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St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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10 December 2021

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

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/

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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 have reached the end of another difficult year for everyone, although there are many things that we can be thankful for. There are many people we would like to thank:

- ♦ Father Greg, Father Paul and the parish for their support of the school
- ♦ The P & F for their support, fund raising and running the school canteen, and used uniform shop
- ♦ The parents for all their support and all their hard work, especially during HBL. For your understanding with the different restrictions imposed on us.
- ♦ The students for being such a great bunch of children; for their resilience during lockdown and adapting to the many changes.
- The teachers who are so dedicated and always work so hard; for being able to change and adapt your teaching at the drop of a hat; for being so flexible and doing everything you to support our students.
- ♦ The support staff our Learning Support people who have supported the students all year; our librarian, music teacher and Italian teacher for all that you do.
- The office ladies who always go out of their way to assist everyone students, parents and staff.

We are so very lucky to have such a wonderful community at St Patrick's and I am most grateful to be part of everything.

Year 6 students

This year we farewell 64 Year 6 students. We wish them every happiness as they begin the next chapter in their lives. Thank you for being such wonderful students and we will miss you all.

Leaving Families

We would to thank our many families who are leaving the school this year. We have loved having you as part of our community and you will be greatly missed. Thank you for all your support over the years.

End of Year and Closing Mass

Next week we will be at school until **Wednesday 15th December which is our last day**. The school will be closed on Thursday 16/12 and Friday 17/12. Vacation Care will be open.

Our final whole school mass will be on Tuesday 14th December at 10.30am. This mass will be outside on the Primary playground. Unfortunately, parents are not permitted to be on site during this mass.

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The 2022 School Captains and Colour House Captains will be announced at this mass. Students will be allowed to go home following mass at around 11.30 if parents wish to pick them up. They will need to be signed out through the office.

On Wednesday 15th December there will be minimum supervision for students. Our final formal lessons will finish on Monday 13th December.

StepUp Morning

Monday 13th December the students will meet their 2022 class teacher and the other students in their class for next year. This will happen from 9 – 10am and it is important for all students to be present.

Semester 2 Reports

The Semester 2 Reports will be available through compass later this afternoon for you to look through. If you have any questions about your child's Report please email the school so we can organise for the class teacher to contact you next week.

MAI

Parents will be able book their MAI's early next week. Keep an eye out on Compass for further information.

DANCE PERFORMANCES

Look out for the email with the password and link to access Dance Performance Videos

Important Dates for 2022

Friday January 28^{th:} Staff Development for the teachers – No school

Monday January 31st: MAI Assessments for Year 1 – 6 and Best Start for Kinder 2022

Tuesday 1st February: Year 1 – 6 commence school and Best Start for Kinder 2022

Wednesday 2nd February: Best Start for Kinder 2022

Thursday 3rd February: Kindergarten 2022 commence school

STAFFING

We will send home a Compass feed on Monday 13th December with all the teachers and class for 2022. Mr Tristan Pennings will be joining the staff next year to work with Ms Fiona Bolton. Ms Bolton will be out of class three days per week as part of her REC role and her work with the students who first language is not English.

Once again thank you everyone for your support this year. I hope next year is very different and more nor-

mal. I would to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you are able to celebrate Christmas with your family and friends.

May God Bless you all and keep you all safe

Kind regards

Cheryl Walsh



FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR FIONA BOLTON

Week 9

Be vigilant at all times: Luke 21

Each year, we begin the new liturgical year with a four-week celebration of Advent. The word Advent comes from **adventus**, a Latin word which means arrival, coming or presence of someone or some event. Advent is our season of beginning which focuses on waiting. The scripture reminds us to actively wait for the coming of the Lord as king at the end-time.

For many people, waiting is that place between where we are and where we want to be. We wait at the doctor's office. We wait in traffic. We wait in line at the coffee shop. We wait our turn. We

as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way.
May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.
Amen.

FROM CCCB'S BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE HOME AND FAMILY

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Archdiocese For The Home and Family

A prayer while lighting the Advent candle

#AdventTO

do not enjoy such a place. We want to move out of it and do something worthwhile. Advent reminds us to be patient as we wait on the Lord. In the meantime, we are encouraged to look back over our life to see how we have prepared a place for Christ to be born again in our lives and in the lives of those whom we love. We are watchful and alert! While we are waiting, come Lord Jesus!

Lat Sunday's Gospel from St Luke reminded us to be "vigilant at all times," to not let the anxieties of life cause us to become weary as we wait for the Lord's return. Let this season of Advent be a time of change and new beginnings, a time of looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of other people, and to the desire for a new world. Let it be a time of joy and a time of hope for each of us.

