



St Patrick's News

Term 3, Issue 3 – August 19th 2022



St Patrick's School Values

Term 3 - Upcoming Dates

- August 21st:** MQOF Parish Feast Day
- August 22nd-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. Jersey Day.
- 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**

Term 4

- October 10th:** Staff Development Day - PUPIL FREE.
- October 11th:** Schools Returns

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well during this winter season! Thank you for keeping your children home when they are unwell as we strive to keep everyone safe and well.



Feast of the Assumption of Mary: 'Hail Mary Full of Grace, The Lord is with You.' On this special Feast Day, we celebrated that Mary was taken, body and soul, to be with her Son, Jesus, in Heaven.

'Mother of Jesus, be with us every day. We want to stay close to you each day. You are our Mother, we are your children. Guide us in every way, each day.'



Our school motto, 'Under Your Protection' reminds us that our Mother Mary is always watching over us, guiding us in our lives and keeping us safe.

Religious Education Coordinator: I am delighted to announce that our Catholic Education, Director of Mission, recently appointed Miss Cecilienne-Mae Matienzo, as our new Religious Education Coordinator, beginning in Term 4. Her faith, personal commitment to mission and knowledge of the Religious Education curriculum will bring great personal witness and leadership to our community. Congratulations Miss Matienzo.

Representing our school: Voice of Youth. Each year, our Parramatta Diocese runs a Public Speaking competition, in which Year 6 students are asked to speak about a topic they feel passionate about. Students issue a 'call to action' and challenge the audience to use their voice to make a difference in the world.



Congratulations to Andi Dela Pena and Filinita Aho, who represented St. Patrick's on Thursday. Our Year 6 students travelled to St Bernadette's, Lalor Park, to support our 2 talented speakers. Filinita was awarded the 'Social Justice' award! Well done girls. We are so proud of you.

Reading afternoon/picnic: As we celebrate Book Week, we invite you to join us for a reading afternoon, picnic lunch and to see the Book Parades on Monday. Please see the attached note for details. [Book Fair 2022](#)

God bless,
Mrs Fitzalan
St. Patrick's Principal

Sunday, 21st August 2022: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Luke 13:22-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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.

Confirmation

Next week many of our Year 5 and Year 6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Sacrament completes Baptism, by which in the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded of our participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus, and strengthened to follow Jesus more closely.

Confirmation Masses – Tuesday 30th August 7.00pm Mass & Thursday 1st September 7.00pm. Sunday 4th September 10.00am. All Confirmation Masses will be celebrated at St Patrick's church. All welcome to attend.

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!

<p>First Reconciliation ATTN: Years 3 and above</p> <p>Online registrations close 18th September. See flyer for key dates.</p> <p>This program is for students in Year 3 or above who are baptised.</p> <p>Register HERE</p> <p>REGISTER NOW</p>	<p>MQOF Parish Feast Day</p> <p>Sunday 21st August 2022 10am Mass followed by lunch, raffles and entertainment</p> <p>Our School Choir will perform at approx. 12:20pm.</p> <p>All are welcome to attend!</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE</p>	<p>Father's Day Celebrations Breakfast, Liturgy & Jersey Day!</p> <p>Friday 2nd September 2022 7:30am Breakfast under shelter area 8:30am Liturgy in the MPA</p> <p>We are inviting the whole school to wear a jersey for Father's Day.</p> <p>We hope our dads and grandfathers can join in the celebrations!</p> <p>RSVP by Tuesday 23rd August</p> 
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Mrs Natalie Coghlan
Religious Education Coordinator

The St Pat's Way Update	HAPPY BIRTHDAY
<p>As a school, we've collected thousands of gems (shammies) for being safe, respectful and being learners and we now get a whole school reward! Please see link for more information: The St Pat's Way Update</p> <p> <i>The St Pat's Way Update</i> </p>	<p>August 21st: Ridaan Shah August 22nd: Iyana Hamid August 26th: Mele Kalu August 27th: Jasroop Kaur August 28th: Akuol Athian August 29th: Jasmine Kitcharoen August 30th: Shivan Shah September 1st: Kimi Lin-Schott</p> 

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 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, 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

Year 3 News!

In Year 3, we are learning about changes in Australia over time. Miss Scerri was kind enough to bring the first Australian coin, money and old records to show Year 3. Students looked at the importance of the signs and symbols on the money and compared it to today's money.



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 - 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

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.

Little Athletics summer season

Doonside Little Athletics Club runs their weekly competition at Charlie Bali Reserve (where you all had your school carnival) on Friday nights from September to March. We're hoping to see some new faces come along and continue to build the skills from their carnivals, as well as welcome back our athletes from last season. [Doonside Little Athletics Club](#)

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.

Wellbeing - Let them be children!

1. Fly a kite.
2. Build a stick fort.
3. Dig a hole. Bury something. Make a time capsule.
4. See what's under rocks.
5. Identify tree types.
6. Play tag, hide and go seek, or spotlight (tag at night with flashlights).
7. Go on a scavenger hunt.
8. Make an entry in a nature journal.
9. Take a walk or go on a hike.
10. Climb a tree.
11. Tell stories.
12. Learn to tie 10 different kinds of knots.
13. Ride your bike, skateboard, or scooter.



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

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

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. [Enrol-Now/How-to-enrol](#)

Please follow [THIS](#) link for more information regarding our Kindergarten Enrolment Process.



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.