

# St Patrick's Bulletin

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we learn & worship.

## From the Principal

### 'Acknowledging Success at St Patrick's in 2015'

At this time of the year when enrolment applications are being accepted for Kindergarten in 2016, I meet with parents who are seeking to join our community.

Parents, whose first child is beginning their educational journey, talk about choosing a Catholic school because of a sense of community, a commitment to social justice and a recognised standard of values and behaviours that a Catholic school offers.

Many parents of other faiths also seek a Catholic school. For some it is because our values, although grounded in the teachings of the Catholic faith, are shared by all members of the community.

For other parents, there is a need to provide an environment that will support theirs, and in turn, their children's search for meaning and spiritual awakening.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School seeks to nurture the faith of young people through its Religious Education Program and through the faith environment it cultivates. Our challenge is to endeavour to be a community that believes, worships and celebrates together, is welcoming and accepting and offers quality teaching and learning.

**"Catholic schools have grown more complex, but at their heart lies a great and simple truth. They are to be above all schools of holiness. They exist primarily to give saints to the world." (Pope John Paul II, 2000)**

*God, our Father, may the presence of Your Spirit  
 be evident in our school community.  
 Help us to be large of heart, broad of vision  
 and generous in working for the good of our community  
 entrusted to our care. Amen*

**God Bless  
 Mrs Anne Marrins  
 Principal**



## School Fee Statements

School Fee Statements were sent home to families on 27th April. Term 2 payments are due Monday, 25th June. Please contact Mrs Browne to make payment arrangements if you have not already done so.

## 2016 Kindergarten Enrolments

Applications for 2016 Kindergarten Enrolments are being accepted. If your child is turning five (5) before 31st July 2016 please collect an Enrolment pack from the office or alternatively download an application form from our website:-  
[www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au)

All applications need to be returned by the end of May 2015. Interviews will take place in June and July.

## Office Hours

School Office hours are 8.30am – 3.30pm with Wednesday mornings opening at 8.55am. All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3.30pm.

## Marking Children's Belongings

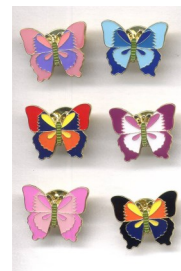
Please ensure that all articles of your child's clothing and belongings e.g. hat, jacket, pencil case, lunchboxes, drink bottles and school bags are clearly marked with your child's name.

## School Hats

All children must have a School hat. 'NO HAT - NO PLAY'. Students not wearing a school hat are required to sit in the Shelter Area during breaks. Sharing of 'spare' hats is not permitted for health reasons. Hats are available from the school office for \$10 each.

## Butterfly Badges

On sale for \$2 at the office. All proceeds goes to the Deafness Foundation for the Deaf and Hearing impaired Community.



## Winter Jackets

The Winter Jackets have now been ordered and should arrive within 4-6 weeks. We have also ordered some extra ones if parents would like to purchase.

## Blacktown Festival Parade

St Patrick's school will be participating in the Blacktown City Festival street parade this year. Students in Years K to 6 are invited to participate. Students in Years K to 2 must be accompanied by a parent.

The Blacktown City Festival is on **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015** with the parade starting at 11:00am. The parade covers a route of approximately 1.5 km along Main Street, Campbell Street and Flushcombe Road. The students involved will be required to assemble between 10:15am and 10:30am in the Warrick Lane car park and will return there at the end of the parade. Parents will need to be at the Warrick Lane car park at the end of the parade to collect their children, by 11:30am.

All students will wear their **full Winter uniform**.

Our Year 6 students, as leaders of the school, are expected to participate.

All students who participate will be acknowledged for representing St Patrick's Primary with a special lunch at school on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June.

If you would like to participate you can turn up on Saturday and join in the Parade.

## Partnership

### Hot Chocolate and Doughnut Day

Friday, 5th June Parents & Friends will be holding a Hot Chocolate and Doughnut Day (Gluten Free Biscuit option is also available) Fundraiser at Break 2 - 1:40pm - 2:07pm.



