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7 August 2020

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started our **LEAP program** last Wednesday where we had a lovely morning with some of our 2020 Kindergarten students. They had a fun time playing together, completing art and craft works and listening to stories. We look forward to our next one on Monday 24th August.



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

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/>

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

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe and well by upholding the measures we have in place for drop off and pick up, and for keeping your child/ren at home when they are not well.



No Camps or Excursions

We have updated information from the Catholic Schools Office advising that there will be no excursions, including overnight camps for the rest of the year.

We are allowed to have incursions, so we will look at how we can best provide some interactive experiences for our classes who have not been on an excursion this year.

Graduation

Our Year 6 Graduation will also look different this year as we can't have a large number of gathered people together. We will inform you of the updated procedures as we look into how we can still make this a very special milestone for our year 6 students.

School Photos

Each child took home an envelope for School Photos this week. Please return these on Photo Day— **Thursday 20th**. Sibling/family envelopes are available at the front office. Please ensure your child/ren are dressed in their complete winter uniform, including their ties, long sleeve shirt, tights and black school shoes. No elaborate hair styles please.

This year there will be no class/ group photos, only individual shots that will be made into a class photo; again due to the current Covid restrictions given to the photographers.



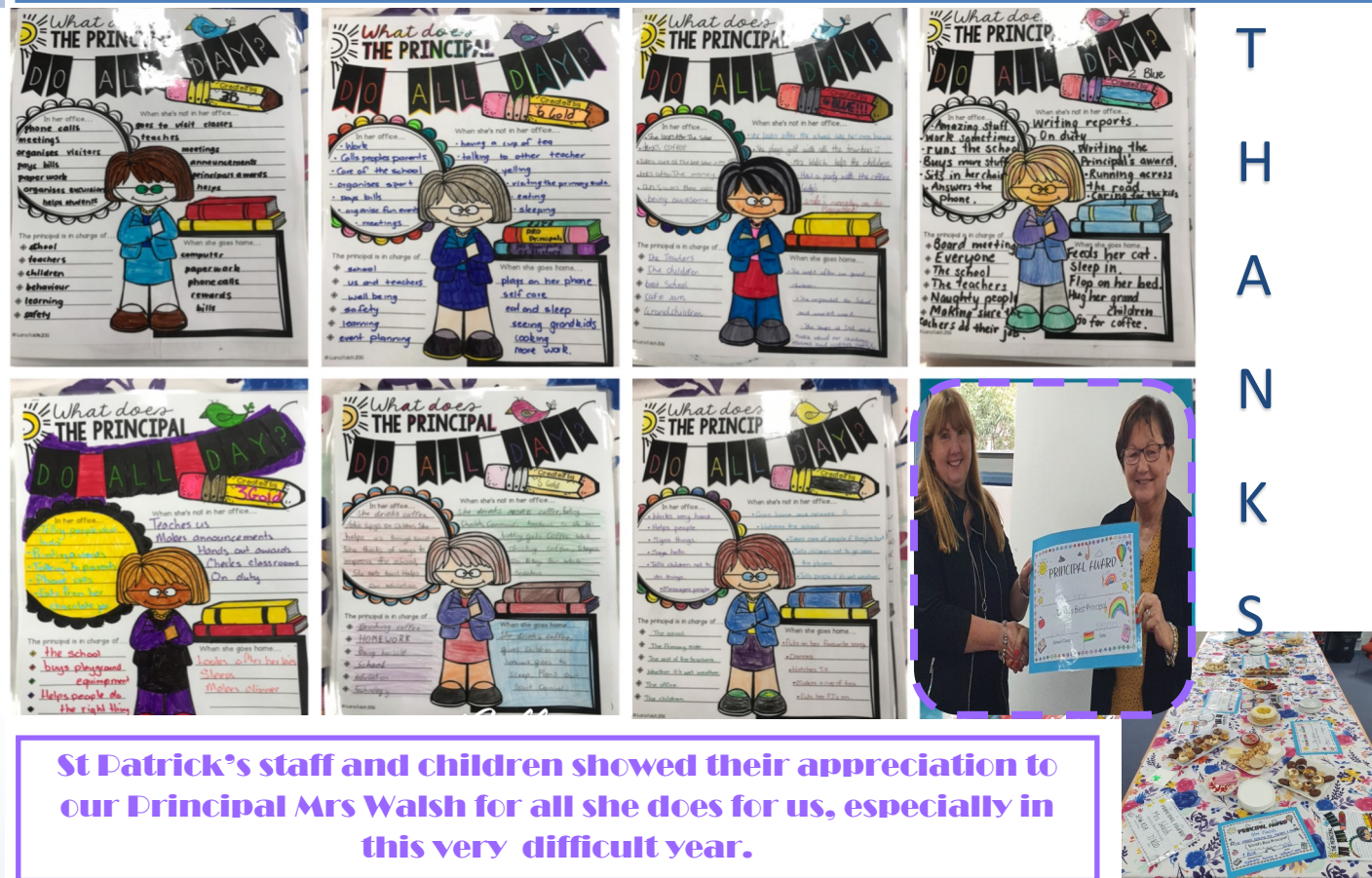
Sports Carnival Friday 21 August

Thank you to our parents who volunteered to help at the Sports Carnival on Friday 21st August. Mr Sullivan will contact you next week regarding your role. If your child is competing in the 800m at 8am, please drop your child off at Adcock Park, allowing other parents to do the same without any traffic congestion.

We apologise we can't have any spectators this year but unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we are not permitted any gatherings. Please ensure your child/ren bring plenty of water and food for the day as there are no canteen facilities.

Thankyou for your continued support

Cheryl Walsh, Principal



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St Patrick's staff and children showed their appreciation to our Principal Mrs Walsh for all she does for us, especially in this very difficult year.



FROM OUR RELIGIOUS CO-ORDINATOR Ms Bolton

Just about every milestone, every new experience in life, can be terrifying. But the Jesus who calms the storm in Matthew's Gospel reassures us of his presence. In the embrace of a loved one, in the helping hand of a friend, in the counsel of a wise teacher or coach, Jesus reaches out to save us in the darkest times; in the smallest acts of compassion and forgiveness that we give and receive, God reveals his presence in our midst. May we, in turn, find within ourselves the trust in that presence to be the outstretched hand of Christ for others.

