



## 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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### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Infants Certificate Ceremonies

Year 2 – 9:15am – 10am

Year 1 – 10:15am – 11am

Kinder – 11:30am – 12:15am

School Disco

Infants – 5pm – 6pm

Primary – 6pm – 7:30pm

Year 6 Zooper Dooper Stall Fundraiser

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Prizegiving - 9.30am

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dress as a Farmer Day – Mufti Day

Bust the Dust Rain Dance

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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



This week I have had the pleasure of reading all of the Yearly Reports that will be going home with the students in Week 10. It is wonderful to read about all of the growth and progress all of our students have made during the year. In particular, the growth and improvement in the area of Reading across the school has been significant over the last 18 weeks and I thank the teachers for the wonderful effort they have put into this area. I also commend and thank the classroom teachers for the hours of work that they have put into not only writing the Yearly Reports, but all of the assessment and data analysis that they have been doing throughout the semester that has informed them in writing the reports. It certainly is a massive job!

Thank you to the Infants parents who came along to our Information Session on Monday to learn about the Infants Phonics and Reading Program. Mrs Mel Brown delivered a very informative presentation outlining Sarah McDonagh's work with the school and her program. Mrs Brown also explained why we have switched from levelled to decodable readers and how this switch supports exactly what the students are learning in the classroom. I thank Mrs Brown for her preparation and presentation and encourage all parents to come along to future sessions like this in order to stay in tune with what we are doing at St Pat's and to hear the reasons why we are implementing the programs that we are. I also thank the Infants teachers, Mrs Collins and Mrs Marshall who also supported during the session. My message to parents during the session was that we are committed at St Pat's to implementing research-based practices that focus on the explicit teaching of skills that will ensure our students are set up with a solid foundation for life-long learning success. I also talked about our end of year DIBELS results. Since we have been implementing the program in Infants and following Sarah's recommendations in the Primary, our end of year DIBELS results are the best we have seen in the history of DIBELS at St Pat's – what an incredible achievement in such a short amount of time!

Last night we had our annual Christmas Carols Evening and what a wonderful turn out we had!! It was heart-warming to see so many of our wonderful families enjoying a lovely time together, singing Carols and enjoying each other's company. Santa's appearance was certainly a highlight and he and his Elves were so impressed with how well-mannered the children were. Thank you so much Santa for coming to see us! Thank you to our wonderful P&F for providing free tea and coffee and biscuits and for running a great raffle. Thank you Wayne Hutchison for the use of his PA system and to Mrs Hancock, Mrs Roberts and Mrs McMahon for assisting in the behind the scenes preparation. Thank you to the teachers who came along to help. Finally, a massive thank you to Mrs Kate Scott for the huge amount of work she put into planning and preparing the children for the Carols Night! How lucky we are to have so many people within our school who are willing to give of their time to provide us with memorable events and experiences.

Next week we look forward to participating in the Bust the Dust rain dance as a whole school. We will also take the opportunity on this day to raise funds for Rural Aid and the Baradine Drought Pantry. I know that we will come together, as we always do, in support of those in need on this day. Please give generously and join me in continuing to pray for our farmers suffering through this terrible drought, as well as all of those affected by the terrible bushfires. May God be with all those suffering and with our firefighters as we continue to pray for rain.

*Mrs Renae Dunleavy*

## 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.

**Jesse Tree Donations:** If possible, families are also asked to kindly donate a small Christmas gift for children in our local community who are in need this Christmas season. If you are able to donate a gift, please wrap and attach the appropriate gender and age of the child to the outside of the wrapped gift. If your child could please give their gift to the classroom teacher with their first name attached. St Vincent de Paul volunteers will collect donations from the front office on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Any gift would be very appreciated!

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

**Bust the Dust Raindance:** On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December our school will be joining with many other schools across Australia to raise awareness for the people that are suffering in the drought. At 1pm all classes will join together in the Assembly Area to stop and Rain dance.

**Dress as a Farmer Mufti Day:** Also next Friday students can come dressed as a farmer in mufti clothes for a gold coin donation towards helping our farmers who are suffering from the drought at this time.

*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 9 we will focus on the following positive behaviours:

**BE RESPONSIBLE:** I am responsible when I use the bathrooms sensibly.



**Carol's Evening:** A huge thank you to everyone who joined us last night at our Carols Evening. It is very special when our St Pat's family comes together at events like this. Special thanks to our amazing, Mrs Kate Scott for all of her hard work and preparation for this and also to our wonderful P & F for their contributions. It was such a fun night!



**Next week's events:** We warmly invite everyone to two special events next week. On Tuesday our Infants Certificate Ceremonies will be held. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together to recognise and celebrate the amazing achievements of our students during 2019. We again come together on Thursday for our Annual Prize Giving Ceremony to again recognise the amazing work of all of our students throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating with our St Pat's community. Don't forget our End of Year Disco on Tuesday evening- come and join us for a dance!

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Lyndal Marshall

## 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



## 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

Cailin Houlison-Case, Kennedy Brown

#### SUNDAY

Ollyvar Baker, Isabella Wright, Breanna Starkey

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



Parents with Christmas being such a busy time of year, please take advantage of using the Uniform Shop order form which can be downloaded from our website and sent in to the school. Orders can then be filled and sent home with students.

## ICE CREAM STALL THANK YOU

Congratulations to Year 6 on a successful fundraiser - a total amount of \$400 was made!

Special thanks to Mrs Simcoe and Mrs Goldspink for their help with the stall - it was very much appreciated!

## ST PADDY'S PLAYGROUP

Last day of Playgroup for 2019 will be next Tuesday **10th December**.

We will be having a Christmas Party on this day!

## YEAR 6 ZOOPEER DOOPER STALL

Year 6 will be having a Zooper Dooper Stall on Tuesday **10th December**. Zooper Doopers will be 50c each!

## CANTEEN NEWS

Last day of Canteen for Term 4 will be **Wednesday 18th December**. We are running stock down due to the end of year, so please make a second choice when ordering.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9 - Term 4

Wednesday: S. Byrne

Thursday: M. Haynes

Friday: B. Smith, A. Fittler



## ST PAT'S OSHC NEWS

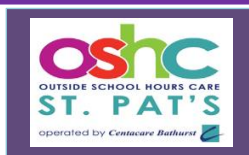
OSHC will now be open on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th December from 8am - 6pm

We will be having 'chill-out' days with Christmas movies, treats, games and crafts.

Enrol and book in before Friday 13th December!

Also enrol now for heaps of fun activities on offer for the Christmas school holidays!

For more information contact Emma or Leanne on 0439 459 014 or visit <https://stpatsoshc.hubworks.com.au>



## LA SALLE ACADEMY - YEAR 7 2020

Appointments for Year 7 2020 uniform fittings are to be made from 8.30am- 12.30pm on Mondays & Fridays only! (It is best if the student can also attend the appointment). Please phone La Salle on 6354 5100.



## STAFF CARPARK - URGENT ATTENTION REQUIRED

Cars have been seen entering the staff carpark in the mornings and on other occasions this week. 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.



**BEN BELTRAN - 6T**

For his wonderful manners and friendly nature.

**TAYA ROLAND - 6S**

For being a wonderful Year 6 leader who is always willing to help others.

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