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

**Twilight Sports Day**
Friday 13th March
STUDENTS CAN ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 11.30AM
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE IS AVAILABLE
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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Tharun Kathikeyan        Mia Ngo
Casey Millante           Linda Nguyen
Savitri Te               Donge Sokiri
Han Nguyen               Ryza Rodriguez
Tan Nguyen               Lleeyton Quach
Saanvi Sharma            Kylie Tran
Santoss Wieh             Esther Valentine
Gloria Ingabire          Michael Ta
Charles Ayang            An Le
Ethan Chau               Linh Le
Andry Ma                 Anthony Pham

Geoffrey Emmanueli

**February Birthdays**

- JACQUI TERRY-SCHILD
- LAN LY
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Our Class Pet Yabby

In our classroom we have a pet yabby. The yabby is a girl with an unknown age but seems as she’s 8 years old. She’s a really boring class pet since she doesn’t move around a lot; she spends almost all of her time staying still as a statue in a small size tank. But we know she’s alive because we can see her moving her long, brown antennae. We don’t feed her much but she is still alive and pretty big, my measuring estimation of her height is 3cm tall and 4cm wide. Sometimes I think she is a lobster but she isn’t, she has two dark blue claws and furry back. She is a huge yabby that sometimes likes to poke her head out of the water while being very quiet. To me she is a marvellous class pet to have.
Dear Parents and Community Members,

Each year, St Patrick's School continues to provide improved technology for the students and teachers in classrooms. Over the last 3 years all nine classrooms and the Judy Burley Learning Support Centre have had their interactive board updated to newer and larger models or replaced with interactive LCD TVs.

Although we have over 140 desktops computers functioning across the school, in the last few weeks we have been able to commence using student laptops and mini-IPADS in 6 different classes. This is a very exciting time for our students and teachers as their learning is enhanced by greater accessibility to technology throughout the day.

**2016 Enrolment Meetings**

Enrolment meetings for students commencing 2016 are currently being undertaken. We have received many applications but are keen to hear from any families who have a child turning 5 on or before April 30 this year.

If you know of families who may be considering an education at St Patrick's School please encourage them to complete an application. Applications are currently being received for both 2016 and beyond.

With more houses being built in the area in the near future, we are predicting more enrolments. Our school has 242 students at present and our ceiling is 280.

**Early Arrival at school**

A reminder to all parents that staff supervision commences when the school gates open at 8:30am. I have been noticing a number of students who are arriving to school before 8:30 am and waiting outside the gate unsupervised. It is important that students arrive at school no earlier than 8:30 or if you are unable to meet this requirement, students are required to be booked in Before School Care which starts at 7:00am. This is at a relatively low cost for families and government rebates are applicable to families.

Thank you for your support in this safety matter.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

Frank Congedi
Principal

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**Monday Morning Prayer at St Patrick's**

Each Monday our school gathers as a community in the Church at 8.55am and begins the week with Whole School Prayer. Our Prayer and Liturgy Group lead prayer each fortnight and on the weeks in between, classes are responsible for organising and leading prayer. Classes choose a theme that has meaning to them and that is linked with their class Religious Education Program.

This week our prayer was led by Miss Heaven's R/1 class. They shared a lovely prayer focussing on how they can share God’s love in their lives and also sang beautifully. Each of the children drew their own ideas of how they can be good to others. Hearing the thoughts and ideas of the young students highlighted the beauty that each of them has in their hearts. Below are some of their reflections.

Please try and join us for one or more Monday Morning Prayers. It is also a nice way for our parents and family members to start their week.

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**Parents and Friends Network Morning Tea**

Ms Terryschild and I were pleased with the number of parents/carers who joined us for morning tea last Friday morning. We all had the opportunity to meet each, and parents with children in the same classes were able to make connections with each other. At the morning tea we discussed some of the events that we are planning at St Patrick’s for 2015. We also discussed some areas parents/carers would be interested in learning more about. The topics for discussion included: where parents/carers can support with the learning program, information sessions for parents/carers on a variety of topics, St Patrick’s Annual Disco, our Dance Concert, Sports Day support and possible fundraising ideas.

If you were unable to attend the meeting on Friday but would like to help out in any way, please contact myself, Anne-Marie Platten, or Jacqui Terryschild and we will talk with you about the possibilities at St Patrick’s.

On Friday March 20th, we will have our next meeting where we will be discussing and beginning to organise the Disco. Please note that all parents/carers are welcome, but you must have a Catholic Archdiocese Police Check to be on the committee.

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**Parish News**— Special Time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 13th and 14th March

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In the parish there will be community times of prayer in various languages as well of time for silent prayer. People will be invited next weekend to nominate times they would like to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

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**From our Principal………..**

**School Fees 2015**

A number of families have not applied for School Card 2015 please come and see me in the office to complete this form. School Card must be applied for each year.

A friendly reminder to those families who have not paid the composite fee this is now due.

Term 1 Tuition fees are also due and payable by the end of Term 1.

For those families who are making regular payments from your bank account please ensure your payments are sufficient to clear your account by the end of the year. We also offer Bpay, EFTPOS and also direct deductions from Centrelink payments to cater to the changing financial needs of our families at St Patrick’s School.

If at any time you are having trouble meeting your school fee commitment, or have any queries, please contact me on 84451400 to discuss this matter.

Christine Lavender
Finance Officer

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**From our APRIM………..**

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**Friday 13th March at Mater Dei**

3 pm Opening of the Prayer Time—English
3.30 pm Rosary and Prayer in Italian
4 pm - 6 pm Silent Prayer
6 pm - 7 pm Prayer in Malayalam
7 pm - 8 pm Evening Prayer in English
8 pm - 9.30 pm Prayer in Vietnamese concluding with Benediction at 9.30 pm

Parishioners are invited to attend at any time for as long as they wish.

God Bless for a lovely week.

Anne-Marie Platten, APRIM