



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

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Parents and carers,

I can't quite believe that we have reached the end of the year again. This year has certainly been a very different and challenging one, but we have all managed to get through it in one piece. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the staff and school during this year. We have tried to keep the routines of school the same as much as possible for the children given the restrictions that are still in place. We have heard that next year we can get back to normal with having our parents on site and being more involved once again. We are all very excited at about 2021 and having our parents with us once again.

Our end of Year Mass today was a beautiful way to end the year and the farewell of Miss Perry. The only disappointment was that the whole school couldn't be together for this and our parents couldn't attend.



Saying farewell to Michelle Perry today after her many years at St Patrick's has been extremely difficult.

Michelle will be greatly missed by myself, the staff, students and parents. She has contributed immensely to the school community, spiritually, professionally and pastorally. We will be lost without her and Mr Franklin has 'big shoes to fill', so to speak.

We wish Michelle every happiness in her role of Assistant Principal at OLR Wyoming and the school community of OLR are very fortunate to have her next year.

This year has shown us how much we valued the extra time in the classroom with the children, so we are making a few changes for next year.

There will only be two whole school assemblies each term in Week 4 and Week 8. There will be a smaller Infants and Primary Assembly in the other weeks for PBL and Learning Goal Awards.

We are having Parent Teacher Interviews in Term 1 instead of an Information evening. At these interviews the teachers and parents will discuss the goals they have for their children. There will be another opportunity at the end of Term 2 for Parents to meet with teachers if they wish.

As a staff we have decided to change our awards slightly next year and once we have finalised what the changes are, we will let you know.

After listening to feedback from our current Year 6 students and discussions with the Leadership Team and staff, our Year 6 Graduation Mass will be held during the day, followed by a light lunch for the

students. This way, not only can the parents celebrate the Year 6 students but other classes from the school can too.

We have planned our usual celebrations for next year and we are looking forward to having all of our families back on site to celebrate with us. Please check out the Compass Calendar for the events we have added already.

Thank you all once again for all of your support. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year and a safe and relaxing holiday

May God bless You

Cheryl

School Captains 2021

Jack Whitworth

Krishay Jamnadas

Indiigo Sutton

Isabella Vassallo



Sport Captains

Green Francis – Lorenzo Arango and Elsa Poole

Joseph Red – Kai Ribet and Josie Cleary

McKillop Blue – Lachlan Cormack and Lily Talbot

Jordan Gold – Joseph Sanfilippo and Tahlia Lucas

Congratulations!



THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING 2020 CAPTAINS
WHAT A GREAT JOB YOU HAVE DONE

2020 School Captains

Emeline Philipsen
Anna Kang
Samuel Hughes
Joseph Stitt

2020 Sport Captains

Jordan Gold - Holly Furley Broden Mexon
Green Francis Charlotte Trunbull Reggie Gooley
McKillop Blue Luke Nakagowa Elsie Grogan
Joseph Red Owen Locke Ava Faunce

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.... MICHELLE PERRY

I would like to take this last opportunity to farewell my beloved community of ST Pat's. Twelve years ago I started here hardly knowing anyone and today I leave knowing everyone, some a lot more than others but I believe our lives have crossed for a reason. It has been a privilege working with Mrs Walsh, our leadership team, teachers, office ladies, P & F and our Priests, knowing we all want the same thing....happy, succeeding, faith filled children.

Over my time here at St Pats I have been blessed to teach so many beautiful children. It's hard to describe the fulfilment teaching brings, it's an opportunity to make a difference in a child's life, when they succeed, I succeed, when they struggle, I struggle, when they are worried or sad, I worry for them and when they are filled with laughter and joy, my heart is full. Nothing gives me more joy than when a little person slips their hand into mine as I walk the playground, or those end of day spontaneous hugs, or just sharing a laugh with an older student and these have been numerous and daily while at this lovely school, that is why I am blessed.

