Dear Parents and Students,

Yesterday was a wonderful experience for the students, parents and staff and a great example of what a wonderful community we have at St Patricks.

A very big thank you to Ms Fletcher, the St Patricks day celebration team and the staff for their planning and all they did to ensure yesterday was a wonderful experience for the students.

Also a very big thank you to our fantastic mums and grandmothers who cooked the hundreds of sausages for lunch yesterday for the students.

I absolutely loved yesterday as I am sure many of you did too, so thank you once again. Thank you for the very positive feedback our staff have received today.

Concerns, complaints and feedback
At St Patricks we always value your feedback, concerns and complaints. If you have a concern, feedback or a complaint the process for addressing these is as follows:

1. Make contact with the class teacher as the first point of contact and please allow them time to get back to you as this may take at least 24 hours. Contact by phone, email, through the school email address or by making an appointment are the best ways to address things.
2. Contact myself or Miss Perry if you have made contact with the class teacher and still require further clarification.
3. Contact the Central Coast School Consultant, Mrs Frances Reynolds, if you have contacted myself or Miss Perry and still require further clarification.

Thank you for all your support
Cheryl Walsh, Principal

A few general reminders:
- Supervision does not start until 8.10 am children should not arrive before then.
- If you have not yet received your child’s Opal card please call Transport NSW 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info/school-student
- If you are going to take your child/ren out of school for more than five days you will need to fill out the Application for Extended Leave available in the office or on our website (on home page click on Permission notes) and return to Mrs Walsh for approval.
- A reminder to all parents that NO TOYS are to be brought to school. We have had many playground disagreements over broken and lost toys, leading to disruptions that carry over into the classroom disturbing learning time. Children are allowed to bring a handball with their name clearly labelled and one single toy car also labelled to use on the infants car mat. NO LEGO is to be brought to school. We would appreciate your support in discussing this with your children.

PBL Focus for next week—We show forgiveness and are forgiving.
In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

**We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus.** Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: **Why does God love us with such abandon?**

We have a saviour who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, **Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.** We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

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**Palm Sunday Mass**

Please join us for Palm Sunday Family Mass at 9.00am. Year 6 students and their Kindergarten buddies will be joining with the Parish to celebrate this important day in the Church year; the beginning of Holy Week. We warmly invite and encourage as many children from school to come along and join us. On Sunday we ask students to meet on the top playground to collect their palms. You are welcome to dress as Jewish children. Father has organised a donkey to reenact Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We hope to see you there!

**Holy Week**

Holy week is one of the most sacred times of the year when we remember and commemorate Jesus’ life on earth. It is a week of extreme importance for all Christians. Holy week commences on Palm Sunday, marking Jesus’ triumphant entry to Jerusalem. Especially important are the three days just before Easter. On Holy Thursday we reflect upon the significance of the Last Upper, the last meal Jesus shared with his apostles before he was betrayed and arrested. On Good Friday we remember the crucifixion and death of our Lord. Holy Saturday is a vigil; when we keep watch for the expectant rising of Jesus. Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus the Christ.

Next Thursday we will remember Holy Week with a Liturgy in the Church at 9.00am. You are warmly invited and encouraged to join us. In the past few weeks each class has attended Stations of the Cross in the Church and Years 4, 5 and 6 attended Reconciliation in preparation for the holiest of events in our Church calendar; a time when we turn back to God.

**St Patrick’s Day**

We had a wonderful day of celebrating our Patron Saint, St Patrick! We began with the tradition of Mass and 5 Blue did a wonderful re-entactment of our Gospel reading. The children sang beautifully and we all were recharged with God’s love!

A huge thank you to all the staff at St Patrick’s who supplied the goodies for the parent and friends morning tea! You put on a great spread. I think we had the biggest attendance of parents and grandparents ever. It is so lovely to have you with us and celebrating as part of our school community.

The rain failed to hold us back; and all classes engaged in fun activities rotating around the school before we join together for a BBQ. Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers for making this possible. We simply can’t do lunches like that without your support. A special shout out to Mrs Cormack!

Can I also thank the St Patrick’s Day Celebration Team including Mrs McNally, Mrs McCallum, Mrs Morris, Mrs Osling, Ms Conwell and Mrs Hartz who helped organise the events of the day!

**Parent Faith Formation**

It’s not too late to RSVP for The Spirit of Motherhood session. So far we have about 10 parents joining us. You are welcome to bring a friend. Please RSVP to my email address below. Again, Dads, Pops, Uncles are also welcome!

