Greetings,

Welcome back for another term of learning, living, sharing and giving in our beautiful St Patrick’s Catholic School community where Christ is at the centre of all we do.

**Mother’s Day Mass**

Thank you to all those mothers, aunties, parishioners, sisters, grandmothers, stepmothers and special women who joined us for our Mother’s Day Mass on Thursday. We wish you all a very joyful and relaxing Mother’s Day on Sunday with your families.

A big thank you to the Mother’s Day Celebration Team who helped prepare for the Mass. Mrs Toomey and Ms Conwell collated all the photographs, Mrs Brewer put together the wonderful photo story presentation, Mrs Morris was instrumental in preparing our beautiful Kindergarten and Year 1 children for their thanks-giving song and Mrs Mandell helped put all the posters up around the altar. Thank you to Mr Harris for great guitar playing and Natalie, Maria, Cheryl, Michelle & Cheryl, for preparing the morning tea.
**Confirmation Information Night**  
The Sacrament of Confirmation is the process of accepting Jesus’ invitation to “Come and see” (Jn 1:39). The Sacrament compliments Baptism. It invites children to recall the meaning of their Baptism and to hear again Jesus’ message and the call to be a discipleship. Confirmation is for children in Year 2 and above who have been Baptised.

The Parent Information/Education session for this Sacrament is at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 18th May 2016 in the LARC. Confirmation classes are as follows:

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Parents are asked to bring their child/ren to Sunday Mass each week of the program. The Sacrament will be conferred upon the children on Saturday the 18th June 2016 at two sessions, 10.30am and 12.30pm.

If you have any queries you should contact Colleen from the Parish on: 4325 1042

**Baptisms**

Last term we had six children from our community Baptised in one of our whole school Masses. It was a beautiful celebration where we welcomed these children into the Catholic community as God’s children. If you or your children are ready to take this step of faith, please contact either myself or Colleen from the Parish so we can make arrangements and prepare you and/or your children for this beautiful encounter with God, where He calls you by name into the Church.

**Parent Reflection Day**

We would like to invite mothers from our school community to be part of a special reflection day at North Avoca on Friday the 20th May 2016.

Mothers from Our Lady Star of the Sea in Terrigal, Holy Cross in Kincumber, St John the Baptist in Woy Woy and St Patrick’s in East Gosford have been invited to attend this day which will include human stories, Christian Meditation, prayer, reflection and a beautiful meal.

It will also involve both interactive discussion and some personal time. It is a true gift and a day we hope that will touch the hearts and lives of those Mums who are able to attend.

**Stories by the Sea**

You are invited to a day with Mums by the sea. Enjoy stories, friendship, beautiful food, Christian Meditation, prayer and reflection.

Friday 20th May 2016  
North Avoca Beach Surf Club 
North Avoca Pde, North Ave 
9.30am-2pm / Coffee at 9am  
Please bring a plate for morning tea  
(No nuts please)  
Lunch provided  
RSVP: Rachel Tyne on rachel.tyne@dbb.catholic.edu.au

**First Holy Communion Reunion**

Father Tadeusz, Father Roman and Margaret Eadie (Sacramental Program Coordinator) would like to invite all the children who made their First Holy Communion last year to come together and at the 9.00 o’clock Mass on Sunday, 15th May to reconnect. There will be a cake for the children to share in the Jordan Room after the Mass.
Dear Parents and Students,

What a wonderful celebration we had at school yesterday for Mother’s Day. It was great to have so many from the community present to celebrate with us. The children were delightful with their singing, actions and reading.

I would like to thank all the staff members as well as Ms Fletcher for their organisation of our celebration yesterday and Father Tadeusz and Father Roman for celebrating our Mass with us.

Winter Uniforms

As previously advised students should be in their full winter uniform by Monday 16th May. But we will monitor the weather and possibly make changes if the need arises.

Enrolments for 2017

This week I completed around 33 enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2017. If there are any families who have not taken or returned enrolment forms can I ask this been done as soon as possible. We would like to get acceptance letters to parents before the end of this term.

Playground update

The upgrade to the Infants playground is coming along quickly and it is looking fantastic. We now have the shop fronts, stage area, dry-river bed etc all in place. It will be only a few more weeks before it’s all finished. We will have to look at how we can celebrate the completion of the project.
NAPLAN
Next week the students in Years 3 and 5 sit the NAPLAN Assessments. These will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Canberra
Our Year 6 students are all off to Canberra for 3 days. We all hope that they have a great experience and a wonderful time while away.

