

# St Patrick's Bulletin

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

## Diary Dates

### Friday 22nd August

- 9.15am Infants Award Assembly
- 10.00am Parent Coffee Morning
- Diocesan Athletics Carnival

### Tuesday 26th August

- 9.00am Bookfair open for parents & friends only
- 12.00pm Book Character Parade
- Rescheduled Netball Gala Day

### Wednesday 27th August

6.30pm Creative Arts Expo,  
Evan Theatre, Panthers Penrith

### Thursday 28th August

Year 2 Excursion

### Friday 29th August

- Year 3 Excursion
- Kindergarten Parish Mass
- 2.00pm Stage 3 Assembly

### Friday 5th September

Fathers' Day Breakfast & Liturgy

## Notes Sent Home

- Book Week 2014 "Connect to Reading"
- Fathers' Day Breakfast & Liturgy
- Stage 2 Touch Football
- Creative Arts Expo

## From the Principal

### Dear Parents, Staff and Students

On Monday morning we gathered together to farewell and thank two special people for their contributions to St Patrick's school community. Father Peter, our Parish Priest, celebrated the Eucharist for this special occasion in St Patrick's church.

Mr Curry has been a valued member of St Patrick's School for 22 years as a class teacher, music teacher and most significantly as Assistant Principal. This is a wonderful achievement of faithful service to one school.

Mr Curry has been an outstanding role model as teacher, colleague and friend, a person of great faith and a creative musician and story teller.

Mr Melham has been a valued member of St Patrick's School for 17 years as Coordinator, Learning Support Teacher and Information Technology expert and problem solver.

Mr Melham will be remembered for his love of learning and for providing each student with the confidence to have a go. He would always take the time so that each student felt listened to and understood.

As Mr Curry and Mr Melham leave St Patrick's at the end of this term, they can be assured that they have faithfully carried out their vocation. They have both given witness to the belief that teaching is a vocation. We are a richer community for their presence here and their legacy that continues with another generation of students and staff.

We thank God for the beautiful gift Mr Curry and Mr Melham have been to St Patrick's School and Parish community.

We extend our best wishes and God's blessings as they begin a new era in their life

*God Bless  
Mrs Anne Marrins  
Principal*

**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE  
'CONNECT TO READING'  
TUESDAY, 26th AUGUST**

# Faith Community

We celebrated the feast of the Assumption with a beautiful mass last Friday in honour of Our Lady. The children all sang well and participated beautifully. It was lovely to share this special day with the Parish community. Thank you to Mrs. Floody and the team who assisted her with this celebration.

On Monday we had a Farewell Mass for two of our special teachers, Mr Michael Curry and Mr Jacob Melham. We acknowledge and thank Michael and Jacob who have worked in Catholic Education for many years creating opportunities for students to grow and thrive.

We send blessings to Michael and Jacob for the kindness and patience they have shown towards all at St. Patrick's, for the many successful and motivated students who have had the good fortune to be taught by them. As dedicated professionals, they have earned this time to rest and relax. We will miss them dearly at St. Patrick's.



We know God will lead Michael and Jacob in their faith, as they continue on their life journey and share with their families the love of Jesus and the world.

Have a great week and stay dry! Keep Smiling!

Maria Marks

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

## Teaching & Learning Staff Profile

My name is Charmain Floody and I am a Reading Recovery Teacher. I have other roles at the school including Learning Support Teacher, an Infants Coordinator and am currently leading the Literacy Learning at St. Patrick's.

I have been teaching for 17 years, first completing a Bachelor of Teaching degree (ACU) and then completing my Bachelor of Education (UWS) whilst working in schools. After 5 years, I was fortunate enough to move overseas to live and teach for two years in London's East End. This was a different experience!

When I returned to Australia, I started my journey in Educational leadership. I held the role of Religious Education Coordinator for 5 years at my previous school and in this time completed my Masters of Religious Education (ACU).



I joined the teaching staff of St. Patrick's in 2013 and the Reading Recovery role has seen me experience my most rewarding times in teaching- using my skills to make a significant difference in a child's life.

Living and working in London gave me many opportunities to travel across Europe. I'd love to tell you all about it and my travel through Asia and South Africa. With the arrival of our 2 children (Bryce 6 and Zara 4), the travels have been put on hold but it's something my husband (Dean, a chef) and I look forward to in the future... And just for the record he doesn't cook much at home.