**Project Compassion Fundraising**

We are in the last weeks of fundraising! We have Project Compassion boxes in all of our classrooms and the office. Almsgiving (charity) is one of the major focuses of Lent. Your charity is a reflection of Catholic identity; to support those who are disadvantaged and in need.
What's on:

W9:  Palm Sunday Mass (Kindergarten & Year 6), 9.00am in the Church  
W9:  Whole School Holy Week Liturgy, 9.00am in the Church  
W10: Resurrection Mass, Tuesday, 29th March 2016 at 9.00am in the Church  
W10: The Spirit of Motherhood, Thursday 31st March 2016 at 8.45am in the LARC

God Bless  
Jacqueline Fletcher,  
Religious Education Coordinator

Invitation to Parents

The Spirit of Motherhood....

Mrs Cheryl Walsh invites you to our parent reflection morning entitled “The Spirit of Motherhood”. An opportunity to truly stop and reflect on some tools which can support us in this exciting and sometimes challenging journey of parenthood. Throughout the morning we will explore a range of tools including self-compassion and gratitude.

Gentle meditation and prayer, interactive discussion, engaging clips and some beautiful food to refresh and revive your spirit.

DETAILS  
When: Thursday, 31st March 2016  
Time: 8:45am—10:45am (Including morning tea)  
Where: St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School, East Gosford (LARC)  
RSVP: Jacqueline Fletcher at jacqui.fletcher1@abb.catholic.edu.au  
** Please contact us if you require child-minding as it may be available.
Celebrating St Patrick’s Day with Parents, Students and Staff
BROKEN BAY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

St Patricks junior girls, 50m relay team competed at the Broken Bay swim carnival recently. Emma, Grace, Annika & Jamilla (absent from the photo) raced very well doing the school proud and came 4th! Congratulations girls!

The First Year Six Debate Of 2016

Today, Monday the 14th March was the first ever debate of 2016. Hannah, Gemma, Lissette and Bridie travelled with Mrs Ryan to Holy Cross Kincumber.

When we arrived at Holy Cross we met some lovely girls named Sophie and Emma who escorted us to the library where the debate was held. We were greeted by Lara and Mrs Herd who was the adjudicators. All the Year 6’s raced into the room to watch the debate. Hannah was the first speaker, Gemma was second, Lissette was third and Bridie was lucky last fourth. We were all really nervous for the results to come through. But in the end all the hard work we did payed off and St Patrick’s won the first debate of 2016!

Overall the day was great and we got ice cream from McDonald’s at the end from Mrs Ryan. The other team were great sports and did really well. Thank you Holy Cross and Mrs Ryan.

By Bridie and Hannah
NEWS FROM THE MUSIC with Mrs Suzie Morris

HOT CROSS BUNS!!
The recorder group is going strong this term with a number of students already reaching their first 'belt'. Having mastered notes B, A and G along with fingering and playing technique (all with no squeaks!) these students are able to play Hot Cross Buns - just in time for Easter!

Reminder: Recorder club members need to bring their recorder, folder and music to school on Mondays for Recorder Club at lunch time.

CALL FOR PARENTS TO ASSIST WITH 2016 SCHOOL CONCERT
We are starting to plan for this year's school concert and are currently exploring the option of putting together a musical performance. We know we have a wealth of talent and expertise within our school community and would like to hear from interested parents/carers/grandparents who would like to be involved in our Concert Committee (for want of a better word!).

We would like to meet to discuss some ideas and options before the end of this term. If you are interested please let Suzie Morris know via susan.morris@dbb.catholic.edu.au

ICAS payment and permission slips are due today (Friday) — This will be finalised on Monday (we will accept late orders on Monday morning through the office)
Thanks for cleaning out our Infants Play Pod Mrs Morris - we had great fun!
From the P&F ...

AGM and Term 1 meeting

Last Thursday evening we held our first meeting for the year along with our annual general meeting. It was lovely to welcome some new kinder mums to the meeting as well as many familiar faces.

At our AGM the executive committee was re-elected as well as welcoming Nicole Patrick to team. In 2016 the executive committee is:

- President - Michelle Cormack
- Vice President - Patti Cox
- Secretary - Nicole Patrick
- Treasurer - Annabel Cockerton
- Diocesan Parent Representative - Ange Stitt

St. Patrick's day BBQ

A BIG thank you to the mums and grandmas who helped out with the BBQ on St. Patrick's day, we could not of done it without you! A special mention to Sue M, Nicole P and Jane M who cooked hundreds of sausages for all to enjoy, and Julia and Annabel for their prep work. Fantastic work ladies! And once again we thank the Trinh Family for supplying the delicious bread rolls.

Easter raffle

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Easter raffle. The generosity of donations, purchasing of tickets and overall support is heart warming. Parents, children and staff have embraced this fundraiser* and there is truly a great level of excitement in the possibility of winning an Easter basket!

