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 - TOMORROW
STUDENTS ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 11.30AM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK & SLIDE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

**February Birthdays**

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**TWILIGHT SPORTS DAY BBQ**

Sausages can be purchased on the day, the BBQ will be running all day.

- **$2.00 each**
- Soft drink **$2.00 each**

**IN OMNIBUS CARITAS**

‘in all things love’

**ABSENTEEISM**

If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on 8445 1147 or 8445 1400.

**CHANGE OF DETAILS**

Please inform the school office of any change of emergency contact numbers. This can be done in person, by sending a note, telephoning or emailing the school office.

8445 1147 or 8445 1400
info@stpatsmp.catholic.edu.au

**Carnevale in the Italian Room**
Ciao a tutti!

This term in the Italian room we have been exploring and learning about the famous festival of Carnevale. Early years students have been focusing on some of the characters associated with Carnevale and have also been learning a chant about Arlecchino, the most famous of the Venetian masks. Primary Years students have completed a character study and are now in the process of developing their own Carnevale character and will be using learnt Italian language to describe them. Middle years students have been working through a booklet that supports them in their continuing growth to read, write and speak in Italian. The booklet focuses on Carnevale and costume / clothing. In the coming weeks all students will be designing and making their own Carnevale masks.

Signora Radetti

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**THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2015**
Dear Parents and Community Members,

Student Progress Meetings

This week all families are receiving a letter regarding Student Progress Meeting. This will be the first formal opportunity for class teachers and parents to discuss your child’s learning. These conversations are an important opportunity to work together to support the education of each child and I ask all parents to ensure you promptly return the forms and make a time. However, if you have any concerns or questions in regards to your child’s education please do not hesitate at any time to make a time to speak to your child’s teacher. Regular communication promotes that important partnership between home and school.

Harassment and Bullying

Harassment is considered something that occurs occasionally, whilst bullying is considered something that occurs more regularly over a period of time. Research shows that both of these can cause concern for a child as they do not feel safe and it affects their learning. Unfortunately, no school is immune to these problems, however, St Patrick’s School Staff work very hard to ensure that all children feel safe. If your child is expressing concern that they are being harassed or bullied, please encourage your child to speak to their class teacher to begin the process of dealing with the problem. If the problem continues, I encourage parents to communicate your concerns with class teachers.

Cyber Bullying

Are you monitoring what your child is doing on the home computer, Laptop, IPADS or Internet?

Did you know that ‘Facebook’ is for children 13 years or older. Yet parents are allowing it. Students younger than 13 years old using Facebook or social media are at increased risk due to their age and stage of brain development. If you are happy for them to be on Facebook younger than 13 then ensure you can read their conversations.

As a parent it is important to have conversations with your child about what you expect from them whilst on the internet or social media. At school we tell the students that the rule is: If your mum or dad read what you wrote, would they approve of it? If not, do not write it.

I hope my newsletter article, promotes healthy conversations at home.

God Bless

Frank Congedi, Principal

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.

St Patrick’s Day 17th March 2015

This year St Patrick’s Day is on a Tuesday, 17th March, and we will be celebrating the Feast of our Patron Saint with a Whole School Mass at 9am in the Church. We remember his life and mission of sharing the Good News of God with the people of Ireland. St Patrick grew close to God through prayer and wrote many prayers that we still pray today. He felt protected by God as he went about teaching the people of Ireland of the life of Jesus and the love of God.

Please join us for Mass next Tuesday morning. After Mass classes will work together on activities that will help them learn more about St Patrick and the special role he played in bringing God’s love to the world.

Students are asked to wear neat casual clothes with a touch of green on Tuesday.

Project Compassion

This week’s focus is on Karen an Indigenous Australian woman living in a remote rural community. Like many, she can’t always afford or access healthy food. At Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes, Karen gained the skills she needed to provide healthier food for her family. Some of the money raised is used to educate communities in remote areas of Australia to make healthier food choices and build a better future for their families.

Next Parent and Friends Network Meeting

The next meeting for the Parents and Friends Network is planned for Friday 20th March in the staffroom straight after drop off. At this meeting we will be discussing St Patrick’s Disco and we will also follow up on some suggestions from the last meeting. All parents are welcome to attend so please come and have a cup of tea with us and join in some friendly conversation.

If there are any Parents/Grandparents/Carers who would like to start looking at the gardens and possibly helping with planting, please let us know as we are keen to get some plans together for developing this area as soon as possible.

Thanks, Anne-Marie and Jackie Terryschild.

Parish Information

Early Notices: Entering into Prayer

The Parish is pleased to offer a three part programme entitled Entering Into Prayer on the three Wednesdays: 6, 13, 20 May in the St Margaret Mary’s Hall. 7.30 – 9pm

Would you like to be aware of different ways of praying? Is Prayer a Challenge? Desire to be closer to God?

Session 1. Stillness

Session 2. Imaginative Prayers

Session 3. Praying with the Scriptures

The programme is being offered through the Loyola Prayer Companion Outreach Team. A unique opportunity in our own parish.

Mark your calendar or diary now.

A Blessing for St Patrick’s Day

May you always have work for your hands to do
May your pockets hold always a coin or two
May the sun shine bright on your windowpane
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain
May the hand of a friend always be near you
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you

Anne-Marie Platten, APRIM

From our APRIM.........

From our Principal..........