Greetings,

An interesting fact about Jesus of Nazareth, which is often overlooked, is that he lived as a poor man, ministered as a poor man, was crucified as a poor man, and rose from the grave as a poor man. The man that Christians everywhere embrace as Saviour lived as one of the impoverished.

The Pope said,

“The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person. The Son of God knew what it was to start life without a roof over this head. We can find no social or moral justification whatsoever for the lack of housing. There are many unjust situations, but we know that God is suffering with us, experiencing them at our side. He does not abandon us. We know that Jesus wanted to show solidarity with every person. He wanted everyone to experience his companionship, his help, his love. He identified with all those who suffer, who weep, who suffer any kind of injustice”

This week I ask that we show solidarity with every person and donate either:

- Blankets
- Sleeping Items
- Scarves
- Socks
- Beanies
- Jackets
- Jumpers
- Gloves
- Long life tinned food

The aim is to completely cover the staged area in the hall with our donations and we are almost halfway there. I understand that many of us can have our own financial struggles but thank you for your generosity in supporting the most vulnerable in our local community.

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy.

Amen
Mini Vinnies Team:
A big thank you to those children in our Mini Vinnies Team who have made posters for our Winter Appeal and stayed back after the disco last week to help clean up. We thank you for your servant leadership in our school. Thanks to the P&F for organising the Disco—$490 was raised for Minnie Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Baptisms
We would like to congratulate all those children who received the Sacrament of Baptism at our Sacred Heart Mass today.
Elliott C
Lachlan & Carys D
Michael & Rebecca L

What’s on:
- Pupil Free Day for our Staff Development Spirituality Day on Thursday the 10th June 2016
- Confirmation Ceremony, Saturday the 18th June at 10.30am and 12.30pm

Blessings,
Jacqueline Fletcher, Religious Education Coordinator
Dear Parents and Students,

What a wonderful Mass we celebrated today for the feast of the Sacred Heart and to celebrate the Baptism of our 5 beautiful children this morning. Thank you Father Tadeusz for celebrating mass with us this morning. I would like to thank those parents who have sent in blankets, scarves, beanies and gloves and food items for the St Vincent De Paul to give to those in need. Please continue to send in these items early next week.

We have a very special event planned for the Opening of the new playground on Wednesday starting at 3pm after school. Father Tadeusz will bless our new playground and there will be balloons, a sausage sizzle and the canteen will be open as well. We are also expecting SEA FM to be present, so its looking like we will be having a very exciting afternoon.

Next Friday the staff will be working together for our Staff Development Day on ‘Liturgy’. Please remember that this is a pupil free day for the students and as we will be off site, there will be no staff here at all on the Friday.

We have Parent teacher Interviews commencing Monday 20th June. Can I ask if you haven’t made an appointment that you do so as soon as possible. Semester One reports will be sent home on Friday 17th June.

Finally with the change of weather, all students should be in their full winter uniform. This includes school ties for the boys and tights or stockings for the girls. We always have a lot of lost property that do not have names. It is important that all items of clothing have your child’s name clearly labelled.

May God Bless you

Cheryl

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SCHOOL FEES

We appreciate families who are keeping their school fees up to date. Please note that all overnight camp fees must be paid prior to the excursion taking place. Fees for the Year 5 camp in Term 4 were invoiced at the beginning of the school year and the school is required to pay these fees on your behalf prior to the excursion taking place.

If you have any questions about school fees, or problems paying, please contact our Senior Administration Officer Natalie in the office on 4325 1159.
FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

**Kindy Compositions:** Creating our own music and expressing ourselves through music is an important aspect of music classes at St Patrick’s. We compose music across K-6 on a range of different levels from using simple graphics and representation of sounds through to more formal notation using music symbols and notes. Kindergarten had their first taste of composing music last week with the help of Lego! We used Lego to create rhythms, notated our rhythms on paper and then played these rhythms for each other and Mrs Morris! Well done Kindy :)

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**Year 5 and 6 using both side of their brain!**

Playing a song on the keyboard is one of the most rewarding activities in the music room. Once you have figured out the notes, where the keys are on the keyboard and then can actually play it like it should sound, there is an air of accomplishment.

Year 5 and 6 students are using both sides of their brain as they attempt to play treble and bass clefs at the same time!

Check out what playing the keyboard (piano) can do for you.
From Our Assistant Principal, Michelle Perry

New Infants Playground

Our new adventure playground will be opened on 8th June. Parents and children are invited to the celebration for the opening with a sausage sizzle, choir performance and blessing by local Parish Priest, Father Tadeusz.

The new playground includes model shopfronts, play kitchen, letter boxes, sandpit, car tracks, dry creek bed and crossing bridge to the existing climbing equipment. There's also a stage that allows the children to perform creative plays and dances. The children are extremely excited about dressing up, going shopping and opening their own businesses in our much anticipated new play area.

Play has a vital role in children’s social and emotional development and the provision of quality outdoor play opportunities form an integral part of a good learning environment. It has been designed to encourage social and emotional learning by allowing children to explore their world through play.

“The idea is that after the parent and teacher, a child’s environment can be their third teacher,” said Sally Harrison, Early Learning Officer at the Catholic Schools Office when she spoke to interested Parents on Tuesday morning.

“They’re learning to share, to take turns, modelling real world behaviours when they play shops.”

Click here for A Research Summary on Play and Learning by Dr. Rachel E. White
RETURN FACEBOOK PERMISSION SLIPS TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SCIENCE

In Year 1 Science we have been observing and exploring change through the context of food including spaghetti, chocolate and popcorn.