I have been privileged to work with some outstanding teachers at St Pat's. They have shown me how to be more open to possibilities, to be patient and understanding of each child's story, to trust in our shared wisdom and experience, and most of all, they have immersed me into this loving community. I have worked with three principals and even been acting principal myself in 2015 and I leave now knowing you are all in excellent hands under the leadership of Mrs Walsh and the dedicated team of teachers.

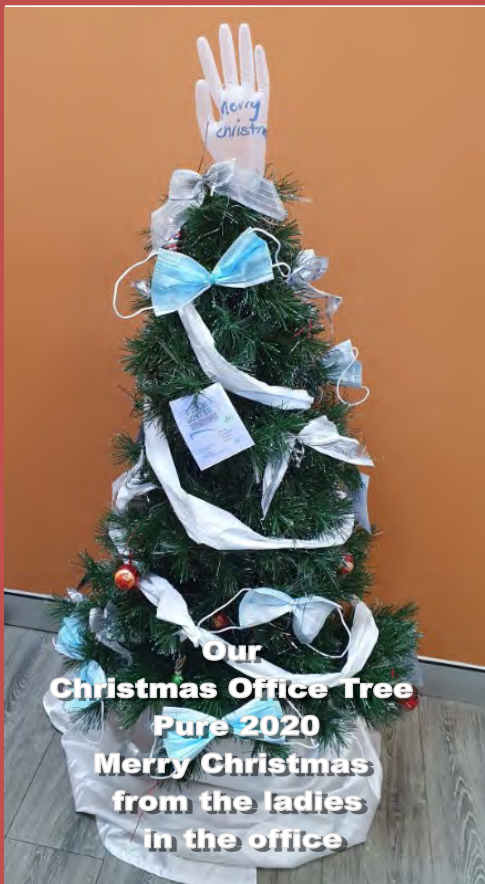
I constantly refer to St pats as home, and that's because I feel so at home here. From the world's most amazing office ladies (I don't know how I'll cope without them), to you, our beautiful families and of course the reason we are all here, the children! I thank you for all your support over the years and I wish you all the very best life has to offer.

Thank you all for your beautiful gifts today. I shall treasure the wonderful memories in my book and relax with my voucher at the day spa.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all.

Michelle





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



At St Patrick's I am:
A GOOD LISTENER



I know what to do and can focus.

The December 2020 issue of Broken Bay News is now online!

<https://issuu.com/bbcatholic/docs/>



THE UNIFORM SHOP

Extended Opening Hours

January 2021

Tuesday 19th	8:30am to 10:30am
Friday 22nd	2:00pm to 4:00pm
Friday 29th	2:00pm to 4:00pm

February 2021

Tuesday 2nd	8:30am to 10:30am
Friday 5th	2:00pm to 4:00pm

The Uniform Shop will be closed from Tuesday 15th December.
All orders after this date will be dispatched for home delivery or available for pick up from Tuesday 19th January.
St Patrick's Primary School Uniform Shop

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 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR MS BOLTON

The road travelled this year has certainly been a challenge for all. It would be easy for us to look back at 2020 with shaken heads and pained hearts, feeling rather bruised. But it is important to remember, especially while it's fresh in our minds, that this uncertainty is only a tiny chapter in our lives – by no means is it the whole book! Now is the time to reflect on all that we have achieved together, and begin 2021 with a renewed sense of enthusiasm, hope, and above all, faith.

As we draw near to Christmas, the readings for this Sunday are full of rejoicing. We light a pink Advent candle to focus our attention on that spirit of joy. Perhaps this year, more than any other, our hearts are longing for news of joy and happiness. Though it may not be possible for us to worship today with those we long to gather with, Christ shares in our longing, standing among us and within us wherever we come to pray.

Let's move on to rejoice the simple pleasures and joys life has to offer (*enforced willingly or unwillingly upon us through Covid restrictions*). Let us gaze towards the stars with hope and determination. Let us celebrate and live each day as we would our birthday or a celebratory occasion. Let us also remember each other, and the needs of the world in our prayer especially those experiencing difficult times. And most of all, let us be humble and bow our heads with gratitude to God, our creator!

