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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are many things that we need to achieve as we move closer to the end of the year. A couple of the important items are interviewing for a new Assistant Principal and a new Kindergarten Teacher for 2021. Today Father Greg, myself and others on the panel will interview the applicants chosen, to try to find the most appropriate person to fill the role of Assistant Principal. Next week members of the Leadership Team will interview for the new Kindergarten Teacher.

CCBB has been investigating the pricing of school fees over the past few months and are using this information to set fees for 2021. They are also very aware of the financial difficulties faced by many families because of COVID-19. I have been asked to share with you the following:

'Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic a decision has been made to automatically extend Term 2 and 3 COVID Fee Support arrangements to Term 4. If you currently receive COVID Fee Support you will receive an email from the School Fees Unit to confirm this arrangement and when the support will be reflected on your statement. If a balance remains on your account, and your circumstances are as such that payment of these fees will add further stress to your family, please contact The School Fees Unit at the Catholic Schools Office on 9847 0728 or schoolfees@dbb.org.au. We are here to assist you in any way we can.'

If you have not applied for COVID Fee Support and you are experiencing financial hardship, we have a number of fee relief options available. These may be accessed via the Parent Hub section of the Catholic School Broken Bay's website csodbb.catholic.edu.au or via our Fee Liaison Team at schoolfees@dbb.org.au.'

Current COVID Restrictions

I understand that Catholic Schools NSW issued a statement that from 12th November schools can welcome parents back into the community for Graduations, Presentation Nights etc.

I have checked with CCBB, and unfortunately the current restrictions still apply. Yes, parents can be invited into schools again but only after school hours and the number still depends on the size of the venue and the one person per 4 square metre rule. This will mean that our usual Award Assembly will take place in two places – Infants and Primary and parents cannot attend. It also means that while our Kindergarten 2021 children are coming to their Kindergarten Transition, I am not able to have parents on site as we usually do. I am however offering zoom meetings after each Transition Session.

This year the Year 6 Graduation will be different and I will be meeting with Father Greg next week to see how this will look exactly. We are however, working on how we can celebrate our Year 6 students' last year in Primary School and hope to have something very special organised for them. Like many other schools, the Graduation this year will happen during the day not after school and it will be live zoomed to parents and families. I will send more information once this is finalised.

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

P & F Meeting
Once a term

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

Welcome to our Kindergarten 2021 Students and Families

Last week we had the first of four Transition Sessions for our new students. We have 69 students starting Kindergarten in 2021, with three Kindergartens for the first time. It is a very exciting time for the children and their families as they get ready for 'Big School' next year. They had great time their Yr 5 buddies this week



OBSTACOOOL

Earlier this year we had to cancel our major fund raising event, which was to be part of our celebrations for St Patrick's Day, because of the pandemic. It has taken some time to re-organise this event because of restrictions in place, availability of the Company and being able to have somewhere to hold it. I am very pleased to inform the community that we have been able to secure a new date and St Edwards are allowing us to use their oval. So our OBSTACOOOL event will take place on **MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER**, weather permitting. SO please pray for some good weather.

OBSTACOOOL

Year 6 Virtual Canberra Experience and Year 5 Leadership Days—photos on following pages

I am very grateful to the Year 6 and 5 teachers for organising some different activities for our senior students to try to make up a little for missing out on their major excursions this year.

Last Week the Year 6 students were involved in a number of different activities including face to face time with our local member Adam Crouch, and Aboriginal Elder Kevin Duncan. As well as zoom meetings with AIS, a Para Olympian, Tim Hodge, and Virtual tours of NSW Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial just to name a few. They also had a pizza and movie night.

This week Year 5 have been involved in a number of Leadership activities including participating in a Ninja Warrior Session, reflecting on what makes a good leader, a pizza night and meeting their buddies for next year.

We hope that these experiences help to make up for the many things these students have missed this year.

Swimming Carnival

Next week many students are participating in swimming events that assist us to choose students to attend the Cluster Swimming for 2021. Once again because of the current restrictions still in place only those students who are swimmers will be attending. We also have to have the students arrive at different times and parents are not allowed to help or attend on the day.

Water filling Station on the Infants Campus — Thank you to Year 6 2018/2019 for fundraising for this great addition to our Infant Playground.