25th-31th August

In conjunction with our Book Week celebrations we will be acknowledging the importance of Literacy and Numeracy as lifelong skills with some additional activities.

### Literacy- Poems in your Pocket

With a theme of poetry, all students at St. Patrick's will participate in writing activities in the classrooms. Children will be encouraged to produce their own poem for the

week. You can talk to your child about this at home and take the opportunity to share some poems with your children from your own childhood. Poems can come in many shapes, sizes and forms- lots of our favourite songs involve aspects of poetry.

Poem  
This is a shape poem. It is about a house. As a shape poem, it forms the shape of a house. This is a little house so it would be a little poem if it were a poem. But its not because a poet I'm not!

Children are encouraged to write and submit

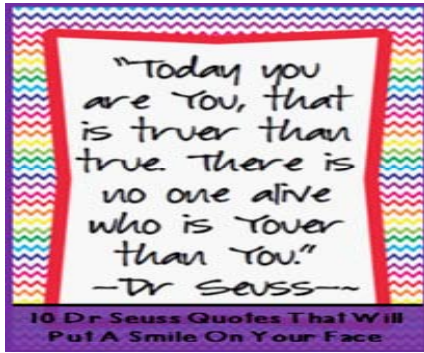
a poem to Mrs Floody by the end of week 7 for the opportunity to be chosen for publication in our Bulletin.

Double, double toil and trouble;  
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.  
Fillet of a fenny snake,  
In the cauldron boil and bake;  
Eye of newt and toe of frog,  
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,  
Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting,  
Lizard's leg and owlet's wing,  
For a charm of powerful trouble,  
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.  
Double, double toil and trouble;  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Adapted from Macbeth - Shakespeare



A poet's corner will be set up in the MPA for week 7, available at most recess and lunch times. Children are encouraged to come along and listen to poetry, read and write some poetry.



## Numeracy- Everyday Arrays

To support the children's learning in classrooms we are offering an opportunity for children to photograph and record the mathematical thinking associated with an array from the environment.

Arrays are an example of how we can arrange, manipulate and see patterns in our environment that demonstrate multiplication, for example, 3 rows of 4. This can also be explored through division and repeated addition.



<http://deceptivelyeducational.blogspot.com.au/2013/01/everyday-arrays-multiplication-hunt.html>

Try this blog for some fun ideas about arrays.

Photographs can be submitted to Mrs. Floody by the end of week 7 to be eligible for publication in our school Bulletin.

## Book Week 2014

"Connect to Reading"

Just a reminder that Book Week is coming up. Here is a list of important dates and events to remember:

Tuesday 26th August : This is a day for everyone.

- 9.00am Book Fair opens for parents and friends – NO STUDENTS. Parents can have a coffee and check out the books at the fair. There will also be a selection of books, which you can make a donation towards in your child's name.
- 11.50am Book Character Parade in MPA (Book Fair closed for the parade)
- 1.00pm-3.00pm Book Fair for parents/friends only

Wednesday 27th August: Book Fair for students only

Thursday 28th August: Book Fair open in the morning. Author visit with Frances Watts (Students only)

Friday 29th August: Author visit with Frances Watts (Students only)

For the Book Character Parade students can come dressed as their favourite character from a story.

## Year 1

As part of our Science unit, 'What's Alive?', Year 1 was lucky enough to have 10 eggs in our classroom for two weeks. Over those weeks, we watched the eggs hatch and we watched the chicks grow! We fed them and cleaned their house until it was time for them to leave for their new homes. It was a wonderful learning experience for all of the Year 1 children. They all wrote about the experience. Here are some pieces of their writing:

We had chickens in our class! They were small and very soft, but they were also very noisy and smelly! They were very cute and had small beaks. I liked it when I got to hold the chicks and I will miss them when they are gone. Tanya Shah

We had chicks in our class! I was very happy when the chicks were with me. They were soft and fluffy. I miss them. Haar Are

A special thank you to Ms. Beamish, Mrs. Jefferson and Mrs. Jarrett, who have provided our chicks with their new homes!



## St Pat On The Back Awardees

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their 'St Pat On The Back' awards at Friday morning's assembly.