*So may our hearts and lives proclaim with every fibre of our being ...
'Rejoice! The Lord is near!'*

*Wishing your loved ones and you, a beautiful and peaceful
Christmas and a promising New Year!*

Mini Vinnies

Thank you for your generous donations to St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal. The baskets were overflowing and will benefit so many families in need.





St Patrick's Family Christmas Masses

THREE FAMILY MASSES

TO ENSURE WE CAN ACCOMMODATE ALL FAMILIES

GOSFORD FAMILY MASSES

Including farm animals for Children, from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm and special activities in the church, during each Mass

- ★ Mass begins at 5:00 pm Christmas eve
- ★ Mass begins at 7:00 pm Christmas eve

SOMERSBY FAMILY MASS

- ★ Mass begins at 5:00 pm Christmas eve

ON LINE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED DUE TO COVID



GOSFORD 5:00 PM
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCP>

GOSFORD 7:00 PM
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKAR>

SOMERSBY 5:00 PM
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKAV>



FROM THE PARISH

Christmas Mass times - here are the relevant links required to book a seat. Tickets will be issued via the Trybooking site and attendees are asked to print and present the ticket when they come to the booked Mass which eliminates the need for them to sign in.

Christmas Eve Masses in Gosford Parish:

@ St Francis of Assisi Chapel, Lutana Road Somersby

5pm Mass

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCP>

@ St Patrick's Church, East Gosford

5pm Children's Mass

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKAR>

7pm Children's Mass

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKAV>

8.45pm Mass

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKBK>

10.30pm Mass

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKBW>

Midnight Mass

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKBY>

Christmas Day Masses

St Patrick's Only:

7.30am Mass

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCD>

8.45am Mass

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCE>

10.15am Mass

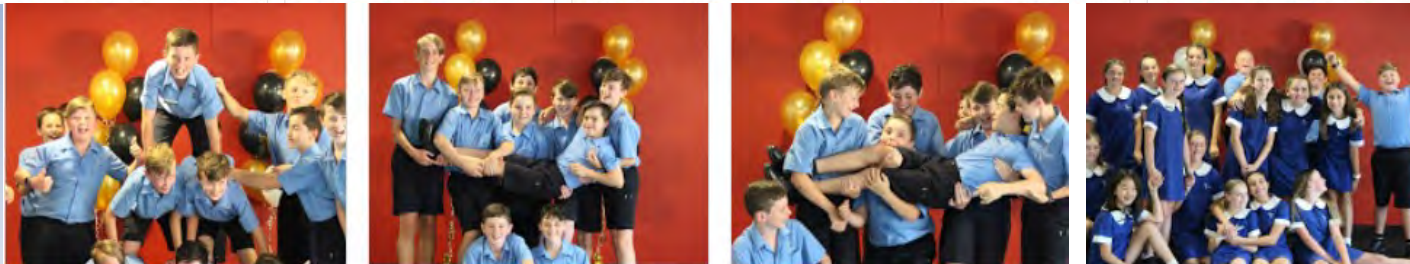
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCH>

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks available at the school, also from the Parish Office and the Piety Stall at the weekends. \$25 each or \$28 gift wrapped.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION



ASSEMBLY



Congratulations!



Year 6 Market Day



Year 6
raised \$1045
!!! Well done!!!



A PERFORMANCE WITH ST ED- DIES/ST JOSEPH'S BAND:

Thank you to St Edward's and St Joseph's Combined Band who performed, with our Concert Band students, and for our Year 5 and 6 students last week. It was a fantastic opportunity for our Concert Band students to play in a large band and to perform for the first time this COVID year! It was wonderful to experience live music - a feast for our eyes, ears and hearts!



ST PATRICK'S BAND PERFORMANCE - COME AND JOIN US!

