



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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## 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](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  
[stpatrickprimary@alinta.com.au](mailto: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

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Parents and carers,

We are heading towards the end of a very unusual year for everyone. This will be our second last newsletter for the year, Week 9 will be the last one. As we begin Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus, may we all be kind to ourselves and each other.

Over the past four Fridays we have had the pleasure of our Kindergarten 2021 students visiting us at school. The little ones have enjoyed their time at school and are all looking forward to starting Big School after Christmas. They have met their buddies and the Kindergarten Teachers, so they are all very excited. The teachers are equally excited and can't wait until next year as well.

## Staff Changes

I am delighted to inform you Mrs Dana Owsinski will be the additional teacher in Kindergarten next year. Mrs Owsinski has been teaching Year 4 with Ms Bolton this year.

Mr Chris Franklin joins us as the new Assistant Principal next year as well. As explained earlier, Mr Franklin is coming from Holy Cross Kincumber, where he has been for the past 17 years in many different roles, including Assistant Principal. We are looking forward to having Mr Franklin and Mrs Owsinski with us full time next year.

The only other real changes are that Mrs Lauren Lewis will be taking Term 1 as Long Service Leave. I am very excited that Mrs Suzie Morris, who currently teaches music will be taking Year 2G for Term 1. Mrs Morris is not only a Music Teacher but a highly experienced teacher specialising in Science. Ms Cassie Vane-Tempest will join Ms Bolton sharing 4G next year.

We have included for you in the newsletter is a list with photos of the teachers for 2021. We have included the Aspect Teachers as they currently are, but this has not been finalised. We have not been able to gather as a community very often and so I thought that this would help everyone recognise the different staff members for next year.

## Upcoming Dates

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** is the 'Obstacool Adventure' for the children. As per the note sent home, this will happen on the oval at St Edwards and the students will walk down as a grade for a 40 minute session. I am sure that the children will all have a great experience. Please remember to put sunscreen on your children and send them with their drink bottle.

**OBSTACOOOL  
MONDAY 30**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** will be **Year 6 Graduation Mass** and Ceremony starting at 11.30 in the church. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this special occasion because of the current restrictions in place. We are organising a special light lunch in the hall after the Mass for the students.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** The combined Band from St Edwards and St Joseph will perform for the Primary Students.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December Band Recruitment Morning.** The School Concert Band and ..... Band will perform for our students from Year 2 – 5 and interested students can take home information for their parents.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Movie Day** at Avoca Cinema.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Market Day**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Step Up Day for 2021.** The students step up and meet their 2021 Class teacher and their new and/or familiar class members.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - End of Year Mass**

Our final Whole School Mass for the year will be on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Venue to be confirmed. At this stage parents will not be able to attend, but I am waiting to see with the change in restrictions if this changes. At this Mass the 2021 School Captains and House Captains will be announced and it will be an opportunity for all the students to say 'Goodbye' to Miss Perry. If things change and parents can join us I will let you know immediately. In the past parents have taken their children home after the mass. Parents can still collect their children early if they wish.

Tuesday will be the last day of formal lessons for the students. The teachers will be at school on Wednesday for supervision and this is the final day of the school year.

### Prayers

Can we please prayer for all of our families and friends who need our prayers at this time of the year. We have many families who are struggling for a variety of reasons. 'May God Bless them, watch over them and keep them safe'.



**May God Bless**

**Cheryl Walsh**

### 2021 School Dates

Some important dates for 2021:

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

## FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR - MS FIONA

Happy New Year!

This Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Just as people take time to reflect on an old year that is passing away and looking forward to the upcoming year on January 1, it is important for us to do the same as we end one church year and begin another. We are reminded of beginnings and endings. We prepare to celebrate not only the beginning of Jesus' life on earth in His birth in Bethlehem, but we anxiously look forward to the end when He will come again. Advent is offered to us a time of renewal and refreshment so that we can meet God anew. How sad it would be if, in all our activities and business, we actually missed what these weeks of Advent are truly about. Advent is about God coming to meet us. May your time of preparation be sincere and filled with the joy of the Lord Jesus.



Our wellbeing theme this week has focused on the gift of giving and we will continue this theme as we light our first advent candle at school on Monday. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The children will focus on ways they can be the gift of hope for others.

