



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

Wednesday 2 June 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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and enjoyed the time with your children during the holidays where you didn't have to assist with HBL. I can imagine how excited you are with the news that was released by the NSW Premier yesterday about schools going back even earlier. We are also finding out the new information at the same time as everyone else and have not had any prior notification about announcements made by the Government.

In saying that we are busily working on these changes as they are made. The plans we had yesterday are now being reorganised to fit in with the new announcements. This afternoon I hope to be able to send out more detailed information about the guidelines for our return to school. So please watch out for this Compass newsfeed.

The teachers are also very excited with the announcement that we will be seeing all of our students sooner rather than later and we all look forward to seeing our families back at school.

As happened last year when we returned to school, there will be restrictions in place for dropping off and picking up your children; wearing a mask; checking in with the QR Code; visitors in the school; parent volunteers and parents on the playground. We have a roadmap from Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) and we are required to follow their guidelines. More details will be sent home to parents today and next week as we hear if these guidelines have changed.

As the children begin to return to school we will move into Level 3 Plus restrictions and as all the children return will be have Level 3 restrictions.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has also released Guidelines for parishes which was included with the parish newsletter on Sunday. These guidelines give us all a clear understanding of how we will be able to return to attending Mass.

Father Paul

We would like to wish Father Paul a safe journey and a happy holiday as he prepares to travel home to Vietnam on Sunday. Father Paul is very excited to see his family again and to celebrate Mass with his community. We look forward to Father Paul returning hopefully before Christmas.

Parent Teacher Zoom Catchup

We are planning some times in Weeks 3 and 4, when parents can book in a time to catchup with their child's teacher about HBL. Parents have a choice to be part of this Zoom Catchup or not. At these sessions the teachers will not be giving you an academic report. They are an opportunity for the teachers to share their observations of your children during HBL and for you to offer any insights/observations about your child's learning during HBL

Reports

Semester Two Reports will be written by the teachers and distributed to parents/carers in Week 10 of this term. Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19, adjustments to curriculum have been made throughout Terms 3 and 4. Focus for this semester has been on student wellbeing and learning, and priority has been given to Religious Education, English and Mathematics. As a result of this extended period of Home Based Learning, student reporting in Semester 2, 2021 will look a little different to the one you received earlier this year. This report provides information about your child's learning during this time of extended Home Based Learning. Teachers will be reporting as to whether students are:

Working Towards Stage Outcomes

Working At Stage Outcomes

Working Beyond Stage Outcomes

The Outcomes for each Curriculum are written in Stages and with the exception of Kindergarten cover two years of schooling.

Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten

Stage 1 – Years 1 and 1

Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4

Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6

For Semester 2, teachers will report on the relevant outcomes for the year group.

Planning for 2022

It is that time of the year that we begin to plan for next year. By this I mean class groups, moving teachers to different year levels etc. We have received our initial Staffing letter and have been given 15 class teachers for 2022. This means we will have two of each class level and three Year 1 classes.

If you are planning on not returning to St Patrick's in 2022 can I ask that you please notify us in writing by the 22nd October. Our school budgets are based on the enrolment numbers that we have returning each year, so this information is very valuable.

If you have any concerns or requests about your child's placement in 2022 can I ask that you please send an email through to me in this regards. While I cannot promise anything we will definitely look at these when organising classes.

Each year the teachers complete a sociogram on the students to find out their social group/friends and this information is also used when planning classes for the next year. It might be a good idea to discuss with your children who their friends are, especially the Infants children.

Thank you to the P and F and the parent community.

This week the staff all received a voucher from 'Café Espresso' to the value of \$10.00. This was a lovely surprise for the staff and something they very much appreciated. We would like to thank you all for your generosity.

We are all very excited about having everyone back at school and as the weeks progress I am sure we will see more changes to restrictions. In the meantime, stay safe and God Bless you all,

Take care and God Bless,

Cheryl



Welcome back to Term 4!

It is always a special time of year, clocks changing and spring bringing us the warmer weather. We look forward with hope and anticipation to the gradual return to face-to-face teaching.

Praying the rosary is like holding Mary's hand.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was celebrated on Thursday, 7 October. Because of this special day, the month of October is dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus and we are encouraged to say The Rosary throughout this month. For Catholics, the Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer. By saying the Rosary, "we meditate the mysteries of joy, sorrow, and glory of Jesus Christ and the Blessed Mary".

Why the Rosary Is the Perfect Family Prayer

The rosary doesn't require reading, and you can memorize all the prayers at a very young age. Yet, these prayers and especially the mysteries tell a story. It is familiar, repetitive, and always accessible no matter where you are. It's a gateway to Scripture and a deep relationship with Christ. There is great power in the Rosary, especially in praying it as a family!



