



# 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](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

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,

# We welcome back all our Students on Monday 25th

I hope that you are all well and that  
your children in Year 2 – 6 are ready  
to be back at school next week.

It was wonderful to have our Kinder  
and Year 1 children all back this  
week and they have all settled back  
into the routine of school as if they  
haven't been away.

There are still many changes and  
new advice coming every day and I  
will send another Compass newsfeed  
to you later today with more detailed  
information.

The main points are though that we are starting staggered pick up times in  
the afternoon.

## **Dropping off your children in the morning**

Parents are asked to drop their children off at the school gate. Parents are  
not able to enter the school grounds.

## **Picking up your children in the afternoon**

**Infants Children with surnames/last names starting with A – M will need to  
be picked up at 2.40pm**

**Infants children with surnames/last names starting with N – Z need to be  
picked up at 2.50pm.**

**Only the Primary children (or walkers as they are referred to) who  
catch buses will be brought over to the Infants.**

**All other primary children will need to be collected from the Primary  
Playground.**

As we can not accommodate a kiss and drop anywhere on either campus,  
parents can come onto the playground in the afternoon to wait for their  
children. Unfortunately we can not organise any other pick because of our  
close proximity to the Central Coast Highway and the many buses that  
arrive each afternoon.

**Parents are asked to wear a mask, sign in on the QR code, social  
distance and to not socialise on the playground or out the front of  
the school.**



## Children who have COVID/Flu like symptoms

We have been advised that if your child has any of the COVID or Flu like symptoms (cough, runny nose, temperature, trouble breathing) that they must remain at home. Their siblings are also to remain at home and the whole family is required to be tested and remain at home until a negative COVID result. The results of the COVID tests do need to be sent through to the office prior to the child/children returning to school.

## Teachers and Classes for 2022

We are still finalising the staffing for 2022. Parents and children will find out their teacher for 2022 on our **Step-Up morning** which is **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

Thank you to those parents who have already let us know that they will be leaving at the end of the year. We will be sad to see these families leave our community but also wish them all the best in their move to other parts of Australia.

We have some new families joining us next year as well and I am sure that our community will make them all welcome in 2022.

We are organising our classes for 2022 at the moment and once these have been finalised by the end of next week (I am hoping) there will be no further changes made.

## Kinder 2022 Transition

We are able to hold our Kindergarten 2022 Transition this year but we will be only having a three week program and it will look different to previous years.

These will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November. Parents can only drop off their children. Unfortunately we are not allowed to have parents on site. We also have to have two separate groups and two drop off and pick up times. At the moment we can't have the new little ones meet their buddy for next year. We do hope that this changes before the end of Transition. More information will be sent home next week.

## Canteen

I understand that the canteen will be opening soon. Can I remind parents that **only doubled vaccinated volunteers are able to assist in the canteen**. Your vaccination certificate needs to be sighted by the office staff before entering the canteen. Volunteers, need to check in on the QR code, wear a mask and social distance. Children will be sent to the canteen in year groups.

Please look out for the Compass communication with more detail about new guidelines and advice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and God Bless

Cheryl

**Grandparents Day  
Liturgy 2021  
St Patrick's**

Here is the link to our  
Grandparents Liturgy—Thankyou  
to our staff for creating the liturgy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCGt1NAwsbo>

**Happy Grandparents Day  
to all our Grandparents  
both here and in Heaven**





We ♥ our grandparents!

There is a beautiful saying that goes like this:

***“The closest we will ever come in this life to seeing the face of God is seeing the face of our grandparents.”***

Grandparents can play a significant role in the lives of children. In recognition of this very important place that grandparents have in our lives, Pope Francis declared July 25, 2021, as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. “Grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving and passing on the roots. For this reason, I have decided to establish the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly,” the Pope said. This celebration will now take place every year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

In announcing this special day, Pope Francis said, “Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith.”

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate and honour our grandparents and the elderly. Here at St Patrick's, we are celebrating Grandparent Day today so look out for the online liturgy and share it with all grandparents.

In the words of Pope Francis, “May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel to console their loneliness and to remind them of Jesus’ message: “I am with you always.”

May we be those angels!