School Fees
You should have received your May Fee Statement via email yesterday. In a busy lifestyle it is possible to forget to pay accounts when they become due. However, school fees are essential to the financial viability of your child’s school and to enable us to pay our accounts as they become due. If you didn’t receive your fee statement yesterday, please contact the school office. Thank you to our parents who continually ensure that their school fees are up-to-date.

Pupil Free Day
Friday 10 June will be a Staff Development Day (Pupil Free) Catholic Care’s Before and After School Care will operate on this day. Please contact them if needed.

The Athletics Carnival is under way, a full report will be in the next newsletter

Have a great weekend!

Cheryl

CROSS COUNTRY
Wednesday students from Years 2 to 6 represented St. Patrick’s at the CCC Cross Country at Mt. Penang. We had a fantastic day with exceptional behaviour and sportsmanship!

We had 12 students make the top twenty places for their age group. Congratulations to those who made it through to the next level of Cross Country!
SCHOOL BANKING

There was a slight discrepancy in this week's school banking (week dated 5/5/16). We ask that you check your child's account and contact the school office if you have a concern with the amount deposited.

We ask that you please fill out all of your account book deposit slips in full INCLUDING THE STUB as this makes the volunteers job much easier.

This is a chance for us to thank our volunteers for giving up their Thursday morning to administer our School Banking.

THANK YOU, TAMMY, HAJNALKA AND KAREN WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR EFFORTS !!!

PLEASE RETURN FACEBOOK PERMISSION SLIPS TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FUN IN THE PLAY POD
**P&F news …**

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Thank you to the following mums who ran the Mother’s Day stall on Tuesday - Annabel, Jasmine, Nicole, Carissa, Amy, Wendy, Julia, Katie, Sandra and Michele. A special shout out to Patti for coordinating the gifts. We could not do it without you. The P&F thanks all our wonderful families for supporting our stall. All profits raised will go towards the infants playground.

**School Disco (for the kids)**

Our first school disco for 2016 will be held on Friday 27 May in the school hall. Please see flyer for more information. To run this event we need many, many helpers. Please contact Michelle on 0408 412 408 or email michellecormack@bigpond.com to volunteer your time.

**Annual Trivia & Games Night (Adults only)**

Save the date – Saturday 25 June promises to be a fun night! Our annual Trivia Night has a “Road to Rio” theme to celebrate the upcoming Olympics games, all things Rio and more! Tables of 8 available. Start planning your tables now! Tickets will go on sale from Monday 30 May, $10 per person. Stay tuned for more details.

If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event please contact Michelle on 0408 412 408 or email michellecormack@bigpond.com. We would love some new faces and new ideas!

**From the Library and LARC (Learning and Resource Centre)**

Premier’s Reading Challenge:

A great start to another fantastic year of reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Many children have already returned their permission slip and have received their Reading Log.

If you would like your child to complete the challenge please send in the permission note.

Happy Reading!

Thank You:

A big THANK YOU to Sue Magann who entered the Kellogg’s Free Books Promotion and nominated the school to receive a free book. Many children will enjoy reading “The really nearly deadly canoe ride”.

Thank you also to the many parents who donate books to our school throughout the year, you are all wonderful.

And through your generosity you are helping to promote reading and the love of literacy in our school.

**Carmen Hartz, Teacher Librarian**
FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

Primary students going for their licence! Keyboard licences that is :) Many Year 3 students achieved their keyboard licence at the end of Term 1 and Year 4 to 6 students will achieve theirs this term. Students need to show Mrs Morris that they can read notes on the staff - treble clef for Years 3 and 4 and bass and treble clefs for Years 5 and 6 (theory component) as well as play a song or two on the Keyboard (practical component). Have you got your licence?

Recorder Club is going strong and the students who are still attending are working well, learning new notes and beginning to pick up new songs quickly by being able to read notes and rhythms easily. We have a number of students who have worked their way through their white and yellow belts by mastering songs for each level and are now heading towards their pink belt in Week 5 this term. Well done to these students, their commitment to learning an instrument and taking the time to practice is really shining through!

DRUMS! We are very fortunate at St Patrick’s to have such supportive parents who are willing to help out in many ways. Craig Morrison, a dad and drum master from Kids on Congas recently helped Mrs Morris source some djembe drums for music. Craig’s knowledge and experience, along with the money that St Patrick’s received last year through participating in Junkyard Orchestra means that we now have four very beautiful djembe drums to use in music, performance and masses. Thank you Craig and oh what a lot of fun we are going to have!

