



St Patrick's News

Term 2, Issue 6 - 9th June, 2023



JUNE

- 12th - King's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- 14th - Pizza Meal Deal day**
- 15th - Yr 2 Parish Mass 9am, A-E Reporting session 2:30pm**
- 16th - Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala day**
- 19th - Yrs K-2 Athletics Carnival held at school**
- 20th - Yrs 2-6 Cyber Safety talk (Police)**
- 22nd - Reports issued**
- 23rd - Reconciliation for Yrs 3-6**
- 27th & 28th - Parent/Teacher Interviews**
- 28th - Stage 2 Soccer Gala day**
- 29th - Principal's Morning Tea**
- 30th - LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

JULY

- 17th - PUPIL FREE DAY**
- 18th - SCHOOL RETURNS TERM 3**
- 20th - Toastie Thursday resumes**
- 24th - Yrs 2-6 Football Clinic commences**
- 28th - 100 Days of Kindergarten**

AUGUST

- 3rd - Athletics ZONE Carnival**
- 9th - Book Week presentation for Yrs K-4 only**
- 17th & 18th - Book Fair Preview**
- 18th - PRC student entries close**

Welcome to our Week 7 Newsletter

*'I am the living Bread which has come down from Heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.
The bread that I will give,
Is my flesh for the life of the World.'*



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. May we find strength through the Eucharist, as we remember the Lord's Last Supper, 'Do This in Memory of Me.'



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just celebrated Family Week, a week in which we hope you have taken time to STOP and enjoy the precious gift of your loved ones.

As we now only have a Newsletter in Weeks 3 and Week 7, there is lots to share!

Athletics Carnival: Special thanks to Mr Justin Browne for doing a fabulous job in organising and running our Primary Carnival, with the help of Mrs Javidi and Mr Johnson. The students had an amazing day and lots of parents shared very positive feedback with us - it was wonderful to see so many parents there to support their children on the day.

Reports/Student Led Conferences/A-E grades: Student Learning Reports will be shared via COMPASS in Week 9. The following week, Student Led Conferences will be held in the MPA, with parents/carers booking in through a Portal to secure their Interview time. To ensure that Parents/Carers understand the A-E scale against which students in Years 1-6 are graded, there will be a Reporting Session in the Library on Thursday, 15th June at 2:30pm. All parents/carers are invited to attend. Students in Kindergarten use the scale 'Working Beyond, Achieving and Working Towards.'

Grading can be likened to a person driving a car! Most people with a full Licence are a 'C'. Come along to our Session to hear examples of how students are graded.

A	B	C	D	E
Grand Prix racer	Advanced driver training with extra skills	Full drivers licence, like most of us!	A person on "P" plates drives independently but still learning.	A person on "L" plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.
				

Wishing you and your precious family God's blessings.

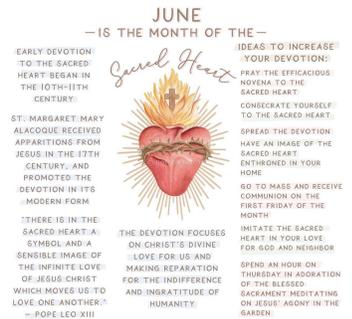
Mrs Fitzalan
Principal

Faith Community

Dear Parents/Carers,

June is often associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Catholic tradition. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a liturgical celebration observed on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. This special Feast Day is celebrated on the 16th June. During the month of June, many Catholic communities and individuals honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus through various prayers, devotions, and acts of piety. These may include attending special Masses, reciting the Litany of the Sacred Heart, participating in Eucharistic adoration, and meditating on the virtues of Christ's heart.

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Amen.



Altar-Serving Training:

Thank you to the following students who have participated in altar-serving training: Jayla Saliba, Kingston Webber, Sofia Vitetta, Jessica Weatherby and Isabella Rae Juanga.

Altar serving is an important ministry of the Church in which children can become more actively engaged in the Mass. By volunteering to be an altar server children take a more active role in their faith.

Sacramental Process

Congratulations to the following students who have made their Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Erianne Datorin, Lara Razon and Karisse Cayabyab. Congratulations on taking part in your next Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic faith.

Registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open:

In Year 5 the children will be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation 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. For more information please see here:

https://www.mqofblacktown.org/files/uqd/f1ae77_487745da4be14958bd1929ec70c0275f.pdf

Registrations to be completed here:

<https://www.mqofblacktown.org/confirmation-yr-5-6-registration>

God bless!

Miss Cecillienne-Mae Matienzo (Religious Education Coordinator)



Mini Vinnie's News:

"Jesus picks you, Jesus protects you, Jesus prepares you." What do these words mean to you? Jesus loves you and this is what Lifted Live Jr is about. Lifted Live Jr is a fun and lively concert-like conference. This year, a famous speaker, Chris Padgett, from New York came to speak to us about the Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Catholic faith. He is funny and spoke well about his own life experiences to show us where Jesus was and is in his life.

