



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

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
2.00pm – 4.00pm

The uniform shop can be contacted
outside of business hours by email
stpatriksprimary@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

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL.....

Dear Parents and Students

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping safe during this very difficult time with the fires and weather conditions. It is a very anxious time for everyone, so it's important that we look out for each other and continue to make sure that we are asking others 'Are you ok?'.
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P & F Meeting

Our P & F Meetings are a wonderful way for parents to be involved with the school, to hear what's happening around the place and to share ideas. We had our final meeting for 2019 last night and it was disappointing that with 370 students only nine parents attended. Hopefully, next year we will have more parents who will take the time to attend.

The P & F and the many volunteers are the people who help to provide financial support to the school, which is something that we can't do without. Over the past 4 years the money raised through the P & F activities has paid for the Infants playground, air conditioning in the classrooms, refurbishing/up grading the Primary Canteen and purchasing of IPADS.

PAT Team – Parent Advisory Team

Along with the P & F we have a PAT Group who meet each term to discuss school based things. We are looking for some new members to this group for 2020. This group has looked at technology for the school and updating a couple of school based procedures. We have also had discussions about the school uniform. If you are interested in joining this group, please send an email to me through the school email address.

Parent Concerns regarding Extra expenses

This week I was made aware that some parents have concerns about additional expenses asked of them this term. At the P & F Meeting last night we did discuss this and early next year we will endeavour to put together a survey for parents. In the mean time I would like to clarify or address the concerns mentioned. I would like to remind parents that fund raising or participation in Market Days/Discos etc are always voluntary.

The expense of Year 5 parents supplying Graduation Food for the current Year 6

This has been a tradition at the school for over 20 years. Each year the Year 5 parents are asked to provide (on a voluntary basis) food and assistance on the night for the Year 6 Graduation. This is a lovely way to give back to our school leaders and in turn the same happens the following year when their child is in Year 6.

The other way of doing this is to ask each child to bring in a certain amount of money to pay for the Graduation, but I think this is about the same as donating.

Increased cost of the Disco

Yes the cost of the Disco has increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00 but with this increase the children are given a drink, entry and glo-stick items. These are usually for sale on the night and the P & F thought that bundling would be easier for parents.

Year 6 Market Day Costs and Raffle Tickets

Each year the Year 6 students hold a Market Day to raise some funds to purchase a gift for the school. The money raised in the past has been used to purchase outdoor tables and the water refilling station. Sometimes we wait two or three years until we have sufficient money to purchase a much needed item for the school. The students are always acknowledged for their contributions.

The stalls that the year 6 set up for the day are all based on what they want to do. There is never any pressure on parents or students to have to spend significant amounts of money for these stalls.

The Raffle Tickets are sold as 50c each or 3 for \$1.00. Again it is up to the parents how much they send in for their children. We usually recommend \$2 - \$3.00 per child.

Additional Costs for Swim Program

The swim program costs are included with your school fees. When we ask parents to send in a dressing gown or goggles, we certainly do not expect them to go out and purchase new ones, just what you have at home. The same applies for swimmers, a two-piece costume is ok if that is what you have, we just suggest that children wear a t-shirt over the costume.

Additional Costs for Class Projects

This is a normal cost for all schools and not all classes ask for this.

Donations for Vinnies

With the donations for Vinnies, the items that were requested were what St Vincent de Paul asked us to collect. They then use the items to make up hampers for families in need. The items requested are staple items that many families use and appreciate. We also understand that some families may not be able to donate these items and I hope that no pressure is placed on any child to bring something in.

I am more than happy to meet with any parent who would like to discuss this further.

Support for Fire Victims/Fire Fighters

There have been some ideas bandied around about how we can assist others at this time of the year. At the meeting last night the P & F decided that the best way we could help as a school and without asking for any additional money, was to donate all the profits from the Disco tonight to St Vincent De Paul who could then distribute the money to those affected by the bush fires. I think this is a wonderful idea.

We are also going to ask all the teachers to get our children to write a thank you card or a thinking of you card to send to the different Fire Stations and Bush Fire Stations around the affected areas.

Staffing Information

I am pleased to announce that Ms Fiona Bolton has been appointed as the permanent Religious Education Coordinator at St Patrick's. I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating Ms Bolton on this appointment.

Also Mr Lee Sullivan will be joining the staff of St Patrick's in 2020. I am sure you will welcome Lee when you meet him next year. Lee is coming from Maitland Newcastle Diocese.

Class teachers have not been finalised as yet and parents will be informed once this has been completed.

