

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all travelling as well as can be expected in these continued difficult times. There have been new restrictions placed on schools which need to be implemented by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. This was the reason behind the cancellation of the Athletics Carnival. It was not something that I wanted to do but was strongly advised to do by the CSO.

The new restrictions mean we cannot have cross grade activities for sport or learning; parent volunteers are not permitted; only external providers who deliver part of the curriculum are allowed on site; cancellation of all gala days; a maximum of 100 students are allowed at a carnival and the school needs to ensure that the venue is not being used by others while they are present. These new restrictions have resulted in the cancellation of the Diocesan Public Speaking, LEAP Playgroups, overnight and day excursions.

With the cancellation of our overnight Canberra and Leadership Camps we are looking at what we can do for the Year 5 and 6 students at school. We will inform parents once we have this finalised.

We are waiting to see what we can do about our Kindergarten Transition in Term 4 and the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, as both of these cannot go ahead at the present time. All students and staff with COVID symptoms must have a COVID test, not return to school until there is a negative result and this negative result needs to be forwarded to the school before a student or staff member can return.

For those students who are athletically minded the Primary Teachers are planning to take the students to the park over the coming weeks and time results for 100m, 200m and 400m. While obviously this will not be as formal as usual, we are hoping that with these results and the results of already run shot-put and discus, that we will be able to award students for their achievements. We would still like to be able to acknowledge these students in some way and thought that under the current conditions this could be achieved.

## Sacrament of the Eucharist

First Eucharist classes commenced this week and we would ask that you keep all of the children in your prayers as they prepare for this important Sacrament.



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  
[stpatrikspprimary@alinta.com.au](mailto:stpatrikspprimary@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

## Book Week

We will be celebrating Book Week in Week 7 – Wellbeing Week, with the Book Fair and a Book Parade. The students will be given the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class and make a wish list. Unfortunately, this year will be very different as parents will not be able to visit the book Fair with their children as we have in the past. The Book Parade will also be students only and their will be one held on each campus to ensure we are following COVID guidelines. The Book Parade is on Monday 31st August and Mrs Hartz has more information further in the bulletin.

## Kindergarten 2021

We have a had a significant increase of enrolments for Kindergarten next year which has resulted in the school being allowed to have three kindergarten classes. We will need to do some modifications to the Infant's Library area to allow for an extra classroom. I will keep you posted about these developments. It is exciting though, that we are able to have an extra class for Kindergarten in 2021 and we have also received a number of enrolment applications for other classes.

Thankyou for your continued support

**Cheryl Walsh,**  
**Principal**

# A very colourful day



## FROM OUR RELIGIOUS CO-ORDINATOR Ms Fiona Bolton

Prayer can be somewhat an enigma for many of us. Jesus tells we should always pray and not lose heart but we can sometimes wonder if God doesn't hear us or if He is holding out on us just to make things challenging for us. To not lose heart means to not faint, to not give up, or to not let your faith melt.

Last Sunday's gospel teaches us all about persistence and not losing heart. It was the story of the Canaanite woman who was an outsider to the "house of Israel. She places herself alone in a public space, risking ridicule and rejection to find healing for her daughter who is tormented by a demon. The immediate response to her plea is silence: Jesus "does not answer her a word" and the disciples tell him to send her away. He then responds to her by defining the limits of his mission rather narrowly: he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. But the woman is not deterred from her mission. She begs Jesus to help her and because of her great faith, her daughter is healed.

And so, during these trying times when so many are suffering let our faith be as strong as that of the Canaanite woman – persistent and with confidence in the mercy of our loving and compassionate God.

### The Assumption

Last week we celebrated the Assumption of Mary with separate liturgies. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. Mary came from a simple background and yet she was called by God to fulfill a very extraordinary role; that of becoming the mother of Jesus Christ. This role was no easy feat. During Mary's time, women did not have equal standing as men in society. Second, when Jesus was born, King Herod ordered the massacre of infants so Mary had to flee to Egypt to save her child. Despite the hardships she had to go through, Mary became an instrument of faith and stayed committed in her role of bringing to life God's promised son. The Assumption reminds us of Mary's special role in the life of Jesus, the church and in our own lives

### Sacramental Program

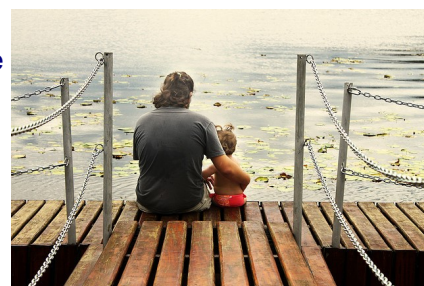
This week children participated in the first session of the Eucharist sacramental program. Let us keep in our prayer all those students who are preparing for this sacrament.

### Fathers Day

Father's Day is approaching and to celebrate our wonderful dads we are asking you to send in a photo of your child/children with their dad, granddad or stepdad so we can create an online liturgy. This is open to all those significant men who have played a special part in our lives,

Please be aware that your photo will be shared on our Facebook page. This is not compulsory so if you don't wish to participate that is fine.

Please email your photos to [christine.ryan@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:christine.ryan@dbb.catholic.edu.au). We would like all photos in by Friday 28th August.





# Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing Week will be held during Week 7 as usual this term, although it will look a little different with COVID restrictions. All activities will be completed in individual classes, with no large group activities taking place.