Today we celebrated the feast day of St Mary Mackillop. Usually we would come together as a community to celebrate mass in the church. But as this is still not possible, each grade celebrated with a liturgy. It is right that we should recognise Mary Mackillop as she is the first saint of Australia, and her influence in the country has spread far and wide. She is recognised for her commitment to the poor, helping those who needed it the most in any way she could. Just as Jesus weathered many storms, so did Mary Mackillop, and with courage and trust in Jesus, she was able to be that outstretched hand of Christ for others.

All this week we have been trying both in the classroom and in the playground to follow her motto: "Never see a need without doing something about it."

St Mary Mackillop, pray for us.

Sacramental Program

A reminder that sacramental program sessions resume on the week beginning Sunday 9th August (starting with the final session of Reconciliation before the First Eucharist classes commence). Please also make a note for yourself of the class time and day that you've chosen for your child to attend each week.



FROM THE PARISH

One of the goals of our Parish Pastoral Council in 2020 is to establish a Vision and Mission Statement for the parish which articulates the values and beliefs of the contemporary Church in Australia. It is critical that this Vision and Mission Statement reflects the sentiments of our St Pat's parish community as we seek to encounter the Living Christ.

The following survey is designed to provide members of our parish the opportunity to provide feedback to inform the development of the Vision and Mission Statement.

Fr Greg and the PPC value the input of the school community and look forward to analysing your feedback in the development process.

The survey may be filled in online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SX6GW5M>

Thank you for assisting us by completing this survey.

You're Invited

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. St Patricks is running the Alpha Series online this Spring and we're providing two options for you to participate in it;

either in your own home via Zoom, or

if you are unable to access Zoom, joining a small group in a family home that does have Zoom access.

To register your interest in joining us, please follow this link and we'll send you more information about the first session at 7:30pm on Tuesday 25 August.

<https://forms.gle/VCVjYm9fJyVtpdpW6>

COVID SafeCOVID Safe

Looking for a place to

connect
laugh
chat
explore
question
listen
belong



#AlphaOnline

ST PATRICK'S PARISH IS NOW A NSW GOVERNMENT REGISTERED 'COVID SAFE' PARISH

We ask you to help us stay that way by:

Staying at home if you have any cold or flu symptoms

Sanitising your hands before entry into the church

Recording your name and contact details upon entering so that you may be contacted should we find we have to alert you to a COVID positive incident in the church.

Sitting in the spaces marked which indicate a safe 4m2 distance from those around you.

Staying 1.5m apart when queueing for communion or any other purpose.

We thank you for your cooperation and know that you are equally interested in stopping the spread of this virus and a return to normal living.