We pray during Advent that we may open our hearts in love and hope as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Thank you to all to all the students and families for your support this year. Thank you to Father Greg and Father Paul for your guidance and to the staff of St Patrick's who go above and beyond to provide rich learning environments for their students. You are inspirational.

Wishing you all, God's blessings during Christmas and a very peaceful New Year.

End of Year Mass

This Tuesday we celebrate the End of Year Mass at 10.30 on the Primary Playground thanking God for all the joys and challenges of 2021 as well as farewelling our wonderful Year 6 students. Unfortunately, parents and family are not able to attend due to Covid restrictions.

Mini Vinnies

Thank you for your generous donations to the St Vincent DePaul Christmas Hampers.

The school raised over \$400 and filled 8 baskets with hamper food to distribute to those in need.

Central Coast Discernment Project

Dear St Patrick's School Community - You might have heard about the 'Central Coast Project' happening across our diocese. Link to video outlining the project: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/pastoral-discernment-central-coast. The first step is at our School level with a 'listening journey' around particular themes: walking, sharing, listening, participating in mission, dialogue with others, and moving forward together. We have had Plenary Council parish gatherings with its discernment journey to the Australian Council of Bishops which will be moving forward with the Holy Spirit to 2023. This project is much more local in terms of the recommendations that will be shaped through our Pastoral Discernment submission. The project aligns with Bishop Anthony's six priorities for our Diocese and are outlined in his pastoral letter December 2020 - https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/bishop/pastoral-letter-jesus-christ-our-beginning-and-end.

The project will begin with listening and discernment within our School. Lee Sullivan and team extend an invitation to our community to listen to their thoughts about strategies for evangelisation, parish renewal and discipleship, ensuring a sustainable and thriving community, celebrating what we are doing well and what might the future look like for our Church on the Central Coast. Bishop Anthony is eagerly awaiting our thoughts, and we are invited to shape our Parish Submission, which is due by end March 2022. Watch this space for opportunities to get involved and share your thoughts during February and March 2022. I will outline with you over the coming weeks how we as a School Community will progress the plan for our submission. Please keep this work in your prayers.



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FROM OUR PARISH OFFICE

Dear Parishioners.

Over the last three years at St Patrick's Parish we have had opportunities to reflect on different themes which have been important for both our parish and our personal lives. Over the last twelve months we have celebrated a Year of Hope, and I think you would all agree that this was the perfect theme for us during the COVID-19 lockdowns. We all have had different hopes, but one of these (and I think the most important one) was to gather at our church to pray and worship God together. Keeping in mind all of the separation and difficulties we have faced over these past few months, together with Parish Pastoral Council I have decided that over the next year we will increase our focus on community. For this reason, today at St Patrick's Parish we will begin a Year of Community with the theme based on a verse from the bible: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Mt 18:20)



As Catholics we are a body of people, a community and a family who have a story, a history and a purpose, and who believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We share a common vision for life and seek to live in a spirit of love. We aren't just a social club, or a group of likeminded people, a welfare agency, or a spiritual fill-up station, but form a life-long relationship of love, alive in the Spirit of Christ. A people with a mission to proclaim Jesus to the world, sharing our life with others so that the world may believe and share our joy.

One person may lack in a certain area but when united, the Parish as the body of Christ is stronger. ... The unity and diversity within

"Your redemption is near at hand."

our parish enriches the Church community, equipping people in the Church for righteousness so as to glorify Christ and spread the news of His love and His salvation, both of which extend to all people.

During this Year of Community I would like to encourage you all to make even more effort to become involved in our community life, to make an extra effort to build new relationships and friendships within the parish. Or even to make extra effort to come to church every Sunday and attend other parish events.

Together with the parish staff and many amazing volunteers from the parish I will start some new projects and initiatives, and you are welcome to be a part of them too. This is to help make this year an opportunity for everyone who already comes to our church, and also for those who are still to make the choice to come, to feel more welcome, appreciated, and that they belong.

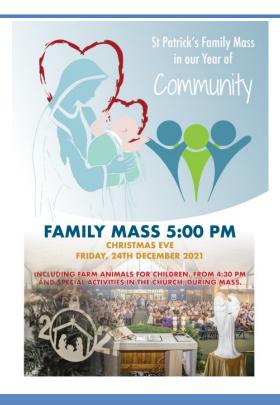
I would also like to focus your attention on three new committees I have created in the parish: they are the Community Dinner, Liturgy and Evangelisation committees. These will help us to build an even better and stronger community at St Patrick's and improve our liturgical celebrations, but also reach out to people in Gosford and the Central Coast area with the invitation and opportunity to reconnect with God, His Church, and our parish.

