

## Family Mass

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

## P & F Meeting

Once a term

Next meeting 28 May 7pm in the LARC

Victoria St Campus

Other dates are:

27 August

12 November

## St Patrick's Hall

Enquires and bookings please call the  
school office

## Outside School Hours Care

E: [eastgosford.oshc@dbb.org.au](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month*

2.00pm – 4.00pm

The uniform shop can be contacted  
outside of business hours by email  
[stpatricksprimary@alinta.com.au](mailto: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/>

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open during Assembly Friday 2pm fort-  
nightly or as advised.

Contact Louise 0407 100 433

## Canteen

*Infants: Wednesday & Friday*

*Primary: Wednesday & Friday*

Rostered volunteers please give

24 hours' notice if you are unable to  
attend

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL Mrs Cheryl Walsh.....

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back everyone! It was wonderful to see all the children back at school on Monday and I would like to thank our parents and carers who supported this return to school with the new arrangements we put into place to enable social distancing as required by the NSW Government and the Catholic Schools Office. We will keep these arrangements in place for the time being and as always, I will inform you of any changes.

The staff and I were thrilled to see our students return and I know that the students are all very happy to be back at school with their friends. The Year 4 and 5 students were especially happy as their classrooms have been transformed over the last 6 weeks. These rooms, like the Year 6 rooms, are amazing. Have a look at the photos in the newsletter and when we can, we will invite you to come and have a look in person. I was hoping to have the Year 3 rooms also refurbished this year but unfortunately with COVID-19 this is not possible. Hopefully we can do this next year.

**WELCOME BACK  
TO SCHOOL**



## Pupil Free Day/SDD

As advised the pupil free day originally organised for 5<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled. The CSO has designated the last day of term 3<sup>rd</sup> July as a SDD. The sign was changed this week to show the new date.

Pupil Free Day

Friday 3 July

## Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 Reports will look very different this year and will reflect the learning in Terms 1 and 2, which has been both school-based and home-based due to COVID-19. During Term 2 the priority has been Religious Education, English, Mathematics and HSIE. The report provides information on your child's achievement in these priority areas. The reports will have the following grading:

- Working towards stage outcomes
- Working at stage outcomes
- Working beyond stage outcomes

There will be no effort included but absences will be. These absences will not reflect the days during flexible schooling when students were all not at school.

There will not be Parent /Teacher Interviews this term as has been our usual practice. We will look at how we can meet with parents in Term 3.

## School Photos

Our school photos have been postponed until 20<sup>th</sup> August. At this stage there will be individual photos only, no family or class/group photos. All photos will need to be paid online prior to the photo day as there is no handling of cash. More information to follow.



## Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival has also been postponed until 21<sup>st</sup> August. The venue is still the same, Adcock Park. Hopefully by then restrictions will have been eased more to allow this to go ahead.



## School Concert

Unfortunately the school concert for this year has had to be cancelled due to the current covid-19 situation. We would normally have begun our preparations by now, however the teachers will be practising their dance moves in preparation of their next appearance.

## Coffee Van— Infants Campus 8.10am 10 June

Please enjoy a coffee on us while you Social distance! Parents only.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cheryl Walsh, Principal



*WE KNOW THAT PARKING IS NOT  
EASY AROUND OUR SCHOOL  
BUT  
WE HAVE NOTICED PARENTS HAVE  
BEEN DROPPING OFF AT THE  
CROSSING WHICH IS  
SO DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL  
PLEASE STOP !!*



Bishop Anthony Randazzo welcomes all our students, teachers and staff back to school this week after a period of home-based learning

<https://vimeo.com/422270149>

## ENROLLING NOW!!

If you know anyone who has a child for Kindergarten 2021 please let them know they can pick up an Enrolment pack from our office.



KINDERGARTEN 2021

*Enrolment Packs Available*



Enrolment packs can be collected from our Melbourne Street Office between 9am and 3pm during school term dates.



*We're supporting families as the impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt throughout our community. Our program to assist families who are experiencing difficulties with school fees due to COVID-19 can be found here:*

<https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/learning/Fee-Relief-during-Covid-19>



## PARENTS PLEASE REMEMBER

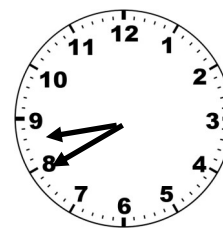
**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.40 (Please be at school by 8.35am at the latest)**

If you are late the gate will be locked.

Please come to the office to sign in your child on our kiosk (Infants students)

Primary students who are late please either :

- come to the office to sign them in and then take over to their campus or
- ring the office from Primary gate and we will then ring someone who will open the gate for you, and we will then mark them in as late.



