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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Parents and Carers,

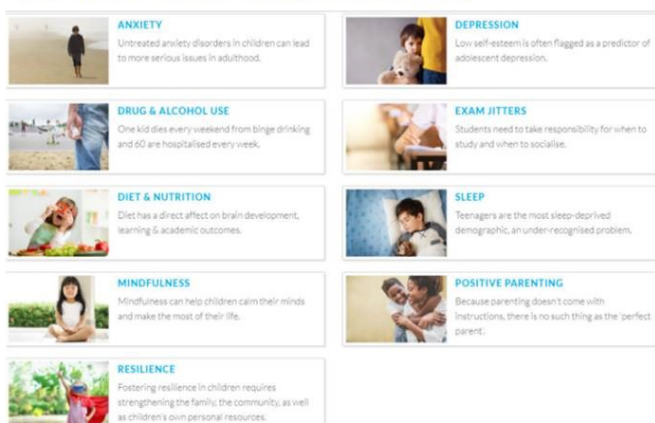
Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing and safe holiday. The last term is always busy and will fly by before you know it. There are already lots of activities filling up the calendar. Keep a look out for the Grandparents liturgy next Friday on our Facebook page and our All Saints celebration which will be streamed on 30th October at 9am. Father would like all the children to dress up as Saints, just like they did last year. That day is also World Teachers Day and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers at St. Patrick's. This year in particular has been very difficult with the Covid-19 situation and they always rise to the challenge and excel themselves in providing the very best for our children.

We will be starting our 2021 Kindergarten orientation program on 6th November and each Friday morning after that for the month. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new students to our school community, where they will experience lots of fun, play-based activities and get to know one another. Sadly we won't get to spend much time with our new parents because adults are still not able to be on school grounds. We will of course be communicating with them regularly through the Compass portal to relay all important starting school information.

Last term some of our students entered a writing competition organised by Seven Steps to Writing. There were approximately 2000 entries. This week we were informed that 2 of our Year 5 students received awards for their narratives. A big congratulations to Malia who was highly commended and Isabella who was a runner up. Isabella's writing will be published on the Seven Steps website as well as receiving a \$25 book voucher. Congratulations to all the students who took up this opportunity.

Parenting isn't always easy and if you're like me, you're always searching for advice, ideas or information to help with various situations as they occur. If any of the following topics; sleep, anxiety, resilience, depression, exam stress, etc are of any interest to you, please click on the link below.

<https://schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>



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

P & F Meeting
Once a term
Next meeting 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
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/>

2nd Hand Uniform Shop
Open during Assembly Friday 2pm
fortnightly 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 RELIGIOUS CO-ORDINATOR Ms Fiona Bolton

Caesar and God

"Give back Caesar's things to Caesar, and God's things to God." In Sunday's gospel we read the now famous response of Jesus to the Pharisees who never missed an opportunity to try and trap Jesus. They were always hoping that he would say or do something that would make him look foolish in front of his friends and followers especially regarding the Jewish obligations under Roman Rule. In this case the payment of a head tax was necessary if the Jews were to live in relative peace with their Roman overlords. The text has been used, over time, as a basis for separating Church and state but Matthew's use was much more ordinary. He wanted to show Jesus' astuteness and his ability to use their own arguments to counter the discrediting tactics of the opposition. The second point is much more important. It is about how a disciple lives in a world which does not put the things of God first. What are the things of "Caesar"? What is the legitimate use of power? What are the things of God?

Perhaps we need take some time this week to reflect on our daily lives to discover what is truly and deeply essential to us. According to Jesus and the gospel what is essential is love, forgiveness, peace, justice and concern for the poor. As we do this, may the words of Jesus from Sunday's gospel stay with us; *give to Caesar what is due to Caesar and give to God what is due to God.*

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. With Covid restrictions still in place, we are still unable to celebrate whole school masses and liturgies for the time being. Students will be able to attend class masses in the church as they did last term, and there are plans to stream the All Saints Mass to all grades on 30th October. As per last year, students will be asked to dress up as their favourite saint and share their knowledge of this saint. Keep watch for our special online celebration of Grandparents on Friday, 23RD October.

Congratulations to all the students who received First Eucharist. We celebrate with you and hope your special day was very memorable and special for both you and your families.

The teachers have been very busy planning new Religious Education Units for Term 4. From the wisdom of the Old Testament and its predictions of a Messiah to the New Testament and its fulfilment of the Messiah in the form of Jesus, the students will learn how God reveals Himself to us and shows us how we are to come to Him through faith. For more information about these units, please check your term overviews.

Crazy Sock Day

Friday 23rd October is our Crazy Sock Day. Everyone is invited to wear their Crazy Socks and bring in a gold coin for Catholic Mission which is going towards helping disabled children in Cambodia.

