

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 stpatricksprimary@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
44 hours' notice if you are unable to
attend

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL......

Dear Parents and students,

I can't believe that we have reached the end of another year already, although, like you, the last few weeks have been very busy and I am sure you are all looking forward to the break at Christmas. Your children have worked very hard all year and they are to be commended for their efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful families who have given of their time and support throughout the year. We are most grateful for all you do. Special thankyou also goes out to Father Greg for his spiritual support and guidance this year as well as Deacon Paul and Colleen Kirk for this support.

To our P & F have been wonderful once again over the past 12 months with their fund raising and social activities and we are very appreciative of all they do.

Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful staff at St Patrick's for all you do for our students. We are blessed to have such wonderful people looking after our students and families.

I hope that this year the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, is one that we can all focus on and be grateful for. Looking out for and helping others and our loved ones are just two of the special things we can do this Christmas.

Mrs Maureen Mandell Retiring

A reminder to everyone that Mrs Mandell has decided that this year will be her

last year teaching and her last year at St Patrick's. Mrs Mandell has been a member of staff for over 30 years and she will be greatly missed by everyone. We wish you all the best Maureen and we are sure that you will thoroughly enjoy your retirement.



Class Teachers 2020

The following are the class teachers for 2020

Kindergarten: Miss Jade Conwell and Ms Therese Cohen

Year 1: Mrs Melanie McCallum and Mrs Lisa Ellwood

Year 2: Mrs Lauren Lewis and Mrs Clare McNally/Mrs Jenny Jenkins

Year 3: Mrs Kim Osling and Mr Steve Harris/Ms Christine Ryan

Year 4: Miss Isobel O'Neil and Ms Fiona Bolton/Mrs Dana Owsinski

Year 5: Mr Mark Dobb and Mrs Libby Howard/Ms Cassie Vane- Tempest

Year 6: Mr Lee Sullivan and Ms Cherriene Turnbull/Mrs Cally Witt



We welcome Mr Sullivan and Ms Vane Tempest to St Patrick's for next year. All classes have been finalised and no further changes will be made. Students will meet their new teachers on Monday afternoon at Step-Up.

The beginning of the new school year is an anxious time for students and teachers. It is important that parents speak positively with their child/children about these changes.

Changes to the Parish 2020 Sacramental Program

Father Greg has made some changes to the parish Sacramental Program for 2020. Parents please be aware of the of the following changes.

Reconciliation: Term 1 – 1st April. Enrolment papers will be ready when we return to school next year.

Confirmation: Term 2 - June. Date to be confirmed

First Eucharist: Term 3 – September

Parents please be aware that that the Sacraments will only be offered on the date advertised. No additional dates for times will be made. e will send an update with exact dates next week.

Kinder Best Start and Year 1 – 6 MAI Interviews

As in previous years Best Start and MAI interviews will happen at the beginning of the new school term. For next year there will be some changes. On Tuesday 28th January the staff will return for a SDD. Wednesday – Friday, parents can choose a time for their Kindergarten child to attend a Best Start Interview. Wednesday — all MAI interviews will take place. Each class is allocated to their grade teachers and another teacher. If you can not find an available time for your child's class teacher on Compass, then please choose a time with the additional teacher. More information to will follow in the new year.

Semester Two Reports

Semester Two reports will be available for all parents tonight. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's Report, then please contact the school on Monday to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher before the end of the year. Year 6 parents please remember that you only have until Wednesday 18 December to download your child's school reports as you will no longer have access after this date.

End of Year Mass and Announcement of Student School Leaders 2020

Tuesday 17th December at 10.30am is our final whole school mass for 2019. We hope that many of our families will be able to join us for this celebration of the year. Also, at the end of this mass the 2020 student leaders will be announced.

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year. It has been another great year with many things to celebrate. For our leaving families, I hope that the next part of your life's journey, is one filled with much happiness. You will be missed.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and our new students when we return at the beginning of next year. I hope that you all have a happy and Holy Christmas, filled with joy and love, especially with 'Year of Love' that Father introduced in our parish at the beginning of Advent.

May God Bless you and keep you safe

Cheryl Walsh

Principal



Religious Education News

Third Week of Advent

Rejoice is the Lord always; again I say rejoice. The Lord is very near.

The central message of Advent this week is Joy. This Sunday is called 'Guadete Sunday' which means 'Joy' or Rejoice' and the pink candle is lit to mark this day of joy. We are called to wait for the birth of Jesus with joyful hope. Why? Because 'The Lord is very near.