Cost is \$3.00. Please bring your money on the day!

### Nagle Enrolments

The Year 7 Enrolment Interviews will be taking place on Tuesday, 9th June. Please lodge your application as soon as possible.

## Office

### Bulletin

This Bulletin will be the final Bulletin printed. You are invited to subscribe to our school newsletters with all the latest news and upcoming events from St Patrick's delivered straight to your email inbox. What a time saver!

Please go to our email [www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au) and go to the 'Subscribe to Our Newsletter' or alternatively click on NEWS & EVENTS and select NEWSLETTERS to see our latest Newsletter. Copies of the Newsletter will continue to be available from the School Office.

# Faith Community

Over the following Sundays the Church celebrates some of its most important feasts beside Christmas and Easter.

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, the day the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles and gave them the strength and courage to go out and proclaim the Good News to the world.

The birth of the Church is celebrated on this day. It was the day the followers of Jesus began their mission on their own in Christ's name.

This coming Sunday the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. It is an opportunity for the faithful who have gathered to revisit the concept of the Trinity, which refers to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit being one God. We embrace the Trinity each time we make the Sign of the Cross or profess our faith when praying the Creed – either Nicene or Apostles.

Silvana Murphy  
Religious Education Coordinator

# Teaching & Learning

## Maths Olympiad

This year our school is participating in the Australian Maths Olympiad Competition. The Maths Olympiad Competition is an Australian wide Mathematics problem solving competition, which aims to teach mathematical problem solving strategies, explore mathematical concepts with children and stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to be part of the St. Patrick's Maths Olympiad team.

Year 3: Marko Anic, Isabelle George, Aadi Kumbhat, Priyesh Chand, Diana Garipova and Christian D'Silva.

Year 4: Jacob Quinn, Adrienne Arellano, Bogdan Danylevych, Ezekiel Paterno, Joshua Sebastian and Brian Sto Domingo

Stage 3: Alicia Macaraig, Martha Buitizon, Jerome Hernandez, Adam Jovanovic, Amelia, Zarzycki, Beatriz Arellano, Godwyn Gomez, Ashleigh Hooper and Zac Cooper

## Parent/ Teacher Interviews

This term you will receive your child's Semester One Learning Report. As part of this report you are invited to attend a Parent/Teacher /Child Interview where the teacher will provide more detailed information about your child's learning progress.



To make the most of these interviews it is important for parents to consider the following questions that they might want to know about their child.

- 1/ What are you child's strengths?
- 2/ Where would you like to see your child develop to by the end of the year?
- 3/ What are your child's interests?

4/ Is there anything in your child's life outside of school that could be impacting on their educational development?

This year we are providing an online booking system so you can choose the day and times that best suit you. Next week you will receive a note, which gives you detailed instructions of how to do this.

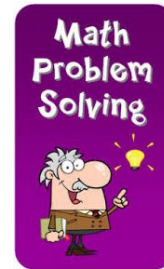
## Mr Crowley's Problem For The Week

Each newsletter I will be giving a Mathematical Problem for children to solve. The first five children who come to me with a solution and explanation of how they worked their problem out and the correct answer will receive two 'Pat on The Back Awards'.

Good luck St. Patrick's Mathematicians!!!

Problem: How many  $\frac{3}{8}$  Litre glasses can you completely fill with a 3-litre container?

Tom Crowley  
Assistant Principal



## Awardees

We congratulate our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students who received their Bronze and/or Silver Awards last Friday 22nd May at the Kindergarten Assembly.

