Greetings,

**Fr John Fauenfelder’s Words of Wisdom on this week’s Gospel: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**

Communion minister sometimes have to break the wafers to serve everyone. Yet somehow, by sharing we always have enough.

When Jesus institute the Eucharist in Sunday’s Gospel, he shared it around the table with those he loved. In another Eucharistic Gospel story, more than 5,000 were satisfied after the multiplication of a few loaves and fishes.

The faithful have been sharing the Body and the Blood of Christ for the past 2,000 years. We will continue to receive this spiritual food until the Lord comes again in glory.

Whatever happens, in the Church and in the world, Jesus promises us that we will always have enough to go around.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

We have kicked off our annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and are asking families to donate new or used blankets, jackets, jumpers, scarves and beanies for the poor and homeless. We have some big buckets in the hall ready to collect your donations. Often we can readily pull out an old blanket or a jumper. Could I encourage you to think about how it would feel for a homeless person or someone in need to be given a new item? Kmart sell single and queen size polar fleece blankets for as little as $10 and their beanies and scarves are very reasonable.

**Reconciliation**

Reconciliation classes continue on Tuesdays and Thursday for those children in Year 3 and other grades who are undertaking the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Paddies Youth Group**

Paddies Youth Group is running this Friday in the school hall at 7.00pm. Come along and be part of the fun! This is for children from Years 5 to Year 8.

**What’s happening**

- Next week Year 4, 5 and 6 students will receive Reconciliation in the Church.
- On the 21st June Year 3 will have their Family Mass with the Parish. A note will be sent home shortly. This will include a practice for the Reconciliation evening on 24th June.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation Service is at 7.00pm on Wednesday the 24th June, 2014.
- End of Term Mass will take place on Friday the 26th June at 9.00am.

May Christ’s peace be with you all!

Jacqueline Fletcher
Uniform

Please note that the expectation is children should all be wearing their full winter uniform from after the long weekend. Please make sure the uniform reflects the pride that we take in our school and that your child wears their uniform accordingly. Taking pride in themselves and their appearance is a good habit for the children to get into. Please encourage your child/ren to take charge of this with your support.

End of Year Concert

I am aware that the school performs an end of year dance concert each year that has been very successful. After evaluating the concerts it has been decided to defer this year’s concert and hold a major whole school performance every second year. This year the children will get the opportunity to join together in a less formal setting to celebrate the end of year. (Further details will follow.) I understand this may cause some disappointment from children and families but chatting with staff about the concert it has been decided to provide children with more varied opportunities in the future. I thank you in anticipation of your support with this matter.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal PJ Day

Earlier in the newsletter you would have read about the St. Vinnie’s Winter Appeal asking each family to donate a blanket, jacket, jumper etc. for those less fortunate than ourselves. To support this SRC initiative each family is asked to donate an item. In return for this and also to have a celebration for the end of term the children are invited to wear their PJs on Thursday 25th June. Please make sure that the pyjamas the children wear are suitable for school and the weather and a reminder that they must wear suitable footwear which can be their school shoes or normal joggers.

School Newsletter

With the introduction of a new Facebook Page and analysis into a School App we have had to reassess the admin staff’s workload and make some changes. Therefore, it has been decided from the beginning of Term 3 the newsletter will be published on a fortnightly basis. This newsletter will obviously be a little longer than the weekly publication but will continue to share all relevant information.

Obviously if there are important messages or communications that need to be sent out in between set newsletters this will continue to occur. The great majority of communication is now emailed to you or available on the school website or reminders will come through the Facebook Page.
Facebook Page

So far we have 165 Likes for our new Facebook page. I am proud to say that the social media outcast that I have been has also joined this medium and ‘liked’ our page. This is just another means to share what is happening in and around the school. Please note that all information will continue to be shared through the newsletter and website. Facebook is just another form of communication sharing – with improved immediacy.

I do ask that you use this page responsibly and display to your children the correct way to interact with others in a technologically responsible fashion. The school policy remains that if you have a concern regarding anything at school to respectfully seek out the relevant staff member to assist you in understanding the decision making process. The School Facebook page is certainly not the setting to vent or share frustrations. I thank you for your cooperation with this. Details as to how you can like the page are later in the newsletter.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

The official enrolment period has now closed. In saying that we will still be accepting returned enrolment packages for the next two weeks but it is vital we receive them as soon as possible. It is important 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 overdue.

Coming Up

8th June      Public Holiday
11th June     Year 2 excursion
12th June     School Athletics Carnival
15th June     Year 5 excursion
16th June     ICAS Spelling test
              CCC Soccer Gala Day—Stage 3
17th June     Year 1 excursion
19th June     Staff Development Day – No children at school
22nd June     Reports sent home
24th June     Reconciliation 7pm
25th June     St Vinnies Winter Appeal PJ Day
26th June     Last day of Term 2
13th July     First day of Term 3

Regards,

Paul Toomey, Principal

St Patrick’s OSHC

Ph: 4323 4819 Mob: 0408 165 671

Will be OPEN for
St Patrick’s Pupil Free Day
on the 19th June 2015.

