



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LITHGOW

# ~ PATROL ~

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

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**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**  
**Infants Certificate Ceremonies**  
**School Disco**  
Infants – 5pm – 6pm  
Primary – 6pm – 7.30pm

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

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
**Year 6 – 'Big Day Out'**

## DISCO

**When:- Tuesday 10th December**  
**Where:- Mary of the Cross Hall**  
**Time:- 5pm – 6pm (Infants) 6pm – 7.30pm (Primary)**  
**Entry:- \$3.00 per child**  
**Students can come dressed in 80's costumes!**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Can anyone believe we are in Term 4 Week 6 already. My return to St Pat's has been somewhat of a blur with time flying so quickly. Upon reflecting on this past 16 weeks I am so grateful that in this short amount of time there have been so many highlights. The incredible way that the staff, students and families have welcomed the new Leadership Team, trusting in our vision as we move forward together. Another highlight has been seeing the amazing way in which the Infants teachers have embraced Sarah McDonagh's phonics program and dedicated themselves to delivering quality explicit lessons during the Literacy Block with a strong focus on improving reading. At the same time, the Primary teachers have also been learning from Sarah and implementing practice in their classrooms to ensure that the improvement of reading fluency is a priority. I have seen some of the end of year DIBELS results and I am absolutely amazed at the gains being made in Reading across the school. Some of the results we are seeing are the best results we have ever had here at our school. I cannot wait to see what we can achieve over the next few years if this is what we can achieve together in this short period of time. At the same time, we have introduced an intervention program called Corrective Reading which is seeing targeted students make considerable gains in reading fluency. A huge thank you to Mrs Lane and Mrs Williams who have been instrumental in the organisation and delivery of this program.

In Staffing news, it is my pleasure to announce that Mrs Amanda O'Regan, Mrs Lyndal Marshall and Mrs Kate Edgell will be the teaching team for Kindergarten 2020. The team met the Pre-Kinder class today to begin their formal transition to Kinder next year. The Pre-Kinder Program has been very successful and will run again next year. Unfortunately, we did not receive the funding to run the Playgroup in 2020, however I thank Mrs Tina Hancock for the wonderful work she has done this year in coordinating that initiative that was very successful.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Kate Scott for organising a fantastic Talent Show this week where some very impressive talent was on display. Thanks also to Miss Farrugia for putting together the surprise video item – so entertaining!

Our Swimming Program concluded this week and we thank Miss Wilson for all of her hard work in organising the program for our students. I also thank the Year 4 teachers for a great excursion to Scenic World yesterday.

What a wonderful celebration Grandparents Mass was. I was so disappointed to miss this very special morning with all of our amazing grandparents – how special they are and how very grateful we are to have them in our lives.

*Mrs Renae Dunleavy*

**"God couldn't be everywhere and so he made Grandparents"**

## FROM THE REC

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal:** Please support this wonderful cause in helping others less fortunate. Your donation can ensure Vinnies provides the right kind of support to people experiencing disadvantage this Christmas. Boxes will be in the Front Office and any spare change you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Let's show our true St Patrick's School spirit and support this worthwhile cause.



**Monday Morning Prayer:** Thank you to Year 6 who led us in our Morning Prayer this week. Please join with Kinder next Monday for our Morning Prayer at 9am in the Assembly Area.

**Reconciliation Preparation Groups:** Reconciliation Preparation will continue and finish this weekend.

**Reconciliation Ceremonies:** Our Year 2 candidates will have their first Reconciliation Ceremonies next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Please arrive for your ceremony at least 10 minutes early. Please keep these children in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.

**Grandparent's Mass:** We celebrated a very special Mass today where we took time to appreciate the wonderful grandparents in our lives. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to make it so meaningful for our students. Our Infants students did a fantastic job reading and leading us with the actions to the songs. A special thank you to Mrs Scott, Miss Farrugia, the school band and choir for providing the beautiful music. Thank you to Mrs Hancock and her lovely helpers for providing a yummy morning tea, which was well enjoyed.

*Miss Cassie Toole*

## AP REPORT

### School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning (SPB4L):

Congratulations to all of the children who have **Been Spotted** being Safe, Respectful and Responsible. Our students have been working hard to earn tickets from all of the St Pat's staff this week. Congratulations to this week's winners!

