

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL ...

Dear Parents and Carers

Like you, school has been a busy place over the last couple of weeks. Parent/Teacher Goal setting interviews last week were very well received.

The feedback so far has been how effective and worthwhile they were, which is great to hear. As always if you have a concern about anything or need something clarified please contact your child's class teacher via the school email speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au or ring our office on 4325 1159.

Next week is another busy week when we celebrate Harmony/Wellbeing Week and St Patrick's Day.

As indicated earlier:

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**, the students can wear **orange accessories** to school eg orange socks, orange hair ribbons/head bands etc.
- **Friday bring in a gold coin for the Project Compassion**
- **Tuesday** morning on the Infants side from 8 – 8.45am we have a coffee van for parents. You can order a free coffee for yourself (not the children). This is our gift to you to help with your wellbeing



St Patrick's Day

- **Wednesday** students wear their sports uniform with a **green t-shirt to celebrate St Patrick's Day. They can also wear green accessories.**
- **Wednesday 9am – Mass on the playground (weather permitting) and parents can join us as well.**
- **Combined morning tea on Wednesday after mass for students only.**
- **The P & F have some green Lollies & Jelly to sell – 50c each**
- **Activities at the park after morning tea and parents are welcome to meet us at around 11am**
- **A Free Zooper Dooper at lunch for every child on Wednesday.**



Hopefully you will be able to join us on Wednesday for mass or at the park.

Please join us!

Family Mass

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

P & F Meeting

Wednesday 10 March 7pm

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

Fortnightly Friday 2pm
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

Kindergarten 2022 Enrolment Sessions

We have three Kindergarten 2022 enrolment sessions arranged for next week.

- Monday 15th March – 9am Tours with the captains followed by an information sharing session at 9.15am
- Monday evening 15th March – 6.45pm Tours with the captains followed by an information sharing session at 7pm
- Tuesday evening 16th March - 6.45pm Tours with the captains followed by an information sharing session at 7pm

Please come along to one of these sessions if you have a child who is ready for Kindergarten in 2022.

NAPLAN 2021

NAPLAN is going ahead again this year and will take place in the week of 11 – 14th May. Students in Year 3 and 5 will sit these assessments.

Year 3 students complete a pen and paper Writing Assessment, followed by online Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy Assessments.

Year 5 complete all assessments online – Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

Parents can choose for their students to be withdrawn from one or all assessments if they wish. If this is something you are thinking about please contact your child's class teacher or the office asap so that we can discuss this with you.

P & F Meeting

It was wonderful to see all the new parents and old ones too, who attended our P & F Meeting on Wednesday night.


We have some new executive members which is great to hear. There's more information further in the newsletter.


A very big thank you to Ange Stitt our outgoing President and Renee O'Regan our outgoing Secretary. We have really appreciated all you have done to assist our school.

Thank you for your continued support

Cheryl



Enrolling now
for 2022





Kindergarten Enrolment Information Sessions

Mon. 15th March & Tues. 16th March

15th March
9:00 - 10:00am: Principals Address 9:15am
15th & 16th March
6:45 - 7:45pm: Principals Address 7:00pm

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
http://bit.ly/St_Patricks_Open_Day

INSPIRING YOUR CHILD TO LOVE LEARNING AND BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE

St Patrick's is a close knit, supportive and nurturing community where the wellbeing of your child is pivotal to everything we do and plays a vital part in their learning success. We have a dedicated, talented and professional team who are proud of our commitment to the children's learning. Your child will gain a well-rounded education based on the Catholic values which underpin our curriculum. We offer a comprehensive kinder transition program providing parents with the opportunity to meet other local families prior to your child's commencement at school.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Cnr York and Melbourne Streets, East Gosford, NSW 2250
Phone: (02) 4325 1159 Email: speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au Web: www.spegdbb.catholic.edu.au
All families looking for a faith-based education for their child are welcome to apply



“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”

Every year, thousands of schools across Australia participate in Project Compassion organised by Caritas Australia. Caritas is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia and is part of one of the largest aid and development networks in the world – Caritas Internationalis – working in over 200 countries and territories.

Across the six weeks of Lent, we share stories in class of resilient people trying to ‘be more’ for their families and communities. Project Compassion is an opportunity for students to learn about life in different countries through the personal stories of people who have participated in Caritas Australia supported programs.

The notions of our interconnectedness as one human family are embedded throughout the suggested learning tasks. Your contributions help to build a more just and fair world: a world in balance, at peace, and free of poverty.



HARMONY WEEK

Next week we celebrate Harmony Week and **St Patrick's Day**. This ties in well with Project Compassion as we celebrate the values of kindness, tolerance and interconnectedness. We remember that St Patrick was a man that left his own country to go to Ireland and share his faith.

The theme of Harmony Week is **“Everyone Belongs”** and as a multicultural school we celebrate our diversity and the social and cultural richness that diversity brings to our school.

