

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 1, Term 2

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

5th	Yr 1 Excursion
8th	Whole School Assembly
9th	Naplan
10th	Naplan Yr 4 Mass
11th	Naplan Mother's Day Stall
12th	Naplan Catch Up Mother's Day Liturgy 10am
15th	Children wear winter uniforms Yr 2 Excursion Kinder Assembly
16th	Kinder 2018 Interviews
17th	Yr 6 Mass Year 5 Assembly
18th	Kinder 2018 Interviews

WE ARE TAKING

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. The students have returned eager to get on with their learning. As you know the students enter straight into the classrooms when the bell goes on Tuesday to Friday morning and commence their Literacy work. It is very important that the children are on time and ready to settle down to work immediately.

At times there maybe issues or concerns which need to be addressed. If you do have a concern or grievance, please follow the procedure outlined in our Policies which are available on our school website;

www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au

You can also complete a Complaints Form, which is available in the Front Office. We also follow the policies of the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Office. To be able to address and resolve issues please supply your details and the people involved so full procedural fairness can be followed. Other policies which can be accessed on our website include the anti-bullying Policy, Child Protection, School Uniform and Student Management Policy.

The students will need to be in their full winter uniform on Monday 15th May. During this transition time they need to be in their full Summer or Winter uniform depending on the weather.

Thank you for the support of the Pyjama Day last Tuesday and the donations of gifts for the Mother's Day Stall. The Parent Group will be meeting on Tuesday 9th May at 2pm in the Hall. All parents are welcome. The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 11th May. A special Mother's Day Liturgy will be held on Friday 12th May in the hall commencing at 10am, followed by Morning Tea. If you are attending the Morning Tea, please send back the rsvp on the bottom of the note that was sent home.

Yours sincerely

Philip Mahony

Principal

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY WILL BE ON
FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 2017**

NAPLAN

Next week Year 3 and Year 5 students sit for the NAPLAN tests. While this can be a stressful time we encourage all the students to do the best they can.

It is vital that all Year 3 & Year 5 students are at school on time on Tuesday 9th May, Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May. If they miss one of the assessments they will be able to catch up later in the week.

FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 2nd May, a group of enthusiastic runners headed out to compete in the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek. It was a great day with all students doing their best and representing our school with pride. Congratulations to Jae-Min Williams who came 3rd in his age group and now has the opportunity to represent the Parramatta Diocesan at state level in the New South Wales Catholic Primary School Cross Country Championships in June. Thank you to Mr Mahony who was a marshalling official and all the parents that came to support our students.



FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Our Lady of Fatima- 100 years ago

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared 6 times to 3 shepherd children; siblings Francisco aged 9, Jacinta aged 7 and their cousin Lucia aged 10; between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima in Portugal which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message from God to every man, woman, and child of our century. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed. Since that time, many of the prophecies have come true. The children said the lady told them to say the Rosary daily in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace and the end of the Great War. (Three weeks earlier, on 21 April, the first contingent of Portuguese soldiers had embarked for the front lines of the war.)

The children were told by Our Lady that God would perform a miracle so that people would believe in the apparitions. The date the children was October 13, 1917, in Fatima. On that date, 70,000 people came to see the phenomenon. The miracle occurred with the sun. All could stare perfectly at the sun without blinking, or even hurting their eyes. While all were watching the sun, it rotated, got large and small, got close to the people, and got far away from them. The sun "danced". Every single person who was there testified to seeing the sun dance, even non-believers who immediately dropped onto their knees and begged for forgiveness.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: First Holy Communion

*The parents of children who are in Year 3 as well as parents of children in Yrs 4-6 who haven't received the Sacrament of First Eucharist are invited to attend an Information Session on **Wednesday 7th June at 6pm in the Hall.***



This is a compulsory meeting if you wish your child to participate in the Eucharist program and receive the sacrament this year.

Failure to attend this meeting means that your child will miss the opportunity to participate in the program this year.

Please note that if your child has received the Eucharist when they were baptised eg, Melkite or Orthodox Rite, they have already made their "First Communion" and therefore will learn more about the Sacrament in class but are not eligible to enrol in the Sacramental program.

