



St Patrick's News

Term 3, Issue 2 – August 5th 2022



St Patrick's School Values

Term 3 - Upcoming Dates

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 21st: MQOF Parish Feast Day

August 20th-26th: Book Week
Book Fair open for sales Mon-Wed

August 22nd: Book Character Parade, Parent book reading session and picnic.

August 24th: Year 2 excursion to the Pioneer Village

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

August 26th: Zone Athletics

August 30th: 7pm - Confirmation St Patrick's Church

August 31st: Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day

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 Patrick's Church

September 5th-23rd: Swimming Program Begins for Kindy to Year 4

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

September 15th: Year 5 Attending Parish Mass at 9 am / Voice of Youth Finals

September 16th: Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

September 21st: Principal's Morning Tea

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

September 23rd: **Last Day of Term 3**

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Through the Cross you show...hope to everyone. Shining in the hearts of the Great Southern Land.
Saint Mary, is your name, the angels rejoice. Through your life, you proclaim, a name above all names. Helper of the Poor, Mother of the Lonely - pray for us.*



Feast of Australia's First Saint - Mary of the Cross MacKillop: August 8th.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end Week 3, there is so much to celebrate about our wonderful community!

Celebrating our Grandparents

Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome all the childrens' Grandparents to St. Patrick's. We celebrated a beautiful Liturgy lead by Kindergarten, followed by Open Classrooms and a delicious Morning Tea in the sun.

Jesus' grandparents were St. Anne and Joachim, and on Friday, we thanked God for the gift of all the special grandparents in our lives.

"Grandparents are a treasure.

The wisdom our grandparents have is something we must welcome as an inheritance."



Pope Francis



School Photos: These will be held on Thursday August 11th. Thank you for ensuring that students are dressed in their full WINTER uniform, with shiny, black school shoes. All children need to be wearing a tie. No coloured singlets or undershirts are to be worn please.

Haircuts are very important - short, neat hairstyles for boys - above the collar without lines or 'buzz cuts'. Girls are to wear the correct coloured hairbands please.

Fundraising: Thank you for supporting our latest Fundraiser - another Pizza day, back by popular request. Our pizza day is August 12th. Orders must now be placed.

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

God bless,
Mrs Fitzalan
Principal

School Counsellor

Headspace is running some great free parenting webinars for parents and carers on youth mental health. Please contact our school counsellor Julia Lipari if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's wellbeing or how to access any support services.

Headspace: Free Online Webinars for Parents, Carers and Community

Aug & Sep 2022 (see flyer attached)

- *Connecting and communicating with your young person*

Monday, 8 August 2022 from 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM

- *Navigating uncertainty and change*

Wednesday, 14 September 2022 from 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM

[NBM Headspace](#)

Julia Lipari
Student Wellbeing Counsellor

Book Week and Book Parade

We are excited to announce that during Book Week this year, we will be having a Book Parade! Parents will be invited to a picnic lunch, a Reading afternoon and a chance to watch the children parade in their Book Week costumes. Mrs Gudaitis will be organising this exciting day and more information will be provided.



Save the date: Monday, August 22nd.

Theme: Dreaming with eyes open!

"Help your boys become respectful men"

Please see PRC Promotional flyer for the upcoming PRC event "Help your boys become respectful men" with Dr Andrew Fuller on **Monday 15 August**. [Help your boys become respectful men](#)

Faith Community

Sunday, 7th August 2022: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Luke 12:35-40 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

MQOF Parish Feast Day Celebrations

On Sunday 21st August, our Parish will be celebrating this significant day with Mass at 10am, followed by lunch, raffles and entertainment which will include performances by our school choir. Everyone is welcome to join in this special celebration!

Thursday Parish Mass & Mary's Pantry

Every Thursday morning from 9am - 9:30am, each grade will take turns attending Parish Mass. Upcoming grades are advertised in our newsletter. As some children have expressed an interest in donating more food to Mary's Pantry, classes are invited to bring in non-perishable food items on the day their grade has Mass. This is entirely voluntary. Donations are always welcome and can be placed in the parish foyer. We hope some of our families can join us on Thursdays for Mass.

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](#) which includes upcoming events and a disco for our youth and young adults.

Important Dates and Reminders!

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Liturgy

**Monday 8th August 2022
2:30pm in the MPA**

Year 2 will lead our liturgy
As it is an indoor celebration,
please wear a mask.

We hope you can join us!



MQOF Parish Feast Day

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

followed by lunch, raffles and
entertainment
(which includes our School Choir)

SAVE THE DATE

Feast of the Assumption Mass

**Monday 15th August 2022
12pm in the Church**

We hope you can join us in this solemnity as
we commemorate this
special feast day.



Mrs Natalie Coghlan
Religious Education Coordinator

Support Diocese of Parramatta Holy Spirit Seminarians in the 2022 City2Surf

Are you up for fun, fitness and fellowship? Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team and help us raise vital funds to support our Holy Spirit Seminarians on their journey to become Priests.