Lifted Live Jr is a special way to learn about the Catholic faith and how we can call the Holy Spirit to come and bless us.

- Ilyana Hamid (Year 5 Mini Vinnies Student)



Parish Links

For further Parish information please visit the following link:

<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/>

Parish Bulletin

<https://mqofblacktown.org.au/news-events/#bulletin>

World Youth Day Fundraiser -

Please join the MQOF Youth group fundraiser to help support the youth attending WYD 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. Both Miss Matienzo and Miss Fauni will be attending WYD in July and would love to see you support the MQOF youth group's fundraising efforts!

Tickets may be purchased from the Parish Office
We hope to see you there!



Sports News with Mr Browne and Year 6 Sports Leaders

Athletics Carnival

Last Monday we were blessed with beautiful weather as our Year 3-6 students competed in our annual Athletics carnival. The sportsmanship on display was exemplary and all of the boys and girls participated in a variety of events including the 100 metre and 200 metre sprints, 800 metres, Long Jump, Javelin (using foam rockets) and other novelty events. Personal bests were broken, fun was had and the day concluded with our mixed relay with Green house taking out the relay and the carnival.

A big thank you to Mrs Rima Mourad, Mr Bob Egan, Mrs Richell Nash, Mrs Rana Haddad and Mr Samir Al Houch for helping on the day.

2023 Zone Athletics Team

Luke Constable	Achol Madour
Stanley Jug	Iheiyoma Oghor
Emmanuel Thammadi	Jessica Malouf
Brandon Saranghilo	Imana Sowson
Saviour Saliba	Laticia Hodgson
Dhruv Kankani	Jessica Weatherby
Johnathan Angolo	Achala Athum
George Hontas	Arieta Ma'afu
Jarwyn Quartey	Sofia Vitetta
Adam Kirton	Jayla Saliba
Navraj Sidhu	Kateleen Cruz
Christian Malki	Havana Rojas
Biong Aguek	Akuol Athian
Tyga-John Saad	



This year's 2023 Athletics Carnival was a fun and energetic event to all the year groups that participated. All of the students took part in cheering the war cries, running in races and doing the novelty events. On the day, everybody supported one another and showed good sportsmanship and as leaders who took part in all of the activities, we can assure you that it was an enjoyable experience for us and for all others involved. It was a day full of talent and teamwork as all the house colours competed to get more points than one another. Congratulations to the Green house for winning this year's Athletics Carnival.

The teachers were supportive and our school was very lucky to have these teachers help marshal the events and help out with the novelty events and long jump. The 800m, 200m, 100m, and Long Jump events were definitely a success because everybody tried their hardest and most students were lucky enough to place first and second which qualifies you for Zone. The best of luck to those who will be competing at this year's Athletics Zone Carnival.

Again, a huge congratulations to Green house and all the other colour houses who tried their very best!

Sofia Vitetta, Christian Mourad and Johnethan Angolo - Sports Leaders

Happy Birthday to.....

June

9th - Alcohol Madour
11th - Harry Nash
12th - Valentine Fransco
13th - Raivya Duggal & Imana Sowsun
14th - Olivia Quinn
15th - Kanishka Halder
17th - Portia Concepcion & Asmin Feraset
19th - Evani Ghimiray & Steven Perimalla
21st - Lavin Eyupoglu & Lara Razon
22nd - Tristan Ljubicic & Daoud Suliman
23rd - Veronica Wadi
24th - Genevieve Nguyen & Alex Selmann
25th - Vakatalavo Tupouto'a
26th - Ajukber Madour & Jeremy McCullough
27th - Savrinjot Kaur & Alexander Okeke
28th - Avaneesh Menon



July

3rd - Samantha Sara-Jerrin
4th - Maia Quinn
8th - Peyton Alcantara
9th - Norah Fauchon & Sai Krish Sathya
10th - Maya Gilfedder
13th - Vivian Chin
15th - Noah Vukmanovic
19th - Aerika Sikri
23rd - Jannah Gumayagay
25th - Alyza Dhaliwal & Dana Santos
26th - Jayla Saliba
27th - Kasey Royeras
28th - Uina Rimoni
29th - Viona Ahmadi, Cara Paras, Brandon Saranghilo & Fatu Tupouto'a
31st - Dionna Crasta

Library News from Mrs Gudaitis

Book Club

Issue 4 of Book Club is currently on sale. Please have orders returned by 16th June. To browse the latest catalogue click [here](#).

To place an online order click [here](#).

Thank you to all of our parents who support their child's love of reading by making purchases through Book Club.



Borrowing

The borrowing schedule for each class is as follows:

Monday: Year 3 and Year 1

Tuesday: Kindergarten and Year 4

Wednesday: Year 6

Friday: Year 5 and Year 2

Please ensure your child has their Library bag and book ready on these days, ready to return from the previous week.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Key dates for the 2023 challenge are:

27 February 2023 - challenge opens for student entries

Friday 18 August 2023 - challenge closes for student entries.