One of the most well-known Christmas carols is 'Joy to world.' The words to this carol were written by Isaac Watts in 1719. At Christmas it will be sung all over the world. The music for it comes from Handel's 'Messiah.'



The first words that Mary hears when she is told that she is going to be the mother of Jesus are, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured.' Mary is to be filled with joy because God has called her by her name and her son will be the long awaited Messiah. When she goes to see Elizabeth her cousin sings out loudly, 'My souls proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savour'. When the angles appeared to the shepherds they heard this life-giving message, 'Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy.' The good news of Jesus' birth is meant not only for the shepherds, it continues to be good news for each of us today.

Like Mary who shared her joy with Elizabeth, today each of us is asked to be a person of joy and we are asked to share our joy with others. There are many people, some of whom we may even know, who have little reason to be joyful at this time of the year. We think of those suffering because of the relentless drought and bushfires which consume our sunburnt country. What can we do in these last few days and weeks of Advent to share our joy with those in desperate need of some joy?

There are lots of initiatives which are aimed at helping rural communities deal with disaster and get back on their feet. These include 'buy from the bush' (featuring rural businesses) as well as thousands of small fundraising events being organised, from sausage sizzles to cake stalls, and businesses donating part of their profits from a day or a particular product. You can find out what's happening near you by searching social media for #bushfireappeal or #bushfirefundraiser, or check your local council's website and social media channels.

So during Advent let us unite together and be generous with our support to our fellow Australians who are suffering from these natural disasters. Let us be symbols of joy for all people. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, let us treat each other with kindness and pray for others who may not be as fortunate.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal



Many thanks for your generous support of our annual 'St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal'. Last week we provided 16 hampers to those in need. Thank you to John McCrae from 'St Vincent de Paul' who organised the collection of hampers. These will



help bring the joy of Christ to many families in our community.

What's on:

Week 10: End of Year Mass, 10.30am Tuesday 17th December 2019

Christmas Eve Children's Mass, 5.00pm St Patrick's School Infants Side

Volunteers are still needed for this children's mass so if your child would like to participate, please contact Jane Eager or the school as children are still needed.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. I would also like to thank and acknowledge Father

Greg for his enthusiasm and service to our Parish and School, Frances Mathey who coordinates the
sacramental program with such grace and to the wonderful staff of St Patrick's who make my job so much easier.

Wishing you all a joyful, safe and holy Christmas.

May Christ's peace be with each of you.

Ms Fiona Bolton, Religious Education Co-ordinator



FROM OUR PARISH

CLEANING OUR CHURCH IN PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS!

Another date for your diaries. Monday, December 16 directly after 9:00 am Mass. Please come along, and we promise you a delightful morning tea when your chores are done!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday December 14 directly after the 5pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Lots of good singing by our Choirs and Bands and everyone who feels joyous.

Please bring your own food and drinks!

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

6:00 pm Time change

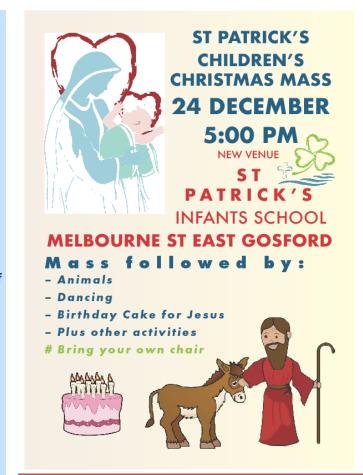
Christmas Day at St Patrick's

7:30 am

9:00 am Masses

No evening Mass

Second Rite of Reconciliation times 18/12/2019 at Woy Woy, 7:00-7:30 pm 19/12/2019 at St Patrick's Gosford, 7:00-7:30 pm 20/12/2019 at Our Lady of the Rosary Wyoming, 7:00-7:30 pm 23/12/2019 at Holy Cross Kincumber, 7:00-7:30 pm



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







CONGRATULATIONS!! EFFORT, SPIRIT AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RECIPIENTS

























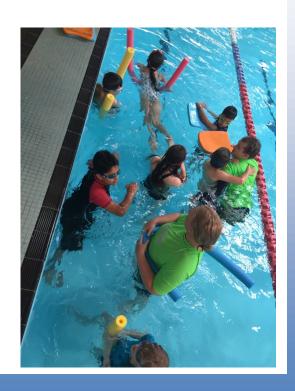




Year Two have enjoyed 9 weeks of swimming and have learnt some wonderful skills.