Let us pray with and for each other as we begin our Advent Journey – that God will be with us to encourage, guide and lead us; as we wait in joyful hope for the coming our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

### St Vincent De Paul Hampers



Thank you to all those families who have so generously donated to our St Vincent De Paul hampers. The baskets are beginning to overflow so that means this Christmas there will be many families benefitting from your gifts of giving. Feel free to send in more if you desire.

### Dates to remember

**Year 6 Graduation Mass: Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11.30**

As no parents are allowed to attend this event, a link will be sent home so that parents can watch on the day or at a time during the week that is suitable for them.

**End of Year Mass: Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**

This mass will be held outside on the primary campus. At the moment, no parents are able to attend but this provision could change. We will keep you posted.

### 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia.

Next year there will be A National Launch of 200 Years of Catholic Education. The official launch of the Bicentenary of Catholic Education in Australia will be occurring across the country in each state, territory and diocese in the week commencing 22 February 2021. A National Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, Our lady Help of Christians Feast Day, will be also celebrated across all states, territories and dioceses to commemorate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. More information will be available next year.

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

### BAND PERFORMANCE #1 - WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER @ ST PAT'S:

We are so excited to welcome the combined St Joseph's and St Edward's Band to play for us on Wednesday 2nd December - and to see some of our previous St Pat's students who continue to play! Our Concert Band will also perform a piece - our first performance for the year!

### BAND PERFORMANCE #2 - MONDAY 7 DECEMBER @ ST PAT'S:

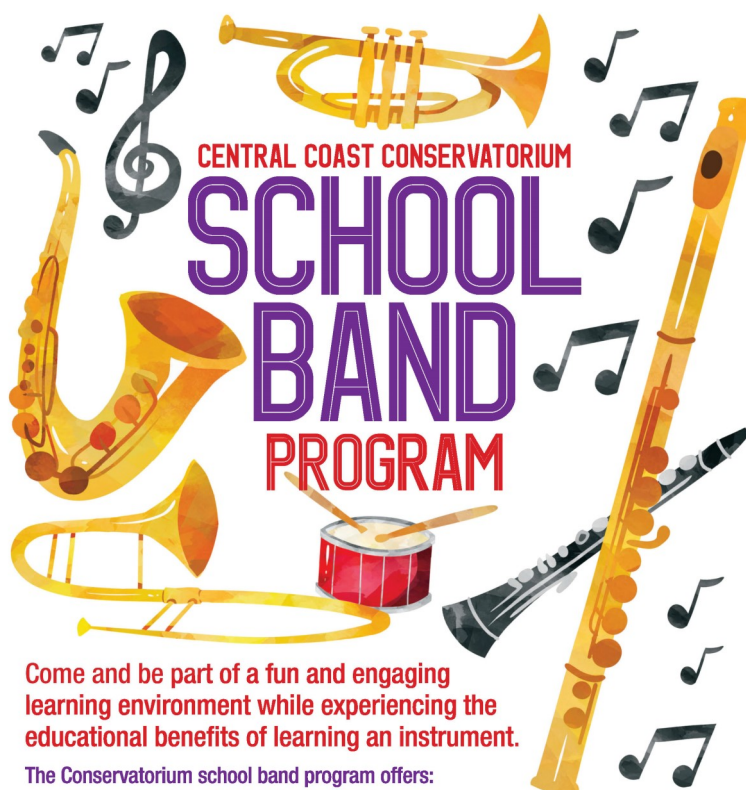
We will host a special performance for our St Patrick's students on Monday 7 December to show our aspiring students what the band is and what we sound like together. This is a great opportunity for our younger students to find out more about the band and the instruments if they are keen on joining our 2021 Training Band.

### JOIN THE 2020 TRAINING BAND

Our Training Band is beginning to build for next year which is wonderful to see - such an exciting opportunity for students. In Week 9 our current Concert Band and Training Band will perform for Year 2 and 3 classes and interested students from Year 4 and 5 - never too late to join the band! Please let Mrs Morris know if you are keen to join or have any questions. 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 2020 Training Band <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-bands/the-band>

Any questions please contact the Conservatorium or Mrs Suzie Morris via [su-san.morris@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:su-san.morris@dbb.catholic.edu.au)



Come and be part of a fun and engaging learning environment while experiencing the educational benefits of learning an instrument.