Thank you for your continued support

Cheryl Walsh

Principal



2021 School Dates

Some important dates for 2021:

Wednesday 27 th January:	Staff Development Day for Teachers
Thursday 28 th January:	MAI Assessments for students in Years 1 – 6 Best Start Assessments for 2021 Kindergarten students
Friday 29 th January:	Students in Years 1 – 6 start school Best Start Assessments for 2021 Kindergarten students
Monday 1 st February:	Students in Years 1 – 6 at school Best Start Assessments for 2021 Kindergarten students
Tuesday 2 nd February:	Kindergarten students start school – full days.

A Message from Fr Greg:

Dear Friends,

Throughout November the Church prays for all those who are in purgatory waiting for the day when they will join the company of the saints in heaven. The celebration of Mass is the highest means of charity the Church can provide for the dead, however we can also relieve their sufferings through our prayers, sufferings and penances. In particular, we can help the souls in purgatory by undertaking actions (prayers, etc) that have indulgences attached to them.

During the month of November, Pope Francis has made a special dispensation to allow us to receive an indulgence which can be applied to the souls in purgatory. A plenary indulgence is granted when the faithful piously visit a church or a cemetery between 1-30th November. During the visit it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited. All with all indulgences, is also necessary to fulfil the usual conditions of:

- receiving the sacrament of confession, either eight days before or after the pious act is performed,
- receiving Holy Communion on that day, and
- reciting prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary is the minimum, but any other additional prayers may be added). Let us continue to pray for all of our departed loved ones, and in this way return the love they have shared with us during their earthly journey.

I would like to express my gratitude to all those parishioners who have helped on Saturday 14th November with the renovation of the piety shop and the foyer at St Patrick's Church. This is in preparation for our new project of a welcoming committee, which will be launched on the first Sunday of December.

I send many blessings, best wishes and prayers to all those members of our parish who celebrate their birthdays or significant anniversaries this week! God bless you all.

Cookbook of over 230 pages, all recipes from Parishioners and friends of St Patrick's Community.

A huge community effort over the past 4 months.

Advent is fast approaching.

To help with your prayerful preparations, we will be selling these Advent candles sets.

See the advertisement adjacent:

Stock is limited!!!

Supplied to Order only, Order Form is found at

<https://forms.gle/M3uaTz3NqeURtz7b9>

Payments are to be made at the 'Advent Candle stall' set up at Masses on the following weekends:

- * 14 & 15 Day
- * 21 & 22 Day
- * 28 & 29 Day - first Sunday of Advent

Orders close 25 Day.

Candles can be collected at the 'Advent Candle Stall' on the first Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Food Parcels for the people in need.

At St Patrick's Church we are collecting food parcels for people in need.

So, we ask for people to collect non-perishable food items and put them into a box and bring those boxes of food into the church and leave them in the Foyer.

From there Fr Greg will organise for them to be passed onto St Vincent de Paul.

A sample list

Day 1 - Can of baked beans

Day 2 - Fruit mince pies

Day 3 - Pasta

Day 4 - Long life milk

Day 5 - Long life custard

Day 6 - Pack of biscuits

Day 7 - Pack of tea

Day 8 - Can of soup

Day 9 - Jar of pasta sauce (Carbonara)

Day 10 - Packet of rice

Day 11 - 3 Packets of Jelly

Day 12 - Can of tomatoes

Day 13 - Pack of 2 minute noodles

Day 14 - Packet of cereal

Day 15 - Cake mix

Day 16 - Packet of cream biscuits

Day 17 - Jar of pasta sauce (Tomato)

Day 18 - Bottle of cordial

Day 19 - Long life milk

Day 20 - Jar of Chocolate coated sultanas

Day 21 - Can of spaghetti

Day 22 - Block of chocolate

Day 23 - Can of salmon

Day 24 - Can of tuna or salmon

Day 25 - Can of potatoes

Day 26 - Christmas Pudding

Day 27 - Jar or Tin of fruit

Day 28 - Instant pasta dish

Day 29 - Pack of Energy bars

Day 30 - Christmas cake in a box





St Patrick's Gosford
ADVENT CANDLE SETS

ALL SETS COME WITH PRAYER CARD

SET 1 - \$25

4 x 10CM WHITE CANDLES
1 x 15CM WHITE CANDLE



SET 2 - \$30

4 x 15CM WHITE CANDLES
1 x 20CM WHITE CANDLE



SET 3 - \$40

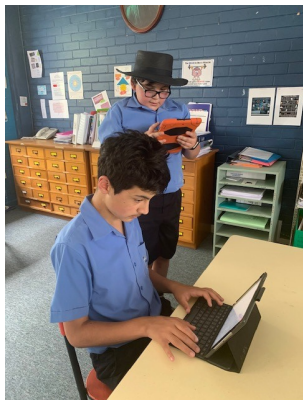
4 x 10CM COLOURED CANDLES
1 x 15CM WHITE CANDLE





FOLLOW THE QR CODE LINK
TO PLACE YOUR ORDER





MINI VINNIES

Mini Vinnies are hard at work preparing for our Christmas Appeal.