All next week except for Wednesday students are asked to wear a touch of **orange** to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Why **Orange**? **Orange** is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, **orange** signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

On Wednesday students are asked to wear **green** as sign of remembrance for St Patrick, the patron saint of our school and parish. Our school mass is scheduled for 9.00 am on the primary school playground (dependant on the weather). Parents are most welcome to attend.

“A nation's culture resides in the hearts and soul of its people.”

Mahatma Gandhi

FROM THE LADIES IN THE OFFICE

Permissions—Please fill in this Google Doc for each child

<https://forms.gle/pFGfHmBN4PWvyPvR7>



SAFETY WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

PLEASE PICKUP YOUR CHILD FROM THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
PLEASE DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILDREN ACROSS THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
TO CROSS ALONE



PRE LOVED UNIFORMS

We are in need of uniforms for emergency use and for our second hand uniform shop—if you have any at home that do not fit your children please send into the office and we will make good use of them!

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK

Keep up to date

<https://www.spegdbb.catholic.edu.au/news-events/combined->

2021

Month	Days	Notes
January	1-31	
February	1-28	
March	1-31	
April	1-30	
May	1-31	
June	1-30	
July	1-31	
August	1-31	
September	1-30	
October	1-31	
November	1-30	
December	1-31	

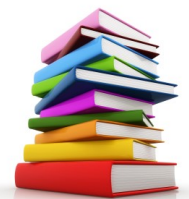
FROM OUR TEACHER LIBRARIAN MRS HARTZ

Premier's Reading Challenge

I have had a few queries about the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge and YES we will once again participate in this wonderful reading event but we will not begin until Term 2.

If you have started reading already then just keep a list until the Reading Log comes home in Term 2.

If it is your first time undertaking the challenge more information will be sent home at the beginning of Term 2.



ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

I have also had a few queries about ICAS Testing but unfortunately St Patrick's will not be participating

in these tests as participants must complete the tests online and the number of tests available takes children away from valuable learning time in the classroom.

Carmen Hartz

Teacher Librarian

NEWS FROM OUR P & F COMMITTEE

On Wednesday we had our first P&F meeting, the first face to face in 12 months. It was great to see so many new faces, adding new ideas and shared opinions, which is exactly what P&F is all about.



It was our Annual General Meeting as well, at which Angela Stitt who has been president for the last 3 years handed in her resignation. As you would all be aware, Ange has worked tirelessly in the role of P&F president, contributing so much to the school. Mrs Stitt will continue her presence within the school as a teacher (and a parent) so you will continue to see her warm, bubbly personality around the school. We would like to publicly thank and acknowledge all the work Ange has undertaken as president over the last 3 years.

Thanks Ange

Renee O'Regan also stepped down as secretary after having a new baby late last year. Again we would like to publicly thank Renee for all her hard work in the role.

Thanks Renee

A big thank you to Nick Carbonara our treasurer who has also been in the role for 3 years and will continue as our treasurer for 2021.

Thanks Nick

As a result, nominations were held and we would like to congratulate the following:

- ◇ **President: The role will be shared between Rachael Playle and Louise Bridekirk**
- ◇ **Treasurer: Nick Carbonara**
- ◇ **Secretary: Amanda Yates**
- ◇ **Diocesan Parent Representatives: Suzanne Simpkins & Gemma Haskell**

We discussed a lot at the meeting including fundraising ideas, the canteen, ideas for how to improve the grounds and lots more. With restrictions easing and a return to a more normal way of life, we hope this gives the school and parents more opportunities to come together and participate in events that we were not able to do in 2020. The minutes and reports from every P&F meeting are uploaded to our school website. Future P & F Dates Wednesday 2nd June, Wednesday 25th August & Wednesday 17th November.

Due to the levy not being included in school fees this year, and finding volunteers can be difficult at times, it was decided by the P & F committee that this year we would try something different and allocate fundraising events to each stage groups. We are looking for 2 parents for each stage group to run these events. If you are interested please email Rachael – rach380@hotmail.com or Louise – louise.bridekirk@bigpond.com. If we are unable to get volunteers it may lead to the event being cancelled. All monies raised will be put towards playground equipment/ improvements for the infants and primary sides.

Early Stage – Kinder – Bingo Night – We would need parents to help with getting donation from businesses as prizes

Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2 – Fathers Day Stall – Ordering gifts, running the Fathers Day Stall

Stage 2 – Years 3 & 4 – Mothers Day Stall – Ordering gifts, running the Mothers Day Stall

Stage 3 – Years 5 & 6 – Disco – ordering food/drinks, supervising, running the canteen.

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets were handed out last Friday, more tickets are available at the front office. Please return sold and unsold tickets to the front office no later than Friday 26th March. Easter Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 30th March.

Help needed

We do require a few volunteers to help with wrapping on Monday 29th March after the morning bell in the Library (Primary side) for a couple of hours, if you are available please email Rachael – rach380@hotmail.com or Louise – louise.bridekirk@bigpond.com.