There are many different ways to develop relationships with others in our parish. Whether you are involved in a ministry team, small group, Bible study, or other group, we are called to develop close relationships with others so that we may encourage one another, pray for one another, build one another up, and hold one another accountable as followers of Christ. Don't run the Christian race alone. Let's run together as one community, one parish, one family and one body of Christ. Let's make this Year of Community a special time for everyone!

Yours in Christ

Fr Greg Skulski SDS, Parish Priest









GRADUATION MASS LINK https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmtRkKTbvBk



Samantha Metti
Outstanding Citizenship Awarded to
Isabella Austin



Congratulations to

Lily Talbot

On receiving the

Blessed Frederic Ozanam Award











FROM OUR SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR

Families of children making their Sacraments in 2022 should be advised that Confirmation will take place on **Sunday 29th May**, for candidates who have already been baptised. The Parent Information Evening is compulsory to attend and will be held at 7pm on **Tuesday 26th April** (the first day of Term 2!) Following that evening there will be four weeks of preparation classes with a choice of days and times so there will be something to suit all families.

For children who have already been confirmed, we are trying something new next year, combining the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in one preparation period, with 6 weeks of combined prep culminating in a rehearsal in the church and then a Reconciliation service on **Wednesday 14th September** at 6pm, followed by First Eucharist masses on **Sunday 18th September**. The Parent Information Evening for these Sacraments is compulsory to attend and will be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 27th July**.

Please put these dates in next year's diaries to avoid clashes, and more information on enrolment and preparation classes will be forthcoming early in 2022. Looking forward to welcoming you and your children to the Sacramental Program, or welcoming you back!

Fran Mathey, Sacramental Co-ordinator

FROM OUR TEACHER LIBRARIAN—MRS HARTZ

Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates came home this week. Congratulations to all the children who completed the challenge.

A SPECIAL congratulations to those children who received a Gold Certificate for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge 4 years consecutively – Isabelle, Stella, Jude, Emilia, Abigail, Isabella, and Victoria, all in Year 3 and those in Year 6 who received a Platinum Certificate for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge 7 years consecutively -Remi, Joanna and Xavier. Great Reading and Never Give Up Reading!

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this year. The children were very excited about writing their wish lists, it was like writing their wish list for Santa Claus and then when they came for their books or their books were delivered to the classrooms we felt a little like Santa giving them something they wanted. I hope all the children enjoy their books over the holidays.

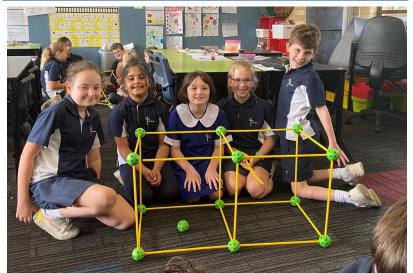
Thank you for all your support throughout the year encouraging your children to borrow and read, whether it was from the library or LARC or on Story Box Library during Home Based Learning, "Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible" Barack Obama.

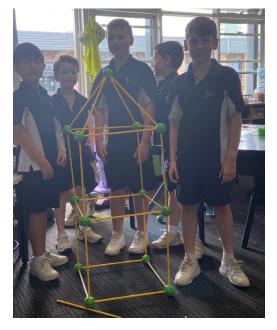
I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope that all our families enjoy this time together.

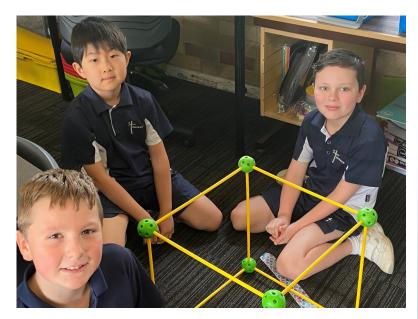


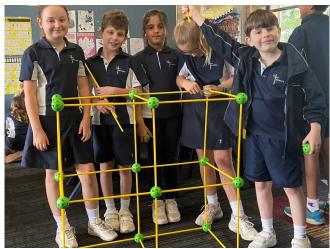


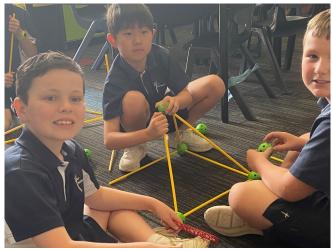
Year Three Blue have been investigating Three Dimensional Shapes













FROM OUR P & F COMMITTEE

Bingo Night

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



Christmas Raffle

Thank you to those who purchased tickets for our Christmas raffle We raised \$1,715 for playground equipment, thank you!!! Funds raised will go to purchasing new playground equipment for both the infants and primary side.

