

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Making a Difference

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

16th	2Y Penance Peer support Training Y 6
17th	Peer Support Y6 Yr2 Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion
22nd	Yr 6 Mass S2 Assembly –Y3 At 2pm
23rd	2F First Penance Yr 1 Maritime Museum Captivate Performance 7pm Nagle College
24th	Yr 4 Excursion Imax Theatre/Luna Park Reports go home
27-30th	Parent/teacher Interviews ES1 & S1 Assembly Yr 1
28th	Infants Gymnastics Make-up lesson
29th	Yr 3 Mass Whole School Assembly Under 11's Rugby League Final
30th	2R/L First Penance S2 Boys Soccer

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Building a strong partnership between parents and the school is vital to the success of a child's learning. One way we do this is through our Parent-Teacher interviews at the end of this term.

Parent-Teacher interviews provide opportunities for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their child's Semester 1 Report and to discuss ways that parents can work with the teachers to support their child's learning and development at school and at home.

We know when teachers and parents work in partnership, and in particular when parents are engaged in their child's learning, children do better at school and experience higher levels of well-being.

What can you do to make your Parent-Teacher interview a productive meeting for you and your child?

- Think about questions to ask, such as: Is my child achieving at the appropriate level? What do you see as his or her strengths? How could he or she improve?
- Acknowledge that the teacher has many students that they are responsible for. Let the teacher know that you appreciate the opportunity to meet with you about your child.
- Ask to see examples of your child's work. Ask how the work is assessed/graded.
- Be sure to share your thoughts and feelings about your child. Share with the teacher what you think your child needs help with.
- Ask what you can do at home to help your child.
- Ask how the teacher will both challenge your child and provide support when needed.
- Talk to your child about the meeting. Share what you have learned and show your child what you will do to help with learning at home. Write down an action plan and stick to it!

I hope you will all take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and I trust that you will find it a valuable experience. I welcome any feedback.

Yours sincerely

Phil Mahony
Principal

PARRAMATTA ALL SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE

On Thursday 2nd June, over 65 boys represented St. Patrick's at the Parramatta All Schools Rugby League Carnival. The children played with great spirit with all teams being competitive on the day. Congratulations to the Under 11 boys who went through the day undefeated and now play off in the Parramatta Final on Wednesday 29th June.

I would like to thank Mr Ters (Maroun), Mr Tito (Mikayel), Mr Semrani (Pres. of Guildford Raiders) & Mr Leatherby (Joseph) for coaching teams on the day and also to the other parents who helped out. Also, thank you to the staff members, Mrs Gabriel, Mrs Chatten, Mr Bladwell and Mr Mahony who each managed a team on the day.

A final thank you to all the parents who came and supported the children. It was great to see & hear the positive support for our children and also the positive support for children on opposition teams for good play. You all did the St. Patrick's community proud.

Stephen Lee

Assistant Principal

FROM THE SCHOOL LEADERS

Dear Parents, teachers and students
This term is flying and it's so close to holidays, already! Just another two weeks. We had the environmental council come to tell us about where our waste goes and what happens to it when you put it in the bin. Next week we have a mufti day. We're raising money for people with cancer which is really good.

Thanks

Christen Baltasar and Ray Burchdan

WEEKLY VALUE

Encouraging Others



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PRINCIPAL AWARD
RECIPIENTS





THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY- Admonish the sinner

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom (Col 3:16). The word “admonish” comes from the Latin verb *monere* meaning to warn, advise, or alert someone to a threat or danger. As such, its purpose is the good of another; it is an act of love and concern. To admonish the sinner is not to belittle or humiliate a person, but rather to alert them to the danger of a sinful course of action. It is rooted in love, not pride.

In our culture, sadly, admonishing the sinner has fallen out of favour for numerous reasons. Philosophically and sociologically, many have left morality to private opinion. Admonishing is seen by many as an attempt to impose personal values on others, or as some sort of unfair or judgment.



People do not like being corrected (and probably never have), but today they often take correction very, very personally. Over at The Divine Mercy site, Dr. Robert Stackpole observes: The problem is that we live in a society dominated by people who have not made any real psychological or moral progress since they reached adolescence. Thus, they stumble through life with an adolescent understanding of love. To be “loved,” to them, means to be affirmed in everything they want to do...the goal is to win the sinner back from a destructive path, to announce the forgiveness of sins available to all who repent. The goal is salvation. As such, to admonish sinners is to call lovingly to those in danger and draw them back from the edge of the abyss.

My brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins (James 5:19).

Lord, give me the courage and humility to admonish sinners and the grace to do it in love. As well, help me to have the courage and humility to accept correction myself, and grant me the grace to see it as an act of love, even if it is not always artfully done.

SACRED HEART MASS

The Manning Foundation representatives have express their sincere gratitude for the generosity of quality donations at the Sacred Heart Mass for the poor. They have sorted all items and are ready to distribute them as the need arises to members of the local community in need.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Matthew 25:35-40

Thank you St Patrick’s for seeing a need and doing something about it.



FROM THE R/E COORDINATOR



PENANCE

Please keep the children in Year 2 in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance during the last weeks of this term.

Week 8- 2Y, Week 9 - 2F, Week 10 2RL

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



A parent meeting for Parents of students in Year 3 and Years 4-6 who wish to make their First Holy Communion with the St Patrick's Parish attended a compulsory parent meeting on **Wednesday 8th June at 6pm-7pm** in the school hall. All preference sheets that were handed out are due back to the class teacher now as masses will be allocated at the end of this week. Parents will be informed of the date allocated next Monday.

If your child has received their First Holy Communion this year with a different Parish, please send to the office a copy of their Communion Certificate to the school office so we can update their sacramental record.

MASSES

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

Week 9

Wednesday 2nd June

9am Year 6 Mass

Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

Week 10

Wednesday 29th June

9am Year 5 Mass

Sts Peter and Paul



FEAST DAYS

21st June - St Aloysius Gonzaga

22nd June - Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

24th June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist

28th June - St Irenaeus

29th June - Sts Peter and Paul



Yours in Christ

Wardeh Khoury



KINDERGARTEN

