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DIARY DATES

POSTPONED

Kinder 2021 Parent Information Evening at 7pm in Kindergarten classrooms

POSTPONED

Year 6 La Salle Transition Day

POSTPONED

NAIDOC Day Celebrations

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



COVID-19 Update:

Correspondence was distributed on Tuesday and Thursday this week around updated guidelines regarding COVID-19. The updated guidelines are summarised below:

- 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 stpatslithgow@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 sites the negative test result.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr Hunt & family on the passing of his father.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to Natalie Beaton (5M) on the passing of her grandfather.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and we join them in praying for their families at this very sad time.



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.

Our school has now received the COVID Safe tick of approval, based on our Whole School Wide Strategy and Response to COVID-19. We are thrilled to have been given this endorsement as we continue to work together as a school community to keep our school COVID safe.



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL LITHGOW

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.



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Communication with teachers:

At St Patrick's we value communication with parents as crucial in ensuring our students and families are supported. We have various platforms to engage in positive and productive communication between school and home, including the newsletter, Compass, Facebook Page, Class Dojo, phone calls and face-to-face meetings. Here are some tips for parents to ensure that the communication structures work to their full potential:

- Read all correspondence carefully and revisit for clarification
- Do not hesitate to contact the school should you need further clarification around correspondence
- Use platforms such as Class Dojo to 'touch base' on simple information and/or requests regarding your child
- Make a phone call to your child's teacher to touch base
- Phone to make an appointment for a meeting if there are bigger issues that require discussion

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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

We remind parents that it is appropriate to message teachers within the appropriate platforms within school hours (ie: 8:30am-3:30pm). Urgent enquiries should be directed to the Front Office.

Sacramental Programs:

In this challenging year that COVID-19 has given us, we have had to rethink how to offer the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation to those who would like to receive them.



Confirmation

Bishop Michael has contacted all priests to inform them that, if the COVID restrictions ease soon, it may be feasible to organise celebrations of the Sacrament in each parish in late October or November. However, we must be prepared for the possibility that the Sacrament of Confirmation may not be celebrated in the Diocese until next year. Although some elements of the usual Confirmation liturgy can be omitted, the laying on of hands and anointment of each candidate is essential, and obviously this is impracticable under the current COVID protocols. In addition, we are unable to have large Sacramental celebrations as we have done in the past because of the limitations on numbers allowed in our churches. So, all we can do at the moment is wait, see and adapt as things develop. Our Year 6 students that enrolled for this Sacrament received a letter home today.

Eucharist

We would not be able to celebrate First Eucharist as we have done in the past in large groups at Weekend Masses because of the restrictions on numbers under the current COVID protocols. The ceremonies, once organised, would be celebrated in small family groups on an individual basis. Students in Year 3 received a letter home today with more details on this Sacrament.

Reconciliation

To be advised.



Yr 6 Transition to La Salle:

Sadly the transition dates that we had scheduled have now had to be postponed due to the latest COVID restrictions. We will, however, continue to work closely with La Salle and work with the Yr 6 students in preparation for high school, even if we cannot visit La Salle yet. If any parents have concerns around transition or have any questions they are encouraged to contact either Mrs Sutherland or Mrs Ticehurst.

Afternoon pick up:

Please ensure that your children are clear around their afternoon pick up arrangements before leaving home in the morning. This conversation will alleviate the anxiety of not knowing during the afternoon, especially for our younger students. The current arrangements for pick up of K-2 and siblings at 2:45pm and Years 3-6 at 3:05pm will remain in place until further notice.

When collecting your children from the Coles Carpark it would be appreciated if you could come out of your car so that our staff can ensure we are sending each child home safely. We thank you for your cooperation and flexibility around these changes.

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



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:-

stpatslithgow@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.

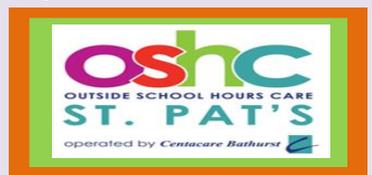
ST PAT'S OSHC

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!

Are you a working parent who works late? Or a busy stay at home parent that needs an afternoon to run errands? Then how about giving OSHC a go? We need your support as without enrolments there will be no service. Come and try us out!!

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



CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 6 - Term 3 2020

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

NOW OPEN



BOWEN DEVEIGNE - 1TF

For his beautiful manners and greeting staff with a smile.

SOPHIE HADLEY - 6T

For her happy easy going nature and for being grateful.

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