HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013 &
WELCOME BACK TO THE FIRST TERM

Huong and I would like to welcome back to the first term 2013 all of the families. Especially to the new families at St.Patrick’s. Please join us in welcoming the new children and parents to school and help them to settle in and understand how it all works, eg uniforms, lunch orders, readers and other everyday activities to come to terms with. So if you are a parent of a child in the Reception/Year 1 class look out for the new parents and ask if you can help.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AT ST PATRICK’S 2013

Tuesday
Social Coffee Corner
You are invited to come and have a cup of coffee or tea and meet other parents before Assembly.
When: Tuesday’s 1.pm-1.30 pm    Where: Mary MacKillop Room
Look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday
Playgroup, family fun for families with children under 5 years from 9.30 – 11.30 am throughout term

Thursday
Parent, Conversation, Craft and Support School Group will be held at school each Thursday from 10 to 11.30. This is a very basic English class so we encourage you to attend if you wish to improve your English speaking skills. These programs are free, lots of fun, friendly and open to all. Come and meet new people and get involved in the school community.

Friday
This program is for children aged 3-5 years old from 9.30 – 11.30 (including Library visit) and their parents, to support transitions from Kindy to School.
Chan Tran and Huong Nguyen
School Community Workers
North West Adelaide Communities for Children is funded by the Australian Government

COMMUNITY CORNER

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January Birthdays

Steven Sam       Katryonna Phan-Le       Jastej Kohli
Lisa Nguyen      Astin Lu             Du Dao
Mohammed Kamara  Solomon Karbiah      Belynda Pham
Thushan Manoharan  Aaron Nguyen       Tuyet Ca
An-Kim Bui       Abak Deng

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St. Patrick’s School
THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2013 - WEEK 1, TERM 1

DIARY DATES
MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY - 8.50AM
MONDAY MORNING PRAYER LED BY PRAYER & LITURGY GROUP
ALL WELCOME

TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - 1.40PM
ASSEMBLY LED BY 3/4JL
ALL WELCOME

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY - 9.15AM & 7.00PM
PARENT SACRAMENTS MEETING HELD AT WHITEFRIARS

MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY - 8.50AM
MONDAY MORNING PRAYER LED BY: 2 RM
ALL WELCOME
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY - SHROVE TUESDAY
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

A quote from Mary MacKillop....
...will be right with time and a little patience.
Dear Parents and Community Members,

I welcome you all to the 2013 school year. This year we celebrate our 49th year as a Catholic school and we hope that it is our best year yet. Our facilities and resources continue to improve and our staff knowledge and expertise continues to develop as well so, through this continuous improvement, we have every chance to achieve the best year.

During our 3 staff days, teachers had the opportunity to look at characteristics of high performing schools, what research shows to be the most effective teaching methods and what makes a school Catholic. Additionally members of the Leadership Team, Ms Platten (Religious Education Coordinator), Ms McDermott (Inclusive Education), Ms Pfeiffer (Key Literacy Teacher), Ms McGuire (English as Additional Language), Ms Scott (2013 Key Numeracy Teacher) and Ms Benwell (2012 Key Numeracy Teacher) took the opportunity to look at the agreed practices in their respective areas to further develop school coherence.

New and Returning Teachers
This year we welcome 3 new staff members: Mr Stevo Jurkovic who is one of our 5/6 teachers, Ms Lucy Mignone who will be one of our English as Additional Language Teachers and Ms Olga Strizhak who is our new Music/Drama teacher. We also take the opportunity to welcome back to our school; Ms Jaime Will who is returning to her role of Physical Education teacher, Ms Martina Kovacev who is one of our 5/6 teachers and Ms Diem Savy who is one of Reception teachers.

New Students
This week we warmly welcome the following 29 new students to our school:

**Ms Smoljan’s Reception Class:** Tina, Helen, Ashmi, Tuyet, Tommy, Alan, Solomon, Aaron, Rylan and Jeremy

**Ms Savy’s Reception Class:** Linda, Vincentina, Abie, Abe, Donge, Teerth, Specioza, Khyle and Blaine

**Ms Piantadosi’s Year 1 class:** Rashad

**Ms McIntosh’s Year 2 class:** Branda, Amie and Meet

**Ms Jakubowski and Ms Lopresti’s 3/4 class:** Jedidah and Priscillia

**Ms Scott and Ms Barac’s 3/4 class:** Takara

**Ms Kovacev and Ms Benwell’s 5/6 class:** Ronnie

Mr Jurkovic’s 5/6 class: Kim and Minh Anh

I look forward to catch up with many parents and family members in the yard this week.

Frank Congedi

Welcome to the new school year for 2013. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and a wonderful break. Some of us were lucky enough to go away over the holidays and others enjoyed some quality time away from school so I hope whatever you did, it was enjoyable for you all and you feel refreshed and ready for a new year of learning.

Last week our staff began school again and spent time planning for the year ahead. It was a great time for us to reconnect after the break. Some of the topics we discussed included; focusses in teaching and learning, relationship building amongst the parents, families and wider community, the important work we do within the Religious Dimension of our school and how we can best educate the students of St Patrick’s School.

In 2012 our staff began developing our knowledge and understanding of the On Holy Ground program which was created by Catholic Earth Care Australia and the Catholic Education Office. One of the aims of the program is to educate students of the importance of caring for God’s creations and to live in a way that will help and sustain the environment for now and in the future. 2013 is the United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation and this year we are incorporating the theme of water management and preservation into our whole school focus. I will give you more information as the term progresses and for now you might like to talk with your families about the importance of saving water and using it carefully.

Parish/School Sacramental Program for 2013

Next Wednesday, 6th February, is the next parent meeting for the Sacramental program. We will be looking at the sacrament of Confirmation and handing the books out at that meeting. One of the students’ parents/carers needs to attend either the morning, 9.15am, or evening session, 7pm, at Whitefriar’s school. Please bring along your child’s work book so that we can see all of the wonderful work they have been doing.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on February 27th @ 6pm in St Patrick’s Church.

Ash Wednesday Mass

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday 13th February and we will be having a Mass for the 3/4 to year 7 students at 9am. Students from Reception to Year 2 will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word at 11.30am in St Patrick’s Church. Please join us for either of these services.

I wish you a productive and enjoyable school year and I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Anne-Marie Platten
Religious Education Coordinator.