Greetings,

What a fabulous term! In the past ten weeks our school has been busy celebrating different events and living life to the fullest. We celebrated Grandparent’s Day, Father’s Day and Wellbeing Week, various grades have been on excursions and gala days and we have our Year 6 Science Expo today as well as musical performances, drama performances and next week our annual Cultural Day! Indeed we have much to be joyful and grateful for!

Please have a wonderful time with families and friends during the holidays. Rest, rejuvenate yourselves, stay safe, laugh lots and enjoy the little things in life! “Have an attitude of gratitude”.

We need to be mindful that life isn’t as prosperous for everyone. Right now we need to pause and reflect on the enormity of the refugee crisis happening all over the world. These images are from Syria. When we see images of refugee camps like this; one cannot help but be overwhelmed with compassion for these people who are displaced. We all know the saying there’s is no place like home but these people are living in continual uncertainty as to whether they will ever have a place to call home again. Whilst these images are confronting - they are real! When we see the destruction to their homes; they have nothing left to stay for. What we can offer these people is our prayers and I would urge the community of St Patrick’s to pray for refugees all over the world!

Lord God,

No one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your

Next Terms Newsletters

Do you have a question about the Church or our faith? If you do, please email me at jacquifletcher77@gmail.com and I will include your questions (anonymously) in the newsletters with responses.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

In the last two weeks, notes went out to all students in Year 3 and older, who are now ready to meet Christ and be transformed by him through the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Enrolments for this Sacrament must be paid to the Parish Office by the 7th October and the preparation classes will begin next term. Should you have any queries about your child or a family member making their First Eucharist, please contact Colleen from the Parish Office on 4325 1042.
Sacrament of Confirmation
May each and every one of the candidates who made their Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend be filled with the Holy Spirit and grow in God’s love. Thank you to all the wonderful children who formed a small, but powerful choir on the day. Your service to School and Parish is greatly appreciated.

What’s on Term 4:
Week 3: Parent Information Night on Wednesday the 21st October 2015 at 7.30pm in the LARC
Week 3: Whole School Marion Celebration on Friday the 23rd October 2015 at 9.00am

May Christ’s peace be with you all!
Jacqueline Fletcher

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL, Michelle Perry

Fathers Day
Last Friday was magical with so many families attending our Fathers Day Breakfast and Mass. This year our bacon and egg sandwiches were a great hit and the production line behind the kitchen counter ran like clock work. A big thank you to our wonderful staff who came in at 6.30am to set up and prepare for the masses. Another thank you to the Trinh Family for their endless support of our school community, every big event they have donated their time and produce, saving us a great deal of money. Please take the time to look over the many photos from the breakfast, lots of happy faces can be seen.

After Mass, many of the families stayed for Assembly and heard our winners of the Public Speaking competition. The standard was very high this year and I congratulate all the winners, runner-ups and the many children who worked so hard on their presentations.

Also on the day, we finished up our book fair which was well supported by our families.
Thank you Mrs Gooley for stepping in at such a busy time of year.

Congratulations
A big congratulations to Alex Crotty in Year 6 Blue for receiving the Fred Hollows Humanity Award last Monday at Parliament House. This award is a humanitarian award that recognises young people who carry out charitable works in their community. Alex has donated his time and assistance at Coast Shelter and we are all very proud of him. It is comforting to know that we have such fine, upstanding young people in our community who are willing to give their time in serving others.

Uniform
Presently all children should be wearing their full winter uniform. As the days are getting warmer, we are allowing the boys to wear short sleeve shirts but they must wear their ties. When we come back next term all children should be in their full summer uniform.

School Photos
Order envelopes for School Photos will be sent home next term please return on photo day Thursday 15 October.
If you would like your children to have a family photo the order envelope will be available at the office
School Fees
At this time of year, we really need to follow-up on school fees. Currently we have $334,600 outstanding. We are required by the Catholic Schools Office to urge parents to make sure their accounts are up-to-date. If there is any reason why you are unable to pay your fees by the required due date, please make an appointment to meet with me. As a school we have numerous bills we need to pay and it is essential to the viability of the school that fees are paid on time. Thank you to all the families who always pay on time.

