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 are provided.

Please update your or child’s details for the OSHC service’s records if they have changed so current contacts are available in case of an emergency.

Any changes can be given to the OSHC staff or leave a note with the front office.

St Patrick’s OSHC

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR 2015 – TET - CHUC MUNG NAM MOI

Lunar New Year is the biggest and most exciting celebration in China and in Vietnam. The festival has been observed for over 5000 years and signals the end of Winter and the welcoming of the Spring.

The festival not only occurs in Vietnam, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea but wherever those communities settle. Because of the vibrant, colour and noise associated with this event, many other cultures also like to share in the celebrations.

There are similarities and differences in how the celebrations take place, according to each country, town, and village. New Year is a family occasion with much feasting, new clothes and lucky money and red envelopes - 3LIXI are distributed amongst the children. Red is the colour of happiness and luck.

(Source: Vietnam- A Cultural Package- Inclusive Directions)

Chau Tran and Huong Nguyen School Community Workers

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tharun Kathikeyan Mia Ngo
Casey Milante Linda Nguyen
Savitri Te Donge Sokiri
Han Nguyen Ryzal Rodriguez
Tan Nguyen Lleyton Quach
Saarvi Sharma Kylie Tran
Santoss Wieh Esther Valentine
Gloria Ingabire Michael Ta
Charles Ayang An Le
Ethan Chau Linh Le
Andy Ma Anthony Pham

Geoffrey Emmanuelli

Canteen Update

Due to a change in school policy as of January 2015 school uniform accounts must be paid in cash or by EFTPOS.

Accounts will no longer be able to be added to school fees accounts.
Dear Parents and Community Members,

As we continue to settle into the life of school for the year, I wanted to encourage more family members to consider becoming registered volunteers in our school. It is wonderful to already have many dedicated registered volunteers who help the school in many ways. We have registered volunteers who help in the canteen each week, cook sausage sizzles, help in the Library, cover books, mentor children, supervise during excursions, read with children, help them with their school work, help mend uniforms and are members of the School Board. This support is important for our school as it builds community spirit, helps to minimise costs for families and support others.

In this week’s newsletter I have inserted a form to encourage you to consider becoming a registered volunteer. All you need to do is request a Catholic Police Check Consent form and identify ways you may like to support our school. The process of obtaining a Catholic Police Check is free for volunteers, it takes around 3-6 weeks and it is valid for all Catholic Schools in South Australia for 3 years.

We are currently keen to hear from any parents or grandparents who could:

- Read with a child once or twice a week
- Help in the canteen on Thursdays
- Organise Scholastic Bookclub once a term (Mrs Julie Hale is able train volunteers)
- Help to maintain the garden

If you think you are able to help with any of the above please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher, Ms Platten or Mr Congedi.

**Annual General Meeting**

Next Wednesday 25th of February we will be having our Annual General Meeting. This important evening is when members of the school community join the School Board to share what has been achieved in 2014, share the financial position of the school and look at future direction of the school. We are hoping to also seek feedback from the school community to help shape our future as a school.

**Twilight Sports Day (Friday 13 March 12:00 Midday to 6:00pm)**

The children and staff are very keen to have as many parents and family members as possible joining us for Sports Day. This year we will hold a Twilight Sports Day. This means that this year Sports Day will commence at 12:00 o’clock and will end around 6:00pm. This will hopefully enable parents/caregivers and grandparents to come and see the children participate, join in the fun and cheer everybody on during the day. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be sold throughout the day. We are also keen to have registered volunteers helping during the day.

**STUDENTS CAN ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 11.45AM BEFORE SCHOOL CARE IS AVAILABLE, BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

**Predominantly White Sandshoes**

At the end of last year, the School Board decided to change the uniform policy to have predominantly white sandshoes. The School Board felt that students were becoming competitive with wearing many different coloured sandshoes. A result of this was that some students were asking their parents to buy expensive sandshoes. At St Patrick’s we believe our uniforms should be accessible to all students and our policy states that sandshoes are to be predominantly white. So this is the expectation for students when wearing their sports uniform. I am aware that in a few cases coloured sandshoes were recently bought and, if it will take a little longer to be able to buy white sandshoes I ask you to speak or write to your child’s teacher and explain if this is the case.

God Bless
Frank Congedi, Principal

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**Shrove Tuesday**

Shrove Tuesday is commonly the name given to the day before Ash Wednesday. It is sometimes referred to as Pancake Tuesday. Lent is a time of fasting. In the past, fasting held much stricter obligations than today, however today during Lent people still fast in different ways as well as being encouraged to try harder to do more for others than themselves.

Due to their strict fasting, Shrove Tuesday became the day when people would use up most foods including eggs, milk and fats. All of these ingredients are used to make pancakes so Shrove Tuesday became known as Pancake Tuesday. On Tuesday our students enjoyed making and eating pancakes and will now identify things they can do for others during Lent.

**The Rite of Reconciliation**

In term 1 Fr Maurice will be leading The Rite of Reconciliation on two occasions for students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in previous years. At the service we will listen to readings, share some prayers and responses and Fr Maurice will hear individual confessions. This will take place during Lent, a time when we think of the wrong choices we have made in the past, ask for God’s forgiveness and work hard make good choices in the future. At Reconciliation, we remember God’s Will for us to love one another and God’s world, we say sorry for any times we have hurt others and make a fresh start to live peacefully in God’s community. The Reconciliation services will be on Wednesday 4th March at 9.40am and Wednesday 11th March @ 9.40am in St Patrick’s Church. Families of the students are invited to attend.

More information will soon be sent home for the students involved.

As Fr Maurice is leading the Rite of Reconciliation during Lent, classes will join with their buddy classes to prepare and celebrate Liturgies of the Word instead of Masses this term. We warmly encourage you to attend your child’s Liturgy. Children enjoy seeing their families involved in their school experiences and your presence at school activities helps your children to understand the partnership we share in educating your children.

Here are the dates of the Liturgies of the Word for Term 1.

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**Congratulations to all the students who completed the certificate of completion in year five this week. This is an achievement which we are proud of them all and this is an important step towards their future education.**

**APRIM**

**OPEN NIGHT**

**LOOKING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL??**

COME ALONG TO THE MT CARMEL COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

4.00PM - 7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY