

# ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

*Making a Difference*

Newsletter 1, Term 3

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### JULY

Mon 27	Yr 3 Reflection Day NSW All School R/League
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Tue 28	Confirmation Parent Meeting 6pm (Yr 5)
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Wed 29	Yr 3 Mass
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Fri 31	Yr 6 Winter Sleepout
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#### AUGUST

Tue 4	Cumberland Zone Athletics
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Wed 5	Whole School Mass St 2 Assembly 4C
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**TERM 3**

**STAFF**

**DEVELOPMENT**

**DAY**

**FRIDAY**

**7TH AUGUST 2015**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 3. I trust that everyone had a restful and happy break. Thank you for your positive involvement with the recent Parent/ Teacher Interviews and working in a partnership for the learning of each child at St. Patrick's.

The students are certainly very enthusiastic to be at school and keen to do their best work.

As parents it is important that we lead and act from strong positive convictions: leadership is a major function of our parenting role. We can never provide leadership if we are always reactive and constantly responding to crises. When we simply react, it indicates that our children have taken the lead and we are following; we are following children who have little life experience, little wisdom and only a blurred vision of where they are going.

Whatever we want our children to be, we have to demonstrate it to them and be successful models for them, so they can see the benefits of what it is we are leading them to be.

If we are parents who lead, we can create opportunities for our children to thrive. We should never be apologetic about demanding high standards. Our children need us to set standards and clearly define boundaries within which there is freedom for our children to make positive choices about their intended achievements and their social responsibilities. We assume leadership in this area, because we are more experienced, knowledgeable and wise. To be successful in this area, we need to be relaxed, warm and accepting whilst still being firm and insistent.

When we are faced with tough choices, we need to brace ourselves, choose what we consider to be the best way forward and set about it in a positive manner.

Warm regards

Phil Mahony  
Principal

## NETBALL

On Tuesday the 21st of July, 20 girls from year five and six spent the day out at Kellyville and took part in a Netball Gala Day. The two teams competed against other schools from the Parramatta Diocese and although neither of the teams won their divisions, they both finished in the top three! A wonderful result! The girls should be congratulated on their impressive netball skills, the way they encouraged each other and the positive sportsmanship they displayed. Well done to you all! You did yourselves and our school very proud!

A special thanks also to the parents that came along on the day to assist and/or support their daughters. Especially Julie Issa for umpiring and Vivian Moujaes for her assistance with coaching.

### Under 11's

Isabella Saba  
Georgia Saba  
Akaysha Waihi  
Ashli Gabriel  
Alice Wall  
Trista Halloun  
Shanice Younan  
Christen Baltasar  
Jennifer Ghaleb  
Maddison Yagki



### Under 12's

Mary Sleiman  
Alyssa Khouli  
Mikayla Issa  
Emily Contreras  
Daveda Jabour  
Josephine Moujaes  
Jacinta Sleiman  
Chanelle Serhan  
Charlize Tartak  
Sarah Hofman



## WEEKLY VALUE

*Respect in How you to Speak to Others*

## BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

A reminder that morning supervision commences at 8:15am. Students should not be arriving at school before that time as there are no teachers on duty until that time. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/. All we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when its complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students—including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit:

[woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

## FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Welcome everyone to a new term with lots learning and fun.

We started Peer support on Monday and we feel so sorry for our teachers because we now realise how hard it is to cope with a group of children. During this session, we learnt how to be resilient, which is when we bounce back from a challenging situation. We also learnt communication skills and how to stay positive.

Last week on Wednesday we got our groove on and started dance fever. We are learning variety of dances such as ballroom and Hip Hop. It has been a great start to the term.

Charlie-Rose El Riachi, Julian Barakat, Josephine Moujaes, Tony Ashkar, Madison Yagki, Teresa Akkarri, Mikayla Issa, Isaac Halloun and George Alam.

## FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

### **YEAR 3 REFLECTION DAY**

***All Year 3 students will be involved in a reflection day on Monday 27th July. They have been learning about the Sacraments of Initiation during Religious Education Lessons and will spend the day being involved in activities centred on the Eucharist.***

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The Parish will celebrate Mass with the first communicants at the Saturday Vigil Mass and 10am Masses on Sunday starting from 1st August. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time.



### **CONFIRMATION**

A Parent Meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 6pm in the School Hall.**



The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to children in Years 5-6 who have not received it at Baptism.

**Attendance at this Parent Meeting is compulsory.**

***If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Baptism (Maronite, Coptic Orthodox, Melkite, Greek Orthodox, Antiochan Orthodox) you will not need to attend this meeting.***

### **MASSES**

Week 3- Wednesday 29th July  
9am Year 3 Mass  
*St Martha*



Week 4 – Friday 7th August  
9am Whole School Mass  
*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop*

### **FEAST DAYS**

25th July – St James

29th July – St Martha

31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola

1st August – St Alphonsus Liguori

4th August – St John Vianney

6th August – The Transfiguration of the Lord

### **RELIGIOUS TRIVIA**

1. Who is the patron Saint of our Parish?
2. What happens at the Liturgy of the Word?
3. What is brought to the altar during the Presentation of the Gifts?
4. What is our response when we are sent forth from Mass?



1. St Patrick
2. The Word is proclaimed (readings from the bible)
3. Bread and Wine
4. Thanks be to God

**Answers**

### **PIETY STALL**

Holy Communion gifts and cards are available at the Piety Stall at Sundays Masses.

Yours in Christ  
Wardeh Khoury

## Miss Kim Stephenson's Novel 'Oran-Roy' Available For Purchase Update



Over the past few years, I have been working on a children's/young adult novel that is of the fantasy and adventure genre. I have thoroughly enjoyed the writing process and finally, the book is almost ready to be purchased. I had the idea to write immediately after finishing 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows'. I began to cry as my favourite books that had changed my life had come to an end. Quickly, the tears vanished and an idea popped into my head. "Write your own novel," I thought to myself. Up till that point in my life I never thought that I was a good enough writer to produce a novel. Over the months that quickly turned into years, ideas came pouring into my mind. In 2009, I finally began to write the manuscript. Finally, after careful edits and preparing the book's cover, the book will be available to be purchased on Amazon.com over the next two weeks. It will be available in eBook form, as well as paperback. Please like the Facebook page titled 'Oran Roy' and stay tuned for updates and the official release date. This page will also have the direct link to Amazon.com to purchase the novel. You'll notice that it is under the author name, 'Kaye Swan' and not my own name. 'Kaye Swan' is my writing alias. Thank you to the many students who have shown an interest in my writing journey, as well as the parents and staff of St Patrick's. Your support, encouragement and great interest have made this possible to complete. If you have any questions in regards to the book or purchasing it, please feel free to approach me and ask. The book is targeted for advanced upper primary children and high school aged children.

Miss Kim Stephenson a.k.a. Kaye Swan

## The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us.

Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233  
Web: [www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding)  
Email: [safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au)  
Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**

**JOSEPH SCHOOL UNIFORMS**  
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**NSW 2161**

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*St Patrick's winter uniforms are now discounted.*

## **MERRY- LANDS WEST SCHOOL & WORKWEAR CENTRE**

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and trousers

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skirts

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