

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 3 Term 2



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

Happy Mother's Day to all mums and mother figures! Have a great day on Sunday! What a beautiful celebration of mothering we had at school this morning. On your behalf I thank Mrs Kite and the whole staff team for cooking up a storm and making the hall into a café so that the mums, special people and kids could enjoy their breakfast together. Thank you also to Mrs Grant for organising our Mother's Day liturgy and the children who read their tributes and the prayers – a beautiful way to honour the special people in our lives!

Enrolling NOW May and June are the enrolment months at St Patrick's please complete your enrolment forms for Kinder 2018 and leave at the office. Interviews will be in early June.

Green team – We are getting into our sustainability project boots and all. I recommend all children have some old shoes or gumboots in a plastic bag either in their school bag, left at school, or brought to school when they are gardening so that they are prepared for being in the dirt!

Cybersafety Thank you to Jordan from ySafe for the presentations to children, staff and parents on Monday, we learned a lot about keeping cybersafe. ySafe have provided us with information to share across the community. A link to this information is [here](#).

P&F - more helpers needed! Have you considered how you can contribute to the life of the school and our community? We are always looking for people to offer assistance through participation in the Parents and Friends association. More information is at the end of the newsletter.

Working bees we are preparing for a gardening working bee on a Friday soon. Watch this space for details.

Gospel This week's gospel is from John 14: 1-12. One verse from the Gospel that I would like to share for your reflection, 'Jesus Said; I am the Way; the Truth and Life.' Whilst we may have heard or read these words many times before we need to consider our willingness to accept Christ into our lives.

Monday afternoon special prayer time – at 2.30pm on Monday 15th of May we will gather near the church for a prayer and to dedicate the garden in memory of Toni Evans-Taylor. You are invited to this special time.

Christ With Us
Jo

Many things in life will catch your eye, few will catch your heart. Pursue those!

Dates to Remember

14th May
Children's
Liturgy 9.30am

17th May
Archdiocesan
Cross Country
Canberra

19th May
Assembly 5/6B
2.30pm
Sleep Out
Year 3-6

24th May
Mass 12.30pm
Board Meeting
6pm
Confirmation
Information 7pm

25th May
Class Retreat
3/4K

27th May
Girls Night Out
Bega Thai

28th May
Childrens Liturgy
9.30am

The School Week

School Canteen
Monday

Uniform Shop
By appointment

AP News

Thank you to the families who came along for a Mother's (and others) Day Breakfast!



Religious Education News

Religious Education in KG

This week we celebrated Mother's Day with families.

Jacob's reflection about his Mum:

"I love my Mum because she always helps me find things that are lost, she plays with me and she always helps me get dressed into my fishing clothes."

Mission Australia Sleepout

A reminder that the Sleepout is on 19th May, please return permission notes by 15th May. Congratulations to students participating, we have raised \$283 of our \$331 target.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

Parent information night:

Wednesday 24th May, 7pm St Patrick's School

Enrolment Mass

Sunday 4th June 9:30am St Patrick's Church

Family Masses

Sunday 11th, 18th & 25th of June, 5pm St Patrick's Church

Confirmation Mass

Sunday July 23rd, 9:30am St Patrick's Church

Sport

Last week all the kinder children received a tennis racket to take home. We are a hotshots tennis school, therefore Mrs Harnett was able to apply for these. The children do not need to bring them to school on sports days and we will also be doing tennis later in the year. The rackets are for the children to keep and practice with at home.

Mackillop Trials

9 Senior Primary children travelled to Canberra last Friday to trial for Mackillop Teams. We had children competing in rugby league, soccer and hockey. Competition is of a high standard as the selected team becomes the Catholic State side. Two of our girls have been selected in the Mackillop Hockey side, congratulations to Brooke Smith and Alex Marks. Well done to the other 7 children for making this level.

I was at the hockey and felt very proud that St Pat's Bega had 3 girls at this level and the whole of the Parramatta Diocese only managed to have one competitor.

Well Done St Pat's Bega!



P&F News

P&F AGM 2017

On the 14th June, the P&F will hold their AGM, in the library at 6pm. All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend. At this meeting several office holders are retiring and we ask for your consideration in filling these roles. The previous office holders are available to help you get started. They are:

Secretary: This is a fairly straight forward role, but essential. You collect the reports & put together the agenda for the meeting and take the minutes.

Social Committee Co-ordinator: This role co-ordinates the fundraising and social events of the P&F and can be shared. There are already parents running several recurring events who are happy to continue.

State Level Supporters Fund: This role raises money to support families with the cost of children representing the school at the state level in any area (not just sport). These events are run when the fund needs topping up. This role can also be shared.

If you are interested in filling any of these roles and would like further information, please contact Tanya 0421 806 471. Please consider joining the fun welcoming team of the P&F. Not only do they provide fun social events for the St Patrick's Family but they provide essential services such as the canteen, uniform shop and fundraise for equipment that benefits the learning experience of our children. In the past the P&F money has been spent on: new library books, class and home readers, classroom resources, sports equipment, smart boards, computers, iPads, microscopes & outfitting the hall.

Uniform News

Uniform Shop: The uniform shop ladies are looking for a third helper. Our uniform shop is run entirely by parent volunteers to keep the cost of the uniform as low as possible. The role includes the selling of the uniforms, filling on-line and paper form orders, the ordering of stock and stock control on an as needed basis of the parents/carers. It is estimated to be approx. 1hr a week and not necessarily every week. For further information, please contact Nicky 0410 527 108.

For those unable to attend St Patrick's Parents & Friends AGM please complete these forms where applicable and return to the school office by 3pm Wednesday June 14th.

Proxy Form

I _____ am unable to attend the 2017 P&F AGM and herby request
the secretary or _____ to vote on by behalf.

(signed)

Nomination Form

I _____ nominate _____ for the position

Seconded _____

(Signed Nominator) (Signed Seconder)

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