On Monday we held a special performance for our St Patrick's students to showcase both our Training Band and Concert Band. We were able to introduce aspiring students to what the band is, the instruments on offer and what we sound like together.



This was our Training Band's first performance for the year and their nervous energy served them well - they sounded great! This performance was an opportunity for our younger students to find out more about the band program and what instruments are on offer. If your child is keen to join the 2021 Training Band program please let Mrs Morris know via susan.morris@dbb.catholic.edu.au



LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR!

Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Learn different styles of music including Pop Standards, Rock Classics, Blues, Funk, Country, Jazz and Reggae.

Learn from the Conservatorium's expert in fingerstyle acoustic guitar, Steve Smillie. Once you start, you never really stop learning guitar! Lessons are given in a fun and professional way.

In-School Program Guitar lessons open for Years 3 to 6. Only 3 students per group. Limited spaces available.

Avoid missing out! BOOK EARLY!

For enrolments and info on In-school guitar lessons and for one-to-one lessons at the Con go to <https://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/music-teachers/steve-smillie>

Enquires P 4324 7477 E admin@cccmusic.nsw.edu.au

Learn to play

Fingerpicking

Strumming chords

Single-note melodies

Sight-reading music

Get specific practicing strategies for learning how to get the most out of your practice time

Enrolments
Now Open



More information on the Training Band Program can be found here: Join the 2021 Training Band : <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-bands/the-band>>

2021 GUITAR LESSONS

The Conservatorium is currently taking enrolments for guitar lessons commencing in Term 1 2021. Learn to play the guitar in a small group lessons with an experienced and friendly tutor - Mr Steve Smillie. For Year 3 to 6 students. For more information, please check out our guitar webpage: <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-music/guitar>

2021 KEYBOARD LESSONS

The Conservatorium is currently taking enrolments for keyboard lessons commencing in Term 1 2021. Learn to play the keyboard with an experienced and friendly tutor - Sharon Hatton. Providing small group lessons for K-2 students and one-to-one lessons for Y3-6 students. For more information, please check out our keyboard webpage: <https://sites.google.com/view/st-patricks-music/keyboard>

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.

CENTRAL COAST CONSERVATORIUM
TRAINING AND EDUCATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools_program
Call 02 4324 7477 or speak with your school band coordinator



Piano Lessons

Your child will learn foundational music skills such as:

- Pitch
- Rhythm
- Note reading

Fun and engaging repertoire



Yrs 1 to 2: Group Keyboard Lessons
Yrs 3 to 6: One to One Piano lessons
Tutor: Sharon Hatton BMus ALCM

END OF YEAR AWARDS





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Check out our
furry friends
created by Year
4 today!!



Thank you to
Mr Morrison
from Kids On
Congas for our
awesome
drumming
sessions this
morning!
Kindergarten
and K-2A had
an absolute
ball!

Obstacool student report - Hugh 2G

When I arrived I saw a massive Obstacool course. It looked so fun. I heard blowing wind and people on the Obstacool. I smelt plastic, grass and wind.

I felt people, grass, plastic, air and soft mattresses.

I felt happy and sore. I felt happy because it had everything I love. I felt sore because I ran down the big white slide and hit a wall hard. I was ok. I kept on going to my 6th lap. In total I did 7 laps.

My partner Tex did 10 laps. Tex did more because I rested three times.

I also felt really tired after and I was so sweaty so I rested while I waited for Tex to finish.

When we got back to school everyone had an ice block to cool them down and then we had recess.

**P&F News Ange Stitt**

2020... we're done! It's been a strange one that's for sure! Sadly, we haven't been able to gather as a community and celebrate the way we usually do with our annual functions. However, your continued support of our Obstacool, raffles, lunch orders and our wine fundraiser has been very appreciated. We're not far from our goal so after everything that's happened this year, once again we have been shown that the St Pat's Community are truly wonderful !