Answering God's call to a life of service as a Priest requires an incredible leap of faith. Show your support and take your own leap of faith! Join some of our Holy Spirit Seminarians and Priests from the Diocese of Parramatta in the iconic 14km City2Surf fun run on Sunday 14 August 2022.



Slow and steady or super swift, get into the spirit and get #Active4Vocations to support our Seminarians. You can walk, stroll, jog, or run in this fully inclusive event for people of all ages and abilities.

To get #Active4Vocations, Register Now and join the Diocese of Parramatta Holy Spirit Seminarians and Priests in the City2Surf. Your participation will raise awareness and funds for vocations in the Diocese of Parramatta and will directly support the 14 Seminarians dedicating their lives to becoming Priests for God's People. It takes at least seven years of university and theology studies to be a Priest. All funds raised will provide for the education and spiritual formation of our future Priests.

Or spur our Seminarians on with a donation, where your generosity will go the distance in supporting their studies and spiritual growth. Thank you and God bless you!

To donate follow this link: [Parramatta Catholic Foundation](#)

Mini Vinnies News: Toastie Thursday

Thank you for your continued support for the Mini Vinnie's team with Toastie Thursday. Please remember that orders must be placed before Tuesday of that week via QKR.

A special thanks to **Wendy from Classroom Catering** (*the company where our lunch orders come from*) who will be donating the bread for Toastie Thursdays for this term, this means that costs that would have been spent on the bread will go straight to our fundraising efforts.



Thank You



Mini Vinnies News: Mary's Pantry

Last term, our school community generously donated some food items to Mary's Pantry. Each class visited Mary's Pantry which is just outside our St. Patrick's Church and they got to learn where their food donations go.

On 25th of July, Terri Sebastian came to visit to thank the students and their families for their generous food donations to Mary's Pantry. Those donations have helped over 35 families.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 6th: Harvey Elisher

August 8th: Awut AngokDut

August 10th: Nmesoma Chineke & Linus Ribbons

August 13th: Alessandro Disano & Jacob Gumayagay

August 17th: Archer Buguina



August 7th: Leeroy Ioane & Nia'Iani Mokoia

August 9th: Satori Saad

August 12th: Theodore Villena

August 15th: Chadi Kashi

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.



Library News

Book Club Issue 5 is available now for purchases.

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

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is due to close in Week 5 on **Friday 19th August**. Please ensure you have recorded all of your books to earn your PRC certificate at the end of the year. Students in Kindergarten and Year 1, will have their books logged for them by the classroom teachers.



Book Week

The Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week will take place from 20th-26th August (Week 6).

Book Fair Monday 22nd August- Wednesday 14th August.

To celebrate and expose the children to quality literature, we will be opening the library for a Book Fair. Unlike the previous Book Fair we held earlier in the year, we will be opening the library before school (8:30-9:00) and after school (3:00-3:30) on Monday-Wednesday for parents and students to come in and make purchases. There is also the option to make online purchases if you cannot make it in during those times. Your children can simply pick up the books using their completed Wish Lists.

Monday 22nd August

Book Character Parade

Parents are invited to come along to our Book Character Parades which will take place in two sessions: 12:30-1:15 for the primary grades and 2:00-2:45 for the infants grades. Students are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite book character costume with a copy of the book that their character is from and to show their peers and parents during the parade. Alternatively, students can come dressed according to the theme of Book Week this year **'Dreaming with eyes open.'**

Parent book reading and Picnic.

Parents are encouraged to come to school and join their children during Break 2 for a parent picnic where they will be asked to read a book of their choice (Or one borrowed from the Library) to their children. This session will take place after the Primary book character parade at approximately 1:15-2:00pm. Bring a picnic lunch or snack, a picnic rug, hat and a book that you love to read to your children! We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information click [HERE](#)

Mrs Gudaitis

Library Teacher



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

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

Let us know....

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.

***Congratulations to the following students. We are very pleased to announce our
2022 Age Champions for Athletics.***

Age Champion Girl - Under 8yrs	Age Champion Boy - Under 8yrs	Age Champion Boy- Under 12's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amelia Deng • Lilliana Ziolkowski 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeroy Ioane • James DeGuia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kris Alimo • Christopher Weatherby
Age Champion Girl - Under 9yrs	Age Champion Boy - Under 9yrs	Age Champion Girl - Under 12yrs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laticia Hodgson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saviour Saliba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanika Walker-Hodgson
Age Champion Girl - Under 10yrs	Age Champion Boy - Under 10yrs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arieta Ma'afu • Jayla Saliba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Johnethan Angolo • Jarwyn Quartey 	

Age Champions from the Athletics Carnival

Mrs Harkin



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.

Lunch Orders

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

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

