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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL.....

Dear Parents and students, welcome back!

I hope that everyone had a relaxing break over the holidays. I am not sure if you have heard but it is with great sadness that I am informing you that our Director of Schools, Peter Hamill, has resigned to take up a new role as Deputy Director, National Catholic Education Commission. He will commence this position on Monday 5th August. Peter has been a wonderful Leader of our Diocesan Catholic Schools, especially during the recent funding crisis and has been a great support to our staff and students. Mr Tony Bracken, who is currently an Assistant Director, will be Acting Director of Schools until a new Bishop has been appointed to the Diocese. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Peter all the best for his new role.

Welcome Father Matthew

Father Greg is on holidays in Poland and we are fortunate to have Father Matthew with us during his absence. Please make Father Matthew welcome when you see him around the school or at Mass.

Public Speaking

This term the students will be getting ready for Public Speaking within their classrooms. The Year 6 Public Speaking Final will be on Tuesday 13th August at 9.30 in the hall. The Cluster Final will be held at St Patrick's on Tuesday 27th August at 9.30 in the hall. This final will include two students from Kincumber, Woy Woy, Terrigal, Wyoming and East Gosford, who will compete to represent the Cluster at the Diocesan Final later this term.

Pop Up Playgroups

We have three more Pop Up Playgroups this term – Thursday 1st August, Friday 16th August and Wednesday 28th August. These sessions run from 9 – 10.30 and anyone with preschool age children are welcome to attend.

Pupil Free Day

Please remember that Monday 26th August is a pupil free day for the students. The staff will be participating in a Spirituality Day at Kincumber so there will be no one at school on this day.

School Concert

Don't forget to keep Tuesday night 3rd September free as this is our Concert Night. As usual, you will be able to see your child/children perform the dances they have been preparing over the term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cheryl

Family Mass

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

P & F Meeting

Once a term

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

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credit card, or debit credit card

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<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

Second Semester Councillors

Congratulations to the following students who will be presented with their Councillor Badges at next week's assembly at 2pm.

Aspect Primary Ava Alexander

3B Max Jimenez & Helen Shiju

3G Tommy Stitt & Felicity Gottardo

4B Tiana Yappas & Andrew Stephenson

4G Lachlan Cormack & Isabella Austen

5B Sam Hughes & Elsie Grogan

5G Holly- Rose Furley & Levi Osborn

6B Bridie Davis & Ram Sivasampaven

6 G Sienna MacDonald & Marcus Tredwell

FROM THE LADIES OF THE OFFICE.....

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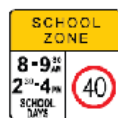
Safety learning program



Traffic and Parking around your School

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.

- 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.



- 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 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP

- BUT YOU MUST**
- stop for up to 2 minutes only
 - stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- 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.



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



FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR MS FIONA BOLTON....

Welcome back To Term 3. A special welcome to Father Matthew who will be replacing Father Greg who is having a well-deserved holiday, for the next 4 weeks.

This term presents us with many opportunities to reach out to others and ways to draw closer to God. One of these ways is through prayer. In Luke's gospel this Sunday, he presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. It is fitting that this is the first prayer that our Kindergarten students learn.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers and concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. However Jesus does not want us to think of prayer only as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

In the classrooms

This term each grade begins a new unit of study in Religious Education based around the school's scope and sequence. Incorporated into these units are many opportunities for deeper thinking and reflection. Quite often the students will be asked "I wonder" questions which aim to develop deeper thinking about concepts. Or they may use "See, think and wonder" which is a Cultures of Thinking Routine used to encourage students to make careful observations and thoughtful interpretations. It helps stimulate curiosity and sets the stage for inquiry. The teacher will present the students with an image, a clip or some text and ask the following questions:

*What do you **see**?*
*What do you **think** about that?*
*What does it make you **wonder**?*

The routine works well in a group discussion as well as individually. Student responses to the routine can be written down and recorded so that a class chart of observations, interpretations and wonderings are listed for all to see and return to during the course of study.

Important Dates

Reconciliation Classes commence On Sunday with the sacrament being conferred on 28th August at 7pm. We pray for all our children involved in preparing for this sacrament.