Confirmation
Last Saturday many of our beautiful children and their families celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. I was very proud to attend both ceremonies and spoke to our new Bishop about how wonderful our school community is. I pray these children will be filled with the Holy Spirit to give them the strength and courage they need throughout their lives.

Yellow Bellied Glider Expo Day
Next Tuesday our Year 4 children will be presenting their Yellow Bellied Glider projects at Holy Cross Kincumber. Some of our students and families got to view these wonderful projects last Friday. We had slide presentations, dances, raps, and lots of other projects. We wish them all well for next Tuesday.

St. Patrick’s Cultural Day
Next Thursday all our children will come to school wearing their costume reflecting the country they studied this term. We will start the day with a parade on the infants side at 8.50am, all are welcome. The children are very excited about the day and can’t wait to share their exotic food.

K Australia, Yr 1 Mexico, Yr 2 Italy, Yr 3 France, Yr 4 Egypt, Yr 5 India, Yr 6 China

Help please!

No School Banking
No School Banking next week—and maybe not for the rest of the year unless we can get another two volunteers (thanks Jay, that’s one) to administer the banking as Janell and Annabel have to step down due to family and work commitments. I thank these two beautiful ladies for giving their time in setting up the banking system in St. Pat’s. We owe you a great deal. If you are able to help please call the office.

Have a lovely weekend,
Michelle Perry

Coming up....
17 September  Cultural Day 9am Parade Infants Campus
18 September  Last day of term
18 Sept  Canteen closed

Term 4
6 October  (after long weekend) Return to Term 4
15 October  School Photos
24 October  Dinner Dance
18—20 Nov  Year 5 Camp
10 December  Year 6 Graduation
11 December  Final Assembly
14 December  St. Patrick’s Carols Night at St Edward’s
16 December  Last Day of school, Step Up and Final Mass

Return to School Dates—2016
Mathematical Assessment Interviews  Thurs 28 & Fri 29 January 2016
Year 1—6  Monday 1 February

WE NEED HELPERS IN PRIMARY CANTEEN FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPT
IF YOU ARE FREE TO HELP NEXT TERM PLEASE CONTACT ADRIENNE 0414 509 547

WATCH OUT FOR SWOOPING MAGPIES IN THE BUSH AND LOCAL PARKS
Father’s Day Breakfast
Book Fair & Mass @ St Pat’s
It was an early start for the staff of St Pat’s!
Thanks for cooking, serving, cleaning,
playground duty, Mass & Book Fair

Thank you to the Trinh family (West Gosford Bakery)
for the donation of bread
and Masterfoods for the sauce
Last Friday in recognition of numeracy and literacy week, 9 students shared their winning speeches from our public speaking competition at assembly. Their poise and confidence was impressive and the content of their speeches engaged the audience. The audience was taken on a journey that spanned from family life, across various countries to hero worship and ending in outer space.

Congratulations to every student who took part in this competition. Your speeches were a credit to you.

Below are the winners from each grade.

Kindergarten - Ava Roger
Year 1 - Samuel Hughes
Year 2 - Lopez Morrison & Emily Shaddock
Year 3 - Abby Collings
K-2 Aspect - Evan Ford
Year 4 - Tom Conroy
Year 5 - Gemma Lavings
Year 6 - Sophie Collings
Year 3-6 Aspect - Charlotte Gott
Book Fair

Thank you to all the families who supported the Book Fair. You helped make your children’s wishes come true, buying books from their wish list, and at the same time your generosity has made it possible for us to update our library and LARC collections with books the children are very eager to borrow and read. We received over $1,500 in commission! Thank you!

Carmen Hartz & Bianca Gooley
Teacher Librarian

FROM THE INFANTS MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris
Alexander and Max in Year 1 were proud as punch this week when their mum, Mrs Rott came in to play the piano for us. This term we have been learning about and listening to Camille Saint Seans’ 'Carnival of the Animals' and Mrs Rott treated us to 'The Swans' piece by playing it on the piano. We loved listening to her play, watching her hands 'dance' across the keys and we also enjoyed moving like swans with ribbons trying to match the pitch and tempo. Thanks you Mrs Rott for sharing your beautiful talent with us!