The prayers that comprise the Rosary are arranged in sets of ten Hail Marys, called decades. Each decade is preceded by one Lord's Prayer and traditionally followed by one Glory Be.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Let us pray to Mary as we celebrate all that we have achieved and are yet to accomplish throughout Term 4.

Soctober

October is also Mission month. Socktober for Mission Month encourages us to engage with mission for children by using our heads to enquire about the reality of the world around us, using our hearts to feel empathy for those in situations of great need, and using our hands to take action for them in whatever way we are able. This year World Mission is focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre.



"Each year the second last Sunday of October is dedicated as World Mission Sunday and this is a formal reminder of the importance of the work of mission," says Catholic Mission National Director Fr Brian Lucas. Traditionally we would ask for donations to help the missions but because of lockdown, we haven't been able to promote this in the school community as we usually do. If you would like to donate to this cause, the home page on catholic mission is set up to do so.

Here is the link: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/> or I am happy to forward donations to Catholic Mission.



However we all can still enter the spirit of this movement and encourage our children to think about those less fortunate and be grateful for what they have, even during lockdown. You may see some Religious Education tasks based around Soctober and we do hope to have a Soctober day where children can upload photos of themselves wearing their crazy socks.



More information to come.

Watch the following clip from Global Mission titled '[We are still here.](#)' Which is a response to a call from Pope Francis, inspired by Acts 4:20: "For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard".

Blessings to all

Fiona Bolton

School Photographs

We will be sending home the School Photographs as soon as students return to school.

Here are a selection of resources regarding supporting students to return to school after lockdown. There are resources for both families and educators. Most are UK based, however the information and suggestions are still relevant.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/school-guidance-for-coping-with-coronavirus>

<https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/i-am-supporting-others/children-and-young-people/how-to-help-your-teen-transition-back-to-school.html>

<https://nipinthebud.org/returning-to-school-after-the-lockdown/>

[Anxiety in children: Tips For Teachers](#)

Sunday 10th October is World Mental Health Day and the message is simple "Look after your mental health, Australia."

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for managing our mental health. Lockdowns, social distancing, home-based learning, travel restrictions, and the constantly changing world we find ourselves in is overwhelming. This makes prioritising our mental health and wellbeing more important than ever.



Everyone has mental health. And we can all benefit from looking after our own mental health and the mental health of our communities.

<https://video.link/w/ZS6Dc>



Dear Boys & Girls,
I had a wonderful holiday. I enjoyed having a break from screens.
Even though I didn't get married or go on my honeymoon as planned, I made the most of a lockdown holiday. We went on lots of bushwalks, swims at the beach, I did lots of work on the house and enjoyed having time.
Ella is certainly enjoying having me home everyday.
I am looking forward to Term 4 and I hope to see you really soon. The photo I included on my post card is a picture from one of my bushwalks.
Can't wait to read what you've been up to,
Miss O'Neill



Boys and Girls
St. Patrick's
East Gosford
NSW 2250

Dear Mrs V-T and Mrs Bolton. In the school holidays I went to the beach with my friends for a swim and watched the sunrise. I also walked to springfield shops. Me and my neighbor also tried dying our hair i chose this pink color because i have blonde ends but it was only the tiniest tinge of pink that worked as you can see. From Sophie

On the holidays i have been on lots of bush walks, and walking my dog. We also ride our bikes down to the waterfront. The soft breeze of the beach yes we went to the beach multiple times. This Picture is showing one of my bushwalks

Dear Mrs O'Neill,
I made a lot of videos through out the holidays and had a lot of family time and even made the biggest cubby with my dad and sister. We watched a lot of Fun, Sad and horrors at my Dads house it was Fun!!!
We went to the beach with my mum so she could take some photos and after we found a big sand cliff and I jumped of wich was a bad idea because we spent 30 minutes of our fun on getting me up well my mum didnt really care because it was actually quite small but I just got up before a hug wave came. HEHEHEHE! { "> . < " }
From Dione Fifita

Dear Miss O'Neill,
Me and my dad went for a bushwalk in the holidays and my favourite part about it was because i got to swing on some vines, they were really fun, also in my holidays i got to teach my dog how to swim but when she got out she looked really funny and while we were there we saw an ice cream truck and got some they were really good and yesterday we went to the park at gosford waterfront for a picnic with Maccas and we went fishing and got 2 fish, but overall I had a very good holiday.
From Kowhai

I have been doing well and the holidays were fun but I'm excited to go back to school but I'm even more excited to go to face to face school even more

From Rebecca !

Dear teachers,
In the holidays went on a heap of bush walks and we went to little beach and had a swim. We went on some small bike rides

In the holidays I had a lot of fun playing games in the sun outside with my brothers. Our family all spent time together gardening at home. On hot days we sometimes go outside and played card games together. On the last 2 days we went on our new boat and we sat on the lounges at the front of the boat. We also went fishing but we did not catch anything. While we were there we found a spot that had a beach and mangroves the mangrove roots were sticking out of the ground. I had a lot of fun during the holidays.

