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

> <u>P & F Meeting</u> Wednesday 2 June 7pm

Family Mass

<u>St Patrick's Hall</u> 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 stpatricksprimary@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 are now at the end of Week 7 and only have a couple more weeks left to go of the year. I'm sure that there are many of us who would like to see this year come to an end and who can't wait to welcome in the new year.

P & F Meeting this week

We had our last P & F meeting for the term this week, thank you to those that attended, although it would have been nice to see more parents in attendance. Some of the things that were discussed were:

1. I have been looking into possible **changes to the sports tracksuit** over the passed few months. Alinta have sent in few different ones and I have narrowed it down to one. There is a sample of the jacket in the office for anyone who wants to have a look. Those present at the meeting thought it would be a good idea. It may take around 12 months for the changes to happen and of course no one is expected to get a new one if their current one is perfectly ok.

By the end of term after consultation with you we will decide whether the change the tracksuit or not. Please call into the office and give us your opinion. We will send a short survey about this.

2. We discussed the **school newsletter** and whether it was being read by parents. So we will send out a survey asking for your feedback. We always put important information in the newsletter and then quite often parents ring and say they weren't aware of events etc. if we didn't have a fortnightly newsletter it would probably be newsfeeds out to parents on Compass.

3. Tell Them From Me Survey

Parents have been sent information about completing the 'Tell Them From Me' survey, which is completed annually by parents, staff and the students in Years 4 - 6. The feedback to the school and CSBB is very useful. Parents have until 30/11 to complete the survey.

Staffing for 2022

We have one new teacher joining us for 2022. Miss Maree Mulhall will be joining the staff for 2022. Maree lives in the parish and also went to school here many years ago. Maree was successful in obtaining a temporary to permanent position in the Diocese.

Mrs Dana Owsinski was also successful in obtaining a temporary to permanent position in the Diocese. This means that while we have temporary positions at St Patrick's these teacher will remain here as teachers. We are very excited to have Dana and Maree here at St Patrick's next year.

There will be some movement of teachers within the school which means some teachers will change grades for 2022.

All class groups have been finalised now and there will no changes to the groups.

Step up Day

The students will meet their 2022 class mates and teacher on **Monday 13th December** from 9 - 10am.

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 Reports will be made available to parents on Friday afternoon 10th December. After looking at the feedback from parents from our earlier survey, the majority of parents were happy with a shorter comment, especially when they had more opportunities to meet face to face with teachers. This year we have had three opportunities for parents to meet with teachers. We will continue this next year as the teachers and parents found this very beneficial. We will look at two zoom interviews, in Terms 1 and 4 and a face to face one at the end of term 2.

Year 6 Students Semester Reports for past years—Don't forget to download before 17 December as leaving students reports will not be visible after this date.

Important Dates

Tuesday 7/12: Year 6 Graduation 10.30am followed by light lunch for the students. **Monday 13/12:** Step up morning for all students.

Tuesday14/12: End of year Whole School Mass 10.30am. This will be held on the playground. At present no parents are allowed on site. We hope that this changed before this date. Children are allowed to go home with parents after mass if parents want to take their children.

Wednesday 15/12: Last day of term. There will be supervision for students, but no formal lessons.

2022 Dates

Friday 28/1/2022: SDD - a pupil free day and students do not attend.
Monday 31/1/2022: Maths Assessment Day- parents can book for their children to have a MAI assessment (Yrs 1-6) or a Best Start Assessment - Kindergarten
Tuesday 1/2/2022: students in Years 1 - 6 commence school
Tuesday 1/2 and Wednesday 2/2: Best Start for Kindergarten
Thursday 3/2: Kindergarten start. They come for the full day.

Christmas Raffle

We have a Christmas raffle this year and if you bought tickets for the Bingo Night, your tickets will be used for the Christmas Raffle. Of course you can buy more tickets if you wish. I am most grateful to the P & F for organising the prizes. We have an additional prize, a BMX Bike, donated by One Agency. We are very grateful to Mani and Helena from One Agency for donating this prize.