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Suzie Morris
Kindergarten have been very busy composing their own music with Lego over the last few weeks. We started matching and playing patterns from the board and then creating our own and playing for a partner or the class! A great start to their music education showing their confidence and creativity - well done Kindy!

WRITER PLAYGROUND VISIT
On Monday the 31st of September we had a visit from the "writers playground" as a part of book week.

Liz and Pip, two writers came and inspired us to write stories based on the theme of Book Week, "books light up our world" and lighthouses.

Kindy to year 2 wrote about pirates, while year 3 and 4 wrote about ghosts and year 5 and 6 wrote a story from the point of view of the waves hitting the light house.

It was really fun and challenging writing about these things. We all enjoyed it and can’t wait to write some more.

Natalia and Lauren 6B

Creative writing workshops for kids...
Imagine. Dream. Create
The Writers’ Playground... writersplayground.com.au
Liz 0400 080 205; Pip 0421 314 700;
W info@writersplayground.com.au
Or visit us on Facebook
Sport with Ms Bolton

Yesterday 8 teams from Years 5 and 6 participated in the CCC Soccer Gala Day at Bateau Bay Ovals. It was a fun day for all involved with various students demonstrating their soccer skills and wonderful school spirit. For a school without grass we were quite successful with 6 teams either winning their divisions or being runners-up.

Well done to all involved and thank you to the parents who assisted on the day.

NETBALL GALA DAY

A reminder that next Tuesday is the netball gala day at Wyong. Notes should have been returned by today. I would be very grateful for any parent who can assist a team on the day as we require umpires and managers.

CRICKET

The Waratah Cup will be held at the end of week 1 of term 4. This is a cricket competition for years 5 and 6 students between schools. Not having any prowess at cricket I would welcome any parent who feels they may like to train this team. We have some cricket players in the team and the rest are very willing and able. Please contact me if you are interested.

POLDING ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Friday a team or 135 students represented Broken Bay at the NSWCPs Polding Athletics Championships in Newcastle. Five of these students came from St Patrick’s. They were Susanna Palmer, Sophie Holliday, Daniel Peters, Harry Barnes, Ashley Tracey and Jai Adrichem. There were many outstanding performances notably Jai Adrichem coming first in 11 boys shotput, Ashley Tracey coming first in the 13 girls 100 metre dash and Harry Barnes coming 3rd in the 13 boys 100 metre dash. These students will now join the 60 Broken Bay students who will at compete at the NSWPSSA State Carnival at Homebush on 15-16 October. Congratulations to all our athletes on the day. Being chosen to be part of these teams is a massive achievement.
Year 5/6 Oztag Gala Day

Last Wednesday 2 teams, a boys and a girls team, travelled to Morrie Breen Oval to compete in an Oztag Gala Day. They played 4 Games each and then both teams progressed to the Quarter Final. Unfortunately the girls lost this match to OLR The Entrance 4-2. The boys, however, won and went on to play in the semi-finals beating Lisarow and progressing to the Grand Finals against Our Lady Star of the Sea Terrigal. It was a closely contested match going into extra time. Golden Point was played with 5 players each team on the field and Terrigal ended up winning 3-2. It was very disappointing for the boys but they definitely should be proud of themselves as they played hard and with a lot of skill. Congratulations to Tom Peters who was awarded best and fairest player on the day. Thank you to all the students who once again showed great team spirit and were a credit to St Pats and to Dave Cassells and Gay Peters who coached the teams.

On Tuesday Year 4 participated in a gala day as well at Morrie Breen. Whilst no team made the grand finals on the day, the girls’ team made the quarter finals but were narrowly defeated. Thank you to Miss Conwell and Mr Cassells who trained and accompanied the students on the day.

