



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LITHGOW

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

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## DIARY DATES

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
School resumes – Term 4

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
St Paddy's Playgroup 10am – 12pm  
Year 6 Retreat Day – Mary MacKillop Place

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
P&F Meeting - 7pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
Parent Meet & Greet

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
Year 6 Cake Stall fundraiser

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**  
All Saints Mass - 9.30am

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
"Brilliant at being resilient" Performance K-6

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**  
Grandparents Mass – 9.30am

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
Year 6 – La Salle Orientation Day

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**  
Year 6 Ice Cream Stall fundraiser

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
Carol's Night

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
School Disco

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
Prizegiving - 9.30am

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
Graduation Mass at 9.30am - Church

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Well to say that this term has flown is an absolute understatement. All of the staff and students have achieved so much during this time and I am ever so proud of all of the hard work that has occurred here at St Pat's over the last 10 weeks. I have had the pleasure of looking at some of the end of term reading data and I am absolutely thrilled with the progress that we are seeing, particularly in the Infants grades where they are implementing research-based programs and practices that are resulting in significant gains. Our teachers were able to analyse the Student Learning Survey data this week. This data provided great insight for the teachers into how the classroom learning environments are working for the students and what they can do to enhance learning from the students' perspective. The student comments were very thoughtful and reflected great insight into what students need in order to learn effectively. It was very pleasing to see that what the students were reporting in terms of the kinds of conditions they need to learn aligns beautifully with all of the routines and strategies that we are implementing across the school. You can learn more about our Student Engagement Project at our Parent Meet and Greet on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – time to be confirmed.

Earlier this week we had a Diocesan team visit the school for a WHS Audit. Overall the team were very impressed with WHS in the school and gave us great feedback on how we can improve. Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Nicole Goldspink who does an amazing job with all of the WHS paperwork, procedures and policies – the team were very impressed with work Nicole has been doing. Our school-based WHS team consists of Mrs Goldspink, Mr Jackson and myself, and we meet regularly to ensure the safety of everyone at St Patrick's School.

Thank you to Miss Toole for organising the Reconciliation Parent Meeting on Monday night and Mr Matheson, Mrs Edgell and Mrs Marshall for assisting. A huge thank you also goes to Miss Wilson for organising the Woolworths Cricket and Touch Gala Days that were enjoyed by so many of our students this week. Thank you to Ms Mart & Ms McManus for organising the Year 3 excursion and to Miss Toole & Mr Matheson for running the goal-kicking competition for Footy Colours Day.

It is my absolute pleasure to announce that Miss Cassandra Toole has been successful in her application for the position of Religious Education Coordinator and will assume this role in a permanent capacity from 2020. We are thrilled to be retaining Miss Toole in this role and thank her for the incredible work she continues to do as a teacher, REC and Leadership Team member. Congratulations Miss Toole!

I am also very pleased to announce that the Pre-Kinder program will continue next year. The Leadership Team will implement a few changes to the program next year, particularly around obligation to enrol. We will keep parents updated as to the changes. We thank the Catholic Education Office Diocese of Bathurst for funding this program through Director's Discretion funding. This is a fund that allows schools to implement special programs to enhance their schools, with costs covered by CEDB.

Finally, I would like to thank the students and staff for all of their hard work throughout this term. It has been a big transition and we have all been very busy in focusing on how we can improve our school environment, practices and procedures in order to enhance student learning. I cannot thank the teachers enough for welcoming this transition in leadership so openly and for their enthusiasm in striving for excellence. At the same time, I thank you the parents for welcoming our new Leadership Team and supporting us in our vision for the school. Don't forget to mark next term's Parent Meet and Greet on your calendar so that you can come along and learn more about our vision for St Pat's.

Have a very safe and happy holiday everyone!!

*Mrs Renae Dunleavy*

## FROM THE REC

**Monday Morning Prayer:** Thank you to Year Two for a special prayer service this week. Please join with Year Three on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October (Week 2)** at 9am, who will be leading our morning prayer for this week in the **Assembly Area** not the Mary MacKillop Hall.

**Reconciliation Enrolment Mass:** Enrolment Masses for Year 2 Reconciliation Candidates will be this weekend- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm or Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. Candidates must attend one of the Masses to hand in their enrolment forms, which were handed out at the Parent Meeting during the week. If you are unable to attend either Mass on the weekend, please contact Miss Toole first week back at school.