As was the case last year, students from Years 3-6 will be required to enter their books read into the PRC book log independently. Children from Kindergarten - Year 2 will have their books entered on their behalf by their teachers based on the books that they have read in class throughout the year. Year 3-6 passwords are the same as in previous years, copies of each child's login details will be distributed to class teachers.

News from Mrs Preston

On Friday while students were sleeping soundly on our Staff Development Day, our teachers were hard at work increasing their professional knowledge in Literacy and Numeracy. Our school goal for literacy and numeracy is "Challenge." How can we provide 'challenge' in the learning for our students?



In Numeracy, we specifically focussed on fractions in the new 3-6 syllabus. These tasks are very hands-on, providing students the opportunity to reason, justify and communicate their thinking. The teachers worked hard to become fluent in these tasks.

In Literacy, we focussed on understanding English as an additional language or dialect. This will aid our teachers in understanding the English demands required in speaking, reading and writing for students where english is not their first language. These new strategies are inclusive of all students and allow teachers to provide challenging texts and writing texts that will set students up for success.



Road Safety



Safety Town is a great website for Parents, Children and Teachers that promotes Road Safety. [Click here](#) to access the website for great information.

Please be conscious when driving in our car park. There are children and elderly parishioners around! This week we had a 'near miss' in the car park as a child was walking unaccompanied by an adult. Please park your car and walk your child in of a morning. If you wish to stay in your car, you must drive through 'Kiss and Drop.'



Please respect that your child's safety is our priority **SO PLEASE SLOW DOWN! Carpark Speed Limit is 5km.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences



Your child's Report will be sent home in Week 9 via our Compass Parent Portal. In Week 10, we will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June. Details will follow shortly on how to make a booking with your child's teacher on the COMPASS Parent Portal app.

NAPLAN

From 2023, NAPLAN results will be reported against 4 proficiency standards rather than numerical bands as in previous years. NAPLAN reports will contain 4 easy-to-understand proficiency standards:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

The new reporting standards will provide parents, carers and teachers with simpler and clearer information about how students are performing.

Print copies of individual student reports (ISR) and additional student reports (ASR) are expected to be sent to schools for distribution to parents and carers early in Term 3.

Counselling Corner

Hi St Patrick's Community,

Friendships in primary school can be difficult to navigate. These resources guide you to support your child in making and maintaining friendships, being assertive, managing conflict, learning give/take and understanding how to treat others.

Raising children - <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/connecting-communicating/connecting/supporting-friendships>

Reach Out - <https://schools.au.reachout.com/friendships>

Very Well Family - <https://www.verywellfamily.com/making-and-keeping-friends-2633627>

Better Health - <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/making-friends>



Kids Helpline are available 365 days a year, 24/7 to support you and your child with:

- Phone or webchat counselling
- Games, distractions and coping strategies
- Social media moderated by trained counsellors

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Take care,

Caitlin (Wellbeing Counsellor, Mon-Wed)

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Office News

School Fees

Dear Parents, you should've now received your fee statements. If you have changed your address, please don't forget to update details by filling out the following form and returning it to us as soon as possible. [Change of Address/Contact Details](#)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our school office on 8869 6000.

Many thanks,
Mrs Browne

Pupil Free Days

Monday June 12th - King's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 17th July: Staff Development day
Tuesday 18th July: Students return to school for Term 3

As per previous communications, teaching staff have been given additional days to learn about the New Syllabus documents in English and Mathematics.

We thank you for your support and understanding and advise that if care is required for your children, Ambrose are able to assist. Please call 0408 835 838.

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.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2024

St Patrick's Primary School is still accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2024. Enrolment forms can be found on our website [How to enrol into Primary School | St Patrick's Blacktown](#) or are available for collection in our school office.



Robotics Classes

If you would like your child to participate in Robotics classes, please refer to the flyer attached for further information. [KRE8ive Kids.pdf](#)

Communication and Essential Apps

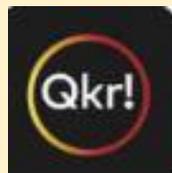
COMPASS Parent Portal app

The primary form of communication between parents and carers and school. Please contact the school office if you are still unable to download the app or are experiencing technical issues.



QKR! app (pronounced quicker)

St Patrick's is now a **cashless** school. This service is currently available for all payments **except for school fees**. Please ensure your child's **year and class name** are updated for 2023.



Facebook

Follow us on facebook for the latest news, updates and reminders.



Spriggy schools canteen

Joey's Canteen offers breakfast, lunch and snacks for students every day. **Cash** can be used at Joey's canteen as it is a privately run canteen.

Online orders to be placed by 9:00am every day.

