



# St Patrick's News

## Term 2, Issue 4 - 21st June, 2024

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### June

25th - Stg 2  
Boys/Girls Soccer  
Gala Day  
27th - Yr 1 Parish  
Mass 9am  
28th - Morning  
Assembly 9am, P&F  
School Disco  
4:30pm-6pm  
28th - Reports  
published on Parent  
Compass Portal

#### July

1st- 4th  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences  
3rd - Yr 4 Liturgy  
2:30pm in MPA &  
ZING Challenge  
Night at Homebush  
for Years 3-6  
4th - Yr 2 Parish  
Mass 9am  
5th - **LAST DAY OF  
TERM 2**



22nd - **TERM 3  
COMMENCES  
STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT  
DAY - NO SCHOOL  
FOR STUDENTS**  
23rd - **STUDENTS  
RETURN TO  
SCHOOL TODAY**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Week 8 Newsletter.

**Congratulations to the boys and girls from St. Patricks who received their First Holy Communion last weekend, and those who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. We wish them God's grace and blessings.**

*'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.'*

**Mrs Preston:** During Weeks 9 and 10, Mrs Preston will be taking some leave. We wish her all the best! For this period of time, we will have an Acting Assistant Principal who comes to us from another Diocesan school, where she is currently an Assistant Principal. As it is currently being announced at her school, I will let you know her name on Monday.

**School Disco:** Please make sure you have booked your tickets for this great event: Friday June 28th. Special thanks to the Parent Committee and Mrs Jug for the organisation of this parent run event. The theme is **Super Hero**.






**ZING night:** Wow! Mrs Leilua and Miss McConnell have been practising with the students who are attending this fabulous night. Parents - you will be amazed! The night at Homebush is one you and your children will always remember. I can't wait to see our students dance! Keep your eye out for the Costume note coming soon.

**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 the COMPASS 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, the below grid explains A-E compared to a car driver!

Grading can be likened to a person driving a car! Most people with a full Licence are a 'C'. Students in Kindergarten use the scale 'Working Beyond, Achieving and Working Towards.'

We are very proud of the work your children have done this year and the learning gains they have made. Please acknowledge their efforts as well as their attainments, and join me in congratulating them all.



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.
				

23rd - Yr 3 Parish  
Mass 9am & ZING  
Gymnastics Yrs 3-6  
23rd - 25th  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences 1W only

Wishing you and your precious family God's blessings.

Mrs Fitzalan  
Principal

## Mary, Queen of the Family Parish news

Please click on the following links regarding Sacramental information for 2024: [First Reconciliation](#), [First Eucharist](#) & [Confirmation](#)

## News from Mrs Preston

### Attendance Matters



'Bee' an attendance  
**H.E.R.O.**

**H**ere  
**E**very day  
**R**eady  
**O**n time



Help your children achieve their  
best by getting them to school on  
time everyday!  
8:55am



If you arrive after 9am you are required to bring your child into the office and advise the reason why you are late.

### Car Park Safety

We kindly ask that you park in the lined car spaces. There are plenty of spaces available, even if you have to make a short walk, it's not that far to our front gate to ensure the safety of your child/children or that of others. There are cars being parked in places that are not lined parking spots. Please consider that this is making it difficult for other drivers to navigate safely through the car park. Please ensure that you **never reverse out of the Kiss and Drop area**. This is very unsafe for passing traffic. Your consideration of others is appreciated.

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

'The boys had a great day. Undefeated all day playing one short!' - Mrs McDonald.

Congratulations to our Stage 3 boys on displaying good Sportsmanship and representing St Patrick's on the field.



2nd Round of Inter School Chess Competition - Local Heat

On Thursday the 20th of June, 13 St. Patrick's students took up the challenge and competed in another local heat level of the Chess competition. These boys and girls represented our school with enthusiasm and dedication.