Wishing Grandparents everywhere a happy, holy, joyful “Grandparents Day.” We pray that your day may be filled with the love and peace of the Lord.

May St Joachim and St Anne, Parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus Bless you, your children and your grandchildren.



### **Mission Sunday**

All Catholic churches around the world will be celebrating World Mission Sunday on Oct. 24. The theme of this year's World Mission Day is “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard,” (Acts 4:20) It is an invitation to each of us to “take charge” and to make known what we carry in our hearts. This mission is and has always been the identity of the Church: “It exists to evangelize.” Please remind your children to wear **crazy socks** and bring in a **gold coin donation** as we show our support for Catholic Mission as they work with communities around the world, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to live their lives in full dignity, as the Creator God intends.





## FROM THE PARISH

CATHOLIC FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES, ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES

**7 sessions to strengthen  
your relationship**

Session 5:  
**"THE IMPACT OF FAMILY"**

**SUNDAY, OCT 31**  
**1:00 PM**

ST PATRICK'S  
GOSFORD PARISH

**ONLINE EVENT**

**The  
Marriage  
Course**

Time and space to focus  
on your relationship

**COUPLES & FAMILY GROUP**  
**Running The Alpha Marriage Course**

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, this session will be run online.  
To receive the relevant links/videos

**PLEASE REGISTER** at [Gosford.Families@gmail.com](mailto:Gosford.Families@gmail.com)

Start at 1.00 pm **The Marriage Course: Session 5**

## Veggie garden crew



**Year 4 are getting the Veggie  
Garden ready  
and Year 3 are reaping  
the rewards!!**



# The Uniform Shop

Dear Parents and Carers,

18/10/21

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the Uniform Shop is CLOSED.

We are currently offering over the phone fitting appointments for all students.

Orders can be placed over the phone during shop hours or online for Home Delivery or Click and Collect from the office.

St Patrick's Primary School Uniform Shop  
Phone: 0412 087 696  
Email: [stpatricksprimary@alinta.com.au](mailto:stpatricksprimary@alinta.com.au)



## St Pat's Newsletter P & F - 22.10.2021

Welcome Back to Term 4, 2021. We all thought 2020 was a crazy year, I think 2021 takes the cake!!

### P & F Thank You gift to St Patricks School.

Earlier this term, the P & F committee presented a gift voucher to spend at Café Espresso East Gosford to all St Patricks staff members. Thank you to each and everyone of you for all your efforts during HBL.

### Bingo – Save the Date.

We apologise for the rescheduling of our bingo night. We have now locked in Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Further details will be posted on Facebook and in our newsletter next year.

### Christmas Raffle

We will be having a Christmas Raffle this year – stay tuned for further details.

### Canteen update

Thank you to all of those who have already put their name down to help this term. Attached is the most recent roster – please contact Louise on 0407 100 433 or comment on 'Our Kids Canteen' Facebook page if you can help out.

We are working on having chicken fingers added to Friday lunch orders, we will keep you posted.

If you have taken tea towels home to wash, would you please return them as we are running low. Thank you.

**Please note: Only volunteers who are fully vaccinated can assist in the canteen and the school is required to sight your vaccination certificate.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform shop

The 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop is currently closed as parents are not allowed on school grounds apart from when they collecting their children.

### Position Vacant

We are looking for someone to help out with our school canteen. Duties include: checking stock levels, ordering and placing items in fridge/ Freezer once delivered. If you are interested, please contact Louise.

### P & F Meeting

Our next P & F Meeting is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, our last meeting for 2021. We look forward to seeing our regulars and we welcome any new parents and/or carers who would like to take part. If you have any feedback and you're unable to attend our P & F Meeting, please email Rachael – [rach380@hotmail.com](mailto:rach380@hotmail.com) or Louise – [louise.bridekirk@bigpond.com](mailto:louise.bridekirk@bigpond.com).

## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 2021

TWO volunteers are required for each canteen on Wednesday (where possible) and Fridays.

