



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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**16 September 2022**

## Family Mass

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

## P & F Meeting

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 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.

## 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 cannot believe that we are already at the end of the term with only one week to go. There are still quite a few things happening before we finish. One of the most important is the completion of the Sacramental Programs of First Reconciliation and First Communion. The students who have been preparing for these two sacraments over the past few weeks, made their first reconciliation on Wednesday night. I have heard that the service was a very special one, as Father Greg had organised the Dominican Sisters to assist on the night.

On Sunday these children will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9.30 or 11.30 am mass. I am sure this will also be a very special experience for the children.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to congratulate all the children who have or will receive these sacraments this week.

## **CBGA Grant for the Building Project at St Patrick's**

We have another meeting next week about the proposed building project at St Patrick's. As previously informed, this is an exciting time for the community as changes are made to the location of the school to one side, the Victoria Street Campus. From 2023 Year 2 students (the current Year 1 students) will be located on the Primary Campus in rooms that will need to be renovated to accommodate them.

I will have more details about the project next week after the meeting and will organise a parent meeting early next term.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Jemma-Jade Smith and Tommy Stitt who competed last night at the Diocesan Public Speaking Final.

There were 12 students from various schools within the Diocese competing in the final. The students presented their prepared speech and then had 10 minutes to prepare an Impromptu Speech. Both students did exceptionally well last night.

Tommy was awarded first place in the competition.

**Congratulations and well done Tommy!!**



Tommy and Jemma-Jade with  
Director of School Mr Danny Casey  
who adjudicated on the night

## **Safeguarding Month**

September is Safeguarding month and this week the staff participated in a professional learning session. One of the purposes of this session was to develop a school safeguarding smart goal. While we will be tweaking ours over the next few days, our goal is:

*"Together, we will endeavour to always provide a safe environment where we will listen, act and protect the community of St Patrick's with compassion and transparency".*

## Classes for 2023

At the beginning of next term we will begin to commence placing children in their classes for next year. Although I have asked this question in each newsletter for the past few months, it is important for parents to:

- Inform the school if their child is not returning to St Patricks in 2023 as this does have a very big impact on organising classes.
- Discuss with us any requests you may have for your child's class in 2023. While I can not promise any requests, as always, we will try to accommodate these.

Could I ask that this information and possibly reasons for this, are sent via an email to myself through the office [speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

## Parents approaching other parents/children

In the last newsletter I spoke about parents not approaching another child about something that has happened at school. The same applies to a parent approaching another parent about something that has happened at school. In both circumstances it is not 'ok' to approach another child or another parent for that matter over something that has happened at school.

Can I ask parents to please contact the school, tell us what has happened or your concerns and we will definitely investigate and make contact with those necessary about an incident. We always take your concerns seriously and your child's welfare is very important to us, but also please remember that especially with our infants children, they are only little.

## Congratulations to:

- Cara E who competed at the Polding Athletics last week.
- Cooper St who was chosen in the Polding Baseball team and competed recently
- Nathana S who has been chosen for the Polding Cricket Team
- Sophie W who has been successful in making the Polding Team for Girls Softball

## Long Service Leave

I will be taking Week 1 of next term as LSL and Mr Franklin will be Acting Principal while I am away. Then Mr Franklin is taking LSL from Week 2 until the end of Week 5.

Ms Fiona Bolton will be Acting Assistant Principal and Mr Lee Sullivan will be Acting REC for the 5 weeks

## Assembly Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Don't forget we have our final assembly for the term next Friday commencing at 9am on the Primary Playground. Principal Awards will be given out as will the Public Speaking Awards.

## Installation of the relic of ST John Paul II

St Patrick's is very privileged to become known as St Patrick's, Shine to St John Paul II at the installation of his relic in our parish on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending or assisting on the day.

## Sausage Sizzles next term

We thought it would be nice to come together as a Stage next term to celebrate being back together again and to also provide an opportunity for families to gather. We have planned a number of sausage sizzles for next term and while more information will be sent out later, please keep these dates in mind:

- ♦ Kindergarten – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- ♦ Years 1 and 2 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- ♦ Years 3 and 4 – Friday 11 November
- ♦ Years 5 and 6 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you once again for your continued support

**Cheryl Walsh**

A REMINDER THAT STUDENTS RETURN IN  
THEIR SUMMER UNIFORMS FOR TERM 4.