It has been great to see the children's confidence grow over the term and their safety skills practised.







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. Enrol ASAP if you would like to hire an instrument through the Conservatorium as there is a high demand from schools across the Coast.

We are currently recruiting for our lower brass instruments - trom-



bone and euphonium - they play the meaty bass line of the music! If you are interested - join the band! and let Mrs Morris know ASAP 2

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 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 contact details please click here 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 https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-choir/guitar? authuser=1>

As the newsletter goes to 'print' we will be performing at Imperial Centre and Evergreen but I will post photos and info via FB.



FROM THE CANTEEN COMMITTEE

The canteen committee would like to extend our thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time to help in both the infants and primary canteens this year. We have had great success with the Facebook page, which has enabled us to ensure that both canteens have been open for the majority of the year. This week we had pizza day – a big thank you to all involved in making sure the day was a great success. There was a lot of effort required to coordinate 63 pizza's with drinks and ice blocks as well, so well done to the amazing ladies for making this happen.

We would also like to thank Marie Walsh, who does a lot of the unseen work in the canteen, from ordering stock, moving stock from infants to primary and cleaning. The canteen would not operate with you! Thanks you Marie!

We really need your continued support in 2020 to make sure the canteen's are open for the kids every Wednesday and Friday. If you have never worked in the canteen before, but have any free time on a Wednesday or Friday, please volunteer to help. Term 1 roster will be posted on our Facebook page at the end of January. Merry Christmas everyone.

Click
here to
join Our
Kids
Canteen

FROM OUR P&F COMMITTEE

Wow... it's over! Can you believe how quickly this year has flown? One minute we were packing Easter baskets and the next we're wrapping Christmas raffle prizes!

The year has disappeared before our eyes!

I'm truly grateful for the support I have received this year so thank you. Our little P&F Team is so wonderful, no job is ever too big and they rarely say 'no'. Our school events just couldn't happen without this core group of parents and grandparents who turn up to meetings and offer to organise things. Our school is very blessed to have such supportive volunteers who give up their time to help out.

A big mention to Rach, Nick, Renee, Bel and Kendal as the exec group for the hours they have put in. I really appreciate what they do behind the scenes.

To Lou and Marie, our canteen coordinators, and the committee for a job well done. This is the toughest gig for the P&F and they've done a brilliant job. Thank you to every single volunteer who has helped in the canteen and on any event this year... discos, carnivals, St Pat's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter raffle, Bingo, Grandparent's Day etc. You are super stars!

A huge thanks to Mrs Walsh and Ms Perry for their continued support and letting us run with our ideas. They couldn't be more happy with what the school has done as a whole for purchasing more technology resources. We still have a way to go.

Thank you to the teachers too... they run with our ideas too!

Last, BUT DEFINITELY NOT THE LEAST to our beautiful office staff, Maria, Nat and Cheryl. These ladies work above and beyond what they have to. They help us out no end and are always available when we need them. The P&F would not function without them. Many thanks ladies, we love you.

To everyone, have a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday. See you all next year. Ange







THE UNIFORM SHOP

Extended Opening Hours

January 2020

Tuesday 21st 8:30am to 10:30am **Friday 24th** 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Tuesday 28th 2:00pm to 4:00pm Thursday 30th 8:30am to 10:30am

Regular shop hours will resume from Tuesday 4th February 2020

Online orders will be dispatched from the Uniform Shop on the first shop open day listed above.

We recommend that all orders for home delivery are placed prior to the 13-01-2020 to allow for sufficient delivery time before school returns.

St Patrick's Primary School Uniform Shop

YOUNG ARCHIE 2019



Budding artists between the ages of 5 and 18 are invited to submit a portrait for the Gosford YOUNG ARCHIE competition

Your artwork

- is 'drawn from life' of a person who is special to you
- must be A4 (210 x 297 mm) and no thicker than 1cm.
- only one artwork only per entrant.

Key dates

Competition opens 15 November 2019
Entries must be received by 5 January 2020
Finalists will be displayed 8 to 22 January 2020
Opening celebration 8 January 2020, 11am

register online: trybooking.com/BGFWR



PLEASE RETURN SPORT S UNIFORMS
USED FOR GALA DAYS OR REP SPORTS
DAY—PLEASE CHECK IN YOUR CUPBOARDS WE ARE MISSING A FEW!!

