



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Family Mass

Children's Liturgy every 9am Mass
except in school holidays

P & F Meeting

8 March 7pm on the Infants Campus

St Patrick's Hall

Enquires and bookings please call the
school office

Outside School Hours Care

E: eastgosford.oshc@dbb.org.au
or phone 0408 165 671
or visit the school website

The Uniform Shop

phone 0412 087 696
opening hours during school terms

Tuesday

8.30am – 10.30am

Also 1st Friday of every month

2.30pm – 4.00pm

The uniform shop can be contacted
outside of business hours by email
stpatrickprimary@alinta.com.au
payments can be made direct to
Alinta Apparel in the form of cash,
credit card, or debit credit card

NO CHEQUES

uniform price list & online shopping
available at

<http://www.alintaapparel.com.au/alinta/>

Canteen

Infants: Wednesday & Friday

Primary: Wednesday & Friday

Rostered volunteers please give

24 hours' notice if you are unable to
attend

Greetings,

Wishing you all a HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

ST PATRICK

Among the legends of snakes and shamrocks lies the story of a missionary whose way of living and words touched the souls of the people in Ireland. He spoke simply of God's beauty and love. He spoke of a God so close to us that there is a very thin membrane between the divine and the human. The people of Ireland had long known this through their own experience and appreciation of the winds, the trees, the rivers, the glens, the greening earth. Patrick brought a name to their experience – Jesus, the living Word of God made flesh, now risen and whose radiance fills the earth – for those with eyes to see.

Luke brings this same message in Saturday's Gospel – 'the Kingdom is very near to you'. The mind and heart of God is close to you. This is the Good News all messengers are charged to proclaim in word and deed. The disciples are told not just what to say but *how* to say it through their lives. The reign of God will never make sense through words, unless it is also being lived. So the disciples carried nothing with them. No purse, no haversack, no extra sandals. This is real trust in God's graciousness. God will provide all that is needed. God will sustain us.

This is how Patrick arrived in Ireland, with little more than his own faith to sustain him. This is also how the first Catholics arrived in Australia. Many came as convicts, or indentured labourers.

As we celebrate and give thanks for the faith of Patrick, can we celebrate and give thanks for the rich heritage of all our ancestors in the faith, the many in our families and schools and parishes who lived and spoke the good news of Jesus. May we continue to be the messengers of this Good News so that we too can be a 'light for the nations'.

© Mary Coloe (adapted by Mrs Nenadovic)



St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Thank you to all who were able to join us in celebrating the Feast Day of our Patron Saint. We had the most wonderful day! Thank you Father Sebastian for celebrating Mass with us. We had a great time at the park with our Gold Treasure Hunt, Flying Fox, Leprechaun Tag and Gold Coin Toss. Year 6 were fantastic in helping out. When we returned our amazing P&F Team had prepared a sausage sizzle lunch. The children all were really in the spirit of St Patrick's Day wearing a splash of green. We hope you have a great St Patrick's Day tomorrow.

In our prayers

We would like you to keep in your prayers families and friends of our school who have recently lost loved ones. The Eager family recently lost John Eager, Nick's father. We pray that those who have been lost are embraced by the Lord and we also pray that they find comfort in this time of loss.

Easter Family Mass: Whole School

On Sunday the 1st April 2018 there is a special Easter Mass at 10.30am at the Church.

This Parish Mass will also be celebrated as a Whole School Family Mass. We hope you can join us in celebrating the joy of the Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ!

What's on:

W9: 29th March: Holy Week Liturgy 9.00am
 30th March: Good Friday
 1st April: Easter Sunday Family Mass, Whole School, 10.30am
 W10: 2nd April: Easter Monday
 6th April: Whole School Easter Mass, Friday 9.00am

Go gently with Christ

Jacqueline Nenadovic, Religious Education Coordinator



ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

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GREETINGS & GOD'S BLESSINGS FROM FR TADEUSZ

Happy St Patrick's Day!

Though a day early, I hope you have a great celebration, commencing with Mass. Easter is almost upon us with Holy Week commencing on Monday March 26. I earnestly encourage you to attend as many of the services as you can manage, and invite you to join us for our 2nd Rite of Reconciliation to relieve your mind of its worries and free you to enjoy Easter to its fullest.

