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

February Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Justin Huynh  Presley Prach
Sharriqka Pin  Kevin Diep
Tyiana Power  Sian Paul
Alfred Gilee  Anastasia Soilemezis
Anton Luc  Jenny Tang
Riley Pascoe  Michael Tu
Mai Linh Carr  Lieu Weng
Dayal Vasantha Kumar

Canteen Update

Due to a supplier price rise the cost of flavoured milk has increased to $1.80.

Please note plastic cutlery is available to purchase from the canteen for 10 cents per item.

Canteen Volunteers

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February Birthdays

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Buddy Activities - 4/5TP

The Year 4/5’s and the Year 1-2’s gather together each fortnight on a Tuesday to interact with one another. In 2014 St Patrick’s school had a big focus on lifting Oral Language opportunities in our classrooms and increasing the students confidence in Speaking. The importance of oral Language was investigated by all learning teams.

What I think I can Say
What I say I can Write
What I Write I can Read

This year we continue to create opportunities and the Year 4/5’s and 1-2’s have been learning about storytelling. We also do buddy reading.
Dear Parents and Community Members,

Last week we held our Annual General Meeting and I thank parents who were able to join us. At the Annual General Meeting we took the opportunity to review the 2014 school year, sharing our progress as a school and our financial position. I take this opportunity to thank our continuing members and our three new ‘School Board Nominations’.

### Our 2014 School Board Members are:

**Continuing members:**
- **Father Maurice Shinnick** - President
- **Andrew Bourne** (Aileen’s dad) – Current Chairperson & Chair of Finance
- **Frank Congedi** (Principal)
- **Maurice Bucco** - Staff Rep
- **Rosemary Paul** (Sian’s mum) - Parent Rep
- **Solomon Karbiah** (Moses’ uncle, Solomon & Billy’s dad) - Parent Rep
- **Liem Chieu** (Kevin’s dad) - Parent Rep
- **Jacqui Terryschild** (Brett & Johnny’s grandmother) - Community Rep

**New Member:** We welcome **Grace Hua** who is joining our School Board this year. Grace has been part of our school community for many years through playgroup and now her son Jason is in Reception.

**Retiring Member:** We sincerely thank **Van Ngo** (Jaiden’s mum) who is retiring from the School Board after 4 years. Van’s thoughtful contribution and support of the school has been very much appreciated.

### Reporting to Parents

As the students continue to settle into their learning for the year, we hope that each child at St Patrick’s School is progressing well. Many of our students work hard as their families instil the importance and value of education. Teachers are closely monitoring each child’s progress. As a school we know that parental engagement and involvement in each child’s learning makes a difference. Therefore we take the opportunity to report to each parent each term. Here are 4 Formal times St Patrick’s School reports to parents:

- **Term 1 (Weeks 9 &10)** – 1st Student Progress Meeting
- **Term 2 (Week 9)** – Mid-Year Reports
- **Term 3 (Weeks 5 &6)** 2nd Student Progress Meeting
- **Term 4 (Week 9)** – End of Year Reports

Frank Congedi
Principal

### Project Compassion

**People of Project Compassion**

I would like to introduce you to Mariama from Niger. Mariama is raising her daughter, Fati, in a country that suffers wide spread poverty and inequality. When Fati became malnourished, Mariama received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas.

We have sent home Project Compassion boxes, so if you are in a position to do so, please place any money you can spare into the box which will be donated to people who are in desperate need like Mariama.

### Parish News

#### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

St Patrick’s Wednesday 25 March
St Margaret Mary’s Thurs 26 March
Mater Dei Friday 27 March
all at 9am

#### World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March is the World Day of Prayer. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together in prayer each year. On this day women around the world affirm their faith in Jesus, share their hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs. Women are encouraged to pray together with and for societies that have heavy burdens.

Next Friday, March 6th at the Salvation Centre (behind Arndale Shopping Centre) starting at 9.30am.

This world wide prayer, prepared by the Women of Barbados gathers Christians from different Churches and Communities.

Why not come along.

A special time of prayer during Lent

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Over the next two weeks, students form the Sacramental Program will receive their First Reconciliation. Preparation for the sacrament involved the students learning more about Jesus and what he teaches us about asking for forgiveness and reconciling our relationships. When we make choices that upset other people we damage the relationship we once had. In order to fix what has been broken, we must first say sorry for our actions and work hard to make better choices in the future, choices that are good for ourselves and others. When the students receive First Reconciliation, they will share the actions they are sorry for with Fr Maurice, and at the same time share with God. Please keep Kevin, Petra, Katarina, Precious, Ryza, Ayok, and Abuoio in your prayers.

#### Like a Mustard Seed

Last week Mr Congedi and I attended a professional learning conference titled Like a Mustard Seed led by the Spiritual Formation Team from the Catholic Education Office. The conference focussed on nurturing the spiritual and religious leadership of ourselves as well as the staff. We discussed the importance of taking the time to recognise, and reflect on, the presence of God within and around us and supporting our community to do the same. With the business of life it seems to be harder and harder to stop and appreciate the many gifts God has given us. Through our experience at the conference we identified many ways that we can do this for our own formation and many opportunities we can provide for our community to support their spiritual formation. Our role in Catholic Schools is to nurture our Catholic identity while being welcoming and inclusive of all. I found it a very worthwhile conference and am grateful for the opportunity to attend.

Have a lovely week

Anne-Marie Platten, APRIM