Kindergarten Transition

It was wonderful to see all our 2022 kinder children come again for their second transition session today. The children and their parents have all been very brave. And we haven't had many tears at all. Well done everyone. We have one more session next Friday. Don't forget to contact the school office if you are having trouble with accessing Compass.



Mufti Day for Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Tuesday 30 November please wear Christmas Mufti and bring in something for hampers or a gold coin donation.

Thank you for your continued support Take care Cheryl



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"Peace is the language we must speak..." Pope Francis

Thank you to the SRC who led us in our Remembrance Day liturgy on Thursday, remembering all those brave men and women who have fought/ are still fighting for peace. The theme was focused around spreading and praying for peace and is best summed up in the words of Pope Francis as well as in the prayer of St Francis.

"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts"...Pope Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury.pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness. light; and where there is sadness. joy.

St. Francis of Assisi

St Vincent De Paul Reflection Day

On Monday our Year 6 students took part in a Social Justice Reflection Day run by St Vincent Paul. Fiona Pelosi from St Vincent DePaul led the sessions, touching issues such as poverty, homelessness mental illnesses and people seeking asylum. The presentation culminated with faith into action activities with the students making cards of hope and snack packs for Vinnies Van Services. Below are some of the students' reflections about the day.

We helped out the needy with St Vincent de Paul, we made snack packs, cards of hope and talked about the environment and our physical/mental health. I learnt about the needy and St Vincent de Paul's history. I felt great knowing I had helped people who needed help.

I can donate to St Vincent de Paul a lot more than I usually do, I can also do the simple stuff such as telling someone they are loved or donating money other charities and I can help in other types of charities like cake stalls.

We shouldn't except any praise or anything in return. Overall I learnt that there is much more to the world than money.

Elsie Roberts 6G

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On Monday the 15th of November year 6 went to our school hall for a Vinnies Workshop where we spoke about social justice, homelessness and made our own food packs to give to the poor. We learnt the importance of sharing, giving and to be grateful for what we have

because there are many people less fortunate than ourselves.

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I felt really shocked about how many people suffer from homelessness each year. In NSW in 2016, 37 715 people were homeless, this year there is around

960 000 000 people live on the streets, in their car or on a park bench.

I can be a better person by recycling and taking things for granted because like I said not everybody in this world is as fortunate as we are, but that doesn't mean that they should be treated differently because they're humans too. If I ever see anyone on the street now and I don't have anything for them to get their hopes up, I'll give them a smile or a wave of hope. **By Sophie Maloney**

On Monday the 15th of November, a woman called Fiona, from St Vincent De Paul, came to our school to teach Year 6 more about

homelessness and more about landfill. When it all happened, I felt like I had so much because they have so little. I felt so scared about the future, this could happen to anyone, but it isn't likely.

So things happened on Monday. But the highlights were definitely the snack pack making and the 'Cards of Hope'. I loved making the 'Cards of Hope'. I hope that the person or people who got my card really appreciate it. The snack packs were so much fun! There was food for months on the table.





I learned so much that day. But the most scary thing I learned about was definitely... landfill. There is so much of it. I think by the time I am 20, it will probably be 5 times the size it is now, or bigger, unless we do something now! I believe I can become a better person because of yesterday. I think we can all try to sort out our rubbish and place it in the correct bin. And we can help anyone in need, I believe I can change and grow all the time, and it is all because of the St Vincent De Paul visit that Year 6 got on Monday the 15th of November. **By Lily Talbot**

On Monday, we went to a special Vinnies Workshop. All Year 6 went to the hall and Fiona, our Vinnies instructor taught us about what Vinnies does to help people in need. I learnt that no matter how old you are you can get mental health disease and that Vinnies can help with those sorts of things. Fiona taught us about recycling and how they use the recycled clothing material to make new clothes for less fortunate people. I feel like I can make a difference and that we need to do something to help those who are less fortunate and who need help. I can be a better person by helping, sharing and giving to those in need. I can also recycle to help the homeless and/or the less fortunate.