8th August 2019: Mary Mackillop School Mass at 9am
15th August 2019: The Assumption of Mary School Mass at 9am
25th August 2019: Year 3 Family Parish Mass at 9am

Men Alive

On the 5th September an evening has been organised by the Men Alive group led by Robert Falzon for all men to attend a presentation on "The Father Factor". This event will be a fantastic opportunity, in particular, for fathers of schoolchildren, but will be open to all adults who would like to attend. Time and place to be confirmed.

WELCOME FR MATTHEW!

Father Greg arranged for his good friend, Fr Matthew Buczma, to be our pastoral leader while he is away on leave and we would like to say a big welcome to Fr Matthew who has flown from Poland to be with us!

We know Gosford Parish is always a welcoming parish and know that Fr Matthew will be embraced in its warmth.

Fr Greg has reported he attended the 25th Anniversary celebrations for Fr George Kolodziej, being ordained as a Priest, in Fr Georges home town Parish.

Reconciliation Education and classes.

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the education evening. The night was attended by almost all candidates, which shows a real commitment on their part.

We welcome all candidates for reconciliation who will be presented at each of the Masses this weekend. Class for candidates will commence this coming week.

This Sunday July 28, Polish Donuts are back!

If you bought some last time, you know how delicious they are!

If you missed out last time now is your chance to enjoy these delights.

Blessing of Cars this Sunday

If you would like your car blessed, Fr Matthew will be in the carpark 10 minutes after 9:00 am Mass concludes. Approach Fr Matthew and ask him to bless on your car.

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JULY 27 & 28
AFTER ALL MASSES

MASS TIMES
SATURDAY 7PM
SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9AM AND
6PM AT ST PATS;
SATURDAY 9:30PM AT SOMERSBY



The old house



The team with the family and friends



Hold on Mrs Smith



Bamboo flooring



Bricking the bathroom

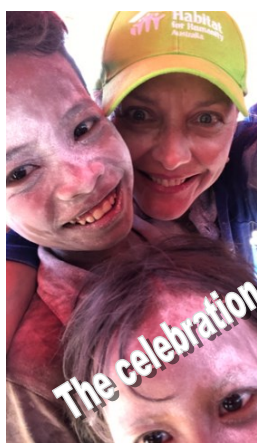
So many people from our beautiful school community have asked about our wonderful trip to Cambodia to help a family in need of shelter. We were so lucky to have this rewarding experience, the family were so thankful and with your help we really made a difference. We built a very humble house for the family of five, here are a few photos of the week. We hope to share a video of our experience with the students of St Pat's in the near future. Thank you once again, Lisa Ellwood, Christine Ryan and Maria Smith



Handing over the house



The family



The celebration



dance with talc!



Inside their new home



So happy!



From Our St Pat's Canteen Committee

Happy to report that the canteen on both sides has been open this week.

[Click here to join Our Kids Canteen](#)

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered for shifts this term – it appears that the new Facebook page is making the process of both volunteering and coordinating the roster easier. If anyone has any feedback on how this process can be improved, feel free to contact Louise on 0407 100433.

Canteen Roster Term 3 2019



ONE volunteer is required on Wednesdays for each canteen and TWO volunteers are required for each canteen on Fridays.

Wednesday is recess only and shift is approx.: 9:00am – 11:30am

Friday Split shifts or full days are available on Fridays as follows:

Full day: 9:00am – 2:00pm or Morning shift: 9:00am – 11:30 or Afternoon shift: 11:30 – 2:00pm

Current roster is posted on our Facebook Page: "Our Kids Canteen"

Please add a comment below the roster on our Facebook page to fill a shift or you can contact:

Infants: Andrea Frewan Ph: 0450 545 747 **Primary:** Louise Bridekirk Ph: 0407 100 433

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED if required. Thank you.

