

# St Patrick's Bulletin

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

## Diary Dates

### Friday 31st October

- Assembly Prayer - All Saints
- Infants Assembly 9.15am
- Year 4 Parish Mass
- World Teachers Day

### Tuesday 4th November

2015 Kindergarten Parent Meeting  
7.00pm

### Wednesday 5th November

2015 Kindergarten Orientation  
Day Group 1 9.30am - 11.00am

### Thursday 6th November

- 2015 Kindergarten Orientation  
Day Group 2 9.30am - 11.00am
- Spider Drink Day

### Friday 7th November

Professional Learning Day - NO  
SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

### Sunday 9th November

Parish Family Mass 10.00am

### Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

### Wednesday 12th November

2015 Kindergarten Orientation  
Day Group 1 9.30am - 11.00am

### Thursday 13th November

2015 Kindergarten Orientation  
Day Group 2 9.30am - 11.00am

## From the Principal

### Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Last Sunday's gospel reminds us of how we should live our lives. Jesus was asked about which was the most important commandment. His response was....

*'You must love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind....the second commandment....you must love your neighbour as yourself.'*

With these two commandments we can be in little doubt about the way we should act. They are laws of love. When we practise the law of love in our lives we enrich the whole community. Those we help feel blessed and those who observe our actions, are touched by the model we give. Let us never forget that our actions affect all. Last week we saw such love in our community as we reached out to support Stephanie.

Tomorrow we celebrate World Teachers Day. World Teachers Day is an annual event held to celebrate the vital work of teachers in educating children around the world. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to our community. On this day it is a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. I'm sure they would appreciate a friendly smile.

Finally I would like to thank the community of St Patrick's for making me feel so welcome over the last seven weeks. What a privilege it has been to work alongside so many dedicated and outstanding teachers and staff who are ably supported by the parents as they educate our children.

We also welcome back Mrs Anne Marrins who will no doubt look refreshed and radiant after all her travels. I'm sure she would love to share with you all her stories from these travels

Enjoy the rest of the term.

*Miss Deb Sheridan  
Acting Principal*

**Professional Learning Day  
Friday, 7th November  
No School for Students**

# Faith Community

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Communion over the last three Sundays. Each Mass was beautiful and very special. It was lovely to see so many families and friends celebrating this special occasion with their children.

This coming weekend we commemorate the feast of All Saints on Saturday and All Souls on Sunday. These are special days in the Church's year.

We celebrate the memory of many Saints and their wonderful lives. At this time we rejoice in all the holy men and women of every time and place. They model for us ways to live our lives and things we can do to show how much we love God, others and ourselves. Saints follow the call of the Lord. They dedicate their lives to following God's Word. May their prayers bring us all forgiveness and love.

On the feast of the Holy Souls we remember all the people who have died and we pray for them, especially our loved ones. We believe that all who have died in Jesus will rise again with him. For in Jesus, we are all made alive. We ask God in his mercy to give those who have died eternal life.

St. Patrick's will celebrate the Feast of All Saints in a special Prayer Celebration in the MPA on Friday 31st November, at 1.40pm.

On Monday, 3rd November, St. Patrick's will remember the Holy Souls with a special Prayer and reflection at Morning Assembly. All are welcome.

As we approach a very busy time of the year, take time to pray, remember, reflect and rest.

Keep smiling!  
Maria Marks

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

## DWF Appeal

The Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) supports the ministries and agency services of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta. However large or small, any donation you can make to the DWF is gratefully received and helps our ministries to continue their important work. Donations can be made to the DWF through the special collection at Church this week. Each family will receive an envelope today. More Envelopes will be available at the office.

## Family Mass

On Sunday, 9th November all families from our school are invited to the 10.00am Mass for a Family Mass. Please bring a small plate of food.

# Teaching & Learning

## Staff Profile

Hi all. I am mostly known around St Patrick's as Mr. T. My surname has always been a slight mystery regarding pronunciation (Tish-kev-itch). I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2009 with an Education Degree and have been teaching at St Patrick's now for 5 years.



Currently I am teaching Stage 3 and it has been a fantastic learning experience. The students in my homeroom are great fun, keeping me very busy and laughing for a good portion of the day. I have also taken on the role of Sports Coordinator this year and organise all carnivals (with the help of Sue Pono and Jaye Harkin), coach majority of sporting teams and run in-school sporting events with the students, currently World Cup soccer.