### Bronze Awards:

#### Kindergarten

Mackayla Cooper  
Ravya Aryal  
Lexi Iskander  
Shamira Nazar  
Rexina Guerrero  
Marcus Ohanian  
Charlize Matijevic  
Anav Gujral  
Logan Paterno  
Kual Shol  
Ayan Aguek  
Kelsy Bhandari  
Max Zhao

Ibrat Gill  
Ruby Rowe  
Lydia Brown  
Elizabeth Nwosu  
Clariz Dela Rosa  
Josephine Juwa  
AJ Sabid  
Mark Gao  
Hayden Howley  
Yac Yac  
Theresa Pericleous  
Hannah Cooper  
Ayen Ajak

## Year 1

Zoe Thompson  
Tanya Shah  
Tauolo Lilomaiava-Smith  
Akeeney Abusalah  
Ryah Mokoia  
Caroline Kalu  
Akash Sathiya-Raja  
Crichton Pahuru

James Lasu  
Anamika Alsaadi  
Lana Barrameda  
Skylar Briggs  
Arad Salmanzadeh  
Johnny Fugawai  
Patrick Stewart  
Akansha Lal

## Year 2

Awal Shol  
Connor Rigley  
Marko Anic  
Rozenn Brotons  
Richard Tako  
Janet Angolo  
Oliver Vrljic  
Diana Garipova  
Esther Peter  
Joy Legge  
Mary Kody  
Kush Bhatt

Elisa Da Silva  
Hayden Laurance  
Erika Sabharwal  
Louise Sergio  
Rafael Buitizon  
Gabrielle Diaz  
Rigel Rivamonte  
Priyesh Chand  
Morwan Mahmoud  
Yousseph Tannous  
John Mathew  
Lily McCann Collins

## Silver Awards:

Oscar Waring (Year 1)  
Elisa Da Silva (Year 2)

Savannah Pascoa (Year 1)

# Sport News

## Touch Football

In week 4, Stage 2 had their try-outs for Touch Football. Congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent our school.

Congratulations to the following Stage 3 students who have been selected to assist in coaching these teams.

Shaquania Dennis	Alex Kingsley
Jessica Laurance	Stephanie Nwosu
James Solivet	Rebecca Wehbe

## Zone Carnival

Last Tuesday, the students at St Patrick's attended the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. 38 students represented our school in various Track and Field events and every student achieved excellent results. In all aspects of running, long jump and shot put, we have improved in our performances.

Congratulations to the students who have qualified for the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival that is to be held on Friday, 22nd August.

A further Congratulations to:

Jessica Laurance – Age Champion  
Josephine Legge – Age Champion  
Stephanie Nwosu – Runner Up Age Champion

Good luck to all these students.

Greg Tyszkiewicz, Sports Coordinator

## School Uniform

The wearing of our school uniform gives St Patrick's School its identity and our students are expected to wear it with pride. Children in primary school need their parents to assist them to follow the guidelines:

- Hair styles should be ones which do not attract attention. They should be neat, tidy and of natural colour. Rat's tails and shaved indents, for example, are not permitted. Long hair is to be tied back or plaited and blue hair accessories should be worn. Fringes should be cut above the eyebrow.
- Shoes need to be black leather and regularly cleaned and polished.
- Jewellery is not to be worn, except for small gold or silver studs or sleepers, one in each ear, for pierced ears.
- Sports shoes should be predominately white and should have white shoe laces. White sport socks are to be worn with the sports uniform.

Your continued support of school policies enables St Patrick's to be an exemplary school community.

# Partnership

## PRC August

Congratulations to the following students for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge;

Anav Gujral (Kindergarten)

Zavier Fergusson (Year 3) Alexander Vitetta (Year 3)

Monty Cartledge (Year 4) Oskar Fergusson (Year 4)

Agam Gujral (Year 4) Angela Thompson (Year 4)

Hallee Ward (Year 5)

Don't forget to bring your reading log to the library when you have completed the challenge.

Please note; all information needs to be logged into the computer by August 22nd. After this date you will not be able to log in. Please see me if you are having any problems entering information online. Joanne Beamish

## PRC Presentation: Anxiety & Children

Monday, 1 September 2014

St Patrick's Primary School, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown

Dr Andrew Martin is a well respected and experienced presenter who was very popular at the recent Catholic Schools Parents Conference held in Parramatta in 2013.

The presentation commences at 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm) Book Now! [prcparraevents@hotmail.com](mailto:prcparraevents@hotmail.com)  
Contact: Parents Representative Council, Parramatta