The Conservatorium school band program offers:

- Small group lessons at school with specialist instrumental teachers
- Whole band rehearsals by experienced Conservatorium Conductors
- Performance opportunities at school and external events.



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[www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools\\_program](http://www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools_program)  
Call 02 4324 7477 or speak with your school band coordinator



## FROM THE LADIES OF THE OFFICE....

### Year 6 Students Semester reports

Please download your reports as your access to Compass will finish at the end of this term



### 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](mailto: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 PLEASE SEND THIS FORM BACK URGENTLY

Change of details Telephone or address—please let us know via [spg@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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:

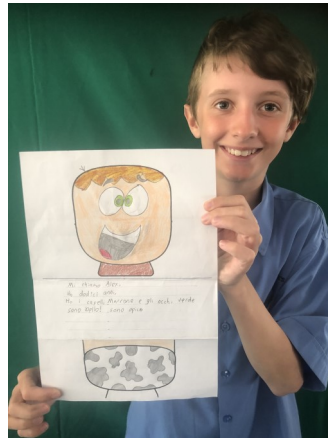
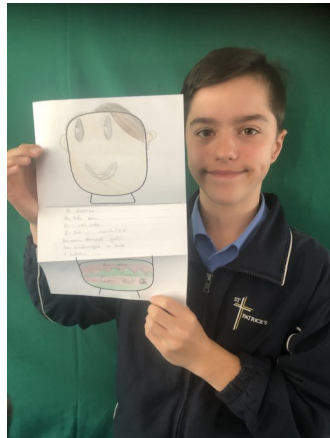
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### OPAL PASS

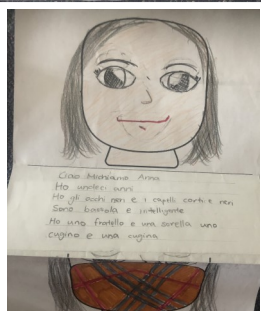
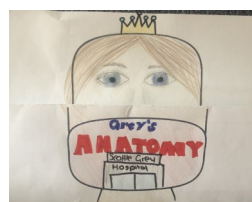
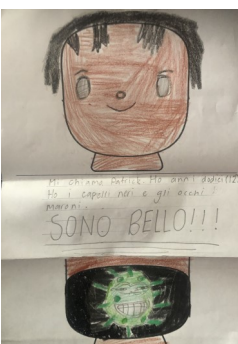
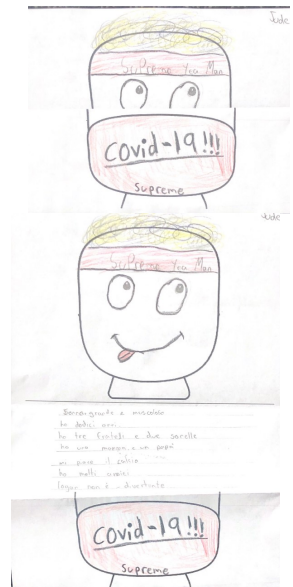
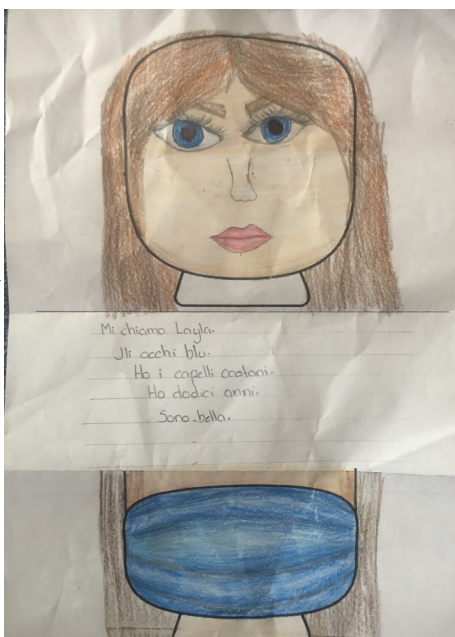
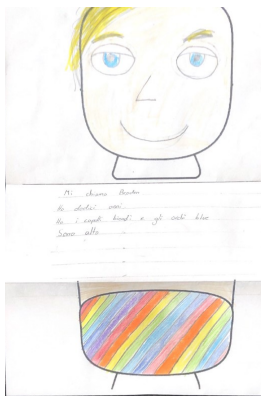
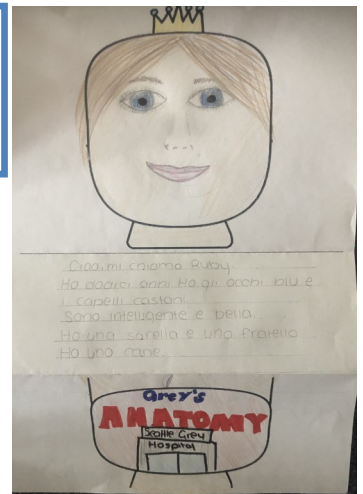
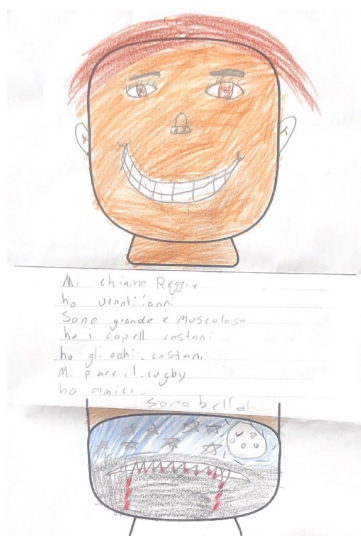
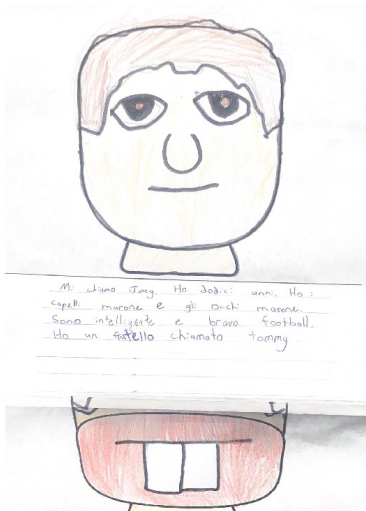
If you would like to apply for an Opal Pass <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/child-student-concessions/primary-secondary-school>