We also got to make packs with all the snacks we brought into school. Each pack needed: 1 packet of chips, 1 packet of tiny teddies, a popper and noodles along with a few smaller things. We made so many packs for the less fortunate people and the people and the St Vincent de Paul society. At the end we added some Hope cards to give hope with the packs. We put the Vinnies phone number and details on the cards along with some inspirational hope messages. It was a great day and we all had fun. **Joseph, 6G**

THANK YOU TO FIONA PELOSI AND THE YEAR 6 TEACHERS FOR ORGANISING THIS DAY.

Students made craft and cards during well being week which was taken to a local nursing home by Mrs Osling. Please see the attached certificate of appreciation from Henry Kendall Serviced apartments.

Certificate of Appre. St Patrick's Catholic School East Gosford

Thank you Thank you Your kind donation of Well Being Cards & Crafts is greatly appreciated by all the residents and staff at Appreciated by all the residents and staff at Henry Kendall Serviced Apartments Date: 18th November 2021



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FROM THE LARC MRS CARMEN HARTZ

There will be a **Book Fair** in the LARC between Monday 6th and Thursday 9th of December.

Monday and Tuesday are viewing days, all children will get the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class and write a Wish List. Hopefully they will only put 2 or 3 of their favourite titles on the wish list. The Wish List is just as named "a wish list" you are under no obligation to purchase what your children write down.

There will be **NO CASH** sales so we ask that parents make their purchases online by using the pre-payment option on the back of the wish list and then return the wish list so that children can pick up their books from the Book Fair on Wednesday or Thursday. If a title sells out as I am sure some popular titles will do, I can place an reorder with Scholastic and it usually arrives within a few days. **Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions parents will not be able to attend the Book Fair this year.**

Every sale of a book earns our school commission which is used by the LARC and Library to purchase many new books for the children to borrow and read. It would be wonderful to have everyone's support for this event even if we have to run it at a different time this year.

Carmen Hartz

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Teacher Librarian

Book Fair





3 Gold working cooperatively while learning about irregular verbs!



FROM OUR P & F COMMITTEE

Bingo Night

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Saturday 5th March 2022. Further details will be posted on Facebook and in our newsletter next year.





Christmas Raffle

As our bingo night had to be rescheduled to next

week, we have decided to use the bingo raffle as our Christmas raffle. Those of you who have already returned your tickets to the front office, you will automatically go into the Christmas raffle draw.

Raffle books will be sent home with the youngest child next week. A book of 10 tickets \$10. Additional tickets will be available to purchase from the front office. Tickets to be returned by 9am Wednesday 8th December.

Prizes will be drawn on Friday 10th December. Prizes are:

All funds raised will go towards playground equipment

1st Prize – Pearls on the beach \$200 Voucher OR a Bike 2nd Prize –Remaining Prize from 1st Prize 3rd Prize - \$100 Bunnings Voucher 4th Prize - \$50 Laser Tag Voucher & a Monopoly Boardgame 5th Prize - \$50 Terrigal Beach House Voucher

The BMX bike has been kindly donated by One Agency in East Gosford and a photo is attached. The raffle with be drawn on Friday 10th December.

Canteen update

Thank you to all of those who have already put their name down to help this term. The most recent roster is on the next page – please contact Rachael on 0421 048 099 or comment on 'Our Kids Canteen' Facebook page if you can help out.

It was decided at Wednesday night's P & F meeting that we will purchase a new oven and 2 pie warmers. We are hoping to purchase these over the Christmas break ready for 2022.



CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 2021

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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: Rachael Playle 0421048099 or rach380@hotmail.com TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED if required. Thank you.