PALM SUNDAY

We invite you and especially the kids to re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem next Sunday, March 25! Father will represent Jesus riding on a donkey from the Victoria St school ground to the church, with much palm waving! Assemble at 8.45am

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Monday March 26 at 7.30pm. Please join us.



SERVICES OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thurs: 7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Good Fri: 10am: Stations [presented by the Youth]
 Good Fri: 3pm: The Passion of the Lord.
 Easter Vigil: 7pm: Mass ~ Service of the Light.
 Easter Sun: Masses at 7.30am, 9am, **10.30am** & 6pm
Please join us for the Family Mass at 10.30am!
 Somersby: Good Fri: 10am & 3pm. Easter Vigil: 6pm.

PINT SIZED PADDIES
 Yrs 5-8,
Next Friday March 23 @ 7pm
 Call Mel on 0434 251 481
Only \$2!

FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL MISS MICHELLE PERRY...

What a great time the children had today celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The Mass was beautiful and the best singing ever!! We shared a beautiful big cake at recess and walked to the park for some fun games. You can see from the photos later in the newsletter that everyone was having fun. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents sharing in the celebrations at Mass, recess, the park, and especially all the parents who helped with the sausage sizzle. Thank you to Mrs Nenadovic and her team for preparing such a great day and a special thank you to the Year 6 students who organised the activities and helped run them, what wonderful leadership!

We love celebrating St. Patrick's Day and that was evident by all the smiley faces.



Last week we had our **P & F AGM and Term one meeting**. In these meetings we farewelled our wonderful President, Michelle Cormack; our Vice President, Patti Cox and our Treasurer, Annabel Cockerton after many years of service to our school community.



This year we have formed our P & F team a little differently. We still have an executive Team consisting of : President: Ange Stitt, Treasurer: Nick Carbonara, Secretary: Nicole Patrick and our Diocesan Parent Representative is Sharon Bevan. We then set up teams in charge of different areas.

We have a **Social Team**, headed by Emma Pauley; a **Celebration Team**, headed by Katie Talbot; a **Welcoming Team**, headed by Jenny Madden and the **Canteen Team** headed by Marie Walsh.

What is involved in each of these team?

The **Social Team** is responsible for social events like the school disco, Trivia Night, Movie Night, Casey's Night, etc.

The **Celebration Team** is responsible for organising the Mothers and Fathers Day stalls, Easter and Christmas Raffles.

The **Welcoming Team** will help organise Morning Teas on special occasions like orientation, Grandparents Day, carnivals, etc.

The **Canteen Team** are responsible for ordering stock and rostering volunteers.

A special thank you to Allison Vickers for volunteering to count all the canteen money each week.

The ladies heading these teams can't do it on their own and will need your help as events occur. If you feel you would like to join one of these teams, please let them know or let the ladies in the office know and they will pass on the information.

This week has been a lovely wellbeing week. I hope having no homework has helped bring some wellbeing into your homes as well. The week started with the free coffee van on Monday morning, followed by Dreamtime stories from our Indigenous officer from the CSO.

Tuesday was our celebration for Harmony Day and the children looked fantastic in their colourful cultural clothing. The food they brought in to share was spectacular and Fr Tadeusz was pleased to partake in the Polish Food. Thank you to all our parents and carers for preparing such delicious food. The children also had the opportunity to learn some Basketball skills with Jack from the Gosford Stadium.



Don't forget to bring in your Easter Eggs—this is the last week as the ladies are wrapping them next Monday for the raffle.

Next week seems a lot more quieter with only the Infants Fun Run on Wednesday and Rugby on Friday. Our Year 6 Debating Team has their first debate on Friday afternoon against Kincumber – good luck team!

Have a lovely weekend

Michelle Perry

We are in the process of naming our 4 sporting house colours. These are the names being considered:

Joseph- After the Sisters of St Joseph who opened the school at East Gosford
MacKillop- Australian Saint
Patrick- Patron Saint of School...
Jordan- Salvatorian
Francis – After St Francis of Assis
Vincent-Vincent De Paul
Teresa- Saint Teresa

Please click the link below to have your say.

<https://goo.gl/forms/WaJmEVrPYnTpiYmh1>

FOR YOUR FORWARD PLANNER...

3 April	Pupil Free Day
9 April	Kinder Open Night
9 –10 May	Yr 6 Canberra
4 September	School Concert
21 –23 November	Yr 5 Camp



We asked each family to donate an item for the Easter raffle prizes - This is the last week, so please include an Easter item in your shopping this weekend and send it in to the office on Monday.