Many blessings for a peace filled term.

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21



FROM THE LADIES OF THE OFFICE...

Due to COVID restrictions, we are still unable to open our bubblers on each campus. As the weather warms up, it may be a good idea to send 2 drink bottles with your child to school. Our primary campus has a water refill station, however it is difficult to refill drink bottles on the infants campus.



If you are sending food to school with your child that requires cutlery, please ensure they have it packed in their lunchbox. We have had several children asking for spoons and forks in recent weeks.



Donations

Our Primary teachers are looking for donations of old Lego, trucks or matchbox cars that you may have lying around the house. Please drop them off to Mr Harris or Miss O'Neill on the Primary side or into the office on the Infants side.



Dropping off your child

Please be sensible when dropping off your children. We have had several near misses by parents dropping off at the front of our Infant school.

THIS IS NOT THE SPOT TO PULL IN AND LET YOUR CHILDREN OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE. This is illegal. The Ranger has been around our school booking offenders.



Please be courteous to fellow parents when trying to find that special parking spot; we have had a few instances of road or parking rage—not a great thing for children to witness.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Just a reminder that parents can access the school calendar via compass (open in browser) and the

OPAL PASS

If you would like to apply for an Opal Pass for your child please follow the link below

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/child-student-concessions/primary-secondary-school>



October Broken Bay News

The October Broken Bay issue celebrates one year since Bishop Anthony Randazzo's appointment as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay, as well as testimonies from our seminarians on their next steps in their journey to priesthood, CatholicCare's services for domestic violence and the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21 on Mental Health. There is also an update on Towards 2025 in our Catholic Schools, new building projects at St Brendan's and much more!

Read it now online:

https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/broken_bay_news_october_2020_issue_207

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

BAND IS BACK!

It is so exciting that we are able to return to face-to-face rehearsals and lessons for our band program this term. To meet current COVID requirement, band rehearsals will now be held in the Primary Hall where we have a bit more space to spread out. We will be continuing to practise social distancing and hygiene for band rehearsal involving having our musician spread out, hand sanitising on entry and exit and cleaning our equipment (stools, music stands etc) after use. Like with all activities please do not send your child if they are unwell.



For more information, practice outline and timetable please check out our band website: <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-bands/home>

GUITAR AND KEYBOARD LESSONS have also returned to on site lessons and as these are smaller group or one-to-lessons they will be held in the usual rooms. For timetables and information please refer to our Music website:

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

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

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>

CHOIR (WITH A TWIST!): We miss sharing songs and singing together but under current COVID restrictions for schools this is not possible (at the moment). The Primary Choir came together yesterday to try out signing songs instead of singing them and we had a blast! Not only are we continuing our love of music and song together but we are learning a new language - Auslan! Choir meets in the Primary Music Room, second half of lunch every Thursday. All Year 3 to 6 students welcome :)

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>



Tennis for our Primary students this term





SWIMMING

Year 1 and 2 children started their swimming lessons with great excitement on Wednesday! Lessons continue every Wednesday until Week 9.

They all had so much fun splashing around while learning some valuable lessons.



FROM OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Welcome back to Term 4! This term will fly by and before we know it your Kindergarten children will be ready for Year 1 and our Year 6 gang will be saying farewell to us all.

This term we have a few fundraising opportunities lined up. A Caseys Toyworld night where you receive a percentage off your shop and the school does too. Keep a look out for this in future newsletters and Compass posts. Also, our annual Christmas Raffle... prizes are coming in for that already. If you have a business or you work for a company that could contribute to our raffle, please contact the office and let them know! The more prizes the better!

Our Tambourlaine Wine fundraiser has gone well considering these are unusual times. Some of the feedback has been that you didn't know what the wine would taste like so were reluctant to purchase any. Fair call, however if you ask our staff they will tell you that the Scarlett Bubbles are to die for! There have been many repeat orders! Next year, when Covid is but a distant memory (here's praying!), we'll do a tasting session and make a great night out of it. Thank you to the many parents and friends who ordered. Rach will give us an update on monies raised next newsletter. I think it's around the \$900 mark. Well done!

If you're hesitant about completing your credit card details on the order form, please make a note "please call for credit card details" and Glenn from Tamburlaine will call you.



EXTENDED DATE FOR RETURN OF TAMBOURLAINE ORDERS - WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Please see below for information about the Teacher's Appreciation Lunch that we hold each October.

Keep supporting our Canteen when it is open. I know Louise is finding volunteers hard to find yet again. Wednesday is about an hour of your time. Friday would be three at most. Check your diaries and see if you can help out at all. Make sure you join Our Kids Canteen Facebook page too. This tells you when the canteen is open and any news regarding lifting of restrictions etc. Ice Blocks are back! Just in time for Summer... YIPPEE!

