Family Mass
27 July 2014
Children’s Liturgy every 9am Mass except in school holidays

P & F Meetings
Next meeting at;
21 August 2014 in the LARC
E: SPEGparents@dbb.edu.au
Please find minutes of meetings on the school website

St Patrick’s Hall
Enquires and bookings please call the school office

Outside School Hours Care
E: eastgosford.oshc@dbb.org.au
or phone 0408 165 671
or visit the school website

The Uniform Shop
phone 02 4323 4671
opening hours during school terms
Tuesday
8.30am – 10.30am
Also 1st Friday of every month
2.30pm – 4.00pm
The uniform shop can be contacted outside of business hours by email
stpatricksprimary@alinta.com.au
payments can be made direct to Alinta Apparel in the form of cash, credit card, or debit credit card
No Cheques
uniform price list & online shopping available at
www.alintaapparel.com.au

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
2nd Tuesday of every month
8.30am – 9.30am
near the clothing shop
Cash Only

Canteen
Infants: Wednesday & Friday
Primary: Wednesday & Friday
Contact Michelle on 0408 412 408
Rostered volunteers please give
24 hours’ notice if you are unable to attend

FROM OUR ACTING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR, Lauren Lewis

“The kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.”

(Matthew 13)

This coming Sunday is the sixteenth Sunday of the church Year A. Matthew’s gospel tells of Jesus sharing 3 different parables to his people each of them explaining the Kingdom of Heaven. One of these parables is the parable of the Mustard Seed.

We could liken the mustard seed that Jesus tells us about in this parable to the children we teach for the mustard seed may be the smallest and most humble of all the seeds but with the right nourishment, love and care it could be capable of growing to be the “biggest shrub of all”, a tree capable of providing a home for the birds of the air!

Perhaps the question we must ask ourselves as educators of our children is; are we offering the most appropriate spiritual nourishment, love and care to our children so that they are able to fulfil their deepest spiritual and religious potential?

God allows us time to fail and learn from our mistakes, time to grow, and time to mature as Christian people.

Saturday, 26th July is the feast day of Sts Joachim and Anne, Jesus’ grandparents. It is also a time to celebrate our Grandparents and this will be done with a mass at 9am on Friday, 25th, in the church followed by morning tea in the school hall. Hoping to see lots of grandparents at this mass.

Preparations are underway for our next family mass which will be at 9am on Sunday 27th July. Year one will be helping with the mass and invitations have gone home this week with those students. It would be wonderful to have as many students and their families at this mass!

Please hand in Confirmation enrolment forms to the school office by next Wednesday, 23rd July.

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**Industrial Action**
You may have become aware that staff in some Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Broken Bay are taking stop work action next week (Tuesday, 22 July) with regards to their claims around a new enterprise agreement.
I wish to confirm that the industrial action that may occur in some other schools, will NOT occur at St Patrick’s School, East Gosford that is, we are not affected and there will be no disruption to normal school operations.

**Grandparents Day**
Our Grandparents Day will be held next Friday, 25th July. There will be open classrooms from 8.15am, mass at 9am followed by morning tea in the hall. The children should bring home an invitation today.
Assembly will follow morning tea at 10.30am.

**Pupil Free Day**
Thank you for making alternate arrangements for your children last Monday, 14th. The staff had a very productive day firming up their understanding of best practice in teaching English based on the latest research, and looking at school data.
The next pupil free day is scheduled for **Friday, 29th August**. There are no other pupil free days this year.

**Holiday maintenance**
During the holidays the following have been carried out:
- removal of most at risk trees (infants campus only)
- gutters cleared
- pest control

**School Trivia Night**
Saturday, 23rd August. Please see flyer and newsletter item from the P & F.

**Performance**
Today the children enjoyed a performance by the Freeman Family on aboriginal culture.

**Coming Up**

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Let us remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and show one another the face of God through our words and actions.

Nic
NAIDOC PERFORMANCE
GREETINGS FROM FR TADEUSZ

Welcome back! It is so good to hear the children playing on the playground once more!

For the parents of children in Year 2, I would remind you that enrolment in the Confirmation sacramental program closes this Wed, July 23 so please lodge your forms at the Parish Office.

GRANDPARENT’S MASS – THE FEAST OF STS JOACHIM & ANN

We look forward to the school’s Mass next Friday honouring the role of grandparents in our children’s lives, and drawing on the model set by Jesus’ parents, Joachim & Ann whose feast day is July 26.

Perhaps you may like to pray the following with your children:

Loving God, you have given us the wondrous gift of grandmothers and grandfathers. Your gracious love is reflected in their love and care for us. We thank you, Lord, for the surprises grandmas bring, and for the mending they do. We thank you, Lord, for the toys that grandpas fix and the stories they read to us. We thank you, Lord, for the ways that our grandparents spoil us, for the celebrations they never forget, and for all the cuddles they give. We thank you for giving us grandparents to share their wisdom, to listen to us, to be there loving us. We thank you, Lord. Amen.

PINT SIZED PAD-DIES for kids in Yrs 5 to 8, TONIGHT!
Fri July 18
7pm at the Hall
$2 only!

DON’T FORGET OUR NEXT FAMILY MASS at 9AM ON SUN JULY 27!
See you there!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY [For Age 4 +]
Each Sunday of School Term at 9am Mass

LOST PROPERTY

We need a volunteer to pick up our lost property from Busways—if you can help please let me know (Maria 43251159)

Destiny’s school hat is missing last seen outside the 4CJ classroom—please check for it.