Alinta Apparel Uniform shop will be open on  
Tuesday 20/9 at 8.30—10.30am

Second Hand Uniform Shop will open on  
Monday 19/9 at 2pm (Thank you Mehana for  
opening especially for us, the last one for the term)



# FROM FIONA BOLTON OUR REC

***"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other,  
or be devoted to one and despise the other.***

***You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).***

***"Luke 16:13 Luke 16:13***



In Sunday's gospel it speaks of how you use your money and possessions.

Why did Jesus talk most about money in his parables? Why does talking about money make us so uncomfortable?

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

The greatest competition Jesus has for your heart is money and possessions. Money is a spiritual issue because your heart follows your money. Jesus knows that we can grow so attached to money and possessions that we become detached from him. Jesus doesn't want your money, he wants your heart.

***Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase,  
through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."***



## Reconciliation

Congratulations and blessings to all the children who made their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. We encourage you to continue the practice of seeking God's love, mercy and forgiveness through Reconciliation. Thank you so much to Father Greg and Francis Mathey and all her Sacramental Team who volunteered their time to prepare the children.

## First Eucharist

Let us pray for those students in our school and parish community who are journeying towards this encounter with Jesus himself through First Eucharist. These children will receive this sacrament this Sunday at 9.30 mass and 11.30 mass. Please keep them in your prayers.



Thanks once again to Father Greg and Francis Mathey and all her Sacramental Team who volunteered their time to prepare the children.

## Class Liturgies

Next week many classes will be celebrating a class liturgy as a culmination of their Religious Education Unit this term. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Below are the times.

Grade	Date/time	Location
Kinder	21/9/22 8:50am	Kinder Classrooms
Year 1	Thursday 15/9/22 12:30pm	Church Lawn (depending on availability- alternatively, on the Infants playground.)
Year 2	Monday 19/9 2:00pm	Infants Playground
Year 3	Wednesday 21/9/22 - 2pm	Hall
Year 4	20/9 @ 2pm	LARC
Year 5	TBC	
Year 6	Tuesday 20/9 @ 2pm	Classroom

## From the Mrs Hartz—Library and LARC (Learning and Resource Centre

### **Book Week**

After finalising our Book Fair we are excited to announce that the school made \$2400 in commission from the Scholastic Book Fair.

We will use the commission towards the purchase of up to date reading books for all the children of St Patrick's to borrow from the library and LARC. Thank you for all your support.

All re-orders have been sent home please let Mrs Hartz know if you have not received a re-order.

Thank you also to the families who donated books from the fair to the library:

Lees family from kindergarten, Selim family from Year 4 and the Leete and Hermann family from Year 6.

