

St Patrick's Bulletin

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

Diary Dates

Friday 5th September

- Fathers' Day Breakfast 7.30am
- Fathers' Day Liturgy & Special Performance by Creative Arts Students 9.00am
- Fathers' Day Stall 9.30am (For Students Only)

Monday 8th September

K-4 Swimming Program

Tuesday 9th September

K-4 Swimming Program

Wednesday 10th September

K-4 Swimming Program

Thursday 11th September

- K-4 Swimming Program
- MacKillop Athletics - Homebush

Friday 12th September

- K-4 Swimming Program
- Year 6 Fundraiser - Lolly Bags

Saturday 13th September

Working Bee

15th - 19th September

K-4 Swimming Program continues

Notes Sent Home

- Fathers' Day Note
- Cancellation of Stg 2 Touch Football

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

As Principal of St Patrick's I am proud to highlight an excellent staff dedicated to providing a wide range of opportunities for our students to excel.

On Wednesday 27th August 51 of our students showcased their talents at the 2014 Creative Arts Expo at the Evan Theatre, Penrith. St Patrick's item, 'Memories in Time', took the audience on a journey of life through the eyes of an elderly person reflecting on childhood, study, work, marriage and old age.

Our students are to be congratulated on an outstanding performance and for the many lunch times and days they devoted to rehearsals. On the concert day they rehearsed at the theatre with the same enthusiasm and enjoyment as they displayed on the first day, way back in Term One.

The audience responded with great applause, acknowledging the skill and precision of the dance as well as the delight on the faces of all our performers. We thank the teachers, Ms Karen Jaye and Mr Edward Shaw, who dedicated so much time, talent and energy to prepare for and present this event.

On Tuesday 26th August the book character parade and the book fair allowed our students to 'connect with reading' in a Book Week celebration coordinated by Ms Joanne Beamish.

Last week Mrs Charmain Floody organised a Poet's Corner, 'Poems in Your Pocket' and 'Everyday Arrays' as the focus for National Literacy and Numeracy Week. And that's not all.....

There was the Zone Athletics Carnival, Netball Gala Day, Kindergarten, Stage One, and Stage Three Assemblies, Stage Three Voice of Youth Speaking Competition and Excursions for Years 2 and 3 as well as Masses for the feast of the Assumption and our Staff Farewell celebration.

Well done everyone.

*God Bless
Mrs Anne Marrins
Principal*

**K-4 Swimming Program
Monday 8th September to
19th September**

Faith Community

Our focus this week will be on Our Lady of Mercy, Catherine McAuley and our Mercy traditions here at St. Patrick's.

St Patrick's Primary School Blacktown opened with 35 students in 1919. It was a parish school administered by the Parramatta Sisters of Mercy and was situated in Patrick Street, Blacktown. In 1986 we relocated to the present site in Allawah Street. The Sisters of Mercy withdrew from the school in 2001, however, we remain a Mercy school and it is important to maintain our Mercy traditions. This involves continuing the work of Catherine McAuley, who established the Sisters of Mercy and believed that:

'Through education and skills training she empowered people, particularly women, to become agents of their own advancement and liberation. Through the Works of Mercy, she aimed to set people free from oppressive structures and to protect their dignity and human rights..'

Through all the works of Mercy, Catherine always believed and aimed to set people free. This is why education for all was so important to her.

Sr. Ailsa MacKinnon will be coming to speak to the students today about Mercy Works and how they assist to educate and support communities all over the world.

Mercy International has asked all people to say a Mercy prayer over the next month leading up to the feast of Our Lady of Mercy on 24th September.

We will be having a Gold Coin Donation Mufti Day Fundraiser on Thursday, 18th September to raise monies for the Mercy Works.

Keep Smiling!
Maria Marks

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



MERCY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Prayer for MIA

God of the immense universe,
God of each human heart,
We thank You and we praise You.
We are people from many parts of the world-
diverse of tongue, talent and place-
who pray together as
friends of mercy and
friends for mercy.
We are united by a spirit and a story
born in a house in Dublin,
now spread to the outer reaches of the earth
and the inner recesses of the heart.
As friends in mercy,
united in that spirit and story,
we commit ourselves to
preserving the best of the past,
fostering the best of the present,
and shaping the best for the future.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
with the help of Our Lady of Mercy,
and inspired by the life of Catherine McAuley.
Amen.

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Teaching & Learning

Staff Profile

My name is Rachel Salem and I am currently teaching Stage 3 on Thursdays and Fridays.



I have taught at St Patrick's since 2007 and love working with the multicultural community at Blacktown.

I have two beautiful children with whom I love spending time when I'm not at work.

I enjoy playing netball, doing some gardening and having a laugh with friends. That's all folks!

Fathers' Day Celebration

You are invited to join St Patrick's School community for a celebration of the gift of fatherhood on Friday 5th September 2014.