Lacey Weightman went off to her cheerleading national last week in Melbourne and she had some amazing results, she is in two teams a level one team called lady wick and a level two team called Sparkle Squad. Lady Wick were up against 19 teams and they came first so National champions, amazing results for the team. Sparkle Squad were up against 23 teams and placed second a very good result up against so many.



St Patrick's Uniform Expectations

To make our expectations clear on the uniform we have photos of the expected school uniforms. Below are pictures and descriptions of our summer boys and girls uniform, our sports uniform and our boys and girls winter uniform.

Please take the time to read over our expectations as there are some items that are not appropriate. We do not want you to have to repurchase uniform items because you were informed incorrectly.



All items except shoes can be purchased from the uniform shop on the Primary Campus.



Boys Summer School Uniform

- Short Sleeved Formal Shirt with St Patrick's logo above pocket
- Dress Short with cross on the pocket
- Navy blue socks with yellow and white stripe.
- Black low cut leather school shoes (these can be lace up or Velcro)
- Boys formal wide brim hat

Girls Summer School Uniform

- Summer Tunic
- White fold down socks (anklets are not appropriate for this uniform)
- Black low cut leather school shoes (these can be lace up, buckle or Velcro)
- Girls formal wide brim hat



Boys and Girls Summer Sports Uniform

- Sports Polo Shirt
- Unisex sports shorts
- Girls Skort
- Unisex flat Brim hat
- White Socks, sports ankle socks are allowed but you MUST be able to see the socks as demonstrated in the picture.
- Predominately white joggers, these may have some coloured stripes on them. However florescent/coloured/black joggers are not acceptable. Both lace up and Velcro are acceptable. It is a WHS concern for physical education if your child is wearing the slip on type that have become popular in the recent years, these are not acceptable.
- School Tracksuit for cooler weather.



Boys Winter School Uniform

- Long/short sleeved formal shirt with St Patrick's logo above the pocket. The top button must be done up on either shirt.
- School tie with cross on the bottom
- Long Trousers
- Tracksuit jacket with St Patrick's logo on the left hand side.
- Navy blue socks with yellow and white stripe.
- Black low cut leather school shoes (these can be lace up or Velcro)
- Boys formal wide brim hat

Girls Winter School Uniform

- Winter Tunic with St Patrick's Logo on left hand side
- White long sleeved peter pan blouse with cross on left had collar
- Blue neck tie
- Navy blue stockings or White fold down socks (like shown in the summer uniform)
- Tracksuit jacket with St Patrick's logo on the left hand side.
- Black low cut leather school shoes (these can be lace up, buckle or Velcro)
- Girls formal wide brim hat

OPTIONAL WINTER ITEMS

- · Navy Fleece Vest with logo
- Navy long sleeve jumper with logo

Accessories should be kept to a minimum.

- Girls hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back with ties/scrunchies/head bands in the school
 colours of blue and white. No hair colours or streaks.
- Boys hair should be neat and no longer than collar length no undercuts, mohawks, shaved heads, hair sculptures colours or streaks.
- Students should only be wearing a watch or cygnet ring.
- Girls have a maximum of one piercing in each ear sleepers or gold/silver studs only and a necklace with a religious medallion on it for example; cross or religious medallion.
- Boys are not encouraged to have ears pierced, only a clear stud may be worn, and a necklace with a
 religious medallion on it for example; cross or religious medal.
- During winter students may wear scarves and gloves but these must be navy blue, black or white.
- Medical Alert necklace/bracelet should be worn by all students who require this to easily identify them.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020 - All items labeled with names

Kindergarten

Headphones

One photograph of your child Painting shirt - clearly

labelled

Library bag

Spare underwear and socks (labelled kept

in backmack) Box of tissues Baby wipes

Roll Paper towel

6 Glue Sticks

Scissors children/safety

Document folder (Plastic envelope type as sold in officeworks lonart etc)

Pack of 5 whiteboard (individually labelled)

Small pencil case for whiteboard markers Children will NOT need pencils, textas, crayons & sharpeners

Everything clearly labelled with name Year Three

Document Wallet

homeworldnotes/diary)

30cm ruler wooden or plastic not bendy

Paint Shirt

Tissues - I large box

6 Glue Sticks Bostik

Pencil Case

Scissors

Pencil sharpener

Wind up crayons/coloured pencils

Packet of baby wipes

Headphones

My Special Word Collection Book (Top Bookshop)