COVID Safe



Catechist Teachers Required

Special Religious Education (SRE or Scripture) is resuming over the next three weeks in the State schools in our Parish. Praise the Lord! Unfortunately, some of our dedicated catechists are unable to resume teaching due to the "COVID environment" and their health status. We are inviting parishioners to join the team to fill in during Term 3, or for the rest of the year.

A Working with Children Check and some mandatory training (Child Protection in particular) would be required. Pre-prepared lessons that are age-appropriate and easy to use will be supplied. It's as simple as clicking through a PowerPoint. Classes are about 30mins duration each week.

Grab a yellow catechist flyer at the Church doors and talk to a catechist after Mass. Or call Alain (0414273654) for more details.

MASS TO CELEBRATE ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP), FOUNDRESS

08/08/2020 9:00 AM

MASS TO CELEBRATE THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15/08/2020 @ 7:30 pm

FROM THE LADIES OF THE OFFICE...



Here is the link to the online version of the August BBN magazine.

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_august_2020

- A reminder that Book Club orders close on Monday 10 August
- Athletics Carnival Permission is required—please check on Compass that you have completed your child's permission



CONGRATUALTIONS ON RECEIVING A PRINCIPAL AWARD!

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

Our program to assist families who are

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



From The LARC (Learning and Resource Centre) and Library

BOOK WEEK & BOOK FAIR

St Patrick's is celebrating Book Week in week 7, Monday 31st August to Friday 4th September which is also Well Being Week. During this week we will have a Book Character Parade and a Book Fair.

On Monday 31st August children can come to school dressed as a **Book Character**. Please do not go to any expense. Most children have a costume at home eg. Fairy, princess, an avenger, if not many characters costumes are easily in the children's wardrobe eg. Billy B Brown, Hey Jack wear normal clothes. This year due to COVID restrictions we will be having an Infant's Book Character Parade and a Primary Book Characters Parade.



Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend as spectators this year.

Once again there will be a **Book Fair** in the LARC which we encourage all families to support.

Monday and Tuesday are viewing days, all children will get the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class and write a Wish List. There will be no sales to children on these days. Hopefully they will only put 2 or 3 of their favourite titles on the wish list. The Wish List is just as named "a wish list" you are under no obligation to purchase what your children write down.

Unfortunately **due to COVID restrictions parents will not be able to attend the Book Fair**, however we ask that parents make their **purchases online by using the pre-payment option** on the back of the wish list and then return the wish list so that children can pick up their books from the Book Fair on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Due to Covid -19 restrictions there will be no Cash orders this year

If a title sells out as I am sure some popular titles will do, I can place an reorder with Scholastic and it usually arrives within a few days.

Every sale of a book earns our school commission which is used by the LARC and library to purchase many new books for the children to borrow and read. It would be wonderful to have everyone's support for this event.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends on 24th August. If you have not returned your Reading Log please do so As Soon As Possible.

This week we congratulate the following children for completing the challenge:

Annlia in G, Kyrie in KG, Yuhas in 1B, Luca in 3G, Shiho in 4G and Remi in 5B.

Everyone else you have 2 weeks left to READ, READ and READ some more.

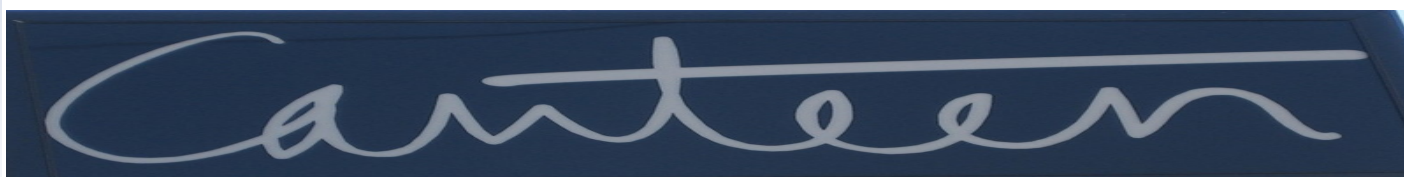
Carmen Hartz

Teacher Librarian

FROM OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE.....