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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



## ITALIAN WITH SIGNORA RYAN Year 6 Describing themselves



## FROM OUR PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE.....

Christmas raffle—books went home on Monday and it's pleasing to see tickets have sold and being returned already! There was a slight change to the prize list with a restaurant voucher being included for 3rd place.

As usual the book will be \$5 for 10 tickets. Our raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December so please return tickets (sold or unsold) by Friday 11th December.

We have some amazing prizes this year. The first prize is a bit of a mixed bag as we decided to support those businesses that constantly support us whenever we ask for donations. The prizes for rest of the raffle have come solely from donations. We ask you to support these business as well and let them know where you are from so they continue to help us out!

This years prizes:

1st

\$100 Five Star Day Spa Erina Voucher

\$100 The Elanora Hotel East Gosford Voucher

\$100 Edward's Family Butchers East Gosford Voucher

2nd

\$200 Flight Centre Voucher

3rd

\$100 La Fiamma Restaurant Ettalong

4th/5th/6th

\$100 Pocket Bar Terrigal Voucher

7th/8th

\$50 Nutri Metics Voucher



You've got to be in it to win it. Additional raffle ticket books can be collected from the office. Good luck everyone and many thanks for your continued support.

P&F Committee

### CANTEEN

If you can help in the Canteen please contact Louise on 0407 100 433

[Canteen](#)

[Facebook page](#)



# Christmas Mufti Day for Vincent De Paul Hampers

Thank you for the great response to our Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Mufti Day.

It's not too late to send in a item.





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

We shared a wonderful year of reading in 2020, despite the many things happening around us here in Australia and around the world.

Many of us found comfort in great books and stories from the usual book format or from Story Box Library.

This was our last week for borrowing books from the Library and LARC. Over the next 2 weeks I ask that ALL books be

returned to school. Check high and low as we have many outstanding library books, readers and spare library bags.

This week a book was returned from 2014 so it is never too late to return a book. During the holidays you can continue to enjoy

stories using Story Box Library online. I look forward to receiving ALL your books back in the next two weeks.