The Winners are:

1st Prize – **KOSCHEL FAMILY** Bike donated by One Agency

2nd Prize - **RAHKOLA FAMILY** Pearls on the beach \$200 Voucher

3rd Prize - VASSALLO FAMILY (Isabelle 5 B) \$100 Bunnings Voucher

4th Prize - **VOTANO FAMILY** \$50 Laser tag Voucher & a Monopoly Boardgame.

5th Prize - **GOTTARDO FAMILY** \$50 Terrigal Beach House Voucher.



All winners, please collect your prize from the front office before Wednesday 15th December.

<u>Canteen</u>

Thank you to all of those who volunteered in the Canteen this year. Keep an eye out during the school holidays for our Term 1 2022 Canteen Roster.



Canteen Mangers

Sarah Jimenez and Karen Phillips will be our new canteen managers next year.

The P & F Committee would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year. See you in 2022



CANTEEN ITEMS ON SALE BETWEEN 2-4PM ON MONDAY

ONLY QKR! PURCHASES

Frozen pies, sausage rolls, home made meals and chill j drinks will be available to be purchase by parents on Monday 13th between 2:00 and 2:40 Items to be paid via qkr,

no cash, sorry

MUSIC

Did you know? Our school offers students in years 3 and above the opportunity to learn guitar at school as part of the Conservatorium's school music program.

Guitar lessons are offered in small groups, making it an excellent opportunity for students to learn guitar in a fun, engaging and affordable way.

Find out more on the Conservatorium's website - https://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program/quitar-program/ - or call on 02 4324 7477.





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.



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Uniform Fitting Information



Welcome to St Patrick's Catholic Primary School. We look forward to meeting you for your uniform fitting.

All new students are required to book a fitting appointment during Term 4. Wewould encourage you to schedule your appointment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Appointments will be

Online Shopping is available 24/7 through our website. Determine your size before ordering by using the size charts and size videos available on our website. Orders are available for collection or home delivery despatch during the Uniform Shop's opening hours.



Visit www.alintaappareLcom.au



To book your fitting appointment, sign into your account and select 'Appointment' or contact the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

To cancel or reschedule your appointment, sign into your account and go to 'My Account then'Appointments Calendar!



Regular and Extended Trading Hours

Sign in to your account and select "Home!.
The Uniform Shop will be open extended hours for uniform fittings during Term 4 and



Uniform fittings take place in the Uniform Shop located on the School Campus. If COVID restrictions are in place preventing a School Campus Fitting, your appointment will change to a Phone Call Fitting.



Flexible Payments & Policies

Cash, Credit Card and Layby (available with a 20% deposit). For policy on returns and exchanges, sign into your account and select 'Home!



Custom Sizing Available

Any student that may require custom sizing is required to be fitted and an order placed by October. Please call the shop phone number to arrange an appointment



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The below hours are the uniform shop open hours for January/ **February:**

Jan 18 - 8.30-10.30am

Jan 25 - 8.30-10.30am

Jan 28 - 2-4pm

Feb 1 - 8.30 - 10.30am

Feb 4 - 2-4pm



Found on the bridge contact the office

Lost item – Jonah 1B has lost his formal hat





BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

6.30am - 9.00am

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

3.00pm - 6.00pm

VACATION CARE

7.30am - 6.00pm

Our passionate team of educators strive to create a space where children feel welcome and encouraged to experiment and grow. We provide a range of activities so that each child can engage in their interests including sports and active play, imaginative play, music, art and craft, games ... and much more!

We pride ourselves on knowing the children that we care for and tailor our program around their interests so if there's something that the children want to explore, we try to facilitate that opportunity. Central to this is creating strong relationships with the children.

We focus on getting to know each child, their interests and hobbies, so that we can provide the best possible care and the children feel comfortable.

We know that OSHC is a priority for working families. Our goal is to have the children love coming here due to our fantastic program and caring educators.

