HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016 - WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ST.PATRICK’S?

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AT ST PATRICK’S 2016

Wednesday
Playgroup, family fun for families with children under 5 years from 9.30 – 11.30 am throughout term

Thursday
Women Group from 11.1am-12.30pm

We were fortunate to receive a grant through the City of Port Adelaide Enfield to undertake the autobiography workshops which aim to help the participants to talk and write about the events and people that have mattered to them in their own life. The workshops are free, lots of fun, friendly and open to all. Come and meet new people and get involved in the school community.

Friday
This program is for children aged 3-5 years old from 9.30 – 11.30 (including Library visit) and their parents, to support transitions from Kindy to School.

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

Out of School Hours Care
is now being run by CAMP AUSTRALIA

Please direct all enquiries, bookings & cancellations to:
CAMP AUSTRALIA 1300 105 343
www.campaustralia.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

All students have been supplied with a new hat with their house colours. These hats have been named. If your child loses their hat you will need to purchase a new hat from the uniform shop.

Canteen Volunteers

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Han Nguyen
Tan Nguyen
Sanjay Karthikeyan
Saviti Te
Santoss Wleh
Casey Millante
Linda Nguyen
Cynthia Pham
Donge Sokiri
Junior Ayang

Ethan Chau
Mia Ngo
Geoffreay Emmanueli
Thien Nguyen
Kylie Tran
Lleyton Quach
Ryza Rodriguez
An Le
Anthony Pham
Michael Ta

February Birthdays

Monday
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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope that your family moves smoothly to school life once again and that the children settle well in their new classes. Many of the students are excited to be back at school, learning and spending time with their friends. This year we welcome to our school community 28 new Reception and 8 other students in other year levels.

Our new Reception students are:
- R/1H: Carsandra, Deetee, Eva, Summer, Chantelle, Kim, Teresa, Melanie, Parker, Kevin, Lachlan, Tyson, Huylong and Brahm
- R/1T: Emily, Neilia, An, Rose, Yu-Jillia, Bianca, Evan, Hayden, Piyush, Mason, Ali, Jackie, Sam, and Isaac

Other children in other year levels commencing with us are:
- Katrina (1/2 Class), Bonnie and Mason (Year 2 Class), Bella, Biggita and Krishleen (Year 4 Class), Thien (5/6LB Class)
- Arshdeep (Year 5 Class)
- Emily, Nellia, An, Rose, Yu-Jillia, Bianca, Evan, Hayden, Piyush, Mason, Ali, Jackie, Sam, and Isaac
- Deetya, Eva, Summer, Chantelle, Katrina, Bella, Birgitta and Krishleen
- Carsandra, Deetee, Eva, Summer, Chantelle, Kim, Teresa, Melanie, Parker, Kevin, Lachlan, Tyson, Huylong and Brahm

We wish them a wonderful start at St Patrick’s.

School Improvements

During the school holidays St Patrick’s School continued to improve its facilities. The biggest work was the construction of a new verandah area adjacent the Judy Burley Learning Support Centre. This area has an in-ground trampoline, a spinner and new rubber floor. I thank the Catholic Education Office and Camp Australia for their additional $30,000 given to the school and to Ms Catia Frasca for coordinating these works and contributing an additional $2500 through the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser. Rooms 3, 4, 5 & 6 now have new air conditioning providing heating and cooling replacing old evaporative air conditioners. Other improvements include replacing fluoro lights in five classrooms (Rooms 8,9,10,11,12) to LED lights which has significantly brightened their learning areas.

This year St Patrick’s School we are investing a considerable amount of money replacing student desks and chairs in the R/1AD, R/1MT and 1/2CS classes and these will arrive soon, new student chairs in the two 5/6 classes and Year 3 class, whilst the Year 7 Class and the chairs at the back of the Church are also being replaced some time in Term 1.

Camp Australia

This year St Patrick’s School will be working together with Camp Australia to provide Out of School Hours Care for our school community. Camp Australia is the largest provider of Out of School Hours Care in South Australia and are very keen to commence at St Patrick’s School they will provide an exciting new program for children before and after school.

Welcome to school for 2016. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and a very happy new year. Our Vietnamese and Chinese families will be celebrating the New Year next week and I wish them many blessings for a healthy and happy year. I would like to welcome our new families to St Patrick’s and I am looking forward to meeting you all in the beginning weeks of the year.

Ash Wednesday

This year we begin Lent in Week 2 with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. Mass will be celebrated for the students in years 4 to 7 at 9am on Wednesday morning and a Liturgy of the Word at 11.40am in the Church. You are all invited to join us. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church season of Lent. Lent is a time when we remember the 40 days and nights Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying to God. During Lent we take the time to look at our choices in life and to recognise choices we have made that hurt ourselves, others, God and the environment. We discuss what we can do to reconcile the wrong choices we have made in the past and to make better choices in the future. Classes will also be learning how each of us can help people living in poverty through Project Compassion.

Sacramental Program - Confirmation

Parent meetings for the Sacramental program will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 9.15am and repeated at 7pm. The morning session will be in St Joseph’s Centre near Mater Dei Church with the evening session being held in Whitefriars School Hall. Parents are required to attend one of the sessions on the day.

Deacon Long Hai’s Ordination

Congratulations to Deacon Long Hai Nguyen from Croydon Park Parish who will be ordained a priest on Saturday 6th February at St Francis Cathedral @ 10am. It is a special event for our Church and a sacred time for Long Hai.

We have a lovely week, I am looking forward to seeing everyone again as the year begins.

Anne-Marie Platten

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From the Finance Officer....

School Fees 2016

Welcome back to all our families both new and existing at St Patrick’s School. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and well deserved break.

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. If you are eligible for SCHOOL CARD and have not completed the application form please come and see me in the front office. This form must be completed every year. I will be forwarding all school statements in your child’s school bag this week so please make sure you check their bag.

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

If at any time you are having trouble meeting your school fee commitment, or have any queries, please contact me on 93034500 to discuss this matter.

Christine Lavender
Finance Officer