



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm not sure if you remember but this is my first week back after taking some Long Service Leave and it is wonderful to be back. I hope that you and your children have all had a good start to the term.

Today we celebrated a beautiful Mass for All Saints Day and it was wonderful to see so many of the children and some teachers dressed up as Saints. The Year 5 students attended mass and the other classes watched it live via zoom.

We also celebrated World Teachers' Day and on behalf of the staff, I would especially like to thank all the parents who supported the P & F with supplying food for morning tea and lunch today. Your donations were overwhelming and very much appreciated. I would also like to thank the staff at St Patrick's for all they do for our students, their professionalism and for being the wonderful people that they are. We are very blessed.

Miss Perry

By now you will have all heard the very sad (for us) but exciting news that Miss Michelle Perry will be leaving us at the end of this year to take up a new appointment as Assistant Principal at Our Lady Of The Rosary, Wyoming. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Michelle on this new appointment. Michelle will be greatly missed by myself, the staff, parents and the children.



New Assistant Principal

The process now begins for a new Assistant Principal to be appointed at St Patrick's. With the new Director of Schools, there is a new process for appointing Leadership Positions. For us this process has already begun and we will interview in the coming weeks. I will keep you informed of the decision once it has been finalised.

New Diocesan Logo

There is a new Logo for our Diocese and branding. We are called 'CSBB' – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Broken Bay. The Interim Director was appointed as the permanent Director last term. Mr Danny Casey is CSBB Director of Schools. Since Mr Casey's appointment in April the Diocese has been working towards a new direction – 'Towards 2025'. It is a very exciting time for our Diocese and especially for our Schools. Over the past few months school staffs have involved with a number of workshops for:



- Evangelisation & Catechesis
- Capability and Enablement
- Financial Viability
- Infrastructure and Facilities
- Student Achievement
- Governance

Over the next few months the preliminary work achieved in these workshop will be used to influence the system direction.

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
stpatrickprimary@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

Crazy Sock Day

Thank you everyone for your donations last Friday for Crazy Sock Day. We have collected \$600 for charity.

Obstacool Fund Raiser

With COVID and the restrictions in place we have had to postpone the Obstacool Course. We are trying to book a date before the end of the year. We will keep you posted.

Change to the Swimming Carnival

As you are aware we have changed the annual Swimming Carnival to the end of this year. Information has already been sent home.

Classes for 2021

We are in the process of organising classes for next year. If any parent has any information that we need to consider, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

Cheryl Walsh

Principal

Why God Made Teachers

by Kevin William Huff

When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see.
And become a better person
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong.
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.



Thank you for the
great food from our
wonderful parents.

Amazing!



FROM OUR RELIGIOUS CO-ORDINATOR Ms Fiona Bolton

This week the whole school remembered and prepared for All Saints Day with each grade examining the life of a saint throughout the week. Each day we prayed the special prayer of a different saint and on Friday the children came dressed as a saint.

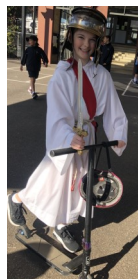
A symbol was created by each class to represent their saint and it was presented during a mass attended and beautifully prepared by Year 5. These activities throughout the week gave children the chance to do some important learning about Catholic culture and tradition and discover the reason we celebrate this feast day.

The gospel reading for All Saints day is 'The Sermon on the Mount' where Jesus taught us how to live as his followers. Simply put, the beatitudes are the "how to" of sainthood. Saints are "meek;" they are "pure of heart;" saints are "merciful" and "peacemakers;" they "hunger and thirst for righteousness." The saints we remember and celebrate on All Saints Day aligned themselves with the Beatitudes.

Therefore, if you want to be a saint, strive to align yourself with these teachings as well. Be inspired by the saints' lives; they serve as role models; they teach us that holiness means being who you are; and—as an added benefit—they pray for us.



Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to Socktober, a initiative from Catholic Mission. We raised over \$600 on the day with more coming in. Congratulations on the great work and effort by our Mini Vinnies team, both students and teachers. These funds will go to helping children in Cambodia.



SAINTS WERE
EVERYWHERE AT ST PAT'S



FROM THE LADIES OF THE OFFICE....

Memento Shirts for Year 6 2021

We have sample shirts available in the office for our current **Year 5** students to try on. Shirt sizes available are 10, 12, 14, S and M.

Please order **via Qkr!** by Friday 27th November. Cost is \$30 each.

Year 6 Graduation Bears & Balls

If your child is in **Year 6** and would like to order a Graduation Bear or Ball. Please order via Qkr! by Friday 6th November. No late orders will be accepted.

2021 Swimming Carnival Permissions

If your child is in Year 1 to Year 5, please login to Compass and either 'accept' or 'decline' the 2021

Swimming Carnival Event. All children attending must be turning 8 or above in 2021 and competently swim 50 metres. Only competitors will be attending the carnival.



Compass

Please check Compass on a regular basis. Compass is our main form of communication to parents and carers. Limited information is also shared on our School Facebook page. If you are having trouble accessing Compass or have forgotten your login details, please contact the office as soon as possible. In addition to the above swimming carnival, we have some other excursions taking place over the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on Compass Events and complete the online permissions as they become available.

2020 School Fees

As we enter Term 4 and payment of 2020 school fees are nearing the end, please keep an eye on your account to ensure you don't over pay your fees (especially with the Year 5 and 6 camp credits issued last term). This is particularly important for our Year 6 leaving families. If you notice your account is in credit and require a refund, please contact the office on 4325 1159.