Year 5 Camp

Next week we have the Year 5 Leadership Camp from Wednesday to Friday. We have been in contact with Vision Valley and everything is safe there. As always we will be monitoring this closely.

Years 3 – 6 Surf Days

Our annual Year 3 to 6 Surf Days are fast approaching. Please remember to give permission for your child to attend.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Please take care and God Bless

Cheryl

Dates for your planner:

Wednesday 20th –Friday 22nd November—Year 5 Camp

Wednesday 4th December -Year 6 Graduation

Friday 6th December—Final Assembly –Awards

Religious Education News – Week 5 – Term 4

Dear Parents,

With Mrs Bolton away on long service leave, I will be undertaking the role of REC for the next 2 weeks.

As the Seasons of Advent and Christmas are fast approaching, it is easy to feel overwhelmed with how busy this time of year is. As a school, we are trying to take a breath and keep our core message simple – Act with Kindness!

Advent is a special time we are given to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Millions of people around our world do this by reaching out to others. We want our beautiful students of St Patrick's to walk the walk, not just talk the talk. We will provide them with a range of opportunities, both within and outside the classroom to be kind using both words and actions.

These opportunities will include St Vincent de Paul hampers, buddy letters, Kris Kindle, using Kindness websites and more.

Please take this opportunity to discuss with your child how we enrich our own celebration of Christmas by bringing joy to others. May we at St Patrick's surround ourselves with many random acts of kindness throughout the coming weeks.

We had a beautiful Remembrance Day Liturgy this week—a big thank you to Mr Ian Hutchison who gave an insightful and moving talk about his experience in the Vietnam War. Ian also shared a beautiful poem with the children, it made a real impact on us, thank you Ian.

God Bless, Mark Dobb [Acting REC]



PARISH NEWS

Christmas Family Mass 5:00 pm at St Patrick's Infants School, Melbourne Street.

Christmas Mass Times

Our Christmas Mass Timetable:

As there will be a few changes this year, we thought it best to get in early so that you can be aware, and spread the word!

We are breaking with the tradition of Mass at St Edward's and trying to make this a very festive and memorable occasion for the children. More info coming soon.

Christmas Eve at St Patrick's

5:00pm Children's Outdoor Mass on the grounds of St Patrick's Primary School's Victoria St Campus.

9:00pm Youth Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve at St Francis of Assisi, Somersby

7:00 pm

Christmas Day at St Patrick's

7:30 am

9:00 am Masses

No evening Mass.



**ST PATRICK'S
CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS MASS
24 DECEMBER**

5:00 PM

NEW VENUE

**ST
PATRICK'S
INFANTS SCHOOL**

MELBOURNE ST EAST GOSFORD

Mass followed by:

- Animals
- Dancing
- Birthday Cake for Jesus
- Plus other activities



**Are you able to help with the Christmas Eve
Children's Mass at St Patricks?**

Its going to be held outdoors on the Infants campus.

Kelly Paget is looking for children to do the nativity play

- Kelly can be contacted on 0423 338 136

Jane is looking for children to do the readings/prayers of the faithful/offertory/collections/altar servers etc.

- Jane can be contacted on 0417 660 078

FROM THE LADIES OF THE OFFICE...



Compass

We have had several parents mention that they have had troubles with the Compass app recently.

There have been many upgrades pushed through to the app and the current version on your phone may need updating from the app store.

One of the changes you may have noticed is that there is a new place to enter absence notes. If your child is absent for a full day, there is a new option on the home screen under your child's photograph to add an attendance note. Please note that all partial absences (late arrivals and early departures) must be entered via the Kiosk location on each campus.

Please note that the Primary Kiosk is now up and running on the Primary Campus. It is located in the canteen on the Primary side or you may still use the one in the office on the Infants side. The gates will remain locked on the Primary Campus and you will need to phone the office to have them opened for you. We have commenced the process to have automated gates installed on the primary playground.

Family Registration Forms

The youngest child in every family would have brought home a Family Registration Form a few weeks ago. Please return the completed form by Friday 1st November so that billing for 2020 school fees can be set up correctly and you receive the discounts you are entitled too. **Please make this a priority.**

2019 School Fees

As we enter Term 4 and payment of 2019 school fees are nearing the end, please keep an eye on your account to ensure you don't over pay your fees. This is particularly important for our Year 6 leaving families. If you notice your account is in credit and require a refund, please contact the office on 4325 1159.