Wednesday is recess only and shift is approx.: 10:30am – 11:30am (10am if cooking chicken fingers)

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 – 2:00pm

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                              |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| NOVEMBER |                            |                                      |                                      |
| 5        | Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sarah Jimenez<br>Kate Redman         | Lorraine Hughes<br>Andrea Frewen     |
|          | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>     |                                      |                                      |
|          | 9:30am – 11:30am           |                                      |                                      |
|          | 11:00am – 2:00pm           |                                      |                                      |
|          | Or ALL DAY                 | Pam Magill<br>Need x 1               | Christie Kissane<br>Need x 1         |
| 6        | Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> | Vanessa Potter<br>Kendal Carbonara   | Need x 2                             |
|          | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>    |                                      |                                      |
|          | 9:30am – 11:30am           | Kate Redman                          |                                      |
|          | 11:00am – 2:00pm           |                                      |                                      |
|          | Or ALL DAY                 | Karen Phillips<br>Bianca Bee Pickham | Jen Furley<br>Annie Howie            |
| 7        | Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sarah Jimenez<br>Anna Llidge         | Vanessa Potter<br>Mel Chidgey        |
|          | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>    |                                      |                                      |
|          | 9:30am – 11:30am           |                                      |                                      |
|          | 11:00am – 2:00pm           | Jessica Valle                        |                                      |
|          | Or ALL DAY                 | Need x 1                             | Lorraine Hughes<br>Eileen Macpherson |
| 8        | Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> | Sarah Jimenez<br>Anna Llidge         |                                      |
|          | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>    |                                      |                                      |
|          | 9:30am – 11:30am           |                                      | Lou Bridekirk                        |
|          | 11:00am – 2:00pm           |                                      |                                      |
|          | Or ALL DAY                 |                                      | Lorraine Hughes<br>Need x 1          |
| DECEMBER |                            |                                      |                                      |
| 9        | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Sarah Jimenez                        |                                      |
|          | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     |                                      |                                      |
|          | 9:30am – 11:30am           | Kate Redman                          |                                      |
|          | 11:00am – 2:00pm           |                                      |                                      |
|          | Or ALL DAY                 |                                      | Amy Whitworth<br>Kristy Smith        |
| 10       | Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Sarah Jimenez                        |                                      |
|          | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>    |                                      |                                      |
|          | 9:30am – 11:30am           |                                      |                                      |
|          | 11:00am – 2:00pm           |                                      |                                      |
|          | Or ALL DAY                 |                                      | Lorraine Hughes<br>Lou Bridekirk     |

## 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](#)

A black poster with sports icons (football, badminton, soccer, baseball) in colored circles at the top. The text is in large, bold, light blue and yellow fonts.

# TERM 4 SPORTS DAYS

PLEASE WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM ON  
THE BELOW DAYS

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| Kinder: | Tuesday & Friday   |
| Year 1: | Wednesday & Friday |
| Year 2: | Wednesday & Friday |
| Year 3: | Tuesday & Friday   |
| Year 4: | Tuesday & Friday   |
| Year 5: | Tuesday & Friday   |
| Year 6: | Tuesday & Friday   |



# SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

## Covid 19 – Safe return to school



Children will sanitise upon entry to the classroom and before eating.



Face masks to be worn by all teachers and staff. Strongly recommended for primary school children.



Children will eat and play with specified cohort in designated areas.



Social distancing for teachers and students where possible.



School canteen open for online lunch orders only (date tbc).



No parents or visitors allowed on site.



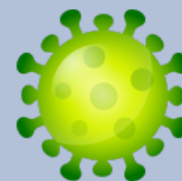
Enhanced cleaning and hygienist services delivered daily.



Windows and doors open for ventilation.



Not permitted: sporting competitions, singing, assemblies, school performances, excursions.



Any staff or children with the mildest of COVID 19 symptoms must get tested and isolate until they receive a negative result. Must be symptom free to return to school.

## School Travel for 2022



### School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info). This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

### 2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).





## Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



### Need help packing a lunch box?

Our [online presentation](#) will show you how easy it can be to pack a healthy lunch box that your kids will love to eat!

To find out more go to [www.healthyhunchbox.com.au/how-to-pack-a-healthy-lunch-box/](http://www.healthyhunchbox.com.au/how-to-pack-a-healthy-lunch-box/)

[healthyhunchbox.com.au](http://healthyhunchbox.com.au)

 **Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

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>  
Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our school.

You can download the Apps by searching for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Not only are you helping your club, school or charity, you'll also get extra benefits.