Our theme for this term is “***Empowering yourself and others***”, with a focus on the courage and qualities we need to be a kind and empowered human.

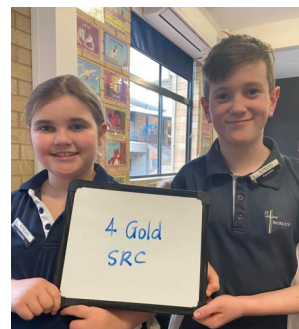
Some of our activities will include creating a Power Wall with positive notes about others, a scavenger hunt, looking at someone who inspires us, worry jars, and starting our Stage 3 *Girl Power* and *Rock and Water* (for the boys) groups.

The coffee van will still be available, however we are waiting on confirmation from the coffee van man, and will advise you of the date as soon as we can.

We are looking forward to a fun and empowering week!

## Empowering yourself and others

# Congratulations to our SRC for Semester Two



## 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:](https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/learning/Fee-Relief-during-Covid-19)

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

### Premier's Reading Challenge



**Reminder that St Patrick's closing date for the Premier's Reading Challenge is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August.** This allows me a few days to chase up any children who are late or who forgot to hand their Reading log in. If you have not returned your Reading Log please do so **As Soon As Possible**. If you are just a few books short bring in the reading Log and I will add the books we have read during library time.

Congratulations to all the children who made it to the finished in the last couple of weeks: Antonio in KG, Laila in 1B, Victoria and Hannah in 2B, Shaivee and Paul in 2G, Narthana in 4B, Helen, Soraya and Angelo in 4G, Sarah in 5B, David in 5G and Vito in 6B. Congratulations and well done to all these fantastic readers.

### BOOK WEEK & BOOK FAIR

A reminder that St Patrick's is celebrating **Book Week in week 7**, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. During this week we will have a Book Character Parade and a Book Fair.

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

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. 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.

There will be NO CASH sales so 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. 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. **Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions parents will not be able to attend the Book Fair this year.**

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 even if we have to run it differently this year.**

### From the LARC (Learning and Resource Centre) and Library

Many of our popular titles are borrowed and not being returned to school. Dog Man, WeirDo, Baby Sitters, Bad Guys, Harry Potter, Big Nate and Minecraft just to name a few. They may have gotten caught up with children's own libraries at home or children may just not want to part with them because they love them so much but there are many other children who want to borrow and read these popular titles so please return books to school ASAP.

On the infant's side I have lent out 40 library bags to children who forget theirs, I am no longer able to do this as these 40 library bags are at children's homes with unreturned books. PLEASE check around your home for these library bags and return them with books please.

**Carmen Hartz , Teacher Librarian**

**FROM OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE.....**

Save the Date

P&F meeting ... Thursday 27th August at 7pm ZOOM MEETING

A link has been sent via Compass Newsfeed

**FOUND**

New boys hat size 55 has no name on it. It has only been recently purchased as they are a new batch from the uniform shop and are slightly different from the old ones.

It was in the garden on the primary side.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

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



# VACATION CARE PROGRAM

## CatholicCare

Diocese of Broken Bay  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

# VACATION CARE PROGRAM

## Spring 2020






### St Patrick's East Gosford

Hours: 7.30am – 6.00pm

P: 0408165671

E: [oshc.eastgosford@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:oshc.eastgosford@catholiccaredbb.org.au)

#### Week 1

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 	<b>Shark Party! \$70</b> <p>A unique mobile water zoo with baby sharks, baby eels, turtles, snakes, furry friends and more!</p>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 	<b>Farmer Dave \$70</b> <p>Being a highly educated dog behaviourist and trainer as well as a brilliant entertainer. With expert timing, he delivers a hilarious experience containing education and empowerment each step of the way, allowing the audience to learn just how amazing training and bonding with man's best friend can be!</p>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> 	<b>Lego Masters Day \$59</b> <p>Who will be the ultimate Vacation Care Lego Master? Prizes and games!</p>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> 	<b>Cool Kids First Aid \$70</b> <p>Children will have the opportunity to learn and practice the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to recognise an emergency situation</li> <li>• How to call '000'</li> <li>• An introduction to DRSABCD (CPR) principals of first aid</li> <li>• Basic bleeding control</li> </ul> <p>Each child will receive an individually named certificate of participation at the conclusion of the session.</p>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> 	<b>Outdoor Mini Golf \$70</b> <p>Come play Mini Golf right here at Vacation Care! Lots of different courses to try with your friends 😊</p>

#### Week 2

<b>5<sup>th</sup> October – Public Holiday</b>	<b>Public Holiday – Center Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	<b>Giant Lawn Games \$70</b> <p>Let's get outside and play with some GIANT games – they are all ours for the day! Giant Jenga, Croquet, Giant Noughts and Crosses!</p>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	<b>Mad Hatters Tea Party! \$70</b> <p><i>"We're all quite mad here. You'll fit right in."</i></p> <p>Dress up and join in – our Mad Hatters tea party will be fun for everyone! Games, food and fun with friends – followed by Alice in Wonderland as our afternoon movie 🍿</p>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	<b>Create Your Own Cupcakes \$70</b> <p>Everyone loves cupcakes! Today is a day full of fun and sugar – make, create and decorate your own cupcakes to eat at Vacation Care or at home!</p>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	<b>Disco &amp; Pizza Party \$60</b> <p>Join us for the last day of Vacation Care – we will celebrate with a disco and pizza!</p>