Year 4 Oztag

Well done to both teams who gave it their best and displayed great sportsmanship! Congratulations to the girls who won 3 out of 4 games and made it to the quarter finals where they were defeated. Unfortunately the boys faced some tough opponents and didn’t get a win. The boys managed to score some great tries, work together as a team and had a lot of fun.

A huge thank you to Dave Cassells for giving up his time to train the boys in the lead up and coach them on the day. Also a big thank you to the parents and grandparents who supported our teams on the day.
LEARN GUITAR with GREG

Greg Taylor (private tutor) is back at St Patricks and is taking on new guitar students - 8am Thursdays - for more information contact Greg on 0405359840 or at bbks@bigpond.com

ST PATRICK’S
Annual Dinner Dance
Spring Carnival!
Saturday 24th October
7pm – midnight
St Patrick’s Hall
$35 per head
Includes 3 course meal (BYO)
Champagne on arrival
DJ and dance floor
Book individual tickets, or tables of 8 – 14 at the school or parish office

Dinner Dance Prize Donations
If you have a business and would like to donate a prize for the Dinner Dance please call Maria or drop off a voucher/prize at the office. Your business will be promoted on the evening and in our newsletter.
Any parents who would like to donate a personal prize (Wine Chocolates Holiday rental etc..) please contact Maria at the school office 4325 1159.
We thank those who have already generously donated a prize.
- Prazauskas Family
- Australian Reptile Park
- U-Nique Beauty Spot
- IGA

SCHOOL BANKING
NO BANKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
School banking award winners
Sarah Selim
Hayley Hillyar
Dylan Murray
Hayley Hillyar
Rewards—Balls are not available anymore, &torch has been removed

LOST– Tyler James Jordan has lost his sport hat. If found please return to him in K Gold—T J is written inside.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS 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 snippets 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.

The Uniform Shop

Uniforms for 2016
All students requiring any new uniforms for 2016 are required to either visit the shop during opening hours or make an appointment for a uniform fitting during Term 4, 2015.
Families can purchase or lay-by uniforms at the time of fitting. The uniform shop will be open in January 2016 for lay-by collection and size exchanges (if required).
Please make your Term 4 uniform fitting appointment as soon as possible.
2. Email The Uniform Shop epatrickprimary@alinta.com.au (the shop manager will either call or return your email to arrange a suitable time)
NIPPERS @ Wamberal SLSC

Our Junior Activities Program, ‘Nippers’ (for kids 5-14yrs old) is a great opportunity for families to become involved in Surf Life Saving. More importantly however, Nippers teaches kids how they can help themselves and their friends stay safe at the beach while having heaps of fun along the way. Nippers are held on Sunday mornings in summer, starting Sunday 11th October, and teach invaluable surf safety and lifesaving skills.

Come along to registration day, Sunday 13th September to find out more and join nippers at WSLSC.

Contact: P 02 4385 2322 or E admin@wamberalsurfclub.com

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association are pleased to announce we will be starting an ALL ABILITIES netball programme during our twilight season this year. After doing much research we have found there is not a lot around the area for children and young adults with disabilities and it has now become our passion to be able to provide a FUN, SAFE environment to coach and mentor these young children and adults. We have identified the need to make the game of netball more welcoming and accessible to the diverse needs of our area and surrounding suburbs.

The all abilities programme will be for those in ages 5-15 and 16 and over and will be broken down into groups accordingly depending on numbers. The players will be taught basic skills, following the net set go programme and play modified netball games.

For all enquiries please contact Lisa Coakley at wwpna@bigpond.com

Fulfilling International Mission for Skilled Volunteers

Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrators, agricultural workers and others. You can assist to mentor local workers in your field of expertise. This will provide opportunities for those who have not had the advantage of an Australian education; improve the operations of organisations in vital sectors of local communities and so assist poverty reduction.

For 55 years Palms Australia has assisted such communities to recruit, prepare and support Australian who volunteer to share their lives and skills. We have increasing numbers of requests from communities who believe this approach, more than anything else, assists their self-reliance and sustainable development.

Want to know more? Information Session will be held on Saturday 12 September at 11:00am, at Aquinas Academy (141 Harrington Street, The Rocks). RSVP to leanne@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551.