Week	Date	Infants	Primary	
NOVEMBER				
	Friday 19 th			
	9:30am – 11:30am			
	11:00am – 2:00pm	Jessica Valle Rebecca Thorogood		
	Or ALL DAY	Pam Magill	Lorraine Hughes Eileen Macpherson	
8	Wednesday 24 th	Sarah Jimenez Anna Llige	Vanessa Potter Mel Chidgey	
	Friday 26 th			
	9:30am – 11:30am			
	11:00am – 2:00pm			
	Or ALL DAY	Pam Magill Pat Sanfilippo	Lorraine Hughes Christie Kissane	
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9	Wednesday 1 ST	Sarah Jimenez Yvette	Lorraine Hughes Rachael Playle	
	Friday 3 RD			
	9:30am – 11:30am	Kate Redman		
	11:00am – 2:00pm			
	Or ALL DAY	10.30-2 Pam Magill 10.30–2 Aida Reyes Cruz	Amy Whitworth Kristy smith	
10	Wednesday 8 th	Sarah Jimenez Karen Phillips	Need x2	
	Friday 10 th			
	9:30am – 11:30am			
	11:00am – 2:00pm			
	Or ALL DAY	Sarah Jimenez & Mum	Lorraine Hughes Katie Ercan	

Transition Day for Kindergarten 2022

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KINDERGARTEN REPTILE PARK VISIT





Second Hand Uniform Shop will be OPEN each Friday from 2:00pm to 2:40pm on our Primary Campus until the end of term.

Please scan the QR code on arrival and ring the buzzer at the gates to gain entry and to show proof of vaccination. Masks must be worn and social distancing rules must be followed.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for opening.



LOST

Jackson Longo has lost his

sports hat.



The ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Racquet Roadshow is again providing 30,000 racquets to foundation students around Australia, thanks to ANZ and Tennis. We are one of 774 lucky schools to be receiving racquets. It's a great opportunity to get our kids moving, both at home and at school! The students have also been given a special certificate to take home to celebrate their new tennis racquets.

ANZ is encouraging all parents to share a picture of their children and their new racquets with the hashtag **#RacquetRoadshow**





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Year 5 Leadership Camp



















Year 5 Leadership Retreat – HAVE A GO! Day 1 In place of a leadership camp this year, Year 5 are participating in a Leadership Retreat at school. Our goal for the retreat is to prepare all Year 5 students to participate in leadership roles in 2022. The students had an amazing Day 1 starting with a fun Ninja Warrior course, followed by a day filled with team building activities, games, art and speaking skills. We finished the day off with an early Pizza dinner!

We finished the day off with an early Pizza dinner! Day 2 students had the opportunity to nominate themselves for leadership roles next year. Thank you for a fantastic day Year 5.





SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

"Enrolments for the School Band Program for 2022 are now open for students who are currently in years 2 and above who would like to be part of our schools new training band for 2022. No prior musical knowledge or experience is required and all lessons are held here at school during school hours. Information sessions hosted by the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music are being held on the dates below and all parents are welcome to attend. For more information please visit <u>https://</u>centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program/about/ or phone 02 4324 7477"

Online Information Sessions

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- Monday 22nd November 7:30pm
- Tuesday 23rd November 7:30pm
- Wednesday 24th November 7:30pm
- Zoom Login Details for All Online Sessions