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS:



TUES 25th JUNE - Stage 2 Girls and Boys Soccer Gala Day

WED 3 JULY - Years 3-6 ZING Showcase Night at Homebush



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

JUNE

- 21st - Lavin Eyupoglu & Lara Razon
- 22nd - Tristan Ljubicic & Daoud Suliman
- 23rd - Veronica Wadi
- 24th - Genevieve Nguyen & Alex Selmann
- 25th - Vaka Tupouto'a
- 26th - Elijah Madour & Jeremy McCullough
- 27th - Savrinjot Kaur & Alex Okeke

JULY

- 3rd - Samantha Sara-Jerrin
- 4th - Maia Quinn
- 5th - Evelyn Ljubicic
- 8th - Peyton Alcantara
- 9th - Norah Fauchon & Sai Sathya
- 10th - Maya Gilfedder
- 13th - Vivian Chin
- 15th - Noah Vukmanovic
- 17th - Srinika Nallajala
- 19th - Aerika Sikri
- 23rd - Jannah Ysabel Gumayagay
- 25th - Alyza Dhaliwal & Dana Santos
- 28th - Rajdeep Kaur & Uina Rimoni
- 29th - Cara Paras & Brandon Saranghilo
- 31st - Dionna Crasta

AUGUST

- 3rd - Xinfu Xi
- 4th - Aaron Gautam
- 5th - Klara Shrestha
- 6th - Harvey Elisher
- 7th - Leeroy Ioane & Nia'Iani Mokoia
- 9th - Satori Saad
- 12th - Theo Villena
- 13th - Alex Disano & Jacob Gumayagay
- 14th - Jasmyra Kaur
- 15th - Chadi Kashi



## STEM news with Mrs Lopresti

### Term 2 Ozobots STEM team 2024

This term, we have introduced a new coding group to STEM that is using small coding devices called Ozobots. Students have to work out how to get the ozobot around a course by using different coloured coding instructions.

The team of students work together to learn different ways to code the ozobot around the page. The team will showcase their coding skills against others in the Parramatta Catholic Diocese event called STEM MAD. We cannot wait to showcase our work to the school community.



## Office News

### School Fees

Parents and Carers,

CSPD have posted the 2024 School Fee statements to all families. If you have changed address, please email to: [stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au) or complete the following form attached

[Change of Address/Contact Details](#)

If you have any questions related to your school fees account, please contact Mrs Browne on 8869 6000.

Thank you.

### Is your child leaving St Patricks?

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.*

## Phones & Smartwatches at School

St Patrick's acknowledges the need for SOME parents and carers to provide their child a mobile phone. Students who use public transport OR are required to walk home without an adult are the **only** students permitted to bring these devices to school. Students are required to sign their devices in at the school office (before and end of each day). NO devices are to be kept in their bags or in their classrooms. If you need to contact your child, please contact the school office on 8869 6000.

## School Uniform Donations

Has your child outgrown their St Patrick's school or sports uniform? Do you have any pre-loved school uniform items that can be donated to our school? If so, please bring them in. For hygiene reasons, please ensure they are washed and in good condition. Thank you for your kind donation.

### Afternoon Buses

Please note that if the buses do not arrive by 3:40pm, children will be walked back to the Office. Parents will then be called to pick up their children.

## No NUTS & TOYS at school

**NO NUTS** - St Patrick's is an 'Allergy Aware' school and aims to provide a safe environment for all students. Parents and Carers,, please do **NOT PROVIDE** nut products or foods containing nuts.

**NO TOYS** - St Patrick's requests that children do NOT bring toys from home to 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.

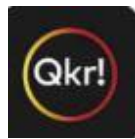
## Communication & Essential Apps

### COMPASS Parent Portal app



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

### QKR! (online payment) app



St Patrick's is now a **cashless** school. The QKR! app is currently available for all payments except for school fees. Please ensure your child's **year and class name are updated at the start of each year.**

### Facebook



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

### Online canteen orders



Click on the following link [Munch Monitor - Stud...](#) to set up an online account. Your child's lunch order will be delivered to our school by 11:00am everyday.