



St Patrick's Newsletter

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

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Diary Dates

Monday 8th April

Gymnastics – Years 3-6
Infants Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 9th April

Primary Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 10th April

Fun Run K-2

Thursday 11th April

2:40pm - Stage 3 Learning Tours

Friday 12th April

Assembly – Year 2P
Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day
Last day of Term 1

Friday 19th April

Good Friday

Sunday 21st April

Easter Sunday

Monday 29th April

First day Term 2
2:40pm – ANZAC Day Liturgy

Thursday 2nd May

Stage 3 Camp

Friday 3rd May

Stage 3 camp

Tuesday 7th May

Diocesan Cross Country

Wednesday 8th May

Mothers' Day Stall

Thursday 9th May

10:10am – Mothers' Day Mass

Friday 10th May

9:30am School Tour 2020 enrolments

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to you all on a great First Term. Thank you for getting your children to school on time, looking so fresh and tidy and for supporting your children in their learning. With just one more week to go, I encourage you to keep reading with your children. Your support in Term 1, my first term at St. Patrick's, has been greatly appreciated. You and I are very lucky to belong to such a special community.

As we journey through Lent towards Easter, let us stop to think about how we are focussing on a 'Change of Heart.' How are we making a difference to others during this season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving?

The reflection below helps us to approach life with a positive mindset and a sense of continual hope.



Easter Season: We invite you to join us for Stations of the Cross on our school grounds on Monday, 8th April (Infants) and Tuesday 9th April (Primary). Each class will go at a separate times,

Infants - 9.15 KM, 9.45 KB, 10.15 2P, 11.40 1B, 12.10 1WE, 12.40 2A,

Primary - 9.10 3F, 9.40 4L, 10.20 4J, 11.40 S3CG, 12.20 S3JM, 1.00 S3B, 2.10 3C.

As we mark Jesus' journey to the Cross, may we remember how he loved us, and how he continues to show his love for us - through the Eucharist and through each other.

Pat on The Back Awards (From the Parent Handbook)

Congratulations to students who received Awards in Term 1. Positive behaviours are acknowledged through '*St Pat on the Back*' Awards.

Accumulation of these awards leads to:

**Bronze Award (10), Silver Award (20) Gold Award (30),
Principal Award (40) Mission Award (50)**

The Bronze Award is presented at a Friday morning Assembly. The Silver, Gold and Principal Awards are presented at Stage Assemblies each term. Mission Awards are presented at a special Mission Assembly at the end of the year. This is followed by a Morning Tea with the Principal for the recipients of this award.

Easter Egg Raffle: Thank you to our generous P and F members who are running a wonderful Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and are for sale before school and after school each day - just near the Canteen. The 10 prizes will be drawn on Friday, 12th April at 2:45 pm. Good luck everyone!

Cross Country: Congratulations to our students for their enthusiasm and energy at our Carnival today. Well done to all students for their displays of sportsmanship and for giving their best today. Special thanks to Mrs Harkin for all of her organisation! The K-2 Fun Run was postponed due to wet weather. It will be held on Wednesday at 2pm.

As this will be the last Newsletter before the holidays, I wish you all many blessings at this important time of our church year. Have a wonderful break with your beautiful children and enjoy being together. The greatest gift you can ever give your children is your time and attention.

Blessed are the MERCIFUL, for God's MERCY will be shown, to those who show MERCY.

*Monica Fitzalan
Principal*

Faith Community

Sunday Gospel (Luke 8: 1- 11)

Sunday, 7 April 2019: Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year C

When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honour to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.



The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

Reflection:

- Why do you think this passage is selected for use during Lent?
- What's the effect of Jesus challenging the woman's actions rather than condemning them?
- How is it possible to go against the tide and challenge group behaviour or group thinking?

A message from Fr. Regie and Fr. Jack

Thank you to all the staff and students at our wonderful St. Patrick's Primary for your very warm welcome on Thursday. It was an absolute pleasure to spend the day with you.

Thanks especially to Mrs Coghlan for organising it and to the students who came up with some fascinating questions. Some of our favourites were: 'Would you travel into the past or the future if you could time travel?'; 'Why did you become a priest?'; 'What part of the Mass is your favourite and why?'; 'What is your favourite memory?'

We could tell that the students worked very hard on their questions and were very curious about our answers. Hopefully we can have another opportunity to answer all those questions you wanted to ask but time did not permit to be answered. May God bless you and keep you all.

Fr. Regie and Fr. Jack

Project Compassion

Thank you for being so generous in supporting our Project Compassion appeal. We have almost raised \$1000, which is double our school goal! Classes will continue collecting in their Project Compassion boxes until the end of Lent.

Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Project Compassion 2019 can help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela.