PLEASE SEND ALL RAFFLE TICKETS BACK TO SCHOOL BY THE 27 MARCH





Broken Bay Swim Carnival

Congratulations to our Swimmers that represented our school at the Broken Bay Swimming Carnival last night. Below are the results:

2nd - Junior Girls Freestyle Relay (Eva, Bonnie, Natasha, Emily)

3rd - 50m Senior Boys Freestyle (Sandor)

4th - 50m 11yrs Boys Freestyle (Sam)...

4th - 50m Junior Girls Backstroke (Natasha)

4th - 50m Senior Girls Backstroke (Matilda)

5th - 50m Senior Girls Butterfly (Matilda)

6th - 50m 9yrs Girls Freestyle (Eva)

We are so proud of you all!



ICAS PRACTICE TESTS

This site may be helpful if you have previously ordered and paid for your child's ICAS tests.
(CLOSED)

ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

Specific preparation for ICAS tests is not required as the assessments are skills-based. However there are some practice materials available on the website.

For those parents that wish to do practice tests with their children here are the instructions.

Visit the UNSW Global website: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

On this page go to Assessments, ICAS students and select ICAS preparation

From here you can download practice questions suited to the children's year level: A-Year 3, B-Year 4,

C-Year 5, D-Year 6 by selecting Free Sample Questions.

Carmen Hartz, Teacher Librarian

Cultural Day

Once again St Patrick's celebrated a wonderful Well Being Week which centred around our Cultural Harmony Day. Children and teachers entered into the spirit of our multicultural day, wearing costumes, colours and jersey's from the countries of their heritage. We enjoyed the delights of food from around the world, thanks to our wonderful parents, who sent in croissants, lamingtons, Welsh biscuits, coconut rice, pork pies, baklava, and numerous other delicious foods! Teachers and children all had full belly's and felt the effects during our afternoon session!

Our Indigenous Education Officer, Karen, had the children enthralled during a talk about using Message Sticks. We all passed a Message Stick around and offered a kind word to each other as it was passed along. We also learnt how to say Hello - "Yaama"!

A big thank you to our Well Being Team, and again, to all of the parents who supported Cultural Harmony Day. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Walsh who supplied a morning coffee to parents and teachers on Monday!

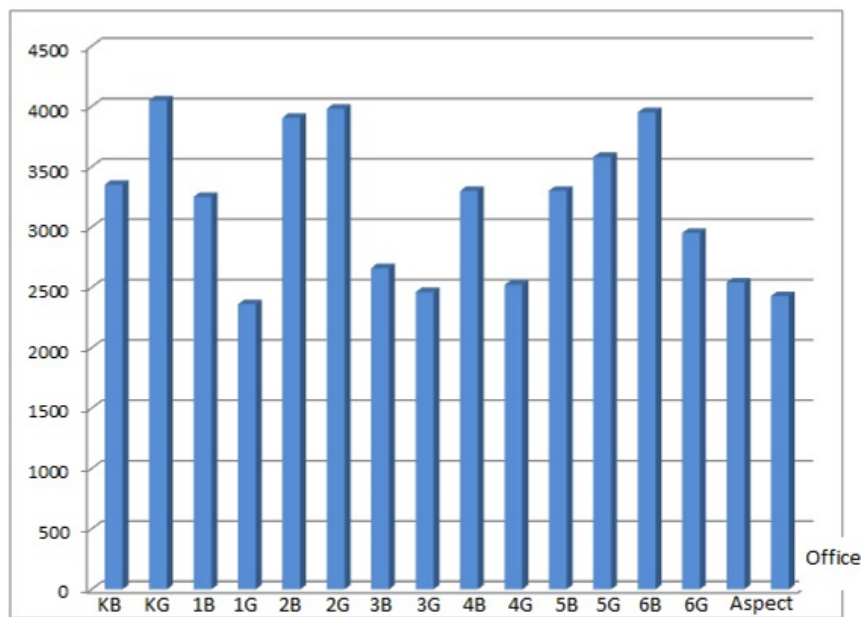


Last Thursday Year 6 were given the opportunity to visit the local Catholic high schools.