**Reconciliation Preparation Groups:** Reconciliation Preparation Groups will commence the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Week 3) and will run for four weeks. If you have not signed up for Preparation Groups and you wish for your child to make their Reconciliation, please contact Miss Toole first week back at school.

**Footy Colours Day:** Thank you to everyone for their generous support towards this day, raising much needed funds for kids with cancer.

**Happy Holidays:** What a great Term 3! Wishing all staff, students and families a safe and happy holiday.



*Miss Cassie Toole*

# AP REPORT

## School Wide Positive Behaviours for Learning:

Congratulations to the following students who received 'BEEn spotted' awards for being safe this week.

Kinder	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Benjamin	Indi	Jadon Gwen	Kadi Beau H	Joseph Maddi C Marni Maddie H	Joshua Yvette	Richard Holly Elizabeth Dylan

Term 4 Week 1 focus is:

**BE RESPECTFUL:** I am respectful when I take pride in myself and my school"



**Term 4:** Students return to school on Monday 14th October to begin Term 4. Students will wear their Summer school uniforms in Term 4 and must remember to bring their school hats for the playground. We also encourage all of our students to bring a water bottle to school with them each day, especially during the hotter months.

**Absence notes through Compass App:** Thank you to those families who have been submitting absence notes through the Compass App, it is very much appreciated.

**Week 10 at St Pat's:** We have certainly finished Term 3 off with a bang! This week our Primary students have been involved in the Cricket Gala Day and the Touch Footy Gala Day, Year 3 were in Bathurst on Wednesday for an excursion and today we were treated to a Meal Deal at the canteen and Footy Colours Day- what a way to finish. Thank you to all of the teachers who have organised these extra events for our students.

As Term 3 comes to a close I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful term! We have seen a considerable improvement in our students behaviour and attitude toward their schooling. Our school focus of Student Engagement is most definitely benefiting all of our students and our teachers are always commenting on what a pleasure it is to see our children so eager to learn. I thank Mrs Dunleavy for imparting her knowledge and expertise to our staff this term around Student Engagement and Formative Assessment. We have also had the thrill of seeing our students receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this term and I thank Miss Toole for her preparation for this event. With Term 4 just around the corner, we look forward to finishing the year on a very positive note ensuring great learning is taking place for all of our students. Have a wonderful, well deserved holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4!



Mrs Lyndal Marshall

## STPATS OSCH NEWS

Our Spring Vacation Care Program has many exciting activities on offer throughout Term 3 holidays. For further information, please contact St Pats OSHC on 0439 459 014 or email [stpatsoshc@centacarebathurst.com.au](mailto:stpatsoshc@centacarebathurst.com.au)



## 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.

### ACTAR SERVERS

#### FOR THIS WEEK:

### ST PATRICK'S VIGIL

Blake Livingstone, Ella Livingstone

### SUNDAY

Abbey Reid

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 located in the old canteen and is operated by volunteers for which we are very grateful. Days and times shop open are:

Monday – 2.30pm – 3.05pm

Tuesday – 8.40am – 9.30am

Friday – 2.30pm – 3.05pm



## FOOTY COLOURS DAY



## ST PADDY'S PLAYGROUP

What an enjoyable time we have had at our Playgroup for Term 3. Thank you to all the families who have supported. We look forward to a fun filled Term 4. Playgroup will resume on Tuesday 15th October from 10am – 12pm.

## CANTEEN NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who has helped in the Canteen this term – it has been very much appreciated.



Have a lovely break and see you all next term!

Mrs Hancock

## STAFF CARPARK

Parents please remember that the school carpark is for **staff only** – under no circumstances are parents to drive into the carpark to drop off or pick up their children. Doing so is very dangerous and puts students entering the school via the back gate at risk of harm. Your cooperation is appreciated.



### ISABELLE HOUGHTON - 2E

For being such a lovely friend and for her beautiful manners.

### LACHLAN COLE - 5F

For the respect he shows towards others and for his beautiful manners.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Week 1 - Term 4

Wednesday: S. Byrne

Thursday: M. Haynes

Friday: B. Smith, A. Fittler



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