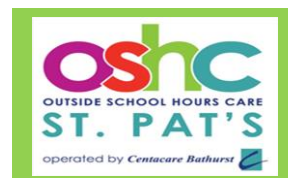




ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LITHGOW

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DIARY DATES

POSTPONED

Kinder 2021 Parent Information Evening
at 7pm in Kindergarten classrooms

Wednesday 23rd September 2020
NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Friday 25th September 2020
Last day of Term 3

Monday 12th October 2020
School resumes – first day of Term 4



PRE-KINDY DROP OFF/PICK UP AND PARKING REMINDER

Parents are reminded to bring Pre-Kinder students to the front gate (green gate on Lithgow Street) no earlier than 8.50am. Parking along Lithgow Street is limited so it is recommended that parents park in the Coles Carpark and walk their children over via our school crossing. Parents are asked to be waiting outside the front gate at 2:45pm sharp for pick up.

Please DO NOT park in the school bus zone!

Your cooperation to this matter is greatly appreciated!

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Kindy 2021 Enrolment

Please phone our school office on 6351 3719 to arrange an appointment with our Principal or to pick up an enrolment pack.

Start your child's K-12 experience



"Never see a need without trying to do something about it"

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

COVID-19:

Please note the following still applies:

- Parents are reminded that they **must keep their child at home if they are demonstrating flu-like symptoms, ie: sore throat, runny nose, fever, sneezing, coughing, headache, etc.**
- Students demonstrating flu-like symptoms at school **will be sent home.**
- Children who have been absent or sent home due to flu-like symptoms **must be tested for COVID-19.**
- Students cannot return to school following an absence due to flu-like symptom until they have received a negative COVID test result and the school has been provided with a copy of the negative result before the student can return to school (please screenshot the test result and email to stpatlithgow@bth.catholic.edu.au) before student returns to school.
- If a student has a family member or close contact being tested for COVID-19, they cannot return to school until the negative test result has returned and the school sights the negative test result.



When students are absent from school, parents are reminded to also complete an absent note via Compass and clearly explain the reason for the absence. If an explanation for an absence is not provided or the reason for the absence not clearly stated, teachers may need to follow-up with parents for clarification before students are able to return to the classroom.

Please remember that we still need to be extremely vigilant and families are asked to exercise extreme caution if they are travelling outside the Lithgow area over the weekends.

Social/Emotional Focus:

Last week Mrs Dunleavy spoke with the students around the issues of student privacy and the importance of not getting caught up in 'gossip'. Mrs Dunleavy and classroom teachers will continue to talk about and reinforce this. The focus for this week and next week will be on not getting caught up in 'drama'. Often children, and adults, can get caught up in the drama of a situation, especially when there is conflict. Drama refers to the excitement of a situation. When we get caught up in drama we can start to engage in 'gossip' and start talking about what we think we know about a situation. When this happens the story almost always gets muddled up because getting caught up in drama can make people exaggerate and add bits to the story. When we get caught up in drama we can get carried away and forget about the feelings of others.

Below is a summary of the social/emotional focus areas. It would be wonderful if parents talked about these focus areas so that our children can see that we are all working together to guide them in their social development. This table is a great one to have on the fridge at home so that parents and children can continue to refer to it.

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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



St Patrick's School - Social/Emotional Focus Areas:

Lesson Area:	Skill:	Main Ideas	What we want our children to remember:
Privacy	Respecting the privacy of others by not talking about what other students are doing at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Everyone has the right to privacy at school * Information about a student's academic and social activity at school is private information * Talking about what other children do at school can be a breach of their privacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Everyone has the right to privacy at school * I can talk about my business but not other people's business
Gossip	Recognising when people are gossiping and not engaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When people are talking about things they didn't see for themselves, they are engaging in gossip. * Engaging in gossip can be a breach of someone's privacy * Engaging in gossip is unfair on the person that you are talking about * Problems at school can be complex and it often takes the teachers a long time to get to the truth so we cannot possibly comment on a situation if we haven't been involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Gossip is talking about something or someone when you do not know all of the facts * Gossiping about others is a breach of their privacy * Gossiping about others is not fair
Drama	Recognising drama and not getting caught up in it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * People can get excited when talking about something they have heard about - especially if there has been a conflict. * When people get caught up in drama they can start 'gossiping' * When people get caught up in drama it can make a problem bigger and worse * The best people to help us sort out big problems are the teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * When we face a big problem we need the adults to help us so that we don't get caught up in drama * Drama makes problems bigger and worse * I am responsible when I don't get involved in drama

Thank you! We thank the Yr 6 Teachers, Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Ticehurst for making this week special for our Yr 6 students. It was very sad and unfortunate that we had to cancel our Year 6 Camp, but Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Ticehurst planned special activities throughout the week linked to some of the Canberra activities to ensure that the children still had a connection to the experience. We also thank the Yr 6 students who have been incredibly resilient and mature in the way they have taken the news of the cancellation. We are very proud of you!



Road Safety: Parents and carers picking students up after school are reminded to please prioritise the safety of our children by using the crossings. Not using the crossings puts the safety of our students at risk. Your cooperation on this matter is expected and appreciated.

School Review: Mr Warren Loy will be at school next Friday 18th September to present the completed Review Report to the Leadership Team. Part of this feedback will be a report to parents which will also be distributed.



RUOK Day: Yesterday it was great to see all of our students wearing a 'touch of yellow' for RUOK Day. It is important to raise awareness of the importance of checking in with each other regularly. Asking someone if they are OK or a simple "how are you going?" can make all the difference to someone's day and maybe even their life.

Mrs Dunleavy, Mrs Marshall and Miss Toole –
St Pat's Leadership Team



JORJA PENDER - 6S

For her mature and responsible attitude towards her work and for her beautiful manners.

DANIELLA TAOUK - 6T

For her outstanding effort in class and for always offering to assist others.

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

ST PATRICK'S

5pm - (April – September)
6pm - (October – March)

SUNDAY

ST PATRICK'S

10am

Children's Liturgy is held during school term.

ALTAR SERVERS

FOR THIS WEEK:

ST PATRICK'S VIGIL

Contact Presbytery for new details

SUNDAY

Contact Presbytery for new details

Sunday Mass is also available at St Vincent's Portland and Sacred Heart Church Wallerawang. For more details see the Lithgow Parish website and the Portland Parish website.

UNIFORM SHOP

*****OUR UNIFORM SHOP IS CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*****

Please take advantage of using the Uniform Shop order form which can be downloaded from our school website and sent in to the school via the school email: stpat@lithgow.bth.catholic.edu.au

Arrangements can then be made for the orders to be filled and collected from the front office during school office hours.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of Canteen helpers for Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays. If you have a spare couple of hours and can help out, please contact the school office. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

ST PAT'S OSHC

St Pat's After School Hours Care is conveniently located within the school grounds in the Mary MacKillop Hall and is open from 3pm – 6pm Monday to Friday. We are qualified local educators who offer program activities that are play based and suit the interests of the children.

Did you know that the fee could be as little as \$10? This includes afternoon tea and all the fun and adventure that your child can handle!

New enrolments are very welcome – see our Facebook page for details or phone Leanne on 0491 149 376.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9 - Term 3 2020

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:



WE THE ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGE THE WIRADJURI PEOPLE THE ORIGINAL CARETAKERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH OUR SCHOOL IS BUILT.