**THANKS**

**BELOW ARE THE DROP OFF AND PICKUP PROCEDURES DURING THIS TERM**

**WE APPRECIATE AND THANK PARENTS FOR FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES**

**IN THE MORNING PLEASE:**

- Drop your child at the gate after 8.10am when teacher supervision begins
- Do not enter the playground **Kiss and Go Please**

**IN THE AFTERNOON PLEASE:**

- Primary Campus — students can be picked up at the usual time — 2.50pm.
- Infants campus — Students can be picked up from 2.40pm.
- **Primary & Infants Campuses**
- Parents will be asked to stand behind the cones until your child comes to you.
- Primary students who **catch a bus home will be walked over to the Infants side** in the afternoon.
- Parents are asked to **pick up primary students on the Primary side**.
- Parents collecting students from both sides are asked to pick up their children on the Infants side first before going to collect the children on the Primary side.
- When you collect your child please leave the school grounds as soon as possible
- Parents are asked not to speak with teachers before or after school, please email your teacher via [speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au).
- Social Distance from other parents and then please move off quickly, please do not wait around on the playground and socialise with other families.



## FROM OUR RELIGIOUS CO-ORDINATOR Ms Bolton

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church!

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and it celebrates the church's birthday. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration. The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Most of us look for renewal in the life of the Church and in our own lives. Renewal is God's gift, and it is a recognition that, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can experience a new awakening of faith, hope and love. The Holy Spirit makes us more like Jesus – the one who is complete in his humanity, and this is what we all seek.

It's also National Reconciliation Week with the theme being **#InThisTogether**. We are all in this together and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can build a country of mutual tolerance, respect, acknowledgement and understanding, which are all qualities underpinning our Catholic faith.

This year National Reconciliation Week commemorates 20 years of shaping our country's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled Australia, marking the 20th anniversary of the Reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across Australia to demonstrate their support for a more reconciled nation. During this week we remember two significant milestones in the Reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. We are all **#InThisTogether** and by drawing on the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us all at our confirmation, especially the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel/ right judgement and fortitude/courage, we can work cooperatively towards healing and uniting our country.

**As** Pope Francis said it in *Laudato si'*: 'The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and, therefore from the very heart of things something new can always emerge.'

### School news

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, there are still no school liturgies or sacramental programs in the foreseeable future. However we have been informed by the parish that masses have recommenced within the church and today it was announced that 50 people can attend from Monday 1 June. Please contact the parish for more details.

### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Day Thursday 11 June Wear your Pajamas and bring in some of the below items to school.

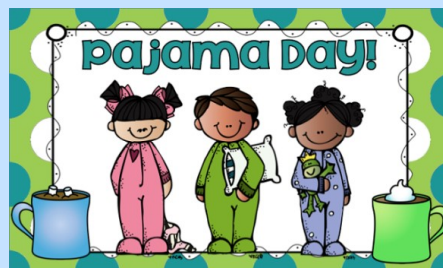
- Popper juices
- Cans of tuna
- Cuppa soup/packets of soup
- Cuppa noodles/packets of noodles
- Le Snack/Cheese Dippits
- Family boxes of single-serve chips
- Fruit cups
- Packets of sultanas
- Packets of biscuits—(e.g. single serve Tiny Teddies)
- Muesli bars (nut-free) Please note: muesli bars must be chewy e.g. Uncle Toby's Choc Chip Bars.

If you are able, please bring in one of the items on the list above to help our Mini Vinnies teams prepare snack packs for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. We would prefer items to be sent in but send in cash if you are not able to purchase, and we will buy for you.

**Thank you Olive from 1Blue for suggesting a PJ Day! Olive visited Mrs Walsh today and got approval for this special day. Thanks Olive!**

## Thursday 11 June

Wear your PJ's and bring in some items for our Minnie Vinnies Team to make Snack Packs for our Winter Appeal





## Mr Harris thinks he's funny — by Rebecca 3 Gold

*Mr Harris thinks he is funny when he says terribly bad-timed jokes!*

*Mr Harris thinks he is funny when he thinks he is out smarting people.*

*Mr Harris thinks he is funny when we say we are Tired/Hungry and then he introduces himself to us again.*

*Mr Harris thinks he is funny when he tries to be funny.*

*Mr Harris thinks he is funny when he tells dad jokes.*



## THE PUMPKINS ARE GROWING BEAUTIFULLY AND THE SOUP IS BUBBLING AND DELICIOUS





## FROM OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE.....

Hello! Long time no see! I

t's been a very long time since I have written to you all. I hope you are all finding being back to school a positive experience. A big thank you to all the staff at our school, they all have worked above and beyond their duty. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a great, hard working community.

Our term 2 meeting had to be cancelled due to our restrictions. Looking ahead this year ... planned events have to be reassessed as you can imagine. Obstacle will still go ahead (thinking term 4), we just need the green light from the government as when we can hold big community events such as these. Our annual Bingo night is on hold for this year. The organising is massive and without a confirmed date and venue, it's impossible to coordinate.

Smaller events such as the Paint and Sip night and Term 4 disco may still be viable, we just have to wait and see how things pan out. Fingers crossed we can hold a few fun nights before the end of the year. We'll keep you updated on events when information comes to us.