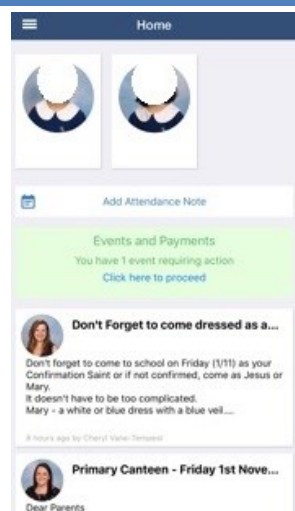
Leaving the school?

If you are moving and will not be at our school next year please let us know, as we have families waiting for a place. We need your destination school and date of departure in writing please.

Application for Extended Leave

If your child will be absent from school for 5 or more days, you are required to complete an Application for Extended Leave form. This form can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.

Year 6—Please download your student reports as these will only be available to you until 20 December .



SCHOOL BANKING

We would like to thank our school banking volunteers 🌻 Johanna, 🌻 Tammy 🌻 and Karen for their time and effort every banking day.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER REWARDS— 27 November **LAST DAY TO BANK** 11 Dec



Year 6 Market Day
raised \$1,610.80
Fantastic
What a fun day!

ICAS : International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Students from St Patrick's achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS Science, Spelling and Mathematics last term.

For Science Joanna in 4B was awarded a certificate of Distinction, Certificates of Credit were awarded to Lasindu in 2G, Michael in 4B and Harry in 6B; Certificates of Merit were awarded to Narthana in 3B, Owen in 6G and Ram in 6B.

For Spelling Certificates of Credit were awarded to Lasindu in 2G, Shiho in 3B, Michael in 4B and Harley in 5G; Certificates of Merit were awarded to Thomas in 3G, Joanna in 4B, Elsa in 4G and Srivarsha in 6B.

For Mathematics Certificates of Distinction were awarded to Lasindu in 2G, Shiho in 3B, David in 4B, Shieun in 4G and Ram in 6B; Certificates of Credit were awarded to Thomas and Yeju in 3G, Narthana in 3B, Michael and Remi in 4B, Anna in 5G, Joey in 5B and Owen in 6G; a Certificate of Merit was awarded to Sophie in 4G.

Wonderful results for all these children and great effort to all who participated.

Carmen Hartz

Teacher Librarian

YEAR ONE GARDENING CLUB

Our Year 1 Gardening Club have planted our Kitchen Garden at last!

We're looking forward to harvesting lots of yummy vege's and herbs soon.

A big thank you once again to

Bunnings for donating everything we needed.



Congratulations Tahlia

Last week Tahlia Competed in the NSW Primary School Sports State Championship at Sydney Olympic Park in the 1500m and 800m.

In her 800m heat she came in 2nd to make the final and in both races she ended up coming 9th out of the 40 best girls in our state!

What an amazing achievement. Well done Tahlia!



FROM MRS MORRIS IN THE MUSIC ROOM.....

JOIN THE 2020 TRAINING BAND

Our Training Band is beginning to build for next year which is wonderful to see - such an exciting opportunity for students. Get in early if you would like to hire an instrument through the Conservatorium as there is a high demand from schools across the Coast.

Information on the Band Program can be found here: Join the 2020 Training Band <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-bands/the-band?authuser=1>>

Any questions please contact the Conservatorium or Mrs Suzie Morris via susan.morris@dbb.catholic.edu.au

2020 KEYBOARD LESSONS

Our keyboard tutors are now taking enrolments for 2020 - we have two tutors currently available at St Patrick's:

Anna Rott, Private Tutor and **Sharon Hatton, Central Coast Conservatorium of Music**. For more information and contact details please click here <link to <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-choir/keyboard>>.

2020 GUITAR LESSONS

The Conservatorium is currently taking enrolments for guitar lessons for 2020 - new students just starting and returning students - please enrol now. **For more information on guitar lessons please click here to <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-choir/guitar?authuser=1>**>



MUSIC TOGETHER EVENING: 5:30pm Tuesday 19th November

This year our Music Together Evening will be held on 19th November providing an opportunity for our students to share their music talents on their chosen instrument. It is open to all students who are involved in band, keyboard and guitar lessons at St Patrick's and allows students to showcase their talents and music progression with each other and our families and friends in a non-competitive environment. *It is one of my favourite events on the school calendar - I love seeing the sense of achievement (and relief!) while students perform. [Mrs Morris - Music Teacher]*

When: 5:30pm Tuesday 19th November 2019 (Term 4 - Week 6)

Where: St Patrick's Primary School - Primary Music Room

Who: Band, guitar and keyboard students @ St Pat's

What: please provide any backing tracks and requirements to Mrs Morris by Wednesday 13th November

* we will provide chairs, music stands etc.