St Edwards and St Josephs open their doors and the students became Eddies' boys and Joeys' girls for the day. They saw what a real laboratory looked like, had fun photographing and developing their photos in a dark room and had a go at woodwork making a little box, watch a school dance troop perform, composed a song in music, had fun with food tech and participated in some PE activities. It was a wonderful day and Year 6 are eagerly waiting for the start of next year.



Current Class Tallies for Coles Vouchers



Coles Sports for School Vouchers finishes 3 April—keep sending them in until then.

Thanks again to the McBride family for counting another great pile of them!!!



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There are plenty of family discounts and vouchers that are great to use during the school holidays. As soon as a digital 'flick book' is available, we will post it on our School Facebook page so you can browse the \$20,000 worth of offers before purchasing.

The best part is, St Patrick's will receive 20% from every membership purchased and this goes towards our P & F fundraising to purchase more technology items for the school.

www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/342b10

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

DRAWN:
Thursday 29th March 2018

TICKETS:
5 for \$3.00 OR
book of 10 for \$5.00

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON!

All proceeds go to purchasing new technology resources.

Please donate an Easter Egg, Bunny or Easter Item to a box in your classroom by Friday 23rd March 2018.

Thank you from your P&F

Are you thinking about becoming a foster carer?



NSW GOVERNMENT
Family & Community Services

Hunter Child and Family District Unit

Carer Development team

Ph: 40882001

<http://childstory.net.au/>

<http://www.fosteringnsw.com.au/>

It is said, "It takes a community to raise a child".
Your Community needs you!

Across the Hunter we are recruiting for carers of all ages and backgrounds to meet the needs of our resilient, courageous children and young people up to the age of 18!



We are looking for motivated people to open their hearts and homes to children and young people requiring short-term assistance. Foster carers may be individuals, couples or families who are able to provide care on weekends, for a few days in an emergency, or for a few weeks until a more permanent home is available. All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance. Our Community is in need of passionate caring people especially if you are willing to care for children who are; older than 7, part of a sibling group, have a disability or health needs and or from an Aboriginal or culturally diverse background.

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From 9am, Monday 5th February to 4pm, Sunday 3rd June 2018.

*Prizes and conditions apply. For more information visit Centre Management Office.

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018

**ENROL NOW
FOR 2019**
School Tour 6.30pm - 6.50pm Information Session 7.00pm

Offering diverse curricula activities initiated by a caring and dedicated team where combined with parent involvement offers excellent learning opportunities.

Come along and see what a Catholic education can offer your child. School tours can also be arranged by appointment.

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WITH PEOPLE YOU TRUST ABOUT STAYING SMART ONLINE

Two heads are better than one



READ...

UP ON WHAT INFO THE WEBSITES, APPS AND GAMES YOU USE ARE COLLECTING ABOUT YOU, AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING WITH IT

On average, popular apps share your information with up to 3 other companies



KNOW...

THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT YOU DO AND SAY ONLINE

Your digital identity is forever



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THE PRIVACY CONTROLS ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE GAMES - DON'T RELY ON DEFAULTS

1.2 billion usernames/passwords are hacked in a year



USE...

STRONG PASSWORDS FOR EVERYTHING

No birthdays, pets or family names, and don't share it across sites or with anyone, not even your best mate

THINK...

ABOUT WHAT YOU SHARE, AND WHO YOU SHARE IT WITH

33% of young people have posted something on social that they've later regretted



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Monday

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4:10 PM - 5-12 Yrs Hip Hop Concert
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Does your child catch a school bus? Help them keep it!

As the bus operator that providing your child's school bus services, we're asking for your help getting your child to use their Opal card on every bus trip.

Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on our buses for various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used by transport planners and service schedulers to design the bus network that best serves the community utilising the resources available.

If students don't tap on and off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please help us reinforce the message that tapping on and off every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on.

To help us achieve this, please talk with your child:

- Ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card.
- If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important.
- If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why.
 - Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed.
 - Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember, such as getting into the habit of getting their Opal card out as soon as they arrive at the bus stop or bus line.
 - Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it.
 - Are they influenced by friends or peers that don't tap? Talk about how they like to travel on the bus with their friends and how tapping is what keeps the service running.
 - Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au.

If there's another reason that you'd like to discuss with Busways, please contact us at info@busways.com.au or call our customer service team on 9497 1878 to talk to us. We are happy to listen and do what we can to help your child feel comfortable using their Opal card.

Thank you for helping us to best serve your school community.

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