..Christian

I have been going to lots of bush walks and bike rides and helping clean my cousin house because they are moving houses and i have been calling Annabelle and Sophia everyday to talk to them and play with them my favorite memory has to be when i saw a red belly blak snake with my mum dad and my brother because they were so close to us and it was very scary. Im looking forward to come back to school and see my friends form carys.

dear teachers,
i have had a great holiday and in the holidays we went bushwalking. my sister and i did art why my mum and dad were at work. we also went to the beach and on bush walks with my friends. as probably most of us can agree holidays outside of lockdown is better than holidays inside of lockdown because us kids can go to friends houses where as inside lockdown holidays you can't. i miss all you teachers very much and i hope to get back to school soon. from Angus

Over the school holidays it was my brother Jimmy's 15th Birthday. For his birthday he got a new bike, my nanny ordered us takeaway pancakes from Daleys point to have as a special Birthday Breakfast.

Dear Ms O'Neill ,
I have had a great holidays. I went to the beach, got ants in my pants and wrote and typed up lots of my writing! Smudge featured lots in my holidays. He loved all the pats and love. My family went on many bushwalks. This holiday we were allowed to have some friends over again! My friend Mia came over lots and on one visit we made a movie called Separated with her. We made another movie called Earthquake with Jude's friend Keith and his little sister who is also called Mia. I had a great holidays!
Love from Esther

Dear Teachers
On the holidays i went to the beach and then i help my family Garden because out garden is still getting made. I liked the beach because there was so much BIG waves. I am looking forward to seeing my friends and all the teachers.
Sophia

I watched the Rabbitohs grand final
I went to Avoca lake yesterday
My favourite memory was when my brother cried when we won the grand final in 2014

Dear teachers,
In the holidays I went to the beach and I was going under the waves. It was really fun. I also went on many bush walks and there was a plant that looked like an umbrella. The most fun thing when I went to Charlie's house to have a fun swim. We also played fifa on his Nintendo switch.

I was inside for most of the holidays but i did go to umina beach about four time. The beach was really fun exet the part where are fell of my boogie board and thought i was going to drown but apart from that it was a good holiday.

I got a new PUPPY!
Her name is Dottie and she is a staffy cross.

Tristan moved houses really close to mine so I can go to Elizabeth ross park to play. A

I am looking forward to getting back to school and seeing all of my friends at school.

Dear Miss O'Neill,
the holidays it was my birthday and on my birthday i saw some friends and and i am now playing table tennis which i got for my birthday i also went and saw friends at the beach and went on bush walks with friends we walked from little beach all the way to macmasters and back i went on bike rides and much much more FUN!

By Jayden Lin Miss O'Neill. ST. Patricks east

Dear Miss O'Neill,
I had a great holiday. We have been watching the Panther's match, playing screens and played on the trampoline with my neighbours.
My favourite memory was how the Panthers won the game.
I am looking forward to seeing my school friends this term.
From Dennie

I had the best holiday. I got to go for picnics, walks and to the beach with my family and some of my friends. I have got to spend lots of time with my poodles and they love having me at home. Can't wait until I get you see you at school soon.

Dear Miss O'Neill, I went yesterday the Killcare Beach with Zara and Matilda at the rock pool we were there for 3 and a half hours as well as getting chips for lunch then we went home and met matildas new bunny (peter) then went on an inflatable water slide then i had to go home. Then on the second week on monday me and zara went on a scooter for the park behind Gosford pool to the new park at the waterfront and the cafe behind the big building behind the new park. On Tuesday I went to Addcock Park with my cousin Eddie. On wednesday Sarah and Hannah come over and we went to Elizabeth Ross park then had chicken and chip for lunch. Then on the first week of the holidays on the first Sunday of the holidays my family and my grandma and grandad went for a picnic. Sienna

In the holidays, i was in lockdown so i couldn't do much.

I did a lot of bike riding around the farm and even went on my motorbike and buggy.

I had a playdate with Freddie and we played a lot of soccer which was fun!

I'm looking forward to catching up with everybody else when we go back to school.

From George

Dear miss o'Neill
I had i great school holidays i got to go to the beach play at my neighbors house and play there names are annabelle and montana we play with them everyday thats why on saturday we are going to have a sleep over at my house which will be so much fun i hope lockdown will be done soon so i can see you and all the other teachers. here is a picture of the beach.

Thankyou so much for your generosity, you have helped us to raise
\$6,714 for Camp Quality

Maria, Nat, Mark, Lee, Cheryl V-T, Ange, Chris, Clare, Jade, Donna & Isobel



Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, are launching their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit St Patrick's Primary School, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, St Patrick's will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>
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