WHAT’S ON AT ST. PATRICK’S?

FAMILY FUN DAY

Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers, their children and staff who participated in the Family Fun Day last Thursday.

A big thank you to Jeff, Marijana, Trinh, Chinh, Nga, Hue, Diem and Dung who helped to cook and serve the BBQ. The Family Fun Day would not be successful without your support.

Though the weather was a bit windy and cold, the activities of jumping castle, face painting, volleyball were highly enjoyable during the afternoon.

Chau Tran and Huong Nguyen
School Community Workers Communities for Children is funded by the Australian Government

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

Raiden Ooi
Revellane Phuong
Joshika Saravanan
Mitchell Sutton
Tim Vong
Kathlyn Truong
Nikita Reid
Kaydan Doan
Prateek Barani Kumar
Philip Le

Jajah Alvarez
Takara Abdulla
Anthony Campestre
Apreal Millante
Thuy-Hang Ngo
Anh Nguyen
Maxwell Wani Sokirir
Kasey Chamings

CHILDREN'S LEGO SPACESHIPS

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.

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

**Family Play Session**
What another fun ‘Family Play Session’ we had last week. There was a jumping castle, face painting, play dough, tennis and Volleyball. Many parents were able to join their children to have fun, play together, share a sausage sizzle and be a community. The weather was not the best and we are blessed to be able to move a lot of the activities in the Sister Mary Mercer Hall. Thank you to Ms Chau and Ms Huong for their work in organising the event and to the many volunteers who cooked the sausages, onions and helped serve during the afternoon.

**Student Progress Meetings**
I hope you have all been part of informative Student Progress Meetings and that you are forging a good relationship and collaborative partnership with your child’s teacher/s. Your engagement and involvement in your child’s education makes a huge difference for our children as they get to know that it is important and valued. If you missed your appointment please ensure you speak to your child’s teacher.

**2016 Enrolment Interviews**
I am currently conducting lots of enrolment interviews for 2016. If you have a child ready to start school and you have not completed an application, please do so as soon as possible.

**Father Maurice’s Long Service Leave**
After many years, Father Maurice will be taking Long Service Leave from the 27th of April to 29th of July. During his Long Service Leave, Father Maurice and Deacon Long Hai will spend some time travelling to the Holy Land, Rome and Paris. We wish them both a safe trip overseas and thank them for their service of the Croydon Park Parish Community.

**Swimming in Term 2**
This week forms went out to classes in regards to Swimming at the Parks for the students from Reception to Year 5.

- **Week 1 (Mon 27, Wed 29, Thu 30 April & Fri 1 May)** – 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 & Yr 5’s in 5/6
- **Week 2 (Mon 4, Wed 6, Thu 7, Fri 8 May)** – R/1T, R/1H & ½

During these 2 weeks we require as many registered volunteers to help with walking to and from the Parks Pool and help students at the Pool. If you are able to help, please see your child’s teacher.

I thank the many volunteers who help our school each week.

God Bless you for your generosity.
Frank Congedi
Principal

**From the Finance Officer - School Fees 2015**
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 (30/4/2015).

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 BPays, EFTPOS and also direct deductions from Centrelink payments to cater to the changing financial needs of our families at St Patrick’s School.

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.

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

**Holy Week**
This week we remembered some very important events of Jesus’ life and the life of the Church. During Holy Week we remember the events that allowed us to learn the true meaning of God’s love. We remembered Jesus’ entering Jerusalem and being treated like a King on Palm Sunday, sharing the Last Supper with his disciples, washing the feet of his disciples and then moving into the garden to pray. Most importantly we remember Jesus dying on the Cross on Good Friday and then rising to new life on Easter Sunday.

All of these events of Jesus’ life during Holy Week help us to grow closer to God and to learn of what God wants for all people. Jesus died for us so that we could learn the real way to love God and to love one another.

I would like to say thank you to the students and our class teachers who made a big effort to present the events of Holy Week to the school. Their re-enactments allowed us to learn more about the special events. I would also like to thank the students of our Prayer and Liturgy group who helped us remember Jesus while leading memorable and prayerful experiences at St Patricks.

Next Tuesday when we come back to school after Easter, we will celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection and his new life with God. Please join us in a whole school Liturgy of the Word at 11.40am in the Church where we will hear of Jesus rising from the dead and learn what the Resurrection means for us.

**Project Compassion**
As you know we have been asking families to donate to Project Compassion. The money will be given to Caritas Australia and used to help communities of our world, who live with poverty and injustice, learn new skills to help them build a better life for themselves and their community. Thank you to those people who were in a position to donate. Could you please return the boxes to school next week, we would like to collect them before the holidays. If you would like a taxation receipt, please fill in the information on the back of the flap on the box. We will send the information into Caritas and they will send a receipt to the address recorded on the box.

I wish you and your families a holy, happy and safe Easter.

God bless
Anne-Marie Platten

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

From our APRIM........