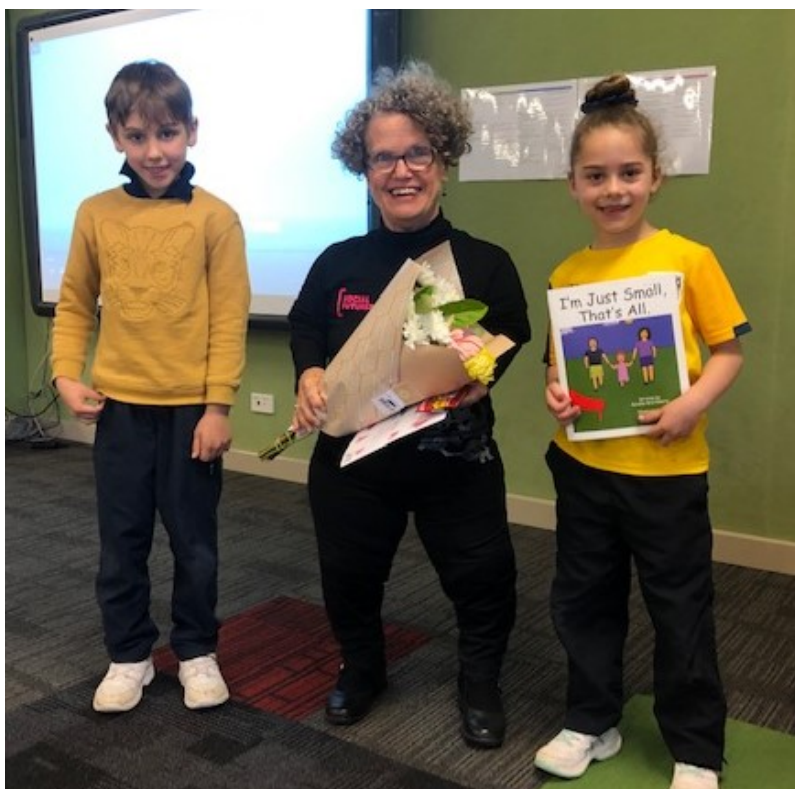
### **Book Covering**

Next week I will be sending home more books to those families who have volunteered to cover books. These can be returned to school after the holidays.

## **Thank you to these wonderful volunteers.**

## **DIFFERENT ON THE OUTSIDE, SAME ON THE INSIDE**

Maree came to visit Year 5 & Year 1 during Well-being Week.  
Her talk, "Different on the outside, same on the inside"  
was very empowering and educational for the children.





## SAFEGUARDING MONTH

### MY FAMILY DRAWING COMPETITION

As part of Safeguarding Month, students at our primary schools are invited to participate in a weekly competition drawing their families and each week the winner wins their entire class Zooper Doopers!

To enter, simply tag your child's drawing in our competition at [#2022safeguardingfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/2022safeguardingfamilies),

CSBB will be judging the entries! See the entry form [here](#).



**SAFEGUARDING MONTH families**  
SEPTEMBER 2022

**MY FAMILY DRAWING COMPETITION**

This month we celebrate the important role families play in keeping children safe when they have a strong sense of belonging and connection to family.

Upload your finished artwork to Facebook and tag your drawing **#2022SAFEGUARDINGFAMILIES**

**WIN A PRIZE FOR YOUR WHOLE CLASS!**  
1 winner each week during September

**FOLLOW ALONG FOR THE WINNER**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Broken Bay**



**ST PATRICK'S**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
QUEEN'S MEMORIAL DAY**

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**NEXT THURSDAY  
22 SEPTEMBER 2022**

## HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

Please let us know if you have changed any family details new phone number or address updates.



# "I learn and let others learn"



## CONGRATULATIONS!!





## Year 5 & 6 off to the Gala Netball Day at Wyong

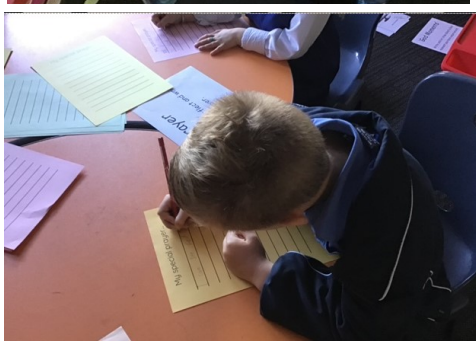
What a beautiful fun day!





## WELLBEING WEEK and RUOK? DAY

The children enjoyed reflecting on what they're grateful for in our prayer space during well-being last week. We have so much to be grateful for at St. Patrick's.



# RUOK?™

A conversation could change a life.





## FROM OUR ST PATRICK'S P & F

### **Bingo Night — Saturday 5th November 2022**

Bingo night is on

- Saturday 5th November 2022.
- 6pm arrival for 6.30pm start.
- Erina Leagues Club.
- Tickets are \$15 and are now on sale on QKR. 1
- 00 tickets can only be sold.
- Grab your friends for a good night out and book at table of 8.
- Great prizes to be won.



### **P & F Meeting**

Our next P & F Meeting is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the LARC. We look forward to seeing our regulars and we welcome any new parents and/or carers who would like to take part.

### **Footy Meal Day**

The kids enjoyed their footy meal deal day yesterday. Thank you to Suzanne, Lisa, Bianca, Lorraine and Karen for your help in the canteen.

### **School Disco**

Our school disco will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6.30-8pm. Further details will be given closer to the date.



### **Gingerbread House Kits**



Gingerbread House kits will be available to purchase.

Keep an eye out for Compass in October.

