The school has ambulance cover for students who have accidents here at school or while on a school organised event. However, this cover does not include students with a pre-existing condition such as asthma and anaphylaxis or reactions to allergies.

We will ring an ambulance if we need support in administering first aid, however in the case of students with pre-existing conditions the parents will be charged by Ambulance SA for their service.

This is about $900 so we strongly encourage you to take out ambulance cover, particularly if your child has a health condition.

Out of School Hours Care is run by CAMP AUSTRALIA
Please direct all enquiries, bookings & cancellations to:
CAMP AUSTRALIA 1300 105 343
www.campaustralia.com.au

Happy Birthday
Precious Nada
Jennifer Tran
Sanjay Karthikeyan
Han Nguyen
Tan Nguyen
Savitri Te
Casey Millante
Linda Nguyen
Santoss Wieh
Thien Nguyen
Ryzia Mae Rodriguez
Junior Ayang
Geoffrey Emmanueli
Mia Ngo
Lleyton Quach
Kylie Tran

January Birthdays
Santoss Wleh
Thien Nguyen
Ryza Mae Rodriguez
Junior Ayang
Geoffrey Emmanueli
Mia Ngo
Lleyton Quach
Kylie Tran
Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2017 School year and Happy New Year to all of our Vietnamese and Chinese Families. This is the Year of the Rooster. If you are born in 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005 or 2017 this is your year. Roosters are flamboyant, colourful and like to put on a good show. Quite a number of our families will be celebrating the New Year in Vietnam so a number of students will be away for the beginning of the school year.

We begin the 2017 school year with one of the largest group of Reception children: 38. We welcome: Albert, Alan, Alesha, Alice, Angel, Charlie, Cherish, Donna, Ethan, Evan, Hader, Isabella, Jaije, Jayden, Jessica, Johnny, Junior, Kate, Miko, Mochi, Nawaz, Olivia, Oscar, Pamela, Peter Beau, Precious, Rakshika, Rodela, Sianna, Sha-neika, Sophie, Steven, Sydney, Taffy, Tai, Tanveer, Thienlong, Vanika.

We also welcome 5 children in other year levels: Diem Ca and Langar in Year 1, Frank and Andre in 3/4J and Jet in 5/6B.

We are looking forward to getting to know and educate all of these new children at St Patrick’s School.

New classroom environments

This is not only the largest group of children starting at our school since my time as a Principal, but it is also the biggest change to classroom environments and class location. Over the school holidays the previously 5/6 area had been opened up to the Mary MacKillop Room. The renovated classrooms will be the new area for our 2 Reception classes and Year 1 class. They will be working closely in an open, flexible learning environment providing new and exciting learning experiences at St Patrick’s School.

New Out-of-School Hours Care area

As the Mary MacKillop Room will now be a classroom space the Out-School Hours Care will function in the Sister Mary Mercer Hall. This will provide space for the children to be able to be more active with ample space and toilets facilities within the building. We encourage families to use the OSHC facilities as the children will have lots of opportunities to be actively engaged with others after school. We are asking parents to use the Hume St Entrance to drop your children off in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon.

I am excited to be returning to school to serve this community and see the children again. As we start the year we also wish our last year’s Year 7’s well as they commence their secondary education.

I look forward to saying hello to you in the yard.

God bless

Frank Congedi

Welcome to school for 2017 and a very special welcome to our new families. May your time at St Patrick’s be filled with love, laughter and special friendships.

For our new reception families we understand that this can be an exciting and emotional time for all of you, as well as for students starting at a new school. I hope that knowing your children are entering a community where all are treated with love, respect and dignity will help ease your nerves and enjoy this special time with your children.

For those who are new to our community I would like to tell you a little about myself. My name is Anne-Marie Platten and I am the Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM). I hold a few different roles within St Patrick’s School some of which involve: being responsible for working with Mr Congedi and all staff to promote and develop the Catholic Identity of our school; coordinating the Inclusive Education focus which includes supporting staff, students and families in developing a curriculum that caters to the individual needs of all students through Individual Education Plans; working with parents and friends to develop parental engagement in St Patrick’s School in a variety of ways; Sacramental Coordinator and assisting Mr Congedi with the day to day administration that is involved in all schools. I am looking forward to meeting those I haven’t met as the year progresses and catching up with our families who have been at St Patrick’s for a while.

Our beginning of school morning tea was on Tuesday and I thank existing parents Katherine, Nicole, Gayathri, Mariana, Grace, Criselda, Jeff and Cheryl who welcomed and shared morning tea with our new families. It was a lovely gathering and we look forward to many more.

God bless

Frank Congedi

Prayers to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them, their teachers and staff and their families. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

School Fees 2017

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 which is the 13 April 2017. If you are eligible for SCHOOL CARD and have not completed the application form please come and see me in the front office or ring me on 83034500 and I will place the application form in your child’s school bag. This form must be completed every year.

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 83034500 to discuss this matter.

Christine Lavender
Finance Officer