## From the Mrs Hartz in the LARC (Learning and Resource Centre) and Library



## National Simultaneous Story Time

What a great week to return to school. In library we shared Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas by Lucinda Gifford. It was this year's National Simultaneous Story Time book. Over one million children from around the world shared this lovely

story together. We had fun and laughter as we shared the story, dressed as a diva (Mrs Hartz) and took part in activities.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Our time at home was a wonderful time to share books and stories together as a family.

We hope you enjoyed using Story Box Library for English lessons, for the Premier's Reading Challenge or just for the enjoyment of stories.

If you completed the challenge then don't forget to send in your completed reading log.

The following children completed the challenge during this time Samuel in KB, Patrick in 1G, Amelia Esther in 3B and Yeju in 4B.

Congratulations to these children.

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Morris

Music for many is a source of relaxation, meditation, solitude, renewal, creativity and comfort. We have been so blessed to be able to play music, create music and listen to music over the course during the pandemic and we have seen images from across the world of music bringing people together and providing comfort in difficult circumstances.

As a school we are so fortunate to have a wonderful music program involving so many professional musicians as role models and teachers for our students. It was wonderful to see so many of our students engaged in music online and continuing to develop their musicality. Like many other aspects of our lives, music education will look a little different as we adjust to the 'new normal'

**ST PAT'S BAND:** While our full band rehearsal are still suspended at this stage, some of our instrument lessons have returned to face-to-face teaching with tutors. Other lessons will continue online for the time being. Please read your weekly band email and also check the **St Pat's Band website:** <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-bands/home> for further details.

**GUITAR LESSONS:** Our guitar students will continue to engage online with Steve.

**KEYBOARD LESSONS:** Lessons with Sharon Hatton (CCCoM) will continue online for the time being.

Anna Rott (Piano Place) will re-commence face-to-face lessons next week (Week 6) at St Patrick's. More information: <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-music/keyboards>

**CHOIR:** For now it will be singing in the bedroom and the shower at home with choir suspended for the time being. *Sing loud and sing proud!*





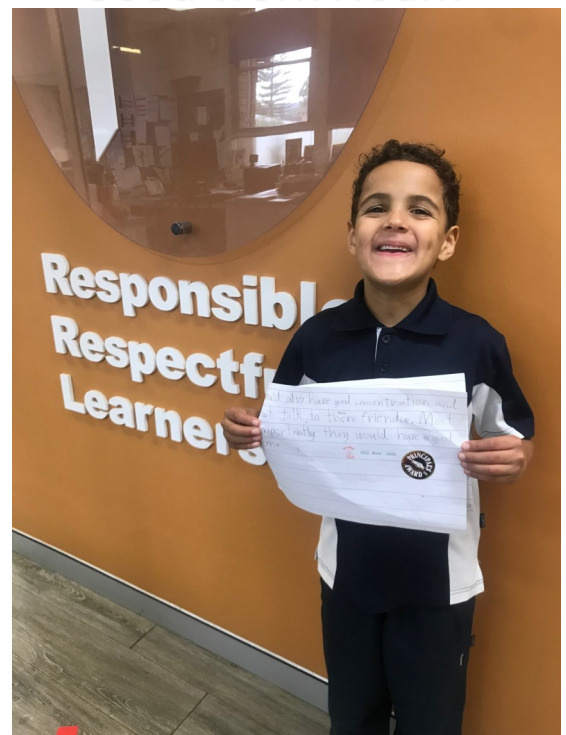
Being a good learner  
 Being a good learner  
 includes listening to the teacher,  
 doing good work and having a good  
 attitude. If you want to <sup>be a good learner,</sup> have a smile  
 on your face and be happy. Don't rub  
<sup>out</sup> your mistakes because if you do  
 that, you will never learn. A good learner  
 would also have good concentration and  
 not talk to <sup>their</sup> friends. Most  
 importantly they would have a good  
 time. ✓



Well done Noah.




Good work Noah!



These are Religion Biblical Micrographics that Year 4 have been doing in class to illuminate scripture.




## Learning Every Day Counts



**MON TUE WED THU FRI**

### Absences add up!

Being **10 minutes** late per day can lead to **6 days missed** per year.



Missing **2 days** of school a month means over **1 entire year** of missed learning in a child's school life.


Missing  
**2 days**  
of school  
a month

=

Missing  
more than  
**1 year**  
of learning over  
13 years

**Each day missed:**


- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up.
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy.
- Can lead to gaps in learning and impact on social and emotional skills.



**ATTEND MORE.  
LEARN MORE.  
BE MORE...**

### Good habits begin early

**Be on time each and every day.**




Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets your child up for success in school life.

### What parents can do

- Be firm. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time
- Limit screen time

### Schools are there to help

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.



**Additional resources**  
[www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/schools/attendance](http://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/schools/attendance)



Alinta uniform shop is open  
every Tuesday 8.30 till 10.30 and  
First Friday of the month 2-4pm

## 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

**FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2 - 2.45 PM**

PAYMENTS BY QKR! only

Sanitise and social distance please

Thank you to our volunteers!

If you have any items to donate please drop off at the office—there is a great demand at the moment !! - So go through those cupboards and send in anything that is too small for your family