Register: via Our Music Together Google Form

<https://forms.gle/HzqYm4ii64HqreRW6>> by 15 November 2019



FROM OUR P & F COMMITTEE

Grandparents Day - a huge thank you to everyone who purchased framed artwork. We raised over \$2000. Thank you to the teachers who put in the time and of course our little artists who created such lovely pieces for their special loved ones.

Teacher's Day Lunch - what a beautiful spread you all donated towards the luncheon! The staff were treated to cur-ry, pasta dishes, salads galore, BBQ chicken and chips, frittata, pastry delights, cheese and fruit platters and not to mention the array of drink, desserts and sweet goodies! Our community is very generous and our staff were extremely appreciative. Thank you again to everyone who sent things in.

P&F Meeting - our last meeting for the year was held last night. Thank you to everyone who attended. Lots of exciting things planned for next year so keep your eyes peeled for info. A huge thank you to all of the committee on a job well done this year!

Our next meeting will be **Thursday 27th February 2020**. This will also be the **Annual General Meeting** where all executive positions become available again.

Christmas Raffle - coming home soon will be more information about our annual Christmas Raffle. This raffle will be drawn on Monday 16th December. Tickets and a list of prizes will be coming home shortly. If anyone would like to donate a gift towards the Christmas raffle, please let the office know before 22/11/19. Remember, it is not compulsory to purchase tickets, please only buy tickets if your family is in a position to do so. We understand the pressures and different costs around this time of year.

Disco - the disco is tonight! If your child would still like to go but you didn't get your tickets purchased on time, you can buy a ticket at the gate. Please note however they may not get the drink that they would like as we have ordered to match the Qkr orders. Thank you for your support for our end of year disco. It should be a fun night.

There will be a **St Vincent de Paul donation tin** on the check in table and one in the canteen at the disco. We would like to show our support to the families affected by these bushfires and St Vinnies will kindly forward any monies raised straight to those families in need.

Last Thursday we had our VIP night at **Casey's Toy Warehouse** – We all enjoyed shopping while drinking wine and eating chocolate. Thanks to all those who shopped up a storm. We will be receiving a voucher to the total of \$161.90 which will be used for our upcoming Christmas Raffle

Canteen Roster Term 4 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"

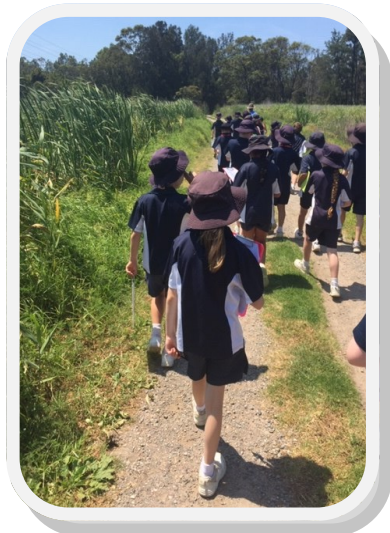
Please add a comment below the roster on our Facebook page to fill a shift or you can contact:

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

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED if required. Thank you.

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

5	NOVEMBER		
	Wed 20th	Sarah Jimenez	Sarah Condon
	Fri 22nd	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 3
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
6	OR All day		Santhe Titheradge
	Wed 27th	Need x1	Jade Nicole
	Fri 29th	Need 2 - 4	Need 2 - 4
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
7	OR All day		
	DECEMBER		
	Wed 4th	Sarah Jimenez	Nan Moffatt
	Fri 6th	Need 2 - 4	FILLED
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
8	OR All day		Nicole Patrick & MUM & Judy Andrews
	Wed 11th	Eileen & Andrea	Erin Skinner + Lorraine Hughes
	Fri 13th	Need 2 - 4	FILLED
	9:00am – 11:30am		
	11:30am - 2:30pm		
9	OR All day		Lou & Lorraine
	Wed 18th	CLOSED	CLOSED



YEAR 3
 WHAT A GREAT EXCURSION TO
 SHORTLANDS WETLANDS
 EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Each year our Mini Vinnies team at St. Patrick's works with St Vincent De Paul to provide a hamper to families in need of a little festive cheer. Each class will fill a hamper with food items that the families can enjoy at Christmas.

Each child will be allocated an item to bring in by their class teacher that will be put in their diaries.

If you could please send this in by the end of Week 7 (29th of November), we would be very grateful.

Thank you from the Mini Vinnies team.