Watch this space for further information!



REMEMBRANCE DAY



We celebrated very moving and reflective liturgies for Remembrance Day in each classroom this year. Our SRC students led the liturgy and guided the children's reflections. Thank you to our year 6 students who led the liturgies with the Infants classes.

Remembrance Day should definitely be a time to remember the dead and the tragic loss of thousands of (young) lives in wartime. If it is to have meaning for us now, it might also be a time for us to commit ourselves to justice: to just relationships with those around us; to just relationships between nations; to just for the displaced, the downtrodden and the marginal. If justice becomes a global reality then perhaps war will be no more. Perhaps our remembrance will bring peace.



*"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow
old;
Age shall not weary
them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the
sun
and in the morning
We will remember
them."*

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

This week, all of the classes at St.Pat's launched NAIDOC week with a special liturgy organised by the SRC students.



FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

JOIN THE 2021 TRAINING BAND

We are starting to plan for the 2021 St Pat's Training Band for next year - such an exciting opportunity for students to start learning a specific instrument and how to play together in a group. Of course it is so much more than just learning and playing an instrument with the benefits of learning an instrument in the spotlight over the last few years.

Get in early if you would like to hire an instrument through the Conservatorium as there is a high demand from schools across the Coast. More information on the Band Program can be found here: Join the 2021 Training Band <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-bands/the-band>>

Any questions please contact the Conservatorium or Mrs Suzie Morris via susan.morris@dbb.catholic.edu.au



2020 KEYBOARD LESSONS

Our keyboard tutor is now taking enrolments for 2021: **Sharon Hatton, Central Coast Conservatorium of Music**. For more information and contact details please click here <link to <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-music/keyboard>>.

2020 GUITAR LESSONS

The Conservatorium is also taking enrolments for guitar lessons for 2021 for new students just starting and returning students. **For more information on guitar lessons please click here** <link to <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-music/guitar>>

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. **MONDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO TRY ON SHIRTS** Please order **via Qkr!** by Friday 27th November. Cost is \$30 each.

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.

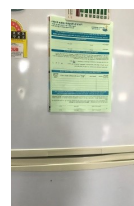


Administering Medication at School

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

If this form is still on your fridge? Please send it back on Monday .

Change of details Telephone or address—please let us know via spg@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Tell Them From Me Survey

Over the next week we will be inviting students in Years 4-6, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *St Patrick's East Gosford*.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/zzzw7>

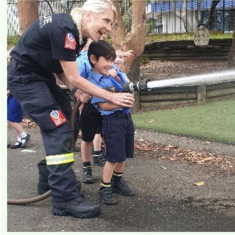
OPAL PASS

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](#).

Thank you to FIRE & RESCUE KARIONG for a wonderful visit



Kinder had a wild time at the Reptile Park today! It was so beautiful to see the joy and excitement on their faces!

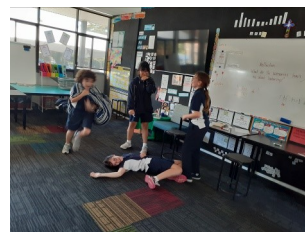
Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers



YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP WEEK

In place of the Year 5 Camp this year we had a Year 5 Leadership Retreat on the Primary Campus. This retreat was designed for students to reflect on what a leader is, what skills are required to be a leader and the meaning of teamwork.

Year 5 came over to meet their buddies and showed great leadership skills.