I packet highlighters

6 HB lead pencils

I set oil pastels

I set water colours paints

Set of Whiteboard markers

Year Two

Library bag Paint shirt

2 Plastic Document Wallet (for

homeworldnotes) Wind-up crayons

Highlighters

Pencil case

30cm ruler wooden or plastic

not bendy not metal

Sharpener

Scissors

6 Glue large sticks Bostick

Headphones/Ear buds

Tissues - I large box

Baby wipes to be used for cleaning

Fraser

Post it notes A5 journal for writing

Year Four

Library Bag Headphones

Oil pastels I Note folder (plastic envelope type)

Paint Shirt

2 packs Post it notes Packet Whiteboard markers

5 HB Lead Pencils

Coloured pencils/wind up crayons

I Pencil Case

Ruler

Science

Highlighters

4 Glue sticks - Bostik large

Tissues

Pencil sharpeners

Textas

2 plcts baby wipes

Display folder (ring bound with plastic

sleeves) for Music

The Australian Integrated Primary Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus available from the Top Bookshop (for Year 3 to 6)

2 green pens

I set of water colours

Erasers

Library Bag

Paint shirt

6 lead pencils (or more)

2 Pencil case I big and I small

30cm ruler (not metal)

Scissors

5 Glue sticks (Bostik)

Coloured pencils

Windup crayons

Tissue - one large box

Pens – red and blue (3 each)

Pencil sharpener with catcher

2 Plastic document folders A4 Highlighters (4 colours)

2 plcts Post-it notes

2 plots of baby wipes to be used for cleaning

The Australian Integrated Primary Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus available from the Top Bookshop (for Year 3 to 6)

Headphones

2 Display folders (ring bound with plastic sleeves) for Music and class

Headphones (in-ear or over-ear) and suitable case/bag

Small art diary

Year Five

Library Bag

I Display folders A4 size

Paint shirt with name on it

5HB Lead Pencils

Pens - red . blue and black x 3

Pencil Case small Coloured pencils

30cm ruler (not bendy)

Scissors

5 Glue sticks - large

Tissues - one large box

Sharpener

Windup crayons/coloured pencils

Highlighter set

Roll paper towel Calculator

Protractor and compass

Packet of baby wipes to be used for cleaning

The Australian Integrated Primary Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus available from the

Top Bookshop (for Year 3 to 6)

I Document folder Display folder (ring bound with plastic

sleeves) for Music Headphones (in-ear or over-ear) and suitable

case/bag





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Coloured pencils/wir

Pens red and blue x 3

Pencil case Sharpener

30cm ruler

Glue stick - 4

Tissues – one large box Paper Towel

Paint shirt

Highlighters A4 Art Diary Packet of baby wipes to be used for

cleaning

Document Folder Dictionary and Thesaurus Display folder (ring bound with plastic sleeves) for Music Headphones (in-ear or over-ear) and suitable case/bag

Oil Pastels







Some kind positive thoughts from our community.....

Thank you for your patience, kindness, commitment, humour, grace and grit! It is with sadness that we have to say goodbye to such a wonderful community, but we hope to remain in touch in some way. It takes a village to raise a child—thank you for being part of our village. We are forever grateful

Year 6

To all the students of 6 Blue, 6 Gold and 6 Aqua – congratulations! You have made your families so proud. All that Grad practice was worth it – you were all fabulous on the night!

Year 6 Teachers

Thank you for producing a wonderful finale to 7 years of primary school. It was heart warming and even though not my final year at St Pats – it made me teary! Thank you for the time, effort and patience it took to produce such a memorable evening. It was truly appreciated.

Year 5 students and parents

Thank you to the students of Year 5 for their generous donations of lollies for the jam packed lolly bags! And to the Year 5 parents for supplying and hosting the supper. A long held school tradition and you did an amazing job last night – the hall looked beautiful, there was lots of food and drinks and the service was great! Thank you for giving up your time to do this for our children.

The supporting staff!

Thank you Maria, Nat and Cheryl for co-ordinating the keepsake candle and photo and numerous other tasks involved in organising the event. Thank you to Suzie as the schools official photographer, Chrissy for organising the photo slide show, Cheryl and Michelle for their leadership and Father Greg for a heart felt liturgy. And to everyone else – Thank you for holding the hands of our children over the past 7 years.

It was a beautiful. I am so proud of our school community for creating such a memorable night that is fitting to end of their primary school years.