

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 3, Term 4

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Fr 13	McAuley Orientation
Wed 18	S1 Assembly 1M
Fri 20	Kinder 2016 Orientation
Tue 24	Fairfield Pats Orientation
Wed 25	S3 Assembly 5RL & 5M

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ORIENTATION

**THURSDAY
20TH
NOVEMBER 2015**

**ST PATRICK'S
GUILDFORD
SWIMMING
CARNIVAL
14TH DECEMBER 2015
YEARS 3-6
Parents Welcome**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As we come into the second half of our final term for the year, there is often a misconception that things start to wind down. How far from the truth this is. At home things begin to get very busy in the lead up to Christmas, people want of your time and that time is often hard to find. The same can be said for school. The final few weeks of Term Four are usually the busiest time of year for the staff and the students.

It is important during this time that as parents and teachers, we maintain a sense of calm when the chaos of this time of year is bubbling all around us.

So often our best intentions are derailed by our inability to regulate our emotions. On the other hand, when we are able to regulate our emotions using effective strategies, they can help us be more effective in everything we do. We are able to respond better to children's ups and downs and help them develop strategies to be resilient when things don't go the way they expected.

The next five weeks are going to be very busy in our school life. Let's encourage the children to continue to do their best at all times while also enjoying the lead up to the end of the school year.

God Bless

Stephen Lee
Acting Principal

WEEKLY VALUE

Being Honest

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Many of our students are not wearing the correct uniform, particularly on sports day. Our policy clearly states:

White sports shoes (predominately), white laces & white ankle socks.

It would be appreciated if ALL children in our school could come to school dressed in line with our school policy.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM,

What a productive, creative and very rewarding time we are experiencing, during term four, in Visual Arts.

I am proud to announce the three finalists from St Patrick's, who participated in the Make An Art Competition - Make A Wish Foundation. The finalists include, Antonious Farag (4G), Natalie Awad (5S) and Sarah Hofman (60). The following students will be photographed and interviewed this week, which will be published in the Auburn Review Newspaper.

I am also proud to announce the following students as winners of the Melbourne Cup Art Competition, which the staff had a difficult job to judge ... the talent was amazing!

Raquel Ters - KR
Sienna Saad - KR
Luke Kambolli - 1M
Elyssa Eid - 2Y
Deanna Ters - 3M
David Jacobson - 4C
Virginia Hechme - 5M
Sarah Hofman - 60

I look forward to continuing to support the students as they create their masterpieces.

Mrs C Hoyle



World Teachers' Day Sizzles!

The Parents' Group sausage sizzle held in conjunction with World Teachers' Day on Friday, October 30 was a great success!

A large number of volunteers turned up to help cook and prepare more than 400 orders for sizzles and bottled water. As a result, around \$1000 was raised for the purchase of learning resources for the school.

Thanks to these people and organisations for their assistance:

Patrick's Hot Bread, Guildford
Bob the Butcher, Guildford
Coles Merrylands
Dolly Chahin
Margaret Bakhos

THE PARENTS GROUP



STUDENT OPAL CARD IN 2016

The School Opal Card will replace most of the current Student Travel Passes provided under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS). The eligibility for the SSTS will not change.

The existing Student Travel Passes will still be in use for students travelling to and from school outside the area served by the Opal Card. Students who already have bus passes will be sent their new opal cards next year. Students in Year 2 have to reapply for new bus passes for Year 3. New applications will now have to be done online, printed out and then submitted to the school for our endorsement.

A fact Sheet will go home soon.

FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

Silly Sock Day

It was wonderful to see the effort both Parents, Students and Teachers all went to with silly sock day. We had some very creative socks and most importantly we were able to raise \$724.50 for Catholic Missions. Thanks once again for your generous support.



Mission Boxes: Throughout terms 3 and 4, all donations to the class mission boxes will be forwarded to Catholic Mission.



FEAST DAYS

11th November – St Martin of Tours

12th November – St Josaphat

16th November – St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude

17th November – St Elizabeth of Hungary

18th November – The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

21st November – The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

22nd November – Christ the King

23rd November – St Clement I, St Columban

24th November – Sts Andrew Dung-Lac



On Friday 13th November we will be taking photos of our school community “Jumping Up & Down 4Kids” This is a raising awareness campaign of the harm and trauma children in immigration detention experience. No petitions. No donations. It's just a jump to show that we won't standby and let this happen to kids.

Currently there are over 200 children in detention on Nauru calling for our help and pity.

Jump Up & Down 4 Kids because no child belongs in immigration detention.

The Human Rights Commission's Forgotten Children report into children in detention provides evidence that is both shocking and shameful.

The reporting has been consistent. Children are being harmed and the trauma they are experiencing may be carried well into their adult life.

It's time that we all jumped up and down to end indefinite mandatory immigration detention for kids. They don't belong there. They never did.

MASSES

Week 8 – Wednesday 25th November

9am Year 5 Mass

St Catherine of Alexandria

Yours in Christ

Wardeh Khoury

FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR

SWIMMING REMINDER



The Annual Swimming Carnival is on the 14th December at Guildford Pool. It will start approximately at 9:15am. Canteen facilities are available on the day. The Presentations will be held back at school at the conclusion of the day. Parents and family most welcome to attend.

REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS

A reminder that the Representative trials are open to register for your child if they are in Years 5 or 6 in 2016. Please remember that in order to register, your child must have representative experience outside school in your chosen sport. Any questions please see Mrs Chatten.

Sun Safety

As the weather warms up and the sun is shining. A reminder that every student must have their hat on before school, during recess and lunch and at dismissal EVERY day. As a Sun Safe school we employ the rule 'No hat, No play'.

CANTEEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER		
MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
2nd Samantha Keirouz Joanne Elias	4th Lisa Antoun Maria Uno Rebecca Bou-Said	6th Natalie Durbidge Maria Reynolds
9th Samantha Keirouz Kim Tae-Kwong	11th Rosie Narse Melissa Burchdan	13th Samantha Khattar
16th Samantha Keirouz	18th Lisa Antoun Rosie Narse	20th Marie Scaltrito
23rd Samantha Keirouz Kim Tae-Kwong	25th Sadie Ters Rania Antoun	27th
30th Samantha Keirouz		
DECEMBER		
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7th Samantha Keirouz Taw -Kwong Kim	9th Melissa Burchdan Rosie Narse	11th Samantha Khattar
14th Samantha Keirouz	16th Lisa Antoun Rosie Narse	

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Welcome to week 6. This term is flying by so quickly. So much has happened.

Year 6 have been preparing for high school and there have been a lot of students attending Orientation Days.

We heard that KM's assembly was very entertaining. To all the student who received Merit Awards, GOOD JOB!

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

**Breakfast at St Patricks
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from
8.05am**

Toast—2 slices Jam, butter and vegemite	\$2.00
Banana Bread—per slice	\$3.00
Fresh Fruit served with Vanilla Yo-	\$3.50
Cheese Bacon Roll	\$1.50
Finger Bun	\$1.50
Up & Go Chocolate & Strawberry	\$1.70
Milk, Juice and water available	