7:30am	Breakfast	Shelter Area
8:30am	Organised Games	Turf Area
9:00am	Liturgy	Multi-Purpose Area
9:30am	Creative Arts Expo Performance	MPA

Creative Arts Expo Performance

You are invited to a special school performance of the Creative Arts Expo on Friday 5th September in the Multi-Purpose Area, immediately after the Fathers' Day Liturgy, at about 9:30am. This is an opportunity for the whole school to enjoy the 'Memories in Time' item, to celebrate the talent at St Patrick's and to thank the teachers for their work in putting it together.

St Pat On The Back Awardees

Congratulations to the following students who received their 'St Pat On The Back' awards at last Friday's Stage 3 afternoon's assembly.

Bronze Awardees:

Gaksoun Are	Godwyn Gomez
Ashleigh Tabusares	Shanikqaua Dennis
Shaquania Dennis	Emily Rigley
Lillie Pender	Jessica Laurance
Jason De La Torre	Gracia Fernando
Keji Lokosang	Ranveer Boparai
Nancy Aduniya	Hannah Willoughby
Amber Afarian	Jack Stewart
Marcus Rojas	Ashleigh Hooper
Ellenora Vaotuua	Dut Deng
Marlon Noval	Rebecca Wehbe
Amy Kingsley	Ana Da Silva

Silver Awardees:

Beatriz Arellano
Jessica Laurance
Stephanie Nwosu

Lillie Pender
Monying Monying

Gold Awardee:

Jasmine Germino

Year 2 Excursion

This term, Year 2 has been learning about Families, Past and Present in HSIE, and has been learning about dinosaurs in Literacy.

Last week, we went on an excursion to the Australian Museum to further their study and deepen their understanding about oral histories and fossils. The weather shaped up beautifully and not a drop of rain was to be seen.

We were lucky enough to have both recess and lunch in Hyde Park and spend hours exploring the Aboriginal and Dinosaur exhibits at the Museum. Thank you to all the parent helpers and teachers who assisted us throughout the day. We all had a great day. More photos will be available on our website.

Ed Shaw & Michelle Jarrett
Year 2 Teachers



National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Thank you to the children who participated in our Poet's Corner and those who submitted Everyday Array pictures.



The following students have had work selected for publication in this week's special insert:

Monty, Ashlee and Amelia Year 4
Alexander, Zavier, Ada and Hayley Year 3
Awal Year 2

Charmain Floody
Literacy Coordinator

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved well on the UNSW Global Australia English Competition.

Adrienne Arellano - Year 3 - Distinction
Montgomery Cartledge - Year 4 - Credit
Tanisha Prasad - Year 4 - Merit
Beatriz Arellano - Year 5 - Distinction
Martha Buitizon - Year 5 - Merit
Godwyn Gomez - Year 5 - Merit

Creative Arts Expo

On Wednesday 27th August the St Patrick's Creative Arts Group performed with 4 other schools, showcasing their special talents.

The students from St Patrick's performed a dance called 'Moments in Time'. Their performance was exceptional and the audience was in awe of the talents that our students exhibited. The St Patrick's group also showed exemplary behaviour throughout the very long day of rehearsals at the Evan Theatre and should be commended for all their hard work leading up to the final performance.

They certainly did St Patrick's proud. Sensational work Creative Arts Group 2014!! Karen Jaye & Ed Shaw



Sport News

K-4 Swimming Program

The venue for our swimming program is the 'Aquatic Safety Training Academy' 78 Best Road, Seven Hills. The children will be taken by bus to the pool for instruction.

Years Kindergarten to 4 will attend on:

Monday 8th September to Friday 12th September

Monday 15th September to Friday 19th September

Timetable:	Year 4	9.30am – 10.15am
	Year 3	10.15am – 11.00am
	Year 2	11.00am – 11.45am
	Year 1	11.45am – 12.30pm
	Kindergarten	12.30pm – 1.15pm

Kindergarten and Year 1 bring their swimmers to school for changing into.

Checklist for each day:

- Swimmers - to be worn to school under their sports uniform (Years 2, 3 and 4)
- underwear, socks
- towel - pin a handkerchief to one corner
- sandals (no thongs) to wear to pool
- extra tee shirt
- goggles (are required)
- girls - hair tied back or swimming cap
- plastic bag for wet clothes

Cancellation of Stg 2 Touch Football

The Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day that was due to be held on Friday, 5th September 2014 has been cancelled. We will advise you when we have been given a new date.

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 CARES Open Day

Where: Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

When: 24th September 2014

Time: 10am - 3pm

- Bring your own helmet & bike.
- Road Safety Information
- Safety Checks & Skills Course
- NSW Push Bike Squad
- Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting
- Participant Show Bag

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au