Greetings,

I hope all the mums, stepmothers, grandmothers and special women in our St Patrick’s community had a wonderful day on Mother’s Day. My son, Joshua, made me feel very special and the day reminded me of just how blessed I am to be a mother and experience motherhood!

Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday’s Gospel we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God’s right hand. We are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. With the ascension of the Lord, Jesus is now present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles, evangelists and teachers; he ministers through its prophets, priests and people. Through us Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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Baptism

Often families attend our school and some family members may not have been officially welcomed into a life with Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is considered the basis of Christian life; the doorway to receiving the other Sacraments. If your journey is leading you in the direction of Baptism, please come and speak to Father Tadeusz or Colleen at the Parish Office 4325 1042 or myself. Our school would love to be part this experience with you.

What’s happening

• Kindergarten Liturgy

  Kindergarten will be having their termly Liturgy on the 20th May 2015 at 9.00am in the Church. Parents, grandparents and friends are very welcome!

• Reconciliation Information Night

  We have the Information Night for parents of children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday the 20th May at 7.30pm in the LARC. The Parish have organized a BBQ preceding the session at 7.00pm. All welcome!

• Pentecost Sunday Mass / Year 4 Family Mass: 24th May 2015

  On Sunday the 24th May 2015 we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit; Pentecost. This will also be our Year 4 Family Mass, however we would love to see as many children from St Patrick’s as possible come and join in this Eucharistic celebration! Our Parish will be having a Eucharist Procession through East Gosford to outwardly express our love of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The procession is also in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, whose Feast Day is Monday the 25th May. Please bring along a plate of food to share at morning tea after the Mass.

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• **Our Lady Help Of Christians Mass**

On Monday the 25\textsuperscript{th} May 2015 please join us for Our Lady Help of Christians Mass in the Church at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome!

May Christ’s peace be with you all!

Jacqueline Fletcher

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**FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.............**

**Athletics Carnival**

Please send in your permission slips and lunch orders by **Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} May** and if you can assist on the day, either in the canteen or on the track, please indicate this on the form. In the event that the Athletics Carnival will be cancelled due to poor weather conditions, we will send an email out before 8am on Friday.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2016**

It is vital that any present families, who have a Kindergarten child starting next year, contact the office as soon as possible to get an enrolment form and return it so that we can set up an interview and screener time. If you know of someone who has a child ready for school please let them know enrolments are now being taken. Enrolment forms are due back to school by **Friday, 30\textsuperscript{th} May**. It would be great if we could receive them prior to this so that we can begin the process.

**P & F Meeting**

Are you like me and drag your feet when it comes to social media? Or perhaps you’re a frequent user but unaware of what impact it has on our children. At our next P & F meeting, Thursday 28\textsuperscript{th} May, we are presenting an information session on social media and your children. It is certainly an area we all need to be more aware of. Please book in the date for this presentation.

**NAPLAN**

This week the students in Years 3 & 5 sat the annual NAPLAN tests in both Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you for ensuring your children were on time for the tests. Please remember that NAPLAN is a small snapshot of a child’s learning and although valuable only constitutes a small fraction of the child’s learning that takes place at St Patrick’s over seven years. Sometimes, for various reasons, children will miss some questions, not finish in time, loose their concentration and sometimes have a complete mind blank on what they want to answer or write. We, as their teachers, know what they are capable of and if this isn’t reflected in their NAPLAN results, please remember to trust our judgement to be more accurate than one test on one day.
**Year Six Canberra Trip**
This week our Year 6 students and teachers are in Canberra learning about democracy and how our great nation is governed. By all accounts, the weather is a bit frosty but the children are having a great time. They return home tonight, weary but full of stories of the exciting time they had. Thank you Mr. Toomey, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Ryan for taking such good care of our year 6 school leaders. I’m sure you’ll all be looking forward to some well-earned rest over the weekend.

**Coming Up**

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Michelle Perry  
Assistant Principal

**From the P&F...**

**Athletics Carnival**

Volunteers: Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help out at the Athletics Carnival in the canteen, BBQ or serving lunch.

If you can spare an hour or so on the day please contact Adrienne on 0414 509 547 or mrspraz@gmail.com.

There will be snow cones available on the day for the children for $4.50 or $5.50 and a coffee cart available for the adults.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS...............**

The following hats have gone missing. Can you please check your child’s hat for the following names:

- Harry Cockerton—2B (Sports Hat)
- Kai McCarthy—2G (Formal Hat)
- Marcus Tredwell—2G (2 x Formal Hats)
- Thomas Phillips—3B (Formal Hat)

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Please send your Bank Book in on Wednesday

School banking award winners for this week:

**Darcy Warrant & Shruthika Dhinakar**

Please see the flyer attached with 2 new reward items for this term.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at St Patricks!
Century Challenge Cycle Ride

Sunday 17th May 2015

Now in its 15th year, Century Challenge attracts everyone with an interest in cycling and keeping fit – elite riders, social & family riders and children. Last year approximately 600 riders registered.

What: Cycling challenge for Children, Beginners (20km), Intermediate (50km) and Elite riders (100km).

Where: Start at Mount Penang Parklands and cycle through lush hinterland.