MASSES

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend Mass with the Parish and school this term:

Week 3

Wednesday 10th May

9am Year 4 Mass

4th Week of Easter

Week 4

Wednesday 17th May

9am Year 6 Mass

5th Week of Easter



FEAST DAYS

12th May - Sts Nereus and Achilleus, St Pancras

13th May - Our Lady of Fatima

18th May - St John I

20th May - St Bernardine of Siena

With Christ's blessing,

Wardah Khoury

PREMIER'S READING Challenge



Dear Children

I noticed you haven't added any of your books to the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

Please add them as soon as possible, so we know you are on track and you can get your certificate. Don't forget the website is:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Dear Parents

If you are unable to add them to the Internet yourself you can bring your booklist to school and Miss Buedo (4B) or Mrs Lendvai will help you. Remember **K-2** need to read (or be read to) 30 books and **Years 3-6** need to read 20 books.

Parents: Usernames and passwords stay the same every year. If you would like an electronic copy of your child's username and password for future reference, please email Miss Buedo on the school website:

<http://www.stpatsguildford.catholic.edu.au/>

Please include your child's name and class in the email.

Thank you and happy reading!

Miss Buedo



GUILDFORD RAIDERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Footballers for Under 10s

Guildford Raiders are in desperate need of players to fill their under 10's team (your child needs to be 9 or turning 10 this year). The club offers a chance for your child to experience the benefits of learning how to play Rugby League with their peers in a relaxed stress-free environment. Training is held on a Wednesday night between 5:30pm and 6:30pm at Fairfield and games are played on a Sunday usually about midday at local sports grounds. All kids are given the opportunity to play and learn regardless of their skill.

Socialising parents are plenty on training and game days, with all willing to support each other and the club. This is open to both boys and girls, other age groups still may also have positions open.

Please contact 0403 222 581 if interested.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We need lots of parents helpers for the Athletics Carnival on Friday 19th May. If you can help and have done the On-Line Protective Behaviours course, please fill in the return slip on the bottom of the Athletics note and return to the school or ring the school office.

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TERM 2 - 2017 - AT A GLANCE

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
April 1	24 th	25 th ANZAC DAY	26 th Yr 3-6 Easter Mass 4I Penance	27 th	28 th	29 th /30 th
May 2	1 st May	2 nd <i>Cross Country- Eastern Creek</i>	3 rd Yr 5 Mass 3M Penance	4 th	5 th Yr 1 Excursion	6 th /7 th
May 3	8 th Whole School Assembly	9 th Yr 3&5 National Spelling, Writing & Grammar Assessment	10 th Yr 3&5 National Reading Assessment Yr 4 Mass 6W Penance	11 th Yr 3&5 National Numeracy Assessment Mother's Day Stall	12 th Mother's Day Prayer 10am	13 th /14 th Mother's Day
May 4	15 th Yr 2 Excursion Winter Uniform Kinder Assembly	16 th Kinder 2018 Interviews	17 th Yr 6 Mass 3G Penance Yr 5 Assembly	18 th Kinder 2018 Interviews	19 th Athletics Carnival	20 th /21 st
May 5	22 nd Yr 2 Assembly	23 rd	24 th Yr 2 Mass 3B Penance Yr 6 Assembly	25 th Parramatta All Schools Rugby League Captivate Rehearsal S3 Girls Soccer	26 th	27 th /28 th Ascension
May /June 6	29 th Whole School Assembly	30 th	31 st Yr 3 Mass 6F Penance	1 st June	2 nd Kinder Excursion	3 rd /4 th Pentecost
June 7	5 th Yr 1 Assembly	6 th	7 th Yr 1 Mass 6R Penance Yr 3 Assembly Communion Parent meeting 6pm	8 th	9 th Staff Development Day	10 th /11 th Holy Trinity
June 8	12 th Queens B'day	13 th Captivate Rehearsal	14 th Yr 5 Mass Yr 4 Assembly	15 th Penance Yr 2	16 th	17 th /18 th Corpus Christi
June 9	19 th Whole School Assembly	20 th	21 st	22 nd Penance Yr 2	23 rd Sacred Heart Whole School Mass 9am Reports go home	24 th /25 th
JUNE 10 Parent Teacher Interviews	26 th	27 th	28 th Kinder Mass	29 th Penance Yr 2	30 th School Closes	1 st July/ 2 nd