

# ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

*Making a Difference*

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MARCH

17th	<b>St Patrick's Day Whole School Mass 9.00 Picnic lunch 1.00pm</b>
20th	<b>Yr 4 Assembly 2.15pm</b>
22nd	<b>Yr 3 Mass Yr 5 Excursion to the Rocks 2.15pm Kindergarten Assembly</b>
23rd	<b>Yr 6 Excursion to Australian Museum Sydney Story Factory Workshop Yr 5</b>
27th	<b>Whole School Assembly 2.15pm</b>

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As a school community we were deeply saddened with the news of Jacob Baysari's death last week after a long and courageous battle with leukaemia. Jacob attended St. Patrick's from 2003 to 2009. His younger sister Isabel is presently in Year 6. We offer our condolences and prayers to the Baysari family at this difficult time. May Jacob rest in peace and be in the presence of our Risen Lord.

We started our celebrations of St. Patrick's Day today with musical workshops and an entertaining concert with Andrew Chin, an outstanding Religious Songwriter and Singer. Tomorrow we will join together to celebrate as a school at Mass then a special St. Patrick's Day assembly at 12.30pm in the hall followed by a picnic lunch at 1.00pm.

Yours sincerely

Philip Mahony

Principal

**2018 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN.**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL**

**OFFICE**



**NEW ASSEMBLY  
DATE  
FOR YEAR ONE**

**29TH MARCH AT  
2.15PM**

## WEEKLY VALUE

*Playing in a friendly manner*

## ST PATRICK'S WINTER JACKETS

Orders are now been taken for fleecy lined winter jackets. They are \$37.00. The last day for these orders is Monday 20th March. No orders will be placed after this date.

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fees are now due. If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact Cathy in the office.

## FINAL PRINT EDITION OF CATHOLIC OUTLOOK – MARCH 2017

After 19 years, the print edition of Catholic Outlook (the official publication for the Diocese of Parramatta) will cease publication with March 2017 being the final issue. *Catholic Outlook* will continue publishing news and events online at [www.catholicoutlook.org](http://www.catholicoutlook.org) and through the Diocese of Parramatta's social media channels.

A sincere thank you to readers and all those who have worked on publishing *Catholic Outlook* over the years. Thanks also to the generous advertisers, school and parish communities which have helped keep Catholics in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains informed of what is happening in the Church.

**Guildford Raiders Football Club** is looking for players to fill their under ten's team (Your child needs to turn 10 within 2017). It is a great opportunity to get fit and healthy, learn teamwork skills and have fun with others. Parents too can enjoy a chat outdoors as well as support their child. Please contact Caroline Khoury on 0402 814 094 if you are interested.

## FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Dear Parents,

This week we had lots of events happening at our school. We were very lucky to have Andrew Chinn a hilarious musical artist. He interacted with the students to entertain and sing some of his songs. Children went to captivate practice at Delany College. They were listening to their all schools captivate song for the first time.

St Patrick's Day is on Friday the 17th of March. We as a school will be having a Mass at 9:00am and after that at 11:05am the children will be using their knowledge about St Patrick to do fun activities. There will also be a presentation in the hall for what the children have learnt about St Patrick. Then, there will be a picnic for parents and children at 1:00 pm. Parents, you may bring food and picnic blankets.

Unfortunately due to the terrible rain that we have had, we had to postpone Cross country. We will give you further notice on the new date.

By Jonathan Kaliffe (Vice Captain) and  
Christian El-Koura.(Community Leader)

## DISCOVER WHY A MERCY EDUCATION IS TREASURED FOR LIFE

### YEAR 7, 2019 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

**Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta** warmly invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2019 Enrolment Information Evening starting at 5.30pm on March 21, 2017. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment Pack, attend an Information Session, meet the College staff and enjoy

Afternoon Tea with the OLMC P&F. For

enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email

[registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au).

# Patrick



Patrick was born around 385AD in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raid and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family. He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He began his studies for the priesthood. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.



## FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

Children should come to school dressed in green. Join our school and parish on the 17th of March for our St Patrick's Day celebration starting with Mass at 9am.

At 12.30pm Parents are welcomed to attend a short assembly followed by a picnic lunch at 1pm. The parent group will be organising some treats for sale on the day.

## FEAST DAYS

17th March - St Patrick  
20th March - St Joseph  
25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord

## HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Sr Helen will be available to endorse High School applications on behalf the Parish Priest after any of the Masses on the weekend.

## MASSES

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

### Week 8

Friday 17th March  
9am Year K-6 Mass  
*St Patrick*

### Week 9

Wednesday 22th March  
9am Years 3 Mass  
*3rd Week of Lent*



Yours in Christ

Wardeh Khoury

## Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

The *Premier's Reading Challenge* aims to encourage a love of reading for enjoyment and enrichment in students and enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The *NSW Premier's Reading Challenge* booklists open doors to a rich collection of children's literature representing a range of books including fiction, non-fiction, picture books, poetry and drama and include a wide variety of Australian authors.

The 2017 Challenge opened on Monday the **6<sup>th</sup> of March** and closes for students on **Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August (midnight)**.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is no compulsory, but a great opportunity for all students. A note has sent home with more information about the challenge. If your child would like to participate in the challenge, please return the permission slip to their classroom teacher.

**K-2 need to read (or an adult has read to them) 30 books.**

**3-6 need to read 20 books.**

The children are encouraged to borrow the PRC books from the Library in their borrowing time. Local Libraries also take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge, so you can borrow and find books there as well.

K-2 have a red sticker on the book spine, 3&4 have a green sticker and 5&6 have a purple sticker.

At this stage, we would just like you to record the book title and the author's name **on the written log we sent home** with the PRC note. Later on we will issue your child with a username and password, so that you can log onto the PRC website and submit your reading list.

This year the Challenge celebrates its fifteenth anniversary so stay tuned for some exciting celebratory events! All the best to the St Patrick students who will be participating in this years Premier's Reading Challenge.

Please find further information on the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Website or contact **Miss Buedo** or **Mrs Lendvai** for further information and assistance.

## **MERRYLANDS WEST SCHOOL & WORKWEAR CENTRE**

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**\*\*Lay-by Welcome\*\***

## **St Patrick's Family Festival:** **18 March**

This festival is organised by the Life, Marriage & Family Office and will be held from 2.00pm-5.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. The Irish themed event will include live entertainment, food, rides for all ages and a historical display about the contribution the Irish have made to our Diocese. The event will also raise awareness about the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin next year and raise funds for families to be able to attend. All are welcome! For more information check out: [www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day](http://www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day) Anyone interested in volunteering to

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS AT ST PATRICK'S

Parents who would like to volunteer at the school must complete a Building Child Safe Communities Form online. Please see below for instructions on how to log on to the website .

### BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '**Volunteer Form**' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

Then click on '**Contractor Form**' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.