Our school Christmas raffle was drawn yesterday. We raised \$535 profit! THANK YOU SO MUCH! Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Mattson Family
- 2nd Horan Family
- 3rd Walbancke Family
- 4th Pimm Family
- 5th Miss Perry
- 6th Lucas Family
- 7th Gottardo Family
- 8th Tylissanakis Family

Christmas raffle

I'd just like to say a big thank you to the P&F Committee, especially the exec team of Rach, Nick, Gemma and Suzanne. These people do so much behind the scenes. Thanks to Renee for her contribution too.

A HUGE thank you to Louise and Marie who run our canteen for us. These ladies work tirelessly to make sure we are stocked, sorted and manned when volunteers are available. Nanna Lorraine - the canteens wouldn't open without you so thank you on behalf of the whole school.

Louise for her work in the Used Clothing Shop.

Thanks to those who joined us for zoom meetings this year. Fingers crossed next year we can return to face to face meetings. I hope the new AP will know how to bake and bring some treats for meeting nights, after all, that is part of his role right? Otherwise, we may have to call on Miss Perry to provide supper.

Speaking of which, Miss Perry has been a very enthusiastic supporter of our P&F. Every single fundraiser we could count on her to donate, buy tickets, offer her cup cake making expertise, and generally, get the children motivated for whatever it is we were trying to promote. We will all miss her greatly, I know her passion for our community will never fade. I can imagine she'll always be around in some way. Good luck and God Bless you Michelle.

May you all have a brilliant Christmas. Enjoy celebrating with family and friends and return safely in 2021 to begin a year of fun, fundraising and frivolities with the P&F!

Thank you for the \$366 donation IGA East Gosford!



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=pgeX3dvvs84>

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.




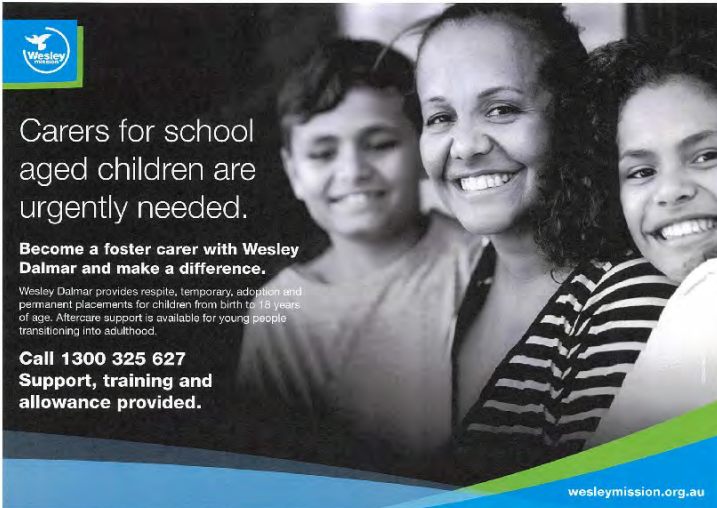




Principal Awards

Congratulations



Carers for school aged children are urgently needed.

Become a foster carer with Wesley Dalmar and make a difference.

Wesley Dalmar provides respite, temporary, adoption and permanent placements for children from birth to 18 years of age. Aftercare support is available for young people transitioning into adulthood.

Call 1300 325 627
Support, training and allowance provided.

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MOLLY FAIRMAN PLEASE
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ENROL NOW FOR 2021

St Patrick's, East Gosford

MONDAY - 10+ YEARS
 3:10 PM - Jazz Technique
 3:40 PM - Jazz Concert
 4:10 PM - Concert Hip Hop
 4:40 PM - Concert Acrobatics
 5:10 PM - Concert Contemporary

THURSDAY - 5-9 YEARS
 3:10 PM - Jazz Technique
 3:40 PM - Jazz Concert
 4:10 PM - Concert Hip Hop
 4:40 PM - Concert Acrobatics
 5:10 PM - Concert Contemporary



Register for your First Week Free!