# VACATION CARE SEPTEMBER 2022

St Patrick's Catholic School, East Gosford

7.30am – 6.00pm

P: 0408 750 376 | E: oshc.eastgosford@catholiccaredbb.org.au

*CatholicCare*  
Diocese of Broken Bay

				
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>26 SEPT</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>27 SEPT</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>28 SEPT</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>29 SEPT</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>30 SEPT</b>
<b>PARK/SAUSAGE SIZZLE</b>	<b>WHEELS DAY</b>	<b>COMMUNITY OSHC DAY</b>	<b>OSHC OLYMPICS ROUND 2</b>	<b>ROUNABOUT CIRCUS</b>
Join us for an excursion within our local community! We will be walking to Elizabeth Ross Park and enjoying a sausage sizzle lunch today.	Bring your bikes, scooters, skates and boards for a day of wheely good fun! Don't forget – no helmet, no ride.	Come join our fabulous Indigenous themed carnival at Woy Woy OSHC. See a smoking ceremony in action, be part of a Welcome to Country and immerse yourself in Aboriginal culture. There will be lots to do including inflatable fun and other games!	OSHC Olympics is back by popular demand! Compete in teams against your friends to see who is the fastest, strongest and best of the best!	Hula hooping, juggling, and clowning around - come and learn circus skills. We will finish with a circus show performed by you!
<b>\$ EXCURSION</b> <b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$ INCENTRE</b> <b>\$63.00</b>	<b>\$ EXCURSION</b> <b>\$89.00</b>	<b>\$ INCENTRE</b> <b>\$63.00</b>	<b>\$ EXCURSION</b> <b>\$79.00</b>

## SAFEGUARDING MONTH *families*

SEPTEMBER 2022



CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF  
BROKEN BAY

### BUILDING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS IN EVERY FAMILY

The Diocese of Broken Bay promotes awareness of Safeguarding each September.

We invite all families to share with us your experiences of how you connect as a family in the form of a story, a video or a photo during Safeguarding Month of September.

Some suggestions might include exercising together, bushwalking, baking or play a game.

Scan for  
more  
activity  
ideas



[bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family](http://bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/engaging-with-your-family)

The most creative and inspirational entries will be showcased on our Diocesan Safeguarding Month webpage.



SCAN  
TO  
ENTER



Entries will be open September 1 to September 30.

\*Submission of entries will be taken as consent to share  
[bbcatholic.org.au/safeguardingmonth2022](http://bbcatholic.org.au/safeguardingmonth2022)

### Lost

Jonah Black 2B has had a Central Coast Council library book go missing. It went to school with him but he was collected sick from school that day and the book didn't come home with him.

The book is Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan.

### FOUND

A phone has been  
handed into the office.

And a set of keys have been found  
Please contact the office on 4325 1159 if  
you are missing these items.



Go4Fun  
Central Coast Local Health District

## FREE healthy lifestyle program



10-week program for 7 to 13-year-old kids and their families\*  
Go for healthy eating advice, active games and positive changes for the whole family. Most importantly, go for fun!  
\*contact us to see if it will suit your family



Register now: call 1800 780 900 or  
visit [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)



FUN | AFTERNOON TEA | FRIENDS | FAITH



# PADDIES YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 3 & 4

3PM - 4:30PM  
IN SCHOOL  
HALL

RUN BY THE YOUTH TEAM  
ST PATRICK'S PARISH

CONTACT COORDINATOR  
JAIMI ANDREWS FOR MORE  
INFO [A7] 0452 480 112

TERM 3 DATES:  
24.08.22  
7.10.22  
21.10.22



Free family  
fun at the  
Parliament  
of NSW

Friday  
7 October  
10am to 3pm

FREE  
ENTRY



### Cartooning workshop

Draw people and objects with the award-winning  
illustrator and cartoonist Eric Lobbecke.  
Every half hour from 11:00am, finishing at 2:00pm

### Vote for me!

Learn how to vote with the NSW Electoral Commission.  
Every half hour from 10:00am

### Mock Committee Hearing

Have your say as a participant in our committee hearings.  
Every half hour from 10:00am

Visit us at Australia's oldest Parliament as it opens its doors for  
**Family Fun Day**, an open day packed with free, fun activities  
for children from 4 to 12 years and their families. In addition to  
the above, there will be many activities on offer for families to  
enjoy, including craft, tours of our historic chambers, roving  
musicians and more...! (You might even get to meet some  
very important people.)

\$4  
Democracy  
Sausage

AUSLAN  
interpreters  
available

The  
Public Café  
open



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