



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LITHGOW

~ PATROL ~

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

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DIARY DATES

Monday 4th March 2019
Monday Morning Prayer at 9am in
St Mary of the Cross Hall

Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March 2019
Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday 6th March 2019
Ash Wednesday Mass at 12 noon

Friday 8th March 2019
Catholic Schools Week Liturgy –
St Mary of the Cross Hall at 12 noon
Canteen Meal Deal

Friday 15th March 2019
St Patrick's Day Mass at 9.30am
Shared Green Morning Tea following
Mass

Tuesday 26th March 2019
Confirmation Parent Meeting –
6pm at Church

**Saturday 30th March 2019 &
Sunday 31st March 2019**
Enrolment Masses for Year 6
Confirmation Candidates

Thursday 11th April 2019
Holy Week Liturgy – Church – 9.30am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear St Patrick's School Community,

Catholic Schools' Week Theme: Discovering the heart of our Catholic schools. The heart is the central or innermost part of something. The human body cannot live without its heart. As with the human heart, the heart of a school pumps the essential nutrients throughout. What does the heart of a Catholic school pump? The heart of a Catholic school calls for schools to have a distinctive educational vision inspired by the example and message of Jesus Christ. Through their culture, ethos and mission, and through the commitment of their staff and their educational programs, Catholic schools demonstrate that there is no separation between learning and living the Christian life. We are called to honour and live human and spiritual values. A common saying is, think with the head and feel with the heart. The 'head' for the school is all the learning practices and experiences. The 'heart' is the relationships, the feeling of being welcomed and the importance of being included. When we visit places we get a feeling from the people within. This can start at the front office and flow through every person within the organisation. A goal of every school is to develop a welcoming feel around the learning experiences provided for the students.

Please join us for our celebrations next week as we celebrate our amazing Catholic Education at St. Patrick's School.

Helen Mulholland



FROM THE REC

Monday Morning Prayer: Thank you to Mrs Marshall, Mr Hunt, Miss Wilson and Year 4 who did a wonderful job leading our Whole School Prayer this week. Thank you also to the family and friends who joined us in prayer. Please join us again next Monday as Year 3 lead us in our Morning Prayer Service that will mark the start of our Catholic Schools' Week celebrations.

Ash Wednesday Mass: Ash Wednesday Mass will be held next week on **Wednesday 6th March at 12noon**. This Mass signifies the beginning of Lent which is a very special time in our liturgical calendar. **Please note that there will be no meat available at the Canteen on this day.**

Confirmation Parent Meeting: Any Year 6 parent wishing for their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to attend the Parent Meeting which will be held on **Tuesday 26th March at 6pm in the Church**. Please save this date in your calendar.

St Patrick's Celebration Mass and Shared Morning Tea: Our St Patrick's Celebration Mass will be held on Friday 15th March at 9:30am followed by a shared green morning tea. We encourage families to come along and join in the celebration of our Patron Saint.

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy: Our Catholic Schools Week Liturgy is on next Friday 8th March at 12noon in the Saint Mary of the Cross Hall. All families are most welcome to attend! Our special liturgy will be followed by Open Classrooms, which is a great opportunity for families to come along and visit their child's classroom and for the students to showcase their wonderful work. The children enjoy having their families visit their classroom. We hope to see many families join us for these special celebrations. Please see attached flyer for the full itinerary.

Miss Cassie Toole



AP REPORT

NAPLAN 2019: Our Years 3 and 5 students will again sit the NAPLAN tests this year. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. In 2019 your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests and the tests will take place between the 14th and 24th May 2019. Please keep an eye out for further information being sent out with your children shortly.

ICAS Testing 2019: ICAS Assessments are online* assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of learning. To ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students, new ICAS assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level. *If you wish for your child to participate in any of the following tests, please send the money in a clearly marked envelope to Mrs Marshall and include the subjects for each test they wish to participate in.*

ICAS SUBJECT	Sitting Date	Cost
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 3rd September	\$14.50
Science	Thursday 5th September	\$14.50
English	Tuesday 17th September	\$14.50
Mathematics	Thursday 19th September	\$14.50

Catholic Schools Week 2019: Please refer to the timetable sent home last week to see the fun activities that are coming up next week to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Discover the heart of our Catholic schools!" All of our family and friends are welcome to join us throughout the week for these special events.

The following are some words about our school from Year 6:

I am thankful for my Catholic School Community because....

*it's fun and you meet a lot of friends. *Dylan*

*it is a safe, caring, happy and fun community. The teachers are always there for us. It feels like a family. *Emily*

*there are good workspaces, nice people around the school and no one is really bad. *Riley*

*everyone is there for me so I am there for them. People also support me for who I am.

*When I need help people are there to help me. *Amy*

*the teachers relate to Jesus to help us learn. *Nate*

*it's fun and we learn in a religious way and also go to Church. *Taya*

*the good life lessons, learning about God and talking to the nice people. *Elijah*

I am thankful for my Catholic School Community because of the people I work with the families I meet and the beautiful students that truly are the heart of our school. Thank you to everyone for making our school the special place that it is. Mrs Marshall

Looking forward to a wonderful Catholic Schools Week.

Mrs Lyndal Marshall - Assistant Principal

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

Jed Simcoe, Jai Simcoe,

Annika Della Bosca, Imogen Della Bosca

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



CANTEEN NEWS

Ash Wednesday is next

Wednesday 6th March - There will be **no** meat available on this day! Fish Burgers (\$3.50) & fish fingers (80c each) will be available for this day.

Catholic Schools Week Meal Deal

- Friday 8th March

Please return orders and payment by Wednesday 6th March

Shared Green Morning Tea

following St Patrick's Day Mass - Friday 15th March (Notes will be sent home shortly)

Mrs Hancock

SPORTS NEWS - SWIMMING

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our school swimming carnival, a great day was had by all.

Age Champions:

Junior Girls	Azalia Dunn	Runner up Marni Thompson
Junior Boys	Connor Byrne	Runner up Henry Willis
11 Years Girls	Elka Lee	Runner up Elliose Richardson
11 Years Boys	Lachlan Cole	Runner up Kyan Campbell
Senior Girls	Emily Dean	Runner up Cailin Houlison-Case
Senior Boys	Braiden Moss	Runner up Nate Blackman



23 students from St Patrick's attended the Eastern Region Carnival on Thursday 21st February, all students showed great sportsmanship. A big congratulations to the following students on their achievement at the carnival Elka, 11 Years age champion, Connor, Junior boys runner up, Emily, Senior girls runner up. We wish all three the best of luck as well as Kyan and Marni when they compete in Dubbo on the 1st of March.

Miss Jess Wilson

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - TERM 1 WEEK 5

PAXTON CORE - KO

For always listening to his Year 6 buddies.



JOSIE BROWN - 6T

For being a great help on Walker's Line every afternoon.

LITHGOW CITY RANGERS SOCCER MUSTER DAY

Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club will be holding their 2019 registration day/muster day at the Marjorie Jackson Soccer Complex on **Thursday 7th March from 4pm until 5:30pm.**

Any further information please contact Nigal Lloyd on 0409 676 019 or 63512697

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 6 - Term 1 2019

Wednesday: K. Clarke

Thursday: M. Haynes

Friday: B. Smith, A. Fittler



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