Leaving St Patrick's at the end of 2020?

If you are moving and will not be at our school next year please let us know as soon as possible, as we have families waiting for a place. Please email your destination school and date of departure to spg@dbb.catholic.edu.au.



Application for Extended Leave

If your child will be absent from school for 5 or more days, you are required to complete an [Application for Extended Leave form](#). This form can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.

Administering Medication at School

All Broken Bay systemic schools require medical authorisation from a prescribing medical or health practitioner to administer any medication to students (including over the counter medications such as Paracetamol, Claratyne etc).



The Request to [Administer Medication Form](#) can be found on our website or you may collect a copy of it from the school office.

Family Registration Forms

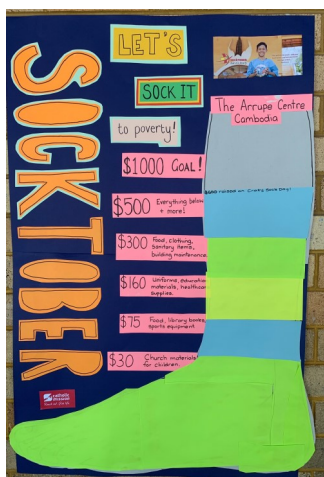
The youngest child in every family will bring home a Family Registration Form today. Please return the completed form by Friday 13th November so that billing for 2021 school fees can be set up correctly and you receive the discounts you are entitled too.

OPAL PASS If you would like to apply for an Opal Pass <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/child-student-concessions/primary-secondary-school>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

school calendar via compass (open in browser) and the school [website](#).

FROM OUR MINI VINNIES CRAZY SOCK DAY



The amazing \$600 raised will help disabled children in Cambodia.



**Keep this date free – Thursday 19th November**

Casey's Toys VIP night is on Thursday 19th November 6pm-8pm. We do require a minimum of 12 people to RSVP for this night to go ahead. Take advantage of this child free event to get your shopping done hassle free and with ease. Please see attached flyer for more details. Sorry no laybys.

Great News!!!!

Tamburlaine Organic Wines has offered to reopen orders for one week only commencing Monday 23rd November. Order forms will be available closer to the date. 522 bottles have been ordered already which has raised \$2,175 for our school. THANK YOU!!!

Next P & F Meeting Thursday 12 November more information soon Save the date

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](#)

[Facebook page](#)

Week	Date	Infants	Primary
OCTOBER			
3	Wednesday 28th	Sarah Jiminez	Lorraine Hughes
	Friday 30th	Lou	Rachael & Santhe
	9:30am – 11:30am	Leanne Fedele (9:30 – 11am)	
	11:00am – 2:00pm	Need x1	
	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	Kelly Reynell Lisa Hooper	Nan Moffatt
	Friday 20th		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY		Amy Whitworth Kristy Smith
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		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY		

Year 6 are studying poetry. Here some examples of their work....

A Farm Bike Expedition By: Amelia B

Hot Days, Dusty Days,
 Jacks detects his favourite scent,
 Dirt Bikes and their DIESEL.
 Bikes roll out one by one by one.
 Into the cattle yards under the hot day sun.
 Jack barks, bikes roar and dust flies through the air.
 Zac, Xav, Xander, George, Dad and I, we ride without a care.
 End of the day an end for our play.
 Back to the house, quiet as a mouse.
 More fun,
 As tomorrow will come.

Mulga Bill's Bicycle Re-Written By Max R

Today I got a new mountain bike,
 One that I actually quite like.
 With its sleek steel frame,
 And thick rubber wheels,
 This puts other bikes to shame.

First day riding,
 My skill is unusually hiding.
 THERE!!!! can see it.
 The big dirt jump,
 I work my way up bit by bit.

The ramp is right there,
 And I go flying,
 Right out of my chair.

I hear a big crack!
 And I'm lying on the side of the track,
 Crying and feeling like I'm
 Dying.

Help! I scream,
 Help! Help! I scream.
 This is not helping my self-esteem.
 I see a flicker of movement,
 And through my tears I can see...MUM!!!
 Oh boy, what an improvement.

Minutes later, as the pain is fading away,
 An ambulance arrives.
 How strange I think.

While I'm recovering from my injury,
 I have had some time to think.
 I'm quitting riding, and by next month,
 I'll be in the Ice Rink.

Mulga Bill by Lachlan

A one wheeled bike?
 Sounds like a miserable hike,
 But I like,
 Today I get on my bike,
 I've never rode a bike,
 So lets make it alright,
 First I learned to pedal,
 I went so fast my face hit the metal,

 Second I learned how to brake,
 So I don't fall in the lake,
 So far I'm a natural,

I feel like a god,
 I give a little nod,
 I hit a rod,
 And I enter flight mode,

I'm on the floor,
 I feel like I've been hit with a door,
 And now I know,
 Bike riding is not for me,
 So I'm going back to the comforting couch.

The Big Red Bike By Jack

I'm on my big bike
 Holding on while I hike
 Praying i don't die
 Eating my pie

My friend is here
 Only for the beer
 We go riding deep in the forest
 Oh how he is sores
 If only i knew
 Bikes could be new

My bike was red
 My friends thought it was right
 Only for the night
 Petrified without any sight