Why: Great exercise, fresh air and support for Coast Shelter and local charities. Receive recognition for completing the challenge and enjoy free refreshments along the way.

Registration: Register yourself or your team and online sponsors at www.centurychallenge.com.au.

Early bird registration by 11 May, 2015.
We are looking for Volunteers for the 2015 School Year.
We need Volunteers to ensure canteen will remain open during the year.

If you can help out we would love to hear from you. If you have a date in mind, let us know and we will slot you in.

Contact Adrienne on 0414 509547 or mrspraz@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.
Mrs P is contactable anytime, so check your 2015 calendar and if you have a date in mind, even if its months away, let her know your availability.

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**TERM 2, 2015**

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If you have dates in mind for this Term (2), please contact Adrienne on mrspraz@gmail.com or 0414 509547
## Athletics Carnival 2015 Canteen Roster

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## Athletics Carnival BBQ/Lunch Roster

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The 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge
Starts NOW!

Are you ready for the Challenge?
What is the Premier's Reading Challenge?

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten–Year 9. Participation by schools and students is voluntary. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students 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.

How will the Premier’s Reading Challenge work at St Patrick’s?

- Mrs Hartz will register children undertaking the challenge online when they return their permission slip. A Reading Log will then be given out. The Reading Log becomes the responsibility of the child and parent until complete.
- Children will read the set number of books from a comprehensive list of books selected by the Premier's Reading Challenge committee and complete their reading log.
- Mrs Hartz will enter every child’s reading log online when they have completed the challenge.
- The PRC ID number will be located inside the front cover of any Premier's Reading Challenge book identified by St Patrick's library or LARC (Learning and Resource Centre).
- A complete list of all books in the Premier's Reading Challenge will be available at school for challenge books borrowed and read from other libraries or from the Premier's Reading Challenge official website: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
**Rules for Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015**

1. The Challenge runs from **April to September 2015**. It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

2. Teachers, teacher-librarians and public librarians can assist students to choose the Challenge level and books that are appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below:

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- To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or all of the book independently.

3. All Student Reading Records are submitted online by the school. The school will register from April 2015.

4. It is a condition of entry that all students entering and successfully completing the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and their names will appear on the PRC Honour Roll. To successfully complete the Challenge the student must have an online reading record entered and validated by 1st September, 2015. The certificate shows the student's name and school. Only the students' name will appear in the Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Students who do not wish to receive a certificate or be on the Honour Roll should not register for the Challenge. These students may do the Challenge unofficially, they may use the PRC booklists but they cannot enter an official record.

5. A reading log will be used to keep a personal ongoing record of books read (ID number, title and author).

6. Students, whose online entries are received by the closing date of 1st September, 2015, will receive their certificates in Term 4. The school cut off is 14th August, 2015, so that we can chase up last minute finishers and follow up any problems.

7. Only one certificate per year will be issued to each student regardless of the number of books read.

8. Students who complete the Challenge for four years receive a gold certificate.
2015 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Privacy Information

It is a condition of entry in the Premier’s Reading Challenge that successful students will receive a certificate signed by the Premier and appear in the Honour Roll. A successful student is one whose completed reading record has been entered online and validated by 1st September, 2015. The school cut off is 14th August, 2015, so that we can chase up last minute finishers and follow up any problems.

The Department of Education and Training, as presenter of the Challenge, needs to supply:

# The names of successful students for The Honour Roll. Only students’ names are listed. They are not linked to school details. Participating schools are listed separately.
# Details of students’ past participation in the Challenge are only supplied to the Challenge organisers to ensure students completing their fourth year receive a gold certificate.

If parents or caregivers do not wish to have their child’s name on the Honour Roll, the student cannot participate officially in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. They may access the PRC booklists and complete the Challenge but they must not submit an online entry.

Complete the form below for the school to register your child online as a participant in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

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2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge

(PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Student’s name: __________________________________________ Class: _____________

School:  St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School, East Gosford

I have read the privacy information regarding successful students receiving a Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate and appearing on the Honour Roll and give permission for my child to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Signature: _________________________________ Date: ____________________

Thank you
Happy Reading
Mrs Hartz
Interested in learning the guitar or keyboard at St Patricks through private/group tuition?

We have a number of music tutors that visit St Patricks to hold one-on-one and group lessons for students.


For more information on guitar lessons call **Mr Steve Smiley** on: 0410 039 556

**Guitar** through **private tutor Greg Taylor**: call Greg on 0405 359 840 or at **bbks@bigpond.com**
Dear Parents and Carers,

Do you know what internet sites, apps and social media tools your child is using?

Following an anonymous survey of students in years 3-6, St Patrick’s has recognised the importance to provide parents and carers with some tools to help keep our students safe. Below is a graph showing the sites and apps that our year 3-6 students said they are currently using.

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Are you aware of how these sites operate, the safety measures that can be taken to ensure the safety of your child and the pros and cons associated with these sites?

Please join us Thursday 28 May from 7pm in the Primary Library as we look at how we can ensure that our children are safe online and provide resources to support this.

This presentation for parents will immediately follow the new look P&F Meeting – a quick snapshot of reports with an opportunity to comment then providing presentations such as this to support parents in their role as their child’s first educator.
At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their Youthsaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

**Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items**
To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

**You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland**
Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.