https://zoom.us/j/4350067882?pwd=ZGRjQ29VRVNnbXFEL3NOcHIOYzROZz09

o Meeting ID: 435 006 7882

Passcode: 595953

In Person Information Session

• Saturday 27th November 4pm

Gosford Presbyterian Church, 14 Young Street West, Gosford

Central Coast Conservatorium of Music

Phone: 0402 000 757



CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR 2022 Kindergarten Year Two *				
Headphones Painting shirt - clearly labelled Library bag	Library Bag Sturdy Plastic Document Wallet (for homework/notes/diary)	Library bag Paint shirt I Plastic Document Wallet (for		
Spare underwear and socks (labelled kept in backpack)	30cm ruler wooden or plastic not bendy Paint Shirt	homework/notes) Wind-up crayons		
Box of tissues Baby wipes	Tissues – I large box Roll of paper towel	Highlighters Pencil case		
6 Glue Sticks Scissors children/safety	é Glue Sticks Pencil Case	30cm ruler wooden or plastic (not bendy not metal)		
Document folder (Plastic envelope type as sold in Officeworks Kmart etc)	Scissors Pencil sharpener	Sharpener Scissors		
Pack of 5 whiteboard markers (individually labelled)	Wind up crayons and coloured pencils Packet of baby wipes	6 Glue large sticks Bostick Headphones/Ear buds		
Small pencil case for whiteboard markers Roll of Paper Towel Children will NOT need pencils, textas,	Headphones I packet highlighters 6 HB lead pencils	Tissues – I large box I pack Baby wipes to <u>he_used</u> for cleaning Eraser		
crayons & sharpeners	I set oil pastels I set water colours paints	Post it notes I set of water colour paints		
Everything clearly labelled with name	Set of Whiteboard markers	I set of oil pastels I set of whiteboard markers		
Year Three	Year Four	Year Five		
Library Bag I Plastic sturdy Note folder (homework	Library Bag Paint shirt	Library Bag I Display folders A4 size		
and note folder) 2 A4 display folders for classroom	2 Erasers 3 White Board Markers	Paint shirt with name on it SHB Lead Pencils		
Paint Shirt 2 packs square Post it notes	6 lead pencils (or more) 30cm ruler (not metal) Scissors	Pens – red., blue and black x 3 Pencil Case small		
A3 Art Diary Packet Whiteboard markers 5 HB Lead Pencils	5 Glue sticks	Coloured pencils 30cm ruler (not bendy) Scissors		
wind up crayons 2 Pencil Cases (1 large & 1 small)	Coloured pencils Windup crayons Tissue – one large box	5 Glue sticks - large Tissues – one large box		
I 30cm Ruler Scissors	Pens - red and blue (3 each) Pencil sharpener with catcher	Sharpener Windup crayons/coloured pencils		
Packet of Highlighters 4 large Bostik Glue sticks	2 Plastic document folders A4 Highlighters (4 colours)	Highlighter set I packet of Whiteboard Markers		
Pencil sharpeners	2 pkts Post-it notes 1 pkt of baby wipes to be used for cleaning	Roll paper towel Calculator		
2 large packets baby wipes Calculator	The Australian Integrated Primary Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus (for Year 3 to 6)	Protractor and compass 2 Packets of baby wipes to be used for		
2 green pens or purple pens I set of water colours	2 Display folders (ring bound with plastic sleeves) for Music (can use 2020 one if in good	cleaning The Australian Integrated Primary Oxford		
2 Erasers Headphones (over-ear) and suitable	condition) and class Headphones (in-ear or over-ear) and suitable	Dictionary and Thesaurus (for Year 3 to 6) I Document folder		
case/bag standard MP3 Jack Oil Pastels	case/bag standard MP3 Jack Oil Pastels	Headphones (in-ear or over-ear) and suitable case/bag standard MP3 Jack		
A4 display folder for music (can use 2020 one if in good condition)		Oil Pastels A4 display folder for music (can use 2020 one if in good condition)		
2 black art line pens 2 black thin sharpies		* Please label everything with your child's		
Library Bag		name		
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Coloured pencils/windup crayons Pens red and blue x 3	A 1/2 310 Z			
Pencil case Sharpener		E.		
30cm ruler Year Six Scissors		E		
Glue stick - 4 Tissues – one large box				
Paper Towel Paint shirt				
Highlighters A4 Art Diary				
Packet of baby wipes to be used for cleaning				
Document Folder Dictionary and Thesaurus Display folder				
(ring bound with plastic sleeves) for Music Headphones (in-ear or over-ear) and suitable case/bag standard MP3 Jack				
Please note: pencils, glue sticks, tissues and baby wipes will be collected and distributed as needed				