contributions to St. Patrick's this year.

2023 Teaching staff

Kindergarten: Mrs Lupa & Miss Allegra

Year 1: Miss Matienzo

Year 2: To be confirmed & Mrs Leilua

Year 3: Mrs Hui Hui & Mrs Harkin/Mrs Dunn

Year 4: Miss Shami & Mr Browne

Year 5: Mrs Lowden & Miss Fauni

Year 6: Mrs Thoms & Mr Johnson

- Students will have an opportunity to meet their 2023 teacher next week.

RFF Sport: Mrs Hill

RFF Music: Mrs Ewer and Mrs Gudaitis

New School Captains: We are delighted to announce our new Captains for 2023:

Marcus De Villa and Alisi Aho



Reports: Student Learning Reports for Semester 2 will be available after 3:30pm on Monday, 12th December. You will need to log onto your child's COMPASS portal to access their Report. No hard copies will be given.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students on their efforts and achievements this year. Seeing them strive to BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE A LEARNER every day, is a joy.

Graduation Mass: We are looking forward to celebrating this very special evening at 7pm on Tuesday, 13th December. May God bless all of our Year 6 students and their families. We are so proud of the wonderful young people they are.

Special thanks as we end the school year, to our school staff. We have such dedicated, hard working staff who are so committed to making a difference in the lives of your children. Their professionalism, work ethic, and commitment to St. Patrick's is just amazing. I wish all the staff a very well deserved holiday!

To you, our parents and carers, thank you. Thank you for placing your trust in us and supporting us as we work together to further the learning and wellbeing of your beautiful children. Have a lovely holiday break with your precious children.

May the birth of Jesus at Christmas time, fill your heart and home with love and hope. God bless you all.

Monica Fitzalan
School Principal



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and families who joined us last Thursday 1st December for our Christmas concert. It was such a pleasure to see you all in the Church for a concert led by Andrew Chinn accompanied by the students of St Patrick's.

On the 27th November, Tom Green had his Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate. It was great to see so many of you in the Church as Bishop Vincent celebrated this event. May we as a community continue to pray for Deacon Tom as he takes on the next step as a Deacon before being ordained as a Priest.

Over the 2 weeks, tickets to the Mary Queen of the Family Christmas Spectacular tickets will be available for purchase at the school office. These tickets are being sold as a way of fundraising for World Youth Day 2023. Miss Fauni and myself will be attending WYD and are looking forward to an encounter with the Holy Spirit amongst thousands of youth in Portugal next year. Your support with the ticket sales or donations is greatly appreciated.

As we draw near to the end of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you all for supporting me in my new role as REC. I look forward to working with you all again next year. Stay safe and have a happy and holy Christmas!

God bless!

Miss Cecilienne-Mae Matienzo
Religious Education Coordinator



Important Dates and Reminders!

Sunday Gospel Reading

Sunday, 11th December 2022: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

[Mt 11:2-11](#)

Religious Education News

Please click on the link to read information about Religious Education

For further updates see:

[Religious Education News - Term 4, Week 9](#)

Parish Links

For the latest news and updates from Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, please visit their [website](#) and follow their [Facebook page](#).

Christmas Spectacular
Tickets are \$10 for adults
\$5 for children under 11 years old



Free English classes

"Life Anglican Church will be running free English classes for all levels. An additional English class with a focus in writing will also be offered. The classes will be run in the evening to include people who work. Classes will be run on Wednesdays at 6pm starting 1st February 2023 at 4 Samuel Place, Quakers Hill (behind Aldi). Those interested in enrolling, should contact Dr Daisy William at daisy.william@lifeac.org.au"

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](#).



Kids On Keyboard - Enrol Now

Kids On Keyboard Returns!

Kids on Keyboard enrolments are now being taken for Term 1 in 2023. Class runs Tuesdays in the first break. The program is open for students in year 2 and above. 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**.



Payments at School

Dear Parents/Carers;

Last day for payment of school fees will be **Thursday 15th December**. We thank you for your understanding.

Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates have been sent out to our school and will be handed to those students from K-6 who have completed the challenge successfully. Please note: all of the students in K-2 who were enrolled in the school at the commencement of the challenge have been entered by their teachers and will be receiving a certificate. Those students in 3-6 who have entered and completed the challenge themselves will also be receiving a certificate. Their names will be listed below. Particular mention goes to Iyana Hamid and George Hontas from Year 4 who have received a Gold Certificate for completing 4 years of the challenge and Mya Refalo from Year 6 who has received a Platinum certificate for completing 7 years of the challenge. An amazing effort from those keen readers!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 11th: Akisha Romulo
December 12th: Mannat Gill
December 14th: Amelia Deng
December 15th: Jeremiah Pelayo
December 16th: Isabel Abulail & Kingston Webber
December 17th: Saayun Gauchan
December 19th: Jayda Revollar
December 20th: Gurleen Kaur
December 21st: Carmen Gonzalez
December 22nd: Harman SinghBrar, Emmanuel Thammadi & Elijah Yumol
December 24th: Eliana Banga-an
December 25th: Malek Mijak
December 26th: Richa Ranade
December 27th: Juben Manchanda
December 28th: Filinita Aho
December 30th: Benjamin Ioane



Counselling Corner

Hi St Patrick's Community,

I hope everyone has a safe and restful Christmas break. The holidays are an exciting opportunity to play, rest and enjoy quality time. They can also be a time of stress, grief, pain, financial difficulty and loss of routine for both parents and children. Please don't hesitate to reach out for support (24/7) from one of our crisis lines these holidays:

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Police/Ambulance 000 or go to your local Hospital Emergency Department

Lifeline 13 11 14

1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732

Child Protection Helpline 132 111

<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/> has some great meditations and mindfulness activities if you need to slow down and take a minute for yourself during the Christmas chaos!

Take care,
Caitlin (Wellbeing Counsellor)

School Fees

Dear Parents, all school fees should now be finalised, 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

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.