I decided to become a teacher when I was in Year 5 and never changed my mind. Working with kids is the best possible job in the world. Everyday brings excitement, laughter and sometimes, a few tears. Having the opportunity to be an excellent role model and educator to our future generations is the most rewarding experience possible.

A typical week for me involves school, reading, exercising, quoting StarWars and... eating. My homeroom will vouch for this. When I'm not working, I'll either be snowboarding, fishing, training Martial Arts or again, eating! I love watching football, the kind where the ball is kicked on the ground and am a big supporter of Liverpool. Greg Tyszkiewicz

## Infants Assembly

A reminder that our Infants Assembly is on this Friday, 31st October at 9.15am.

## 2015 Kindergarten Information Night

A reminder that the 2015 Kindergarten Information Night for parents is on this Tuesday, 4th November at 7.00pm.

## 2015 Kindergarten Orientation Morning

The 2015 Kindergarten Orientation Mornings are Group 1 Wednesday, 5th & Wednesday, 12th November and Group 2 Thursday, 6th November & Thursday, 13th November from 9.30am to 11.00am. You should have received your letter confirming which day your child needs to attend. Parents are invited to attend an information session from 9.30am to 11.00am on their respective day.

Kindergarten commences school in 2015 with full day attendance on Monday, 2nd February.

## Professional Learning Day

Friday, 7th November will be our Professional Learning Day. We will be focusing on our Spiritual Formation . A reminder that there is No School for Students on this day.

## School Starters

The Kindergarten 2015 School Starters Program will be run every Thursday from 20th November until the 4th December. The program runs from 9:15am till approximately 10.40am and is held in the Library. Parents are asked to help tidy up after each session

## Farewell to Miss Sheridan

Our school community has had the benefit of getting to know Miss Deborah Sheridan over the past few weeks. Miss Sheridan has been a highly valued member of our staff in the absence of Mrs Marrins, who will return on Monday 3rd November from her overseas experience.

Leading a school has its challenges and its rewards. Miss Sheridan showed a great capacity to rise to each and every challenge and has been rewarded, we hope, with some valuable memories of our school community. We thank her for her time with us and wish her every grace and blessing as she returns to her school in Glendenning.

## Pat on the Back Awardees

Bronze:

Kindergarten

Codey Walker

Logan Weatherby

Aaron Joseph

Jude Boado

Harleen Kaur

Jordan Bindley

Maricella Morales

Sydney Manalac

Mark Bou Habib

Matilda Rowe

Cai Marshall

Enrico Razon

Ryan Sabharwal

Harleen Harleen

James Caraig

Pouono Lilomaiaava- Smith

Ethan Harris

Jabez Loteria

Caelyn Thammadi

Simone Chishaya

Lachlan Hatcher

Chantelle Jones-Sack

Marial Noi

Joshua Tolentino

Callum Marshall

Jeremy Espinas

Year 1

Dominik Dlabaya

Levi Goncalves

Haar Are

Matthew Lukudu

Salam Saleh

Caleb Quintos

Salvatore Disano

Brodie Howley

Alexander Parr

Year 2

Daniel Koko

Katherina Alimo

Mario Missak

Izac Longabela

Aguak Deng

Matthew Domagas

George Tannous

Joshua Nuval

Roy Pualoa

Luis Lemiri

Samson Lilomaiaava-Smith

Reginald Fugawai

Shreya Gomes

Kyan Ilencik

Raiyan Hudda

Daniel Suliman

Aadi Kumbhat

Maryoma Kody

Pavith Randhawa

Nyoka Lokosang

Kajjie Elias

Antony Mikhaiel

Brody Scicluna

Jacob Nazar

Emanuel Mikhaiel

Adam Zungua

Isobelle George

Rovick Guerrero

David Angolo

Christian D'Silva

Robbie Stewart

Silver:

Kindergarten

Ibrat Gill

Rexina Guerrero

Ravya Aryal

Kual Shol

Hannah Cooper

Kelsy Bhandari

Mark Gao

Marcus Ohanian

Lydia Brown

Harleen Harleen

Logan Weatherby

Codey Walker

Ruby Rowe

Lexi Iskander

Mackayla Cooper

Anav Gujral

Ayan Aguek

Hayden Howley

Aaron Joseph

Clariz Dela Rosa

Yac Yac

Theresa Pericleous

Pouono Lilomaiaava- Smith

AJ Sabid

Year 1

Tyrece Morgan

Skylar Briggs

Shedrach Okoduwa

Zoe Thompson

Dasha Danylevych

Anamika Alsaadi

Ethan Quinn

Lana Barrameda

Ryah Mokoia

Arad Salmanzadeh

Year 2

Richard Tako

Robbie Stewart

Connor Rigley

Samson Lilomaiaava-Smith

Rafael Buitizon

John Mathew

Hayden Laurance

Pavith Randhawa

Esther Peter

Oliver Vrljic

Awal Shol

Erika Sabharwal

Lily McCann Collins

Antony Mikhaiel

Louise Sergio

Diana Garipova

Mary Kody

Marko Anic

Kush Bhatt

Luis Lemiri

Gold:

Ruby Rowe

Mackayla Cooper

Richard Tako

Kual Shol

Savannah Pascoa

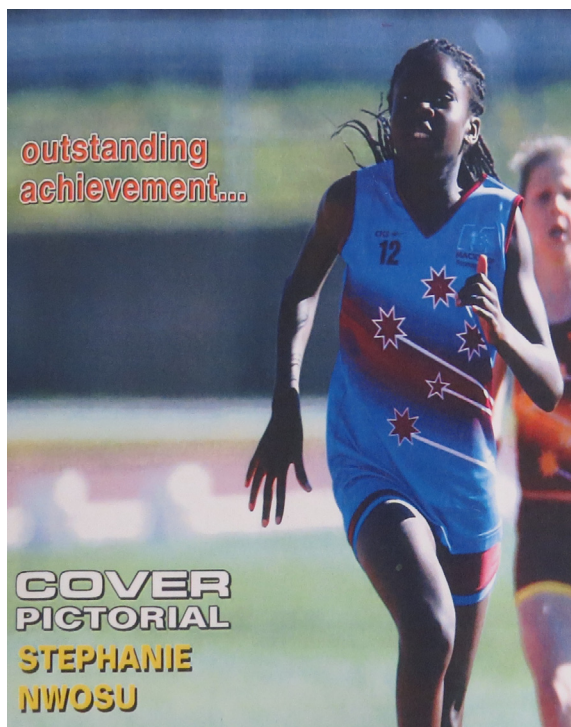
Congratulations to the following students who will receive their 'St Pat On The Back' awards at Friday morning's assembly.

# Sport News

The soccer world cup has finally resumed! It has begun with strong starts from all teams as we make our way through round 3. Eliminations will be beginning very shortly so be sure to be training with your teams in your break time.

On Friday the 17th of October, Stage 2 participated in the Touch Football Gala Day. It was an extremely busy day for the students, 6 games played in total each. Our regular training days at school paid off. Thank you to Rebecca Wehbe and Shaquania Dennis who assisted in the coaching of the teams at school and on the day. Also, thank you to our parents that attended and assisted on the day.

Stephanie Nwosu from Stage 3 recently participated in the State Athletics Carnival. She placed 1st in the 200m race and has qualified to race for the NSWPSA Athletics team. She will be racing other students in her age group from across Australia. Good Luck Stephanie!



## Office

### School Fee Statements

All families would have received their school fee statements sent out from the Parramatta CEO. A reminder that all fees are due to be paid by Tuesday, 11th November. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss your statement with Mrs Shannan Browne.

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.

## Spider Drink Day

Our Year 6 Fundraiser for the Graduation Dinner will be a Spider Drink Day on Thursday, 6th November.

Cost \$2 (\$1 Refill) Sold at Lunchtime.

## Moving School

If your child will not be attending St Patrick's in 2015, it would be appreciated if you could notify the school office as soon as possible. You should include in the letter where your child will be attending school in 2015.

## St Patrick's Web Page

To view all events, celebrations and current newsletters go to: [www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stpatsblacktown.catholic.edu.au)

## Partnership

### Pink Ribbon Day

Throughout the Month of October we are supporting Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Awareness.

Available at the office are:

Wrist Bands \$4	Enamel Pin \$5
Pens \$6	Bracelet \$7
Diamante Brooch \$10	

## OLMC Parramatta Orientation Day – Year 7 2015

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta will be welcoming future Mercy Girls who will be starting Year 7 in 2015 to Orientation Day on Wednesday, 12th November 2014.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

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