There will be 1st prize, 2nd prize and 3rd prize, as well as smaller Easter baskets up for grabs. Donations gratefully received until Monday 21 March. All raffle tickets, sold or unsold, to be returned by Tuesday morning, 22 March.

The draw will take place on Tuesday afternoon. And remember, the class with the most donations will win a pizza lunch with Mrs Walsh to be enjoyed after Easter!

The P&F will be making up the baskets on Monday morning in the INFANTS library from 8.40am. If you would like to come and wrap, make bows or fold raffle tickets, we would love your help. All help greatly appreciated.

*All funds raised by the Easter raffle will go towards the upgrading of the Infants Playground.

Some dates for the diary -

- Thursday 5 May - Mother's Day Stall
- Friday 13 May - School disco (Infants - 5.30pm to 6.45p
- Saturday 25 June - Trivia/Games night (adults only)
Birthday cakes
If sending something for your child to share with his/her classmates for their birthday, please send individual items only.
Items such as cupcakes, doughnuts, ice blocks or chocolate Freddos are often a good alternative.
Please inform your child’s teacher in writing if they have any foods they cannot eat and send in an appropriate alternative that we can store for these occasions.

SCHOOL BANKING
PLEASE SEND YOUR BANKING BOOKS IN ON WEDNESDAY!!
Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at St Patricks!
This week’s Canteen Vouchers go to:
Sandor Torak
Cruz West
Lachlan Cormack
Rania Kurian
Congratulations!!

BUS NEWS
If you wish to apply for an Opal pass for your child please go Online to apply at transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500

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.
Guitar and Keyboard/Piano lessons through the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music: make an enquiry online at: http://www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/contactus
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
We are looking for Volunteers for the 2016 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 2016 calendar and if you have a date in mind, even if its months away, let her know your availability.

As you can see we have two of days that we NEED SOMEONE. If we don’t get the volunteers we will need to close the canteen on days there aren’t enough. That means no lunch orders.

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If you have dates in mind for next Term (2), please contact Adrienne on mrspraz@gmail.com or 0414 509547
St Patricks is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their 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 silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggily Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

**Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!**

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

**BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY**
1 The school and the diocese both independently and through its schools collects personal information, including sensitive information about students and parents or guardians before and during the course of a student’s enrolment at the school. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the school to provide schooling for your son/daughter and to enable them to take part in all the activities of the school.

2 Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the school’s legal obligations, particularly to enable the school to discharge its duty of care.

3 Laws governing or relating to the operation of schools require certain information to be collected. These include education, public health and child protection laws.

4 Health information about students is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about your child from time to time.

5 If we do not obtain the information referred to above, we may not be able to enrol or continue the enrolment of your son/daughter.

6 The school from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes including to facilitate the transfer of a student to another school. This includes:

   - government departments, government agencies and statutory boards
   - the Catholic Schools Office
   - the Catholic Education Commission NSW
   - the Diocese of Broken Bay and its parishes
   - systemic schools within the Broken Bay Diocese and other schools
   - NSW Board of Studies and the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
   - medical practitioners
   - people providing services to the school, including specialist visiting teachers, (sports) coaches, volunteers and counsellors

7 Personal information collected from students is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians. On occasions information such as academic and sporting achievements, student activities and other news is published in school newsletters, magazines and on our website. Photographs of student activities such as sporting events, school camps and school excursions may be taken for publication in school newsletters, magazines and websites and for Diocesan Schools System publications and website. The school will seek parents’ permission to use student photographs in this way.

8 Parents may seek access to personal information collected about them and their son/daughter by contacting the school. Students may also seek access to personal information about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the school’s duty of care to the student, or where students have provided information in confidence.

9 The school from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the school’s fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.

10 If you provide the school with the personal information of others, such as doctors or emergency contacts, we encourage you to inform these parties that you are disclosing that information to the school and why, that they can access that information if they wish and that the school does not usually disclose the information to third parties.

11 The school utilises service providers to provide certain services to the school and its staff and students. The school may provide your personal information to those service providers in connection with the provision of these services. The school’s service provider may store personal information in the “cloud” which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia. The school’s email service provider may store and process emails outside Australia.