### Bronze - Kindergarten

Sydney Nolan  
Anna Danylevych  
Jesse Li  
Olivia Pender  
Agamdeep Chhatwal  
Sahil Bhat  
Kristen Cruz  
Nicole-Kate Graham  
Mangok Deng  
Blake Pasnin  
Georgia Quinn  
Ekaam Randhawa  
Ijeoma Oghor

Maya Domingo  
Angela Tako  
Jamal Suliman  
Ruby Scicluna  
Amir Alsaadi  
Mercy Almani  
Franzuel Azuruoleh  
Adeena Mokoia  
Rajvir Matharu  
Junrey Esgana  
James Andrea  
Dia Vasandani  
Aariz Khan

### Silver - Kindergarten

Leon Anic  
Krish Gupta  
Xavier Borg  
Franzuel Azuruoleh

Talana Blackler  
Seleena Dao  
Maya Domingo  
Cailyn Paras

### Bronze - Year 1

Riddhi Ranade  
Simone Chishaya  
Ibrat Gill  
Jordan Bindley  
Aj Sabid  
Ayan Aguek  
Anav Gujral  
Sydney Manalac  
Chantelle Jones-Sack  
Deng Deng  
Josephine Juwa  
Ryan Sabharwal

Rexina Guerrero  
Hayden Howley  
Kual Shol  
Matilda Rowe  
Yac Yac  
Aaron Joseph  
Lexi Iskander  
Marial Noi  
Codey Walker  
Ravya Aryal  
Enrico Razon  
Anabella Anic

Charlize Matijevic  
Mark Gao

### Silver - Year 1

Codey Walker  
Kual Shol

### Bronze - Year 2

Tanya Shah  
Levi Goncalves  
George Akonda  
Matthew Domagas  
Ethan Quinn  
Zaran Mortimer  
Shedrach Okoduwa  
Tauolo Lilomaiaava-Smith  
Lana Barrameda  
Matthew Lukudu  
Crichton Pahuru  
Dorian Bradley-Wilkinson  
Patrick Stewart  
Anamika Alsaadi

Jude Boado

Marcus Ohanian

Salvatore Disano  
George Tannous  
Akeny Abusalah  
Ayesha Dosth Syeda  
Johnny Fugawai  
James Lasu  
Sophie Sharma  
Oscar Waring  
Matthew Dennis Jones  
Katherina Alimo  
Dasha Danylevych  
Brodie Howley  
Aguak Deng



### Silver - Year 2

Arjun Pillay  
Zoe Thompson

## Kindergarten Assembly

On Friday of week 5, Kindergarten had their first assembly. They were excited and eager to share what they have been learning in kindergarten with their family, friends and stage 1.



In Religion they have been learning about celebrations that happen in a church. It was great to see all the different celebrations that kindergarten had been to in a church. In Human Society & its Environment they have been learning about their families and talked about how we all have different families and backgrounds. To show what they have been learning in Numeracy they presented various ways they can make different numbers using addition.

Over all, their learning journey for this term has been bright, colourful and very exciting. It was a great opportunity too see the smart thinking that has been going on in Kindergarten this term.



## Health Promoting School

St Patrick's community values the health of students and aims to create an environment that supports healthy choices and behaviours. The Health Promoting Schools Framework provides a 'whole of school' approach to developing effective health strategies.

Positive nutrition and health related issues are primarily taught within the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Key Learning Area.

Good Nutrition for Children

- improves learning and attention span
- improves physical and psychological well being
- promotes growth and development
- reduces the risk of diet-related health problems such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, some cancers, stroke, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, dental caries and obesity

## Student Lunchbox

Two pieces of fruit, sandwich, a healthy snack (e.g. raw vegetable stick and dip) and water or juice are an ideal lunch for primary school students.

**Confectionery – lollies, sweets and chocolates - are special occasion foods and should not be brought to school.**

**Eating before and after school on the playground is not permitted.**

Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to make a creative lunch box.

Don't feel like you have to send the same old vegemite sandwich every day...

- **Make fresh spring rolls** – they're great for dinner and can be used as leftovers, too! See [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au) for a free recipe
- **Cut vegies into thin sticks** – send with a small container of hummus
- **Make a fruit salad** – dice whatever fruit you have into small pieces
- **Send leftover veggie curry** – leftovers can be kept warm in a small thermos
- **Add fruit to yoghurt** – decant a large tub of reduced-fat yoghurt into small boxes, and add pieces of fruit for a sweet twist.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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