

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 2 Term 1

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Wed 25th	School Photos Full Summer Uniform
Fri 27th	Diocesan Swim- ming Carnival

MARCH

Wed 4th	Yr 2 Mass Cross Country
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Yesterday we celebrated the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass. We use this time before Holy Week and Easter to prepare ourselves through fasting, prayer and giving to the poor. Let us all work towards being better people at the end of this Lenten Session.

On Wednesday 11th February, we celebrated our Opening School Mass. This was a lovely ceremony to commission our Year 6 School Leaders and ask for God's blessing on our school year.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to the Parent Information sessions last week. These sessions were well attended and provided parents with the opportunity to meet their child's teacher who explained important class organisation details for the year.

It was a little disappointing to only get 9 parents attend the Parent Group Meeting on Tuesday night. We were not able to fill the Parent Committee positions and they remain vacant at this time. The small but enthusiastic group of parents have agreed to form a committee to organise an Easter Event. They will be asking for volunteers to assist in the coming weeks. To share the workload all parents are asked to assist in one of the Parent Group activities during the year. We hope that if you can not help with the Easter activity, you can offer up your time for the Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls or other Parent Group Events. I am sure your children would love to see you helping out during the year.

As mentioned at the Parent Information sessions there are a number of new forms to be completed and returned to the school. These forms will come home with each child about the selling of Raffle Tickets and using the Students Image/photo at school.

Kind Regards

Philip Mahony



SCHOOL PHOTOS

25TH FEBRUARY

FULL SUMMER

UNIFORM

Please return all photo envelopes to children's class teacher.

WEEKLY VALUE

Always Respecting the Rights of Others

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

We were very proud to be commissioned to be the School Leaders at the Opening School Mass. We promise to make a difference by leading the students of St Patrick's with virtue and honour. Congratulations to all the children who represented our school in the 2015 Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival. Also a special thanks to all the helpers/runners who helped out on the day.

Kind regards

Charlie-Rose el Riachi, Julian Barakat
Josephine Moujaes, Tony Ashkar,
Madison Yagki, George Alam, Teresa Akkari,
Isaac Halloun, Mikayla Issa

SKOOLBAG APP



This week the St Patrick's Skoolbag app is available for download. This is a useful resource as it informs families about events happening at St Patrick's, as well as links to the school newsletter. Notes about how to download the app were given out at the Parent Information sessions last week.

***Extra copies are available at the office.**

When you download the app you will need to turn on the notifications so you receive push notifications when something new has been uploaded onto the app. To do this:

- open the app
- select ***more*** button on the right of bottom toolbar
- select ***set up push notifications***
- turn on the grades you wish to receive the notifications.

TRAINING MODULE - CHILD PROTECTION FOR VOLUNTEERS

Previously we have held Child Protection at our Parent Group Meetings. You will now go online to do your training.

It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all new volunteers commencing work in our school and has to be renewed every second year for existing volunteers.

An online training module for use by volunteers is now available at: <http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>

If you are having trouble getting onto the above site, you could try Googling CEO Parramatta Training Volunteers, then click on Child Protection Training Module 1 which will take you into the correct site..

To use the module:

1. Open the module by clicking the Start link.
2. Read through the presentation.
3. Complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 45 minutes.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.

A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to your email address. Please contact the school office if you are unsure when you last did your training.

FROM THE OFFICE

Term One school fees are due on the 6th March 2015.

FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR



Lent is a forty-day season of preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. The season began yesterday with Ash Wednesday, when we bore the mark of ashes on our foreheads as a reminder that we are created from dust and to dust we shall return.

During Lent we follow Jesus from his adult ministry, through his suffering during Holy Week, to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. We read the Psalms that foretold what happened during that week.

Lent is a time of stripping down to essentials, as individuals we need to focus on our relationship with God. It is a time to remember our baptisms, when Jesus washed away our sins, giving us newness of life to celebrate in the triumph of Palm Sunday and the glory of Easter. Many early Christians were baptised on Easter Sunday, so Lent became a special time of study and prayer in preparation for their baptisms. Later the entire congregation joined in the study and prayer as they looked forward to the anniversary of their baptisms on Easter.

MASSES

Parents and friends are welcome to celebrate the Mass with the parish and students on:



Week 6 – Wednesday 4th March

9am Years 2 Mass

2nd Week of Lent

Week 4 – Wednesday 11th March

9am Yr 5 Mass

3rd Week of Lent

FEAST DAYS

18th February – LENT begins

21st February – St Peter Damian

23rd February – St Polycarp

RELIGIOUS TRIVIA

- What colour does the Church use during Lent?
- During Lent Catholics are encouraged to give money to...
- What does the Catholic Church ask us to do during Lent?
- True or False- Jesus teaches us to love and forgive only those who deserve it.

Answers

1. Purple
2. Project Compassion
3. Pray, fast, almsgiving
(give to the poor)

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

Yours in Christ
Wardeh Khoury

FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR

ZONE SWIMMING CARINIVAL



Congratulations to the team of 19 students who participated in the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival held at Parramatta Pools on the 17th February. The team showed great sportsmanship on the day which they should be proud of. The following students participated on the day:

Amanda Exley, Anthony Chami, Clara El Bayssari, Dominic McGregor, Nathan Kady, Angelina Mouawad, John Paul Shalala, Nicholas Azizi, Olivia Budini, Akaysha Waihi, Caitlin Mouawad, Ben McGregor, Charlie Rose El Riachi, Jayden Camilleri, Jude Wall, Angus Wall, Elissa El Bayssari, Anthony Ters, Josephine Moujaes

Congratulations goes to Ben McGregor on being named Senior Boy Runner Up on the day. A great achievement and recognition of his sporting ability in swimming. We wish Ben McGregor, Jude Wall, Angus Wall and Josephine Moujaes the best of luck in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 27th February held at Blacktown Pools.

A special 'thank-you' to Mr McGregor and Mrs Budini who spent the whole day on timekeeping and the recording table. Without parent support carnivals and Gala days will not be able to go ahead. The year six leaders were invaluable in supporting the Teachers and Parent Helpers on the day serving refreshments, running times, posting results and marshalling. Many people commented on their manners and attitude on day. Thank you Isaac Halloun, Tony Ashkar, Madison Yagki, Teresa Akkari, Julian Barakat, George Alam, Mikayla Issa, you were wonderful ambassadors for St Patrick's.

Mrs Chatten

From the Assistant Principal: A special thankyou from St. Patrick's to Mrs Chatten who coordinated the whole carnival and did a wonderful job. Your hard work was most appreciated.

CROSS COUNTRY

Grades 2-6 will compete in a Cross Country run at McCredie Oval on Wednesday 4th March (Week 6). Students are asked to wear their sport uniform and house coloured t-shirt. Bring plenty of water. The students will run a 2km/3km course around McCredie Oval. Those students who complete the course in the allocated time will be chosen to represent the school at The Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek on May 5th. We will start with the older ages first due to year 2 attending Mass.

Parent Helpers are being called for, if you have completed the Child Protection Course and wish to help on the day, please complete the note and return to Mrs Chatten ASAP.



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OPEN DAY
11 March 2015
3.30pm - 5.30pm

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Accepting enrolments for Year 7 2016



St Pauls CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Open Day
Date: Sunday 15th March 2015

Time: 8.30am to 2.30pm
Address: 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes

St Pauls Catholic College invites you to come along to our Open Day to experience what we can offer boys during their secondary schooling years. We will have open class rooms and school tours available so that you can see our facilities and current teachers and students will be available to answer any questions you may have.