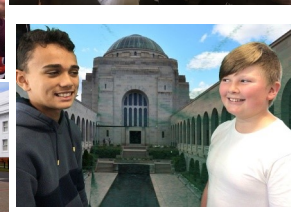
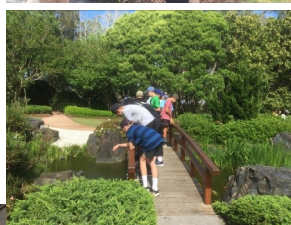
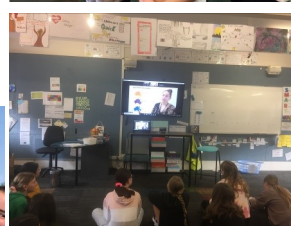
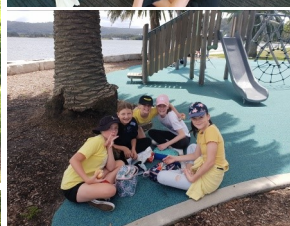
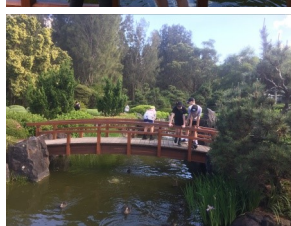
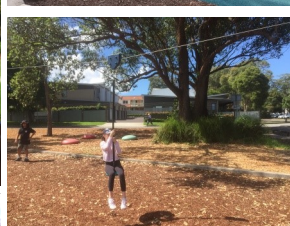
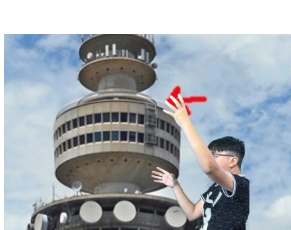
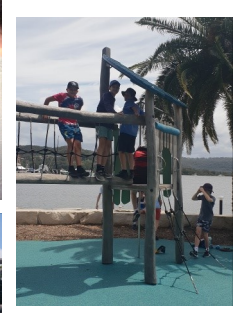


Year 4 enjoyed their field trip to the mangroves today. It was great to explore in person, what we are learning about in Geography. We also enjoyed the sun and the park!




Year 4 Excursion

YEAR 6—VIRTUAL CANBERRA VISIT



FROM OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE.....



CASEY'S EST. 1974 TOYS

Casey's Toys Erina
and St Patricks
invite you to our

Christmas Fundraising SHOPPING NIGHT

Thursday 19th November 6pm – 8pm at
Casey's Toys Erina (Karlta Road)

- 10% off all purchases on the night!
- Do your Christmas shopping at this child free event!
- Enjoy champagne & chocolate.
- School receives 10% of total spend back in voucher form.
- Friends & family welcome.

Hobby purchases 5% off and 5% back.

Please RSVP to: rach380@hotmail.com or text 0421 048 099
by 17/11/20. | Online option available closer to the date |

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

If you are unable to make it on the night you can shop online. Our VIP code is: STPVIP - this will be active from 18th - 20th November. You will pay for shipping at the checkout but it will be refunded the following day. Orders will be sent to Erina for pick up (generally within 2 weeks from date of order) and the store will call when they arrive.

Tamburlaine Organic Wines

Orders will reopen 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!!!

P & F Meeting

Last night we had our final meeting for this year. Numbers were very low, however, we scraped in just enough to go ahead. Points discussed:

- **Obstacool** - date has been set - 30/11/20 YAY!

- **Tamburlaine Wine Fundraiser** - another opportunity to buy...see more information below)

- **Christmas Raffle** - watch this space as tickets will go home next week

- **Canteen** - lack of volunteers, 2021 may look a lot different to what we have now. As we know this year has been very different and to put it into monetary terms for the P&F, we are down \$19,000 from this time last year. A lot if our money comes from the canteen and we know that for most of the year it has been closed. It's sad to see it closed due to lack of volunteers. We are hoping that next year brings a new bunch of available people, your work hours may change or your pre schooler may have started Kindergarten. Fingers crossed we can open every week and serve our children ice blocks and their forever favourite - chicken fingers!



[Canteen](#)

[Facebook page](#)

- A big **thank you to Renee** who stepped down last term as our P&F Secretary. Good luck with your soon to be born baby!

- **Yr 6 Graduation** - P&F have offered to help with paying for the children's lunch as this is usually covered by the current Year 5 parents putting the lunch on for them. It's a beautiful tradition that sadly just can't happen this year. Everything is different this year so we have decided to help out where we can.

Miss Perry gave a very heartfelt thanks to the school parent community and expressed how much she will miss us all. We are very sorry to see her go.

All P&F Meeting minutes and Mrs Walsh, President, Treasurer's reports can be found on the school website if you would like further information.