12 The Diocesan Schools System Privacy Policy also sets out how to make a complaint about a breach of privacy and how the school will deal with such a complaint.
8/4/2016 6:30 PM
Idea to Screen: Short Film
Competiton and Screening Showcase

Contact: Jennifer Dias on 4304 7071

9/4/2016 9:00 AM
Central Coast Series: Kariong Sessions
Central Coast Series is a skate, scooter and BMX competition. The Kariong Sessions are the first of three rounds in the championship. The competition is open to all young people with divisions of Under 12, under 16, Open and Sponsored. The cost of $5 covers all three events. Find us on Facebook ccscomp or Instagram @centralcoastseries.
Kariong Skate Park, 98 Mitchell Drive, Kariong
Contact: Michelle Tilden on 4304 7039

9/4/2016 10:00 AM
Youth Connections: Connecting Youth Abilities Day
This community open day showcases the talents and significant contribution made by young people with disability. Youth Connections participants will demonstrate their strengths and skills across various areas from radio production and cooking, to activities and games. The free event is open to everyone. Come along and discover what our young people have to offer.
Green Central Gate 1, Kangoo Road, Kariong
Contact: Matt Williamson on 4346 1111

10/4/2016 9:00 AM
GOATS Family Festival
This festival has something for everyone, including live bands and performers, market stalls, food, community stalls, showbags, cultural performances, art exhibition, roaming entertainment, animal farm, family rides and more.
Koala Park, Delta Electricity Scenic Drive, San Remo
Contact: Jillian Hogan on 4390 7888

10/4/2016 10:00 AM
An Introduction to ‘The BUS’
Regional Youth Support Services will be parking its new mobile Youth Centre, The BUS, at various Youth Week festivals and events throughout the Coast. We look forward to hearing young peoples’ ideas as about what they want to see and do with their very own youth bus.

Various locations
Contact: Virginia Walshaw on 4325 2374

11/4/2016 12:30 PM
Youth Week at the Y
The YMCA is running a free youth multi-sport gala day at Lake Haven Recreation Centre to celebrate Youth Week. Touch football, soccer, netball, basketball, indoor rock-climbing session and mental health workshops with headspace. There will also be free gym access for youth throughout Youth Week. Goobarakah Avenue, Gorokan
Contact: Alicia Parker on 4392 7677

11/4/2016 1:00 PM
Planet Art
Six upcycled art workshops will be held daily during Youth Week across the Berkeley Vale, Bateau Bay, Long Jetty areas, culminating in an exhibition on Saturday 16 April.
The Berkeley Centre, 3 Heather Ave, Glenning Valley
Contact: Gillian Holton on 4388 5801

12/4/2016 10:00 AM
How to Slay Being an Adult
Practical demonstrations and information stalls covering everything you need to know to slay being an adult. Cooking demonstration, car, lawn and home maintenance, bank accounts, consumer rights, renting, how to get a doctor, dentist and more.
The Wyong Grove Community & Cultural Hub, 1 North Road, Wyong.
Contact: Jennifer Dias on 4304 7071

13/4/2016 10:00 AM
Central Coast Series: Copa Clash
Central Coast Series is a skate scooter and BMX competition. Copa Clash is the second of three rounds in the championship. The competition is open to all young people with divisions of Under 12, Under 16, Open and Sponsored. The cost of $5 covers all three events. Find us on Facebook ccscomp or Instagram @centralcoastseries.
Copacabana Skate Park, Del Monte Place, Copacabana
Contact: Haley Burgess on 4325 8102

13/4/2016 12:00 PM
Developing Dreamz
A free photo booth at Phoenix Youth Support Service. 12-18 year olds are welcome to come and have their photo taken. You will receive one copy and will have a chance to put a second copy in a collage which will be displayed in the centre. Free finger food will be prepared by young people from Youth Connections.
Gravity Youth Centre, Off Bannister Drive, Lakehaven
Contact: Chris Dryden on 0403 129 920

13/4/2016 6:00 PM
Lakes Wheelchair Basketball Challenge
People of all ages and all abilities are invited to join us for the first wheelchair basketball challenge on the Coast.
Northlakes High School, Brava Avenue, San Remo
Contact: Jillian Hogan on 4390 7888

14/4/2016 4:00 PM
Rising Stars MMA
This will be a fun, informative introductory class to Mixed Martial Arts for all young people regardless of experience in this area. The two hour workshop will run a series of Mixed Martial Arts demonstrations, physical activities and explore the traditional philosophies that influence martial artists. There will also be an opportunity opportunity to meet and learn with the current World JNR PANIKRATION / MMA Champion.
The Hub Erina, Nth St Road, Erina Fair, Erina
Contact: Jennifer Dias on 4304 7071

17/4/2016 9:00 AM
FREE All Day A Capella Youth Workshop
If you have watched Pitch Perfect or sung along to Glee, now is your chance! Perfect your pitch, register for evenbite acapella youth workshops. Grab your friends and learn a four part arrangement led by Blindsise (National A Cappella Champions), brought to you by Soundwaves.
The Hub Erina, Nth St Road, Erina Fair, Erina
Contact: Jennifer Dias on 4304 7071

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