During week 7 we will focus on the following positive behaviours:

**BE RESPONSIBLE:** I am responsible when I take ownership of my actions.

Honesty and owning our mistakes are very important skills to have. Mistakes are a part of life and allow us to learn!

**ICAS Testing:** Congratulations to all of the students who took part in the University of NSW ICAS Assessments.

The results were very pleasing, especially in the area of Mathematics! Well done everyone!

<p>~ Science ~</p> <p>Credit- Jadon Chen, Winnie Chen Merit- Blake Livingstone Participation- Ruby Livingstone, Jai Power</p>	<p>~ Digital Technologies ~</p> <p>Credit- Blake Livingstone Merit- Jai Power Participation- Winnie Chen</p>
<p>~ English ~</p> <p>Merit - Winnie Chen Participation - Jadon Chen, Neorrah Wiradi, Ruby Livingstone, Joseph Baraz, Blake Livingstone</p>	<p>~ Mathematics ~</p> <p>Distinction - Jadon Chen, Winnie Chen Credit - Ruby Livingstone, Joseph Baraz, Jai Power Merit - Blake Livingstone</p>

**Kinder 2020:** What an absolute pleasure it was to meet our 'newest' St Patrick's students today at their very first Kindergarten transition session. All of the children were so very well prepared for 'big school' thanks to all of the work they have been doing in their Pre-K class this year. It will be very exciting to have them visit the Kindergarten classrooms next week!

**Next week's events:** It is a little bit quieter next week, which will be nice after two very busy weeks! On Tuesday evening our Year 2 students will receive the Sacrament of Penance and on Friday we will have our second Kinder 2020 transition day and our Year 6 students will go to La Salle for their High School Transition Day.

Let us keep praying for rain this weekend.

Mrs Lyndal Marshall

## 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

Volunteers needed

### SUNDAY

Eliza Platts, Serena Ma, Josie Brown

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



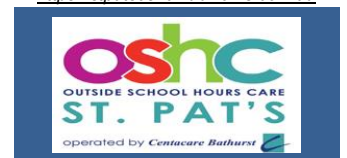
## ST PAT'S OSHC NEWS

"FLICKS FRIDAY" Back again by popular demand! Chill out every Friday with our Movie on the big screen & enjoy popcorn and slushies! Bring your PJs if you want."

Our Christmas School Holidays Vacation flyer has been sent home with students. Enrol now for heaps of fun activities on offer!

For more information contact Emma or Leanne on 0439 459 014 or visit

<https://stpatssohc.hubworks.com.au>



## ST PADDY'S PLAYGROUP

Last day of Playgroup for 2019 will be **Tuesday 17th December**.

We will be having a Christmas Party on this day!

## CANTEEN NEWS

Don't forget our weekly specials on offer for Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays!

Last day of Canteen for Term 4 will be **Wednesday 18th December**.

Mrs Hancock

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Week 7 - Term 4

**Wednesday:** J. Crane

**Thursday:** J. Kable

**Friday:** K. Brown, C. Wong



## ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL PRE KINDER CLASS 2020

Is your child starting school in 2021?

**When:- Every Friday during School Terms 1-4 in 2020 from 9am - 2.45pm**

### St Patrick's Pre-Kinder will:

Develop the emotional, social and academic skills required for 'big school'.

Follow the "Play to Learn" Program.

Be facilitated by a qualified Early Childhood Teacher and Teacher Assistant.

Help children and their families become familiar with our school environment

Ensure successful transition into kindergarten in 2021.

If you would like more information or would like to enrol, please phone St Patrick's School on 6351 3719



## TALENT SHOW GRANDFINAL

Thanks to everyone who came along on Wednesday afternoon for our Talent Show. What a fun afternoon! Parents, if you took any photos of the performances, we would love you to share them with us. You can email them to the school: [stpatlithgow@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpatlithgow@bth.catholic.edu.au)

## YEAR 6 ICE-CREAM STALL

Year 6 will be having an Ice-Cream Stall on **Thursday 3rd December**

(Week 8)



Small cones - \$1.50

Plain cones - \$2.50

Waffle Cones - \$3.00



### BEN BELTRAN - 6T

For his lovely manners and friendly disposition on bus lines.

### NATE BLACKMAN - 6T

For being a responsible and respectful member of Year 6.

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