Thank you, Rachael & Louise

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2021

TWO volunteers are required for each canteen on Wednesday (where possible) and Friday:

Wednesday is recess only and shift is approx.: 10:30am – 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 – 2:00

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.

Week	Date	Infants	Primary
7	Wednesday 10th	Karen Phillips Trish Noble	Lorraine Hughes
	Friday 12th		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm	Kate Redman – 12:30 – 1:30	
	Or ALL DAY	Lou Bridekirk Jacqueline Sidiropoulos	Victoria Poole & Amy Whitworth
8	Wednesday 17th	Jacqueline Timary Need x1	Rachael Playle Need x1
	Friday 19th		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		Need x1
	Or ALL DAY	Danielle Williams Lorraine Hughes	Eileen & Maria
9	Wednesday 24 th	Sarah Jiminez Need x1	Nan Moffat Need x1
	Friday 26th		
	9:30am – 11:30am		
	11:00am – 2:00pm		
	Or ALL DAY	Eileen & Maria	Mehana Yappas & Tammy Selim
10	Wednesday 31st	Jacqueline Timary Need x1	Lorraine Hughes Need x1

Here is the link to our Canteen [Facebook Page](#)

Canteen

What a great start to 2021 we have had in the canteen. It has been so wonderful to see so many new parents volunteering their time to come and help out – thank you!

Feedback from our new volunteers has been very positive and the fact that they have returned more than once indicates that it really is fun and the children love having their parents or carers in the canteen.

The canteen is open every Wednesday and Friday for the remainder of term 1, although it would be great to have an additional volunteer on a Wednesday between 10:30 – 11:30 in the infants canteen. The infants children are learning about money and what items we sell, so it takes a little longer to serve everyone. Having an extra person on deck means that we can ensure all the children get served with enough time to eat their treat before the end of recess.

Next week the canteen will be selling green jelly cups and lolly bags for 50 cents each, as part of Wellbeing week and St Patrick's Day celebrations.

Keep an eye out for the term 2 roster, which will be added to the Facebook page and included in the next newsletter.

AMAZING WORK FROM YEAR 3

Year 3 have been using the technique of show don't tell in writing.

There are too many amazing pieces of writing for the newsletter, below is an example here is the link to share all of them

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/>

Grace B lyla

Frightened

Broom,broom,broom bang,bang,bang watch out there's cars about.Ahhh,mum mum help!! Sweetie watch out. sorry my daughter was not looking

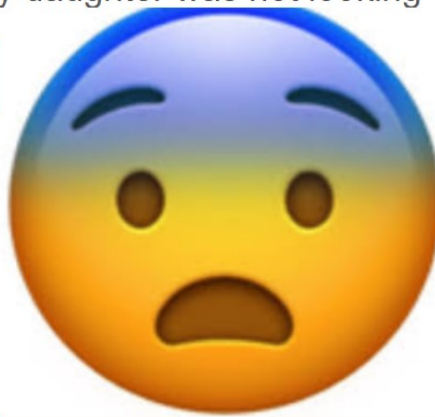
I was shivering in fear . a tear dropped

down my face my head dropped

While i ran to the car i opened the door

jumped in my seat and slammed the

Door shut in embarrassment.

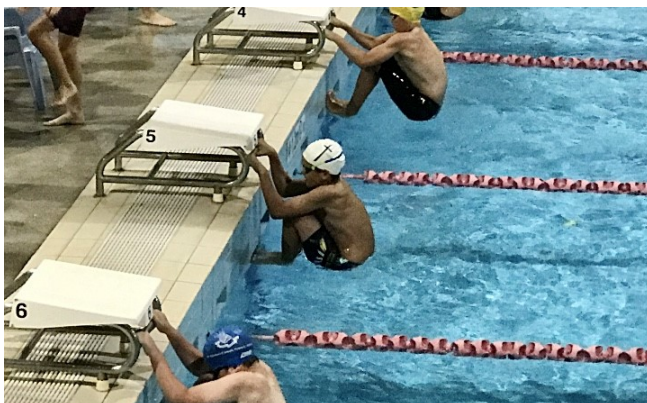


Cooper Represents St. Patricks at Broken Bay Carnival

Cooper form Year 5 had a great competition representing St. Pat's at Mingara on Tuesday night. Cooper came second in two events - 50m backstroke and 50m breaststroke and 3rd in 50m freestyle. He will therefore represent Broken Bay for these events at the NSW Schools Polding Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on 22 March 2021.

Tasman also attended the Broken Bay Carnival and came 3rd in 50m breaststroke.

Congratulations to Cooper and Tasman!



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.



Want to play rugby league? Come and join a fun and professional club.

Erina Junior Rugby League Football Club are looking for players in the below age groups.

Under 6s (born 2015 or 2016)

Under 9s

Under 10s

Under 11s

Under 12s

Under 13s girls tackle

Visit www.erinajuniors.com.au to register or email erinajrlfc@gmail.com for more information.

Register now!



Sign up for junior footy **play.afli**

J&B DANCE & ACROBATICS

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!