Premiers Reading Challenge, Carmen Hartz, Teacher Librarian

Children and parents made the most of our recent holiday by reading books for the Premiers Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to the following children who completed the challenge: Isabella Gooley, Jack Sands, Bonnie Brown, Lopez Morrison, Patrick Williams and Sam Cormack.

Also a big congratulations to KM for being the first class to complete the Challenge with their teacher Mrs McCallum.

In KM we have these great readers: Imogen Betts, Tino Chivanda, Charlotte Croucher, Matthew Derrick, Lachlan Donafee, Logan Farris, Eva Faunce, Sophie Gilmore, Reggie Gooley, Elsie Grogan, Thomas Harrison, Samuel Hughes, Katherine Jiang, Ewan Magill, Chiara Mamone, Luke Nakagawa, Giuseppe Merillo, Layla O’Beirne, Emeline Philipsen, Alexander Rott, Luke Russotti, Lily Scholte, Alex Smith, Riley White and Mia Xuereb.

Happy Reading to all children still going.
SPORT, Fiona Bolton

Sport in School

Please wear Sports uniform on these days

Kinder—Year 2       Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3 to Year 6       Thursday & Friday

If you have children who have participated in recent gala days and CCC cross country events please return their cleaned uniforms as soon as possible. Many thanks to those who have done so already.

P & F NEWS—TERM 3

The P&F looks forward to hosting the following events this term -

SCHOOL DISCO

Our second disco of the year will be held on Friday 8 August (Week 4) in the hall on the Primary Campus. Infants from 5.30m until 6.45pm and Primary from 7.00pm until 8.30pm. Admission is $2.00 per school aged child. Once again we are calling on volunteers to help run the disco, so if you can assist, please email Annabel at mahcockerton@bigpond.com or ring /text 0405 442 171. Plenty of jobs available – canteen, supervision, sign in etc. Unfortunately if we do not get enough volunteers we will not be able to go ahead.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our annual trivia night will be held on Saturday 23 August from 7.00pm in the hall. Tickets now on sale at the office. $10 per person. BYO drinks and nibbles. Lots of trivia, games, prizes and laughs guaranteed! Book a table or come solo. Flyer at the end of the newsletter. A great night guaranteed for our school community. Please show your support and get in early to purchase your tickets!

FATHERS DAY STALL

Our annual Father’s Day Stall will be held on the morning of Tuesday 2 September. More details to follow but we will be calling on volunteers to assist the children with gift selection. If you are free to help out on this morning please contact Michelle on 0408 412 408 or email michellecormack@bigpond.com

Other news …

This term we will hold our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21 August in the LARC (Primary Campus) at 7pm followed by our Term 3 meeting. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. It would be refreshing to see some new faces at our meeting this term! Please consider joining us.

And finally our Canteen is run by the P&F and we need volunteers to ensure we open every week. Our weekly roster is attached at the end of the newsletter and we need a lot of help this term. If you can spare a Wednesday morning or a Friday we would love your help. The canteen is well supported by the students and parents regarding sales. We just need some more help to run it! Please consider offering your time for a morning or day just once this term.

Thank you

The P&F Exec Committee
FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

In the last few weeks of Term 2, Year 4 students were busy composing music. They created short 4 bar pieces using the music symbols and notation that we know - crotchets (taa), quavers (ti), double quavers (ti-ti), minims (too-oo) and rests. We then assigned pitch to each note creating a melody and gave their piece a title. From this we then notated their draft compositions onto a written music staff and played our pieces on the keyboards!

This week we have taken our compositions to a new level - editing them digitally! With the use of our Chromebooks Year 4 students were able to transfer their music into a program creating them in the digital sphere and we were able to play and hear our pieces on the computer - modern day composers. Watch this space for more next week...

School Banking. New rewards released in term 3.
The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Rewards available in term 3 are:

- Handball (whilst stock lasts)
- Scented Pencils (whilst stock lasts)
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox (new release)
- Swimming Bag (new release)

Please send in your redemption card and tokens on banking day. Rewards will be delivered in 1-2 weeks. Pooling of tokens is not allowed.

If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.
HELP NEEDED FOR TERM 3.

Please contact Michelle on 0408 412 408 or michellecormack@bigpond.com if you are able to help out in the canteen in term 3. Mums, Dads, Grandparents – all volunteers greatly appreciated.

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Proudly hosted by the
P&F of St Patrick’s

WHEN: Friday 8 August 2014
(Week 4, Term 3)

WHERE: School Hall, Primary Campus

TIME: Infants 5.30pm – 6.45pm
Primary 7.00pm – 8.30pm

COST: $2.00 per child

All monies collected will be donated to our Mini Vinnie’s

HELP NEEDED! HELP NEEDED! HELP NEEDED!

The disco relies on parent volunteers to run it, so if you are available to assist with supervision or canteen on the night please email Annabel at mahcockerton@bigpond.com or ring/text 0405 442 171.

Unfortunately if we do not get enough parent volunteers the disco will not go ahead.
St Patrick’s Annual Trivia Night
Saturday, 23 August
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
$10.00 per person
(BYO drinks and nibblies)
Tickets on sale at the office.
Book a table or come solo. All welcome!