

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

Newsletter 5, Term 1

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

2Thur	Term 1 ends
3 Fri	Good Friday
Mon 20	Term 2 begins Easter Reflection 1.45pm
21 Tue	Yr 2 Penance Parent Meeting 6pm

ST PATRICK'S

WINTER UNIFORM

The first day for St Patrick's winter uniform to be worn is on **May 10th**. (Monday after Mothers' Day).

If the weather turns cold before then, the children may wear their **full winter uniform**. Also please refer to our **Uniform Policy for Hair Styles and Jewellery regulation**.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As we end the first Term for this year, it is important as a Catholic School, to reflect on the events of Holy Week and prepare for Easter Sunday. The students have been celebrating these important events over the past week and have been prayful in their presentations.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

A "triduum" is a three-day period (the word comes from the Latin - tres Dies. The Easter Triduum is a three-day period in which Christians celebrate what Easter means to them. It is the pinnacle of the liturgical year. These three days are three days of mystery.

The Easter Triduum is when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. These days call to mind the last meal and arrest of Jesus (Thursday evening), the crucifixion and burial of Jesus (Good Friday), and the resurrection of Jesus (Easter Day).

While you attend the services over Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, explain to your children the meaning of each event. When they are enjoying their Easter Eggs also stress with them that the eggs mean New Life, that is New Life in the risen Lord for all of us.

Have a happy and Holy Easter.

Term 2 resumes on Monday 20th April.

Warm Regards

Phil Mahony
Principal



WEEKLY VALUE

Gold Awards

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

This past week, we have seen all grades recreate the events of Holy Week. They have reminded us how important the Lenten Season is and how important Jesus is to our lives. The children did a very good job and we would like to congratulate the teachers and students for putting so much time and effort into their re-enactments.

This term has been wonderful, full of events and fun. We would like to thank the parents and teachers who helped out and especially Mr Mahony, or organising everything.

We are looking forward to the next term, for more learning and fun. We hope you have an excellent holiday full of joy. HAPPY EASTER!

Kind regards

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

FROM THE PARENT GROUP

Dear Parents

A great big thank you for your wonderful support and contributions to our Easter Fundraising Project. It truly was a great success. This was only achieved through your generous contributions. A huge thank you to Therese Anjoul of Bhampered for the wonderful donation of our 7 grade raffles, and to Linda Boutros for the mouth watering easter cookies that she made for our raffles. Also thanks to Mary Contreras for co-ordinating the Easter Fundraising Project and the outstanding mums and dads that took the time out to wrap all the eggs for the children.

Please don't forget to send in the note for the mothers day helpers in the first week of term 2. In order for our school to have a mothers day stall we need to have helpers and someone to co-ordinate the fundraiser. Please spare any time you can to help make this possible.

Have a wonderful Easter and a safe holiday.

FROM THE OFFICE

Please finalise Term 1 One School Fees if you haven't already done so. We would like to wish all the families at St Patrick's a holy, happy and safe holiday.

FROM THE SPORT COORDINATOR

Congratulations to Raymond Hekeik and Dion Lendon Sleiman on being selected in the Opens MacKillop Rugby League Trials held in Canberra on the 1st May. We wish them all the best.

This year we have entered the Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day on 23rd April. Make sure all notes are returned ASAP. We wish the following girls all the best as they compete against many other schools in the diocesan for a day of soccer. Jo Danielle Faddoul, Monique Bechara, Olivia Budini, Patricia Makary, Natalie Awad, Taylah Yacoub, Valentina Mansour, Jacynta Sleiman, Daveda Jabour, Teresa Akkari, Emily Contreras, Gabriella Amoah and Josephine Moujaes.

All Diocesan Cross Country money needs to be returned to Mrs Chatten or the office by the end of week one next term.

Don't forget to get your plain coloured t-shirt for the Athletics Carnival next term. If you are unsure of your house colour please see your teacher.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs Turano who gave up her time and expertise to fix our school parachute which had seen many an athletics carnival over the years. We greatly appreciate your time and effort in helping St Patrick's.



Congratulations to the Baltasar family on the birth of a baby boy, Luke, a brother for Christen, James and Sara.



YEAR 2 TRANSPORT DESIGN AND MAKE



FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR

THE MEANING OF EASTER - WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?



The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolises the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning of Easter also symbolises the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three-year ministry.

If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another teacher or Rabbi. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all. Today, the meaning of Easter, for million of Christians, is that of honouring and recognising Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, and His glorious promises of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

Lord, be with those who believe in you.

Christ, be with those who take up their cross.

Lord, be with those who wait for resurrection.

MASSES

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

Week 1 – Wednesday 22nd April
9am Years 2 Mass
3rd Week of Easter

Week 2 – Wednesday 29th April
9am year 6 Mass
St Catherine of Siena



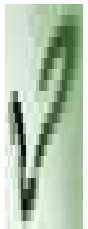
HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS

Thank you to all the Parents who were able to join us this week to reflect upon the events of Holy Week. Some photos of these reflections have been included in this weeks newsletter. Please join the school for our final prayer reflection about Easter Sunday lead by Year 3 on Monday 20th of April at 1.45pm in the school hall.



RELIGIOUS TRIVIA

- How long did Jesus spend in the desert?
- How did the soldiers know who to arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- What did Jesus say at 3 o'clock before he died?
- True or False- Jesus rose from the dead on Good Friday.



- Answers
1. 40 days and nights
 2. Judas kissed Jesus on the cheek
 3. Father! In your hands I place my Spirit
 4. False

PENANCE PARENT MEETING

A compulsory Penance Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st April 2015 for the Parents of children in Year 2 and any parent of Children in Years 3 to 6 who have not made their First Penance. It will be held in the School Hall commencing at 6pm. Attendance of one parent is required to ensure enrolment into the Sacrament.

Have a joyous Easter!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs Wardeh Khoury

HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS



Kindergarten- Palm Sunday



Year 4 – Holy Thursday



Year One—Garden of Gethsemane



Year 5 Jesus is Trailed and Sentenced to



Year 6 – The Stations of the Cross



Year 2—Burial

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PRINCIPAL'S GOLD AWARD MORNING TEA