I thank all families for your continued support of Book Fair and Book Club which enables our school to

purchase free books from Scholastic and I would like to thank families who have kindly donated books this year. Your generosity

helps all the children of St Patrick's, Thank you!

Have a safe and happy Christmas and a restful holiday break with family.

Carmen Hartz

Teacher Librarian

## DIVERTING COFFEE CUPS FROM LANDFILL

### St Patrick's joins the CUP RESCUE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Each year over 1 billion coffee cups end up in landfill and St Patrick's is about to join the effort to reduce this number! Of course reusable cups are always the best option but where that is not possible recycling is the next best option.



The Cup Rescue Schools Program, run by 7-Eleven, is about collecting and upcycling disposable coffee cups into reusable cups, furniture, traffic solutions and even road surfacing - check out the process here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqeX3dvvs84>

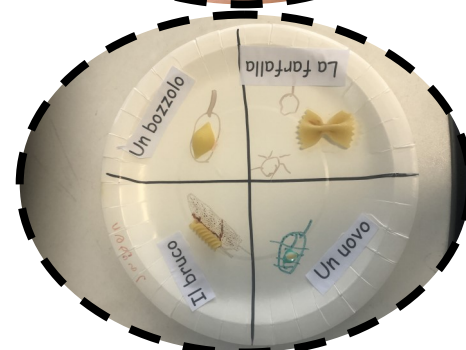
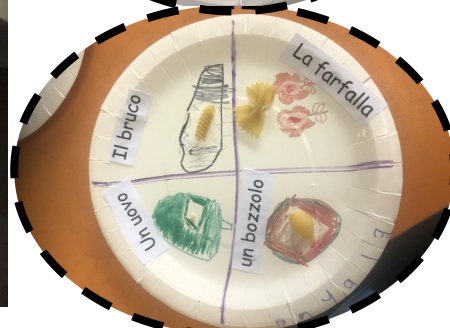
Watch: ABC's War on Waste - The Coffee Cup Problem <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sc50k1xcaWs>

Look out for the cup collection stations which will be on both the infants and primary campus' soon! More information please contact Mrs Suzie Morris.

## Italian with Kindy

Kindy have been listening to the story 'il bruco molto affamato' the very hungry caterpillar'

They used pasta to show the stages of a butterfly's life.





YEAR FOUR WORKING  
HARD IN THE SCHOOL  
GARDEN.  
LOOK AT THE  
PRODUCE!



## SURF FUN DAYS







## Office Accommodation for Lease

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Broken Bay - Pennant Hills**

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**CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF  
BROKEN BAY**





Cheryl Walsh  
Principal



Chris Franklin  
Assistant Principal



Fiona Bolton  
REC  
Year 4 Teacher



Mark Dobb  
Leadership Team  
Year 5 Teacher



Lee Sullivan  
Leadership Team  
Year 6 Teacher



Cherriene Turnbull  
Leadership Team  
Year 6 Teacher



Natalie Introna  
Senior Administrator



Maria Smith  
Administration



Cheryl Vane-Tempest  
Administration



Donna Ristuccia  
Learning Support Teacher



Robyn Mulligan  
Learning Support  
Assistant



Ange Stitt  
Learning Support  
Assistant



Jade Conwell  
Kindergarten Teacher



Therese Cohen  
Kindergarten Teacher



Dana Owsinski  
Kindergarten Teacher



Lisa Ellwood  
Year 1 Teacher



Melanie McCallum  
Year 1 Teacher



Clare McNally  
Year 2 Teacher



Jenny Jenkins  
Year 2 Teacher



Lauren Lewis  
Year 2 Teacher



Kim Osling  
Year 3 Teacher



Christine Ryan  
Italian & Year 3 Teacher



Steve Harris  
Year 3 Teacher



Isobel O'Neill  
Year 4 Teacher



Cassie Vane-Tempest  
Year 4 Teacher



Libby Howard  
Year 5 Teacher



Carmen Hartz  
Teacher Librarian



Suzie Morris  
Music Teacher

# St Patrick's Staff

## 2021

### ASPECT STAFF (TO BE CONFIRMED)



Alison Larkin



Allison Wagstaff



Ashleigh Hardy



Glenn Burwood



Roslyne Francis



Donna Arthur



Rania Fayad



Ruth Fox