Faith 'n' Family Holiday Experience

On Tuesday 16th April from 9am – 3pm, our Parish will be offering an engaging opportunity for our youth to experience Holy Week. The session will be held in our MPA. The cost is \$10 to cover lunch and materials. Call the Parish Office on 96221125 for a permission form or email admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Natalie Coghlan
Religious Education Coordinator

Teaching & Learning

Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class? Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in all curriculum areas. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers are also given time at the beginning of the year to conduct assessments to pinpoint your child's learning needs. Some teachers also have additional responsibilities which benefit the whole school. At times, teachers are also required at Diocesan events, etc. Teachers also have entitlements such as sick leave, long service leave, maternity leave, bereavement leave, jury duty, etc. Consequently, there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partners to liaise with the Casual teacher so that good teaching and learning continue and routines are kept. We thank you for your support in this area.

From the Assistant Principal Attendance:

Congratulations to the following students who as of 3rd April have **one hundred percent attendance at St. Patricks.**

Mary Abulail, Akeeney Abusalah,
Alisi Aho, Kris Alimo, Mercy Almani, Nessie Almani,
James Andrea, Mercy Andrea, Anabella Anic,
Cullen Anorico, Dominic Ashton, Rav Cea,
Simone Chishaya, Joshua Cook, River Cortes,
Aguak Deng, Salvatore Disano, Johnny Fugawai,
Siyara Gauchan, Ernest Jesson Gerado,
Jayant Ghartimagar, Ibrat Gill, Rexina Guerrero,
Anav Gural, Charbel Hajje, Pierre Hajje, George Hontas,
Alexandra Iskander, Josephine Juwa, Kasa Kata,
Jasroop Kaur, Sabreen Kaur, Chadwick Kelso, Aariz Khan,
Daniel Koko, Grace Lasu, James Lasu, Colin Mao,
Tracey Naaba, Elizabeth Nwosu, Marcus Ohanian, Cailyn Paras, Leah Pavlek, Arjun Pillay, Caleb Quintos, Richa Ranade, Riddhi Ranade, Enrico Razon, Georgina Razon, Jay Refalo, Mya Refalo, Liam Reveley, Zoe Reveley, Havana Rojas, Jayla Saliba, Saviour Saliba, Ruby Scicluna, Sophie Sharma,

Congratulations to Kindergarten who have had our highest Attendance over the last 2 weeks. Their Attendance rate is 93.4%. Well done for being at school on time with the greatest regularity. SMS Absences: Well done everyone. Our response rate to the SMS Absence message system is wonderful. Thank you for taking the time to answer the text promptly - this ensures that our records are up to date and correct.

Aker Shol, Sherie Singh, Anika Srivastava, Angela Tako, George Tannous, Melanie Tannous, Joshua Tolentino, Daksh Verma, Christopher Weatherby, Jessica Weatherby, Logan Weatherby, Lucy Wheelhouse, Garang Yac, Wieu Yac, Abhiniet Yeravedkar, Amelia Zafra, Wadee Zakhour, and Richard Zheng.

School Zones

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

It is recommended that this advice is provided for the break at the end of Term 1. For most NSW Catholic schools, school zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday 12th April 2019 and resume on Monday 29 April 2019. Note: even though many schools will elect to have Monday 29th April, as a pupil free day, school zones will be in operation on the Monday, whether students are present or not.

Problem of the week:

Mr. Crowley's Problem for the last Newsletter was:

If there are 6 platypus: How many eyes, tails and legs would there be ?

Congratulations to Jeremiah (Yr1) and Sophie (Stage 3) who got the correct answer of 42.



This newsletter's problem is:

Double me, add 18 and divide by $1/2$ to make a total of 96. What number am I?

Please write your answer on a piece of paper with your name on it and give to Mr. Crowley.

Good luck Mathematicians

Mr Tom Crowley

Assistant Principal

Partnership

Personal Growth

Moving schools

Student Voice

What do our students have to say this week?



Christian 2P - 'If you don't recycle and put rubbish in the bin, it will go to the ocean and kill fish, crabs, whales and ocean life.'

Ellaiza 2P - 'We must put rubbish in the bin. Birds can be killed if they pick rubbish up from the ground.'

Liam 2A - 'This is the Season of Lent. In Lent we give something up to remember how Jesus gave up food for 40 days. Jesus gave his life for us.'

Sofia 2A - 'Jesus gave his life for us. He died on Good Friday and rose on Easter Sunday. We should be thankful that he gave his life so that we could have ours.'

Ravya ST3B - 'Our school Diary is used to record the work we have been doing at home. It helps me to be organised. It helps me to make sure that my Homework and notes are completed.'

If your child/children is changing schools and will no longer be attending St Patrick's, Catholic Education requires 10 weeks written notice.

In this notice you are required to indicate the school your child will be attending.

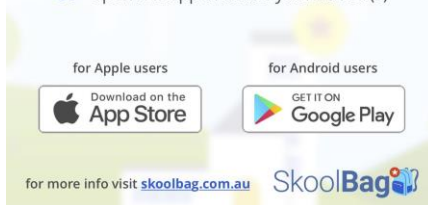
Emails:

Next term, unless you specified on the UPDATE note, your Newsletter will be emailed home. For those who requested hard copy, one will continue to be sent home.

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