Save the Date

P&F meeting ... Thursday 27th August



- .Canteen will be open next Friday 14 February —
Lunch only
- • No over the counter items will be sold
- • Pre-order via Qkr! Only (no cash orders) NO
Open
- • Orders will be sent to class
- • Limited menu

SCHOOL BANKING

***Please remember
to send in your
child's banking
on Wednesday each of each week***

LUNCHTIME EDISON(CODING) CLUB with Mrs Suzie Morris

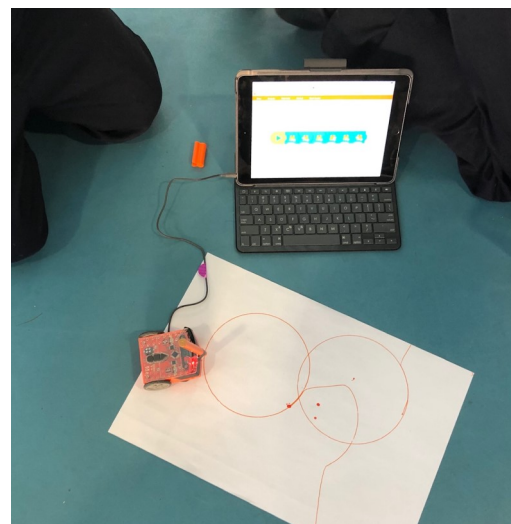
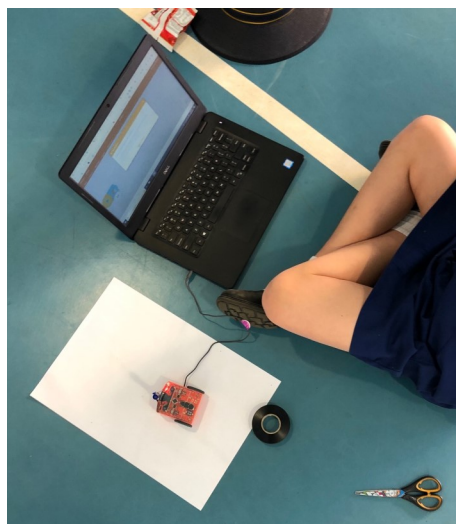
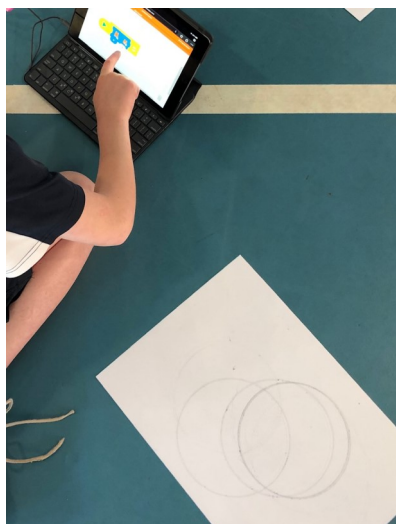
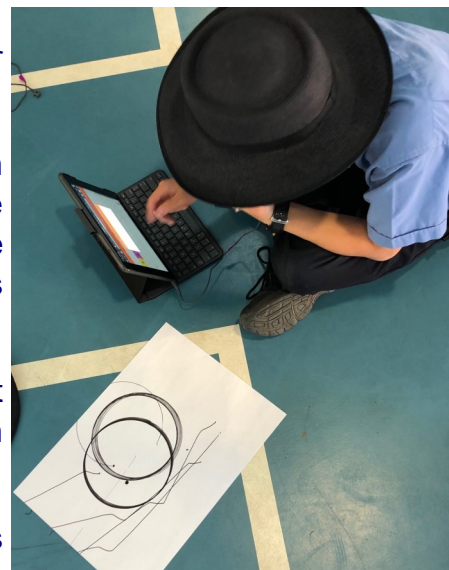
***NEW* LUNCHTIME EDISON (CODING) CLUB!**

On a Thursday at lunch time students are able to test out their coding skills with Edisons.

Edisons are small programmable robots that we use to teach coding, de-bugging and problem solving. Each week the students involved are given a challenge - this week's challenge was to write a program to make the Edison draw a shape. Circles were the order of the day!

If your child is in Year 5 or 6* and interested in joining our St Pat's Edison Club they can come along on Thursday at lunch time and/or chat to Mrs Morris about joining.

*Year 3 and 4 students will be exploring Edisons in science this term and then can join the Edison Club in Term 4.



FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

BAND PERFORMANCES: The next best thing to a live performance is a recorded performance! In Training Band and Concert Band next week are going to record our musicians performing pieces together so we can share this experience with our families and school community. Watch this space for more information as the recordings come together 🎧

KEYBOARD LESSONS: are you are interested in your child learning the keyboard, either individual lessons or small group lessons? Check out the information on our Keyboard webpage about our two tutors - Mrs Anna Rott (private) and Mrs Sharon Hatton (Central Coast Conservatorium of Music) for more information:

<https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-music/keyboard>

www.pianolessonscentralcoast.net



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Anna Rott, Dipl. Teacher of Fortepiano & Concertmeister 0412046246