Teacher Appreciation Day

The time has come around once again to be grateful and thank for our amazing teachers and school staff at St Patrick's School. Each year in Term 4, with your help, the P&F donate a lovely lunch to the staff. This lunch is always a big hit, the staff are overwhelmed by the donations and support that you all give. This year especially, we are grateful for everything the staff have done for our children. What a year!

2020 will have to be slightly different due to the present COVID restrictions. Permission has been granted from the Catholic Schools Office for donations made by parents, that is, cooked and prepared by our families. However, parents are still not allowed to enter school grounds so donations will have to be dropped off at the office. This also means that parents are not able to help set up and decorate the staff rooms like they usually do (yes, we have to have two separate events as we can't have all staff in the same room at the same time, covid restrictions!) The office ladies have kindly offered their help with the set up.

I am asking you today if you would be able to donate something small to the luncheons. This can be anything from a brie cheese or packet of crackers to a large scale lasagna or curry and rice. Over the years we have had a huge variety of dishes so there are no rules (except no nuts please!). The staff love that you take the time to prepare something for them. A salad, a fruit plate, a few bottles of soft drink, a fresh bunch of garden flowers for the table ... the list is endless, the only limit is your imagination!

Teacher Appreciation Day will be held on Friday 30th October. Please let me know if you are able to help in anyway at all via text or email. I'll devise a list so there are no double ups.

0409362217 or angeanddave97@hotmail.com

Please don't worry if this is something you can't contribute to. We understand how busy you are and that times are very different to the norm. Take care of yourselves.



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to work in the Infants or Primary Canteen on a Wednesday or Friday term 4 please contact Louise on 0407 100 433.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2020

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: 9:30am – 2:00pm **or** Morning shift: 9:30am – 11:30 **or** Afternoon shift: 11:00 – 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:

Louise Bridekirk Ph: 0407 100 433

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED if required. Thank you.

[Canteen](#)

[Facebook
page](#)

Week	Date	Infants	Primary
OCTOBER			
2	Wednesday 21st	Karen Phillips	Lorraine Hughes
	Friday 23rd		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY		
3	Wednesday 28th	Sarah Jiminez	
	Friday 30th		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY		
NOVEMBER			
4	Wednesday 4th		
	Friday 6th		
	9:30am – 11:30am	Danielle Williams	
	11:00am – 1:pm		
	Or ALL DAY		
5	Wednesday 11th	Sarah Jiminez	
	Friday 13th		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY		
6	Wednesday 18 th		Nan Moffatt
	Friday 20th		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY		
7	Wednesday 25th		Nan Moffatt
	Friday 27th		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY		
DECEMBER			
8	Wednesday 2nd		
	Friday 4th		
	9:30am – 11:30am	Danielle Williams	
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY		
9	Wednesday 9th		
	Friday 11th		

Uniform Shop
www.alintaapparel.com.au

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Enter our 2020 Christmas Card Competition

I'm writing to invite students from your school to enter our Christmas Card Competition for 2019.

This year's theme is "Hope" and invites students years K-6 to submit drawings, paintings or artwork that reflect the ways in which they celebrate hope at Christmas time.

Previous years have seen some wonderful designs, with the winner having their artwork placed on the front of my Christmas card that's sent to thousands of homes and businesses across my electorate on the Central Coast.

Building on the popularity of the personalised gift tags from last year, we will be offering a pack of gift tags to each student that enters – with their own design on the front.

Please find the 2020 entry form and rules for the competition attached to this email.

The competition closes on **Monday** the 2nd of November 2020. Each entry needs to be designed on an A4 sheet of paper. Mrs. Lewis will be delivering the entries brought to school on 30th October.

There are some great prizes donated by Bendigo Bank in East Gosford including:

1st Prize - \$250 bank account

2nd Prize - \$150 bank account

3rd Prize - \$100 bank account

And five highly commended \$50 bank account prizes.

I look forward to your students' involvement and thank the team at Bendigo Bank in East Gosford for their support of this initiative.



LUCY WICKS MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR ROBERTSON



Christmas Card Competition 2020 – Entry Form

Name:	
Age:	
Teacher/Class: <small>(Please specify – not stage)</small>	
School Name:	
Best Contact Email: <small>(admin or classroom teacher)</small>	
Phone:	

Personalised Christmas Gift Tags

Each year we receive the most beautiful designs, so we have decided to showcase each and every one by turning every entry into a pack of gift tags.

Be sure to include contact details in the section above so we can get in touch and get the tags to you along with a Christmas card in plenty of time for the holidays. Below are some of our previous tags and cards.



Entries close at 5pm on Friday 2nd November 2020.

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