SPORT REPORT

RUGBY LEAGUE POLDING TRIALS
Tom and Emmet Nicholls represented Rugby League Broken Bay at Polding trials. Tom performed well and Emmet showed excellent skills and was selected into the Polding team. He will Polding in June at Wyong.

CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to the following children who represented St Pats at the Diocesan Cross Country on the 24 May. They all performed well and represented our school beautifully.

Bonnie B
Cara H
Tristan J
Nate V
Sam C
Liam H
Laura T
Kai H
Keenan W
Tara McM
Sinead McM
Annika O
Nick V-T

Well done to Annika who finished 9th in under 10 girls (And is first reserve for Polding).
P&F news …

**Disco recap**
A great night was had last Friday night by all the children that attended our first disco of the year. Thank you to all our volunteers that gave up their time (on a very chilly evening!) to ensure the disco was a success. A special shout out to Annabel Cockerton, Ange Stitt and Rachael Brady for their help! Profits from the sale of glowstix and the snack packs will go towards the funds for the infants playground. The entry fee collected will be donated to the Mini Vinnies winter appeal.

**Term 2 meeting**
Our one and only meeting for the term will take place following next weeks grand opening of the infants playground. (Wednesday 8 June at 5.00pm). We hope many of you can stay back to hear first hand what is happening in our school. Child minding will be available!

**Trivia and games night**
Tickets now on sale! Lock in Saturday 25 June at 7pm for a fun filled evening with lots of laughs.
Tickets $10 per person, available at the office. Book a table or come solo. This is our social event of the year and it would be great to fill the hall. Lots of prizes up for grabs - stay tuned for more info!

**Donations for the Trivia Night**
I know there are many families at the school that often donate things for the night for example Beauty Vouchers, boxes of chocolate, bottles of wine/alcohol etc. ANYTHING!
We thanks the following for their donations:
Bunnings Erina
Quattro Cafe - Erina
Feather Touch Massage - Erina

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**MUSIC TOGETHER**
Sharing and celebrating our hard work and musical gifts

Keyboard, Recorder and Guitar students are invited to perform for each other and their families at a special musical evening.
5:30pm-6:30pm | Monday 27th June 2016
St Patrick's Primary Music Room
Please register with Mrs Morris: susan.morris@dbb.catholic.edu.au
From Carmen Hartz our Teacher Librarian

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is underway with many children signing up to participate in the challenge. Children are busily borrowing and reading books from the library and LARC to fill their Reading Logs. We also have our fast finishers who have been reading every night and every day to complete the challenge first. Congratulations to Richard S, William S, Harry C and Jordan M who have already completed the challenge.

Well Done boys.
Happy Reading

National Simultaneous Storytime

Last Wednesday the children in kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. National Simultaneous Storytime aims to promote the value of reading and literacy; promote the value and fun of books and promote an Australian writer and publisher.

We read “I got this Hat” by Jol and Kate Temple, we wore funny hats and we even made our own hats. We had lots of fun in the library.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those parents who have booked a time for interview—but there are still many who haven’t.

The site will close on 16 June—please remember to book your time for an interview with your child’s teacher.

The Alinta uniform shop now has woollen Jumpers available.

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St Edwards Bears JRLFC
NEEDS YOU
To come and play in the Central Coast Junior Rugby League comp with us!
All ages from U6 to U17 are needed.
HAVE A FRIEND WHO WANTS TO PLAY?
BRING THEM TOO AND RECEIVE A DISCOUNT!
• Family based club with proud history
• Wonderful waterfront home-ground at East Gosford
• Fantastic coaching staff
• PREMIERSHIP winning teams

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR 2016
Register online now at www.playnrl.com
@ St Edwards Bears Rugby League Football Club
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 it's months away, let her know your availability.

HUGE Thank You to Deidra Robertson, who came in today to ensure the Primary Side Students had canteen for Recess.

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If you can fill the places NEED SOMEONE please contact Adrienne on mrspraz@gmail.com or 0414 509547
Central Coast Council would like to remind parents of parking restrictions outside your school. Please pay close attention to the signs outside your child’s primary school and watch your speed when travelling through all school zones.

**NO STOPPING zone**

Stopping is NOT permitted at any time.

**BUS ZONE**

Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign.

**DOUBLE PARKING**

You are not permitted to stop, OR park alongside another vehicle already parked parallel to the kerb. This means do not form a queue in the middle of the lane if you are waiting. Move on, do a loop and come back.

**NO PARKING zone**

Drivers may drop off and pick up children during the times shown on the sign BUT note:

- Max. Stopping time is 2 minutes – your child must exit and enter the car within this time.
- Driver must remain within 3 METRES of the vehicle – you may get out to help with bags etc.
- Stop as close as possible to the top of the zone to allow access for vehicles following behind.

Stopping ON OR ACROSS a driveway or other access point to and from a property.

Not permitted under any circumstance, you must always consider the school’s neighbours by leaving space at their driveways to allow safe exit and entry to the roadway.

Travelling more than 40 km/hour through school zones may inhibit a car from stopping in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian. Parking illegally also creates serious risks as it limits the vision of other drivers.

It only takes a split second for an accident to occur and only one car to present a danger to an unknowing child.

Please be aware and park safely outside your child’s school.

For more information regarding parking restriction around your school please contact Council’s RSO on 4325 8222.
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:

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

- Within an intersection
- Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise

- 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

- Within three (3) metres of any double centre lines
- 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.

**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.
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.

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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.