



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

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DIARY DATES

Thursday 25th November 2021
Year 6 Zooper Dooper Stall

Friday 3rd December 2021
MUFTI DAY for Year 6
fundraising
Year 6 Zooper Dooper Stall

Friday 10th December 2021
Year 6 Zooper Dooper Stall

Wednesday 8th December 2021
Infants Certificates
Primary KLA Awards

Thursday 9th December 2021
Prize Giving Ceremony

Tuesday 14th December 2021
Year 6 Graduation Mass

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



As we approach the "pointy end" of the year, let us continue to be grateful for all that we have. It is easy to get caught up in the stress and busyness of our lives and lose sight of how lucky we really are. The pandemic has added additional layers of burden to our already hectic lives and understandably has magnified lots of the worry we all inevitably experience. Stopping to reflect on the things that we are thankful for isn't something that comes naturally to many of us. We encourage everyone to make a conscious effort to focus on gratitude over the coming weeks and make an intentional effort to seek out and acknowledge the good things in our lives - time with family, a delicious meal, listening to the rain, good health, our safe and warm homes.... Making an intentional effort to be grateful and modelling this for our children is so important for their wellbeing. Including a prayer of gratitude in our daily lives can help us in keeping gratitude at the forefront of our minds.

Gratitude Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for your love. It brings me acceptance and significance.

Thank you, Lord, for your truth. It brings me guidance and direction.

Thank you, Lord, for your mercy. It brings me help and comfort.

Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness. It brings me stability and strength.

Thank you, Lord, for your beauty displayed in the earth. It brings me joy and delight.

Thank you, Lord, for your way of redemption - the cross. It brings me salvation and regeneration.

Staffing 2022 News

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Kate Edgell has been successful in attaining a full time permanent position at St Pat's commencing in 2022. We are also thrilled to announce that Mrs Kellie Drengeberg and Mrs Larissa Boylan were both successful in attaining full time temporary positions with us in 2022 also. Please join us in congratulating Mrs Edgell, Mrs Drengeberg and Mrs Boylan on their 2022 appointments.



LIBRARY NEWS

Could students please return all borrowed library books to school as soon as possible.

PRE-KINDY NEWS

What a great day our new Kindy students had again today. They are already listening and working so well!

**Watch Out
KINDERGARTEN
Here & Come!**

Transition to 2022

Currently the Leadership Team are making plans for staffing in terms of classes and teachers for next year. Families of students requiring a longer transition will be contacted as soon as staffing has been finalised so that arrangements for transition can be communicated.

All students will engage in a transition visit during the last week of school. Students will go to their 2022 classroom for a session with their teacher for next year during this time.



COVID Safety

We continue to follow guidelines around ventilation and keeping students in cohorts as additional COVID safe measures. We urge parents and families to adhere strictly to COVID Safe guidelines and practices when outside of school to ensure that we keep all in our school community safe. Families can help keep our school safe by:

- Being extremely cautious if travelling outside of our LGA
- Maintaining handwashing and sanitising routines
- Monitoring for symptoms and getting tested immediately if experiencing symptoms
- Keeping children home from school if unwell and getting tested immediately if experiencing COVID symptoms
- Keeping all children home if a family member is awaiting COVID test results
- Ensure eligible family members are vaccinated

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Now more than ever, we must follow all of the recommendations to ensure that we do not have cases of COVID emerging within our school.

Parents are reminded that if any member of the household is awaiting a COVID test result, then their children should not attend school until a negative result is returned.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Disco

As we near the end of the school year, our thoughts are with our Year 6 students and their families. The end of their Primary School years has brought with it many challenges, lockdowns and cancellations. Our Year 6 children have had to forgo many of the wonderful activities that come with being in their final year at school and unfortunately due to the current restrictions we have to adhere to, the Big Day Out is also unable to go ahead. As such we do not want to let the year go by without celebrating the end of Primary School with Year 6, so we have planned a special night for them. We will be hosting a **Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Disco on Tuesday 14th December** in the Mary MacKillop Hall.



First Reconciliation

A note was sent home with the candidates for First Reconciliation last week with a date change for this Sacrament. The ceremonies for this Sacrament will now be held on Tuesday 30th November. The ceremony times will remain the same. If you need to change your ceremony time please contact Miss Toole as soon as possible. Please continue to keep our Year Two students in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

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

STAFF CARPARK – URGENT ATTENTION

Cars have been seen entering the staff carpark 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.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING NEWS

Zooper Dooper Stall

Year 6 will be selling Zooper Doopers on Thursday 25th November (Week 8), Friday 3rd December (Week 9) and Friday 10th December (Week 10) at lunchtime for \$1.

Mufti Day Fundraiser

In support of Year 6 fundraising – we are having a Mufti Day on Friday 3rd December (Week 9). Students can come to school in mufti clothes for a gold coin donation.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Just a reminder that our Year 6 students are still selling chocolates on the playground at lunchtime for \$1



ELLIOT DYKES - 1TF

For his engagement during home learning.

RILEY BIGNELL - 5M

For his beautiful manners.

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.

The Uniform Shop

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION UPDATE

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, ordering of school uniforms will need to be done differently.

Parents can order their child's uniform by completing a Uniform Shop order form (students can collect from school office or form can be downloaded from the school website). Please return the completed order form to the school via your child or alternatively email to school at

stpatlithgow@bth.catholic.edu.au

Our Uniform Shop co-ordinator will complete the orders on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and send home with the students.

UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer/volunteers to run our Uniform Shop for next year. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact the school office.

CANTEEN ROSTER Week 8 - Term 4 2021

Please ensure the correct money is enclosed in lunch orders to reduce money handling.

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:



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