ALL children participating must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Please update your 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

FAMILY PLAY SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

3.15 – 5.00 pm
Thursday 26th March 2015

Play is about children having fun, but it also has a serious function in their lives. It is what helps them develop different abilities, including their physical, mental and social skills. These skills are what help them perform well in the different areas of their lives, such as learning new things, making friends, doing well at school, solving problems and building self-confidence. The more that parents get involved in their children’s play activities, the greater these benefits are for the children, now and into their future. It helps children feel confident. The more that parents get involved in their children’s activities, the greater these benefits are for the children, now and into their future. It helps children feel good about themselves and about their relationship with their mother and father. So join in with the games and activities your child likes to participate in. You’ll be helping them in many ways, and you’ll discover that you can have a lot of fun yourself!

All children participating must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Chau Tran and Huong Nguyen
School Community Workers

Communities for Children is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

As from Monday 23rd March
Winter uniform items will be available to purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Winter Uniform is to be worn during Terms 2 and 3.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthdays

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

Congratulations to all involved!
Dear Parents and Community Members,

We were truly blessed with a beautiful 28 degree day for this year’s Sports Day. It was the first time that our school trialled a twilight time and I am looking forward to hearing feedback from many parents in regards to this twilight time. It was wonderful to see more families and past St Patrick’s School students than ever before and we are blessed with so many volunteers who helped out in many ways. I particularly thank Mrs Rosa Greco and the many volunteers who helped serve the canteen and cook the sausages throughout the day. It was very busy in the canteen and I thank everyone for making our school such a great place to be.

I thank all the staff of St Patrick’s School who worked tirelessly on the day to make this event special for the children and their families. Thank you to Ms Nicole Johnson, who is our Physical Education teacher, for her coordination of Sports Day. The day was a great success due to Ms Johnson, the support of staff, volunteers and house captains.

Sports Day Results: Congratulations to the MacDonald Team (Gold) for winning this year’s Sports Day.

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Individual Age Champions:
Under 12 Girls: Kasey Chamings
Under 12 Boys: Maxwell Wani Sokiri, Richard Huynh & Thien Nguyen
Senior Girls: Kayleen Do
Senior Boys: Vishnu Manoj

Student Progress Meetings
Next week our first round of ‘Student Progress Meetings’ will commence and as a school we want to ensure that all parents take the time to meet with their child’s teacher to gain a better understanding on how your child’s learning is progressing. Parents are asked to organise their own interpreters and need to approach Chau or Huong if the wish to have Vietnamese interpreting.

Frank Congedi
Principal

This week we celebrate 3 important days; St Patrick’s Day, St Joseph’s Day and Harmony Day.

**St Patrick’s Day**
Green was the main colour seen at St Patrick’s on Tuesday all in honour of St Patrick’s Day; green jelly, green clothes, green decorations in the Church and around the classrooms. Buddy classes worked together to celebrate this special day for our school. Have a talk with your children and ask them what they enjoyed most about St Patrick’s Day. We hope they had fun and learned of the important role St Patrick played in bringing the Word of God to the lives of others.

**St Joseph’s Day: Thursday 19th March**
This Thursday the Church celebrates another important Saint, St Joseph, the husband of Mary. St Joseph is special to many people, including St Mary MacKillop. Joseph was St Mary’s special patron who she prayed to often. Joseph was a compassionate and caring man who left everything he had to keep Jesus and Mary safe. He had great faith in God and supported Jesus through his life and ministry. On this day we look to St Joseph and pray that we too have a faith that is as strong and unwavering as St Joseph’s was.

**Harmony Day**
Harmony Day – 21st March
Saturday is Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It is a day Australia celebrates our cultural diversity, a day of cultural respect for everyone. St Patrick’s School is made up of members from many different cultural backgrounds and we thank God for bringing us together in our community. Please keep in your prayers people who feel they can’t celebrate their culture for whatever reason and all who have suffered as a result of racism. We also pray for people who are victimised or suffer injustice because of their faith beliefs and practices.

**Parent/Carer Meeting**
Please remember that our Parent/Carers Network meeting is on tomorrow morning in the staff room. Please come when the bell goes and join us for some coffee, bickies and some friendly conversation. We hope to see lots of parents/carers there.

Thanks

Anne-Marie Platten,
APRIM

God of Harmony
You created all people in your image and made the world a garden in which many different flowers grow.
We thank you for the amazing variety of races and cultures in the world.
Help us to be people who promote harmony by seeing all people as sisters and brothers.
Help us live together as members of one family.