Week	Date	Infants	Primary
JULY			
1	Wed 24th	Marie Walsh	Nan Moffat
1	Fri 26th	filled	filled
	9:00am – 11:30am	-	Belynda Vassallo
	11:30am - 2:30pm	-	Ange Stitt
	OR All day	Meagan Lawrie & Lorraine Hughes	Lou Bridekirk
2	Wed 31st	Need x1	Sara Jimenez
AUGUST			
2	Fri 2nd	Need 1	Filled
	9:00am – 11:30am	10am Renee O'Regan	n/a
	11:30am - 2:30pm	Jessica Valle	Lou Bridekirk
	OR All day	Need 1	Amy Whitworth & Sarah Condon
3	Wed 7th	Jade Silke	Need x1
3	Fri 9th	filled	Need x1
	9:00am – 11:30am	-	Cess Balahadia
	11:30am - 2:30pm	-	Need x1
	OR All day	Andrea & Bel	Jo Ford
4	Wed 14th	Jade Silke	Need x1
4	Fri 16th	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 4
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		Katie Ercan
	OR All day		
5	Wed 21st	Sarah Jimenez	Need x1
5	Fri 23rd	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 4
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
	OR All day		Ange Stitt
6	Wed 28th	Need x1	Nan Moffat
6	Fri 30th	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 4
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
	OR All day		
SEPTEMBER			
7	Wed 4th	Need x1	Need x1
	Fri 6th	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 4
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
8	OR All day		
	Wed 11th	Need x1	Nan Moffat
	Fri 13th	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 4
	9:00am – 11:30am		
8	11:30am - 2:30pm		
	OR All day		
	Wed 18th	Need x1	Need x1
	Fri 20th	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 4
9	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
	OR All day		
	Wed 25th	Need x1	Need x1
10	Fri 27th	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 4
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
	OR All day		

FROM OUR TEACHER LIBRARIAN—MRS CARMEN HARTZ

2019 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

This year we are once again offering your children the opportunity to take part in International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) testing. For over 35 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2019.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a **certificate** and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.



If you wish your child/children to participate please login to Qkr! and pay the entry fee by **Friday 2nd August**.

Each test costs \$14.50 and they will be held on the following dates:

Digital Technologies - 3rd September

Science - 5th September

Writing - 10th September

Spelling Bee - 12th September

English - 17th September

Mathematics - 19th September

Your child can now prepare for ICAS and other skills-based tests with EAA's new Practice Online series. For more information please visit the UNSW Global Educational Assessment Australia website at: <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/icas-assessments/>

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the following children who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge in the weeks before and over the holidays: Sienna and Shaivee in 1B, Milena in 1G, Luca in 2G, Soraya and Angelo in 3G, Amelia in 3B, Vito in 5B, Ram in 6B and ALL of Kinder Blue - Patrick, Tafari, Mia, Tom, Layla, Lavinia, Zoe, Owen, Will, Rishon, Olive, Sophie, Yuhas, Quinn, Michelle, Noah, Wilbur, Aila, Lakshitha, Jane, Edwin, Eli, Nicholas, Isabella and Felix. Reading is your Secret power!

A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge closes for us on Monday 19th August so get those super powers working and READ, READ, READ!

From the Library and LARC (Learning and Resource Centre)

We are looking forward to an exciting Term 3 in the Library and LARC as we share the shortlisted books for Book Week and the theme "Reading is my secret power." We will celebrate Book Week in week 6 with our annual Bookfair and some special events are in planning so that together we can share the love of literacy we have here at St Patrick's.



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Parents will find information on the five food groups, what constitutes a healthy lunch box, sandwich alternatives, sandwich filling ideas, snack ideas, swaps for unhealthy snack foods, recipes and tips. The website features an [interactive healthy lunch box builder](#) where parents can get their kids involved in planning the lunch box and choosing foods they will eat and enjoy.

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Exciting new Term 3 Polar Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!



Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring Cards

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Scratch Art



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Wednesday.

LET YOUR IDEAS
ROLL

SKATE
STRATEGY

We are calling on everyone to participate in an online survey, online forum or attend a workshop to help guide the first Central Coast Council Skate Strategy.

This strategy will be used to inform future development, upgrade and maintenance of skate facilities on the Central Coast to meet the needs of our community – now and in the future.

You can get involved in a number of ways!

1. Attend one of the workshops being run across the Coast between 17 July and 1 August
2. Complete the online survey before 9 August
3. Join the conversation and participate in our online forum between 10 July and 9 August

Go to yourvoiceourcoast.com/skate-strategy



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Online survey closes 9 August 2019