MORE INFO & BOOKINGS

St Patrick's Catholic School Cnr Melbourne & York Streets, East Gosford P: 0408 165 671 or (02) 4323 4819 E: oshc.eastgosford@catholiccaredbb.org.au W: www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/oshc CLASS REQUIREMENTS FOR 2022

Kindergarten

Headphones

Painting shirt - clearly labelled

Library bag

Spare underwear and socks (labelled kept

in backpack)

Box of tissues Baby wipes

6 Glue Sticks

Scissors children/safety

Document folder (Plastic envelope type as sold in Officeworks Kmart etc)

Pack of 5 whiteboard (individually labelled)

Small pencil case for whiteboard markers Roll of Paper Towel

Children will NOT need pencils, textas, crayons & sharpeners

Everything clearly labelled with name

Library Bag Sturdy Plastic Wallet homework/notes/diary)

30cm ruler wooden or plastic not bendy

Paint Shirt

Tissues - I large box Roll of paper towel

6 Glue Sticks

Pencil Case

Scissors

Pencil sharpener

Wind up crayons and coloured pencils

Packet of baby wipes

Headphones

packet highlighters

6 HB lead pencils

I set oil pastels

I set water colours paints

Set of Whiteboard markers

Year Two *

Library bag Paint shirt

Plastic Document Wallet (for

homework/notes)

Wind-up crayons Highlighters

Pencil case

30cm ruler wooden or plastic (not bendy not

metal) Sharpener Scissors

6 Glue large sticks Bostick

Headphones/Ear buds

Tissues - I large box I pack Baby wipes to he used for cleaning

Eraser

Post it notes

I set of water colour paints

I set of oil pastels

I set of whiteboard markers

Year Three

Library Bag I Plastic sturdy Note folder (homework

and note folder)

2 A4 display folders for classroom

Paint Shirt

2 packs square Post it notes

A3 Art Diary

Packet Whiteboard markers

5 HB Lead Pencils

wind up crayons 2 Pencil Cases (I large & I small)

I 30cm Ruler

Scissors

Packet of Highlighters

4 large Bostik Glue sticks

Pencil sharpeners

Textas 2 large packets baby wipes

Calculator

2 green pens or purple pens

I set of water colours

2 Erasers

Headphones (over-ear) and suitable

case/bag standard MP3 Jack

Oil Pastels

A4 display folder for music (can use 2020

one if in good condition)

2 black art line pens

2 black thin sharpies

Year Four

Library Bag Paint shirt

3 White Board Markers

6 lead pencils (or more)

30cm ruler (not metal)

Scissors

5 Glue sticks

Coloured pencils

Windup crayons

Tissue – one large box

Pens - red and blue (3 each)

Pencil sharpener with catcher

2 Plastic document folders A4

Highlighters (4 colours)

2 pkts Post-it notes

I pkt of baby wipes to be used for cleaning

The Australian Integrated Primary

Dictionary and Thesaurus (for Year 3 to 6) 2 Display folders (ring bound with plastic sleeves) for Music (can use 2020 one if in good

condition) and class Headphones (in-ear or over-ear) and suitable case/bag standard MP3 Jack

Oil Pastels

Library Bag

I Display folders A4 size

Paint shirt with name on it

5HB Lead Pencils

Pens - red, blue and black x 3

Pencil Case small Coloured pencils

30cm ruler (not bendy)

Scissors

5 Glue sticks - large

Tissues – one large box

Sharpener

Windup crayons/coloured pencils

Highlighter set

I packet of Whiteboard Markers

Roll paper towel

Calculator

Protractor and compass

2 Packets of baby wipes to be used for

cleaning

The Australian Integrated Primary Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus (for Year 3 to 6)

I Document folder

Headphones (in-ear or over-ear) and suitable case/bag standard MP3 Jack

Oil Pastels

A4 display folder for music (can use 2020 one

if in good condition)

Library Bag Protractor and compass

5 HB lead pencils
Coloured pencils/windup crayons
Pens red and blue x 3

Pencil case

Sharpener 30cm ruler

Scissors

Glue stick - 4

Tissues – one large box Paner Towel

Paint shirt Highlighters

A4 Art Dia Packet of baby wipes to be used for

Year Six

cleaning

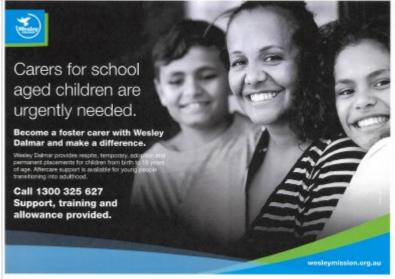
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Please note: pencils, glue sticks, tissues and baby wipes will be collected and distributed as needed







+Fun for all ages and abilities +Learn ball skills

+Learn ball skills and stay active

+All girls groups where possible

+Coached by our trained Cricket NSW staff

Sydney Sixers Holiday Program - Central Coast



Date: Thursday 13th + Friday 14th January **Time:** 9am - 12pm each morning **Location:** Adcock Park, Gosford **Who:** Boys and girls groups

Ages: 5-11

Inclusions: 6 hrs of fun + blast participant pack

Cost: \$69

Register today: https://www.playhq.com/cricket -australia/register/6f9ec7

Contact
Matt 0478 285 757
Paige 0478 285 758