Hours of Opening are
7.30 am – 6pm.

Bookings Essential.
From the P&F ...

**Athletics Carnival** – the P&F will run a canteen on the day and supply the children with their lunch packs. We have also organised fresh coffee ($3.50/$4.50 - thanks to Little Street Café) and Sno Cones for the kids ($4.50/$5.50). We look forward to a sunny day!

**Diocesan Parent Council Rep** – at this stage we do not have a DPP for our school. Your role would be to attend the Central Coast cluster meeting on behalf of our P&F/school and then update us at the next meeting. If interested, please contact Michelle at michellecormack@bigpond.com

And coming up next term, so save the date –

- Friday 7 August – School Disco
- Thursday 13 August – Term 3 P&F Meeting (to be held at 9am in the infants library, younger siblings welcome)
- Thursday 3 September – Father’s Day Stall
- Saturday 24 October – Dinner Dance

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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAY TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH WHAT’S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL?**

Embracing the social media platform - St Patrick’s has created a new Facebook page as a way for parents and families to keep up to date with what is happening at School. Whilst recognising the importance to provide a range of communication tools to families, especially one which can be utilised for quick and efficient communication, it is important to also stress that this platform be used responsibly. The School Facebook Page has been set up as a one way communication tool that will be updated with general whole school reminders, quick snipets and interesting information for parents and families, events taking place in your school community and lots more! Simply search for St Patrick's Primary East Gosford in Facebook and "like" the page for up to date reminders. If you don’t have an existing Facebook account, you will need to create one first! It is vital that all parents please be mindful of making any comments about School on any social media platforms and model responsible online etiquette to our students, your children.
Catholic Cup Rugby League Gala Day

Congratulations to the 2 Teams that participated in the rugby League Gala Day yesterday at Toukley. The under 10s team made up of one league player and 12 soccer players enjoyed their day and improved each game they played. Despite losing all 3 games the team displayed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game. Hopefully they will come back stronger next year. The open boys team made up of league, rugby and soccer players were outstanding in spirit and were tough in defence as well as attack. They won one game and narrowly lost the other 2 by one try each. More time for each game would have seen a different result. Both teams were a pleasure to accompanying on the day. I hope they had fun being with their friends and representing the school. Thankyou to all the parents who transported children on the day and to Gay Peters and Harry Barnes who trained and coached the teams.

Other News

A reminder that the Athletics Carnival is on Friday, 12th June and permission notes should have been returned.

The soccer Gala day for Years 5 and 6 students is on Tuesday, 16th June at EDSAC. Permission notes will be sent home early next week.

Fiona Bolton
Sports Co-ordinator

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Alisha Hams and Kirrily De Silva for completing the challenge this week, well done girls.

Keep reading and enjoy the challenge.

Carmen Hartz
Teacher Librarian

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!
**School Banking Rewards now available! Term 2**

The School banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. New rewards have just been released for Term 2, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD (term 1 reward still available while stocks last)
- Planet Handball (term 1 reward still available while stocks last)
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens – released term 2
- Intergalactic Rockets – released term 2

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!

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**Communal News...**

Alex Smith from 1B has lost her formal hat.

Can you please check your hats in case it was picked up by mistake.

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR BANK BOOK IN ON WEDNESDAY**

School banking award winners for this week:

**Lopez Morrison & Tina Polansky**

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at St Patricks!
## Athletics Carnival 2015 Canteen Roster

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## Athletics Carnival BBQ / Lunch Roster

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<td>Luke Talbot</td>
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* If you are unavailable to assist on the rescheduled Athletics Carnival date of Friday 12th June, please let Michelle Cormack know ASAP on 0408 412 408 or michellecormack@bigpond.com
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.

| TERM 2, 2015 |
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| **DATE** | **INFANTS** | **PRIMARY** |
| WEDNESDAY 10th June (Recess only 9.30am -11.30am) | David Owen | Hayley Lanham |
| FRIDAY 12th June (ALL Day – 8.15am – 2.00pm) | ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REFER TO SEPARATE ROSTER Issued 5th June 2015 | ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REFER TO SEPARATE ROSTER Issued 5th June 2015 |
| WEDNESDAY 17th June (Recess only 9.30am -11.30am) | HELP NEEDED 0414509547 | Hayley Lanham |
| FRIDAY 19th June (ALL Day – 8.15am – 2.00pm) | Staff Development Day – No Children at School |

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