CHORESTRA! The St Patrick’s choir rebranded themselves ‘Chorestra’ last term meaning a choral orchestra. Made up of Year 3, 4 and 5 students, Chorestra has been busy learning new songs and recently performed at our ANZAC service singing ‘Lest We Forget’. We have some exciting events coming up including:

Choral Workshop @ St Joseph’s on 29 June (Term 2)

Central Coast Catholic Schools Choral Day on August 19 (Term 3 - concert for families 4:30-6:00pm @ St Peter’s Tuggerah)

The Alinta uniform shop now has woollen Jumpers available.

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DONATIONS TO FIJI

Many thanks to Fadia (Our second hand uniform shop volunteer) who organised to send our old style uniforms to a Fijian Primary School via Unleashed Grad Trips Travel Agency in Bondi junction.

Jordan and Fadia worked very hard the night before and delivering the boxes to Bondi junction, folding all the clothes and packing all the boxes. Great to see our old style uniforms going to a great cause.

Students from our school will soon undertake an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

LOST

Destiny Dennis 6Blue has lost her formal hat—hope it’s out there and returns to her soon.
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.

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If you have dates in mind for this Term (2), please contact Adrienne on mrspraz@gmail.com
or 0414 509547
The new Entertainment™ Memberships are NOW AVAILABLE from the School Office and are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers that you can use through to 1 June 2017.

Flick through to preview the value at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/flickbook

Choose between the popular Entertainment™ Book with Gold Card and Vouchers, or the Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Book on your smartphone.

There are many deals that can be used during the upcoming school holidays.

If you wish to place an order, pop into the office or click here to be redirected to the online order page.

Please tell your family and friends.
School Banking is improving your kid’s ‘Common Cents.’

It’s been a great start to the school year, and every week we see the students putting in a fantastic savings effort. That might be because of this year’s Grand Prize: a VIP tour of Australia Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin! Many of our true blue Outback Savers are well on their way to reaching their 15 deposits by the end of Term 3, which will give them an automatic entry into the Grand Prize competition.

Aside from the Grand Prize, two new reward items are available this term. After making 10 School Banking deposits, students can redeem the Mud Splat Handball or the Outback Pat Bag Tag!

Learning about your child’s ‘Common Cents’

Earlier this year, CommBank released a report exploring just how clued-up about money Australian children are. They were asked to complete the ‘Common Cents’ Quiz, which looked at five key areas of financial literacy: spending, saving, earning, budgeting and investing.

The research revealed our nation’s kids are – on average – educated earners and spenders, and children whose parents have smarter money habits recorded higher ‘Common Cents’ scores. Here are some of the statistics we’ve uncovered:

- 68% of Aussie kids like saving their money more than spending it.
- 77% of them understand they can earn extra money by doing chores around the house.
- Only 50% know what a budget is, with one in five thinking it’s a sheet of paper with numbers on it.
- Over 50% of children surveyed would take $5 now, over larger monetary sums if they have to wait.

The report also shows that 69% of primary school children in Australia receive pocket money, and 82% of those are expected to complete tasks to earn it. Pocket money is a great way for parents to teach kids the value of money and the earning process.

If you’re curious about your child’s ‘Common Cents’, we encourage you to take them through the simple Quiz that’s available at commbank.com.au/commoncentsquiz

For more tips, videos and activities to stimulate your child’s interest in money skills, head to The Beanstalk at commbank.com.au/youthsaver

Things you should know: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 25/1/16 and ends 11.59pm AEST 30/9/16. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program, have parent/guardian consent to enter, and make at least 15 separate deposits into their Youthsaver account through the School Banking program during the promotion period, just at 1 entry per person. The draw will take place at 12.00pm AEDT on 11/10/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip for up to 2 adults and 3 children (17 years or under) to the Sunshine Coast, Queensland with return economy flights (depending on winner’s place of residence), 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire, $1,000 spending money and a 1 day VIP family Platinum Zoo Adventure tour of Australia Zoo, valued at up to $13,591. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 17/10/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, 3/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Call 13 2221. NSW Permit No LTPS/15/07166; ACT Permit No TP15/7385; SA Permit No T15/1610.
School Traffic and Parking Around Your Local Community
A Road Safety message from Gosford City Council

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

1. Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
2. Across a driveway or footpath
3. On a median strip or traffic island
4. On footpaths and nature strips
5. On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children’s crossing or pedestrian crossing

6. Within an intersection
7. Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise

8. Between Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signs
   At least one (1) metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane

9. Within three (3) metres of any double centre lines
10. Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop
Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.

- **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing wigwag lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

- **A School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.

- **A No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

- **A No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two (2) minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. - No Parking Zones are suitable for ‘Kiss & Drop’ – but you must abide by the rules.

- **A Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.