Holy Week Information

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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

St Patrick’s OSHC Director

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.

Christ Be With Me by St. Patrick
Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks to me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.
Salvation is of the Lord.
May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us.

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

**Feast of St Patrick’s**
Last week, on Tuesday the 17th of March, our school remembered and celebrated St Patrick, a man who brought Christianity to Ireland. In Australia, there are many people with Irish ancestry and St Patrick is a way for many people to connect with the hardships and circumstances that brought them to Australia. St Patrick endured hardships through his life to bring the light of Christ to the Irish. Patrick was a man of zeal and enthusiasm for the mission of God, who delighted in unfolding the mystery of the Trinity.

**Feast of St Joseph**
In the same week, on Thursday the 19th of March, we also celebrated the Feast of St Joseph who is another very important in our Church and for our school as we are part of the legacy of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The Feast of St Joseph in our salvation history. Joseph was chosen by God to protect and care for Jesus a role he undertook with faith and trust in God. Joseph teaches us humility and to live a life of service.

**Holy Week**
Next week we begin the most important week in the Church calendar: Holy Week. During Holy Week, different classes will be presenting a re-enactment of different events that took place leading to Jesus’ crucifixion. This is a solemn week for Christians and we instil a sense of reverence from the children.

**6/7 Aquatics**
In Week 8, our 6/7 students took part in two Aquatics Days. At St Patrick’s School the 6/7 students have Aquatics Days at West Beach instead of swimming lessons at the Parks. Aquatics Days provide students with the opportunity to learn about the skills required at the beach by learning about waves, rips, water currents as well as knowing how to protect the beach. They learn what the role of surf life savers volunteers is. These two Aquatics Days were held last week and the feedback from the 6/7 students has been overwhelmingly positive. I wanted to also congratulate our Year 6 and 7 students for their exceptional positive behaviour and for representing their school at a high standard. I thank the teachers in the Middle School for organising these two days and thank the support staff and parents who provided supervision.

**School Board Membership**
I wanted to inform the community that in addition to Van Ngo (Jaiden’s mum), Jacqui Terryschild (Brett and Johnny’s grandmother) and Rosemary Paul (Sian’s mum) have also informed me that they will be completing their time on the School Board. I would like to thank all of them for the generous contribution on the board and know that we have their continued support as ongoing volunteers in the school. Grace Hua (Jason’s mum) and Kim Pham (Evelyn, Dallas & Cynthia Pham’s mum) have replaced two out the 3 position available on the School Board. Therefore, we have space for one School Board member. If you are interested in joining the School Board and can make the commitment the 3rd Wednesday of a month from 7pm to 9pm, could you please see me. Looking forward to hearing from you.

God Bless
Frank Congedi

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**Project Compassion**
There are only a few weeks left of Lent so I would like to introduce you to another community being supported by Project Compassion.
This is Sarita from Nepal. Sarita has 3 children and lives in a small village. Sarita’s community could not grow enough food for them to eat. In 2007, Sarita joined the Caritas Australia supported Kolkata Fish Raising group. The Fish Raising program in rural Nepal works with men and women in a remote village community to turn a disused pond into a thriving fish-raising business. “This program embraced the poorest of the poor like us, gave us skills and supported us with funds to invest and make something of ourselves,” says Sarita.

**The Annunciation of the Lord 25th March, 2015.**
Yesterday 4/5P and R/1 S celebrated a Liturgy of the Word, highlighting the presence of Jesus in our lives on the Feast of the Annunciation. We remembered the Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary and letting her know she will have a son and he will be named Jesus. Jesus’ would be born into the world 9 months after the Annunciation. God chose Mary, a caring person with strong faith, to be the Mother of His most precious gift, Jesus. At the Liturgy we spoke about the students recognising the presence of Jesus in their lives today and how we can be the face of Jesus to others in the world.

**Holy Week at St Patrick’s**
Next week is Holy Week, one of the most important weeks in the Church Year. St Patrick’s will remember the events of Holy Week with classes and the Prayer and Liturgy Group presenting a different event each day; remembering Jesus’ journey to the Cross. Please join us for prayer on Monday Morning next Monday, 30th March, as we pray together to begin Holy Week.

**Parish News**
**Preparing Palms - Saturday 28th March**
The Parish is looking for volunteers to go to St Margaret Mary’s Church at 9am next Saturday to help cut the individual palms for Palm Sunday. Please bring a pair of secateurs with you.

**Holy Communion to the Sick**
If there are parishioners who would like to take part in this ministry to the sick and frail aged at home in teams of two to our Nursing Homes, please ring the office or speak to Fr Maurice. Times for the sick at home are flexible. Nursing Homes are generally on Fridays 10.30 or 11 am and one on Thursdays.

**Holy Week at the Church**
The Junior Parish Pastoral Council, with the help of the parish secretary, Paula Noujaim, have prepared a page for the School Newsletters inviting other children to come share Holy Week. the page is an addition to this week’s newsletter. Here are some additional Holy Week Liturgies:

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Have a lovely week
Anne-Marie Platten
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