At ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL Quality Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Programme
Before School 7.00-8.30am & After School until 6.00pm
We provide a variety of educational and fun activities including; games, sport, art and craft, cooking, video games and books to read. Healthy after school snacks provided.
St Patrick’s OSHC service has been given a meeting rating for the national standard quality areas at the end of 2014 by the government assessment board. The quality areas include educational program and practice, children’s health and safety, physical environment, staffing arrangements, relationships with children, collaborative partnerships with families and communities and leadership and service management.
St Patrick’s OSHC
Director

English Classes on Thursday’s
Parent, Conversation, Craft and Support School Group will be held at school each Thursday from 10 to 11.30am.
This is a conversational 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.

UNIFORM NEWS
WELCOME TO ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL FOR 2015.
Due to unforeseeable circumstances, there has been a Uniform Price rise.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Tharun Kathikeyan  Mia Ngo
Casey Milante  Linda Nguyen
Savitri Te  Donge Nguyen
Han Nguyen  Ryzza Rodriguez
Tan Nguyen  Leyton Quach
Sänvi Sharma  Kyle Tran
Santoss Weh  Esther Valentine
Gloria Ingabire  Michael Tran
Charles Ayang  An Le
Ethan Chau  Linh Le
Andy Ma  Anthony Pham

February Birthdays

English Classes at St. Patrick’s

2/3 PB
Ayok & Emily: As a class we read a poem about ourselves and how we all look different but really we are the same in God’s eyes and everyone else.
Dear Parents and Community Members,

All of our new students have commenced well and appear to be feeling more comfortable in the St Patrick’s School environment.

Meet the Teacher Evening (Tuesday 10th February)
On Tuesday the 10th of February we will have our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening. This will be an opportunity to develop an important relationship with your child’s teacher and to form a partnership to help with your child’s learning. We will be having a free sausage sizzle which will provide you with a chance to socialise with other parents and carers. All parents, carers and students are invited.

6:00pm-6:30pm R/1H & R/1T
6:35pm-7:05pm 1/2 & 2/3
7:10pm-7:40pm 3/4 & 4/5
7:45pm-8:15pm 5/6, 6/7B, 6/7S

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Wednesday 25th February
Our Annual General Meeting this year will be held on Wednesday the 25th of February from 7:00pm to 9:00pm with drinks and nibble in the staffroom. At the Annual General Meeting we inform our community about goals achieved in 2014 and the financial position of the school. We also spend some time sharing our school direction for 2015 and have shared input from parents regarding ways to further improve our school. Each year at the Annual General Meeting we take the opportunity to farewell School Board members retiring and welcome new parents who will be joining the School Board for a period of 2 years or more. During the year our School Board meets together with School Boards of Whitefriars and St Margaret Mary’s to enable Fr Maurice to actively support each of the schools in the capacity of President of each of the school boards. The venue alternates between the 3 schools. The School Board meets twice a term usually on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm.

As we require a number of new School Board members, I ask that you consider this parent leadership role at St Patrick’s School. If you would like more information, please feel free to speak to me. There is a ‘School Board Nomination Form’ as an insert in this week’s newsletter.

Look forward to seeing you there.

God Bless

Frank Congedi
Principal

2015 Prayer and Liturgy Group
Each year we invite students from years 6 and 7 to be prayer leaders in the Prayer and Liturgy Group. The students in this group lead our school in prayer each fortnight and also take on other responsibilities in the Religious Domain of St Patrick’s School. St Patrick’s has always been blessed with many students who are keen to lead our school in the Prayer and Liturgy Group and this year is no exception. I would like to say a big thank you to the following students: Thuy Hang, Melina, Quyen, An Thien, Aileen, Sian, Ahn, Fatuma, Apreal, An Kim, Moses, Philip, Mi Ha, Jasmine, Vicki, Anthony, Abuioia, Petra and Monica. I am looking forward to working with each of you in leading our school in prayers, Masses and Liturgies in 2015.

Croydon Park Parish News
Croydon Park Parish has many opportunities for people to volunteer. They are looking for people to take on voluntary roles as Special Ministers of Holy Communion, members of counting teams, Junior Pastoral Council Members (aged 8-16), Children’s Liturgy of the Word leaders as well as other roles. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 8346 0944.

Parental Involvement at St Patrick’s
St Patrick’s School also welcomes parent volunteers in a variety of roles including canteen, listening to students read, helping in classrooms, working with small groups of children, supporting on excursions. To be able to help at school, adults must have a current Catholic Archdiocese Police Check. If you have one, please make sure Mrs Faulks has a copy of it. If you don’t have one, forms are available from the front office. The checks take between 3-6 weeks to clear so please lodge an application as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your support.

Class Prayer leaders for Term 1
The following dates show when classes will be leading prayer in term 1. Families are always welcome to join us in the Church each Monday at 8.30am as we begin the week with whole school prayer. On the other weeks, the Prayer and Liturgy Group will be leading. You might like to join us when your child’s class is leading so please take note of the dates. If your child’s class isn’t mentioned, they will be leading prayer in term 2.

9/2/15 - Year 2/3PB
23/2/15 - Reception /1 H
16/3/15 - Year 1/2S
23/3/15 - Year 3/4IC

Have a lovely week.

Anne-Marie Platten
APRIM

MODIFYING OR FIXING UNIFORM

At St Patrick’s School we take great pride in students wearing the correct school uniform.

We are very blessed and fortunate to have at our school the support of Jacqui Terryschild (Brett & Johnny’s grandmother) who has provided great support to our families with changing dress lengths, fixing holes in jumpers etc. free-of-charge, saving parents thousands of dollars over the last few years.

Jacqui is also happy to support families to re-use tracksuit pants with holes in them and can modify them into shorts.

If you could use Jacqui’s support, please see Jacqui, Rosa or Maria at the Canteen/Uniform shop.