Tuesday 13th February
Monday Morning Prayer
led by 3/4 LJ @ 9am
Please join us

Wednesday 15th February
Sausage Sizzle
Please take your Sausage Sizzle order to the Canteen by Tuesday 14th February

Meet the Teacher Evening
6pm - 8pm
Come along and meet your child’s teacher

Friday 17th February
Whole School Assembly
led by 7B
9am in the
Sr Mary Mercer Hall
Please join us

Monday 22nd February
Monday Morning Prayer
led by Prayer & Liturgy Group @ 9am
Please join us

Term Dates
Term 1
Ends 13th April
12:30pm finish

Term 2
Begins 1st May
Finishes 6th July

Term 3
Begins 24th July
Finishes 28th September

Term 4
Begins 16th October
Finishes 14th December
3:10 pm finish

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Thursday 9th February 2017
Term 1, Week 2

Year 3/4 J
Self-Portraits
From our Principal............

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Our first week of school this year was a very happy and positive one for our school community. The children are excited to be returning to school and the new Receptions have had a good start to their primary school learning. It was wonderful to get to know new parents and re-connect with many families who have been with us for a while. I thank you for the many positive comments about the new Early Years classrooms. This is a wonderful improvement to the Early Years Learning and one which will provide rich learning experiences for our Reception and Year 1 students. The renovations to these classrooms are not yet complete as we are waiting for new glass doors to finalise the sliding door between the Year 1 and Reception Classes.

Meet the Teacher Evening (Wednesday 15 February)

Next week on Wednesday 15 February we are holding the ‘Meet the Teacher’ Evening. A letter has been sent home and I encourage all parents to join us this evening to find out more about your child’s learning and how you can support your child at home.

The Session Times are:
6:00pm-6:40pm  Reception, Year 1 & 2
6:40pm -7:20pm  Year 3 & 4
7:20pm-8:00pm  Years 5, 6 & 7

On the evening I will be running a session about learning at St Patrick’s School and the direction of the school. I will be repeating the session 3 times starting at 6:00pm, 6:40pm and 7:20pm in the staffroom.

We will also be providing a free sausage sizzle to celebrate the start of another new school year as a community. I am looking forward to

Annual General Meeting
(Wednesday 22 February)

This year’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 22nd of February from 7:00pm to 9:00pm with drinks and nibble in the staffroom.

At the Annual General Meeting we inform our community about the school goals achieved in 2016 and the financial position of the school. We will also spend some time sharing our school direction for 2017 and have shared input from parents regarding ways to further improve our school.

Each year at the Annual General Meeting we also announce continuing and new School Board members. During the year our School Board meets together with Whitefriars and St Margaret Mary’s School Boards to enable Fr Maurice to actively support each of the schools in the capacity of President of all three School Boards. The venue alternates between the 3 schools. The School Board meets twice a term usually on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm.

If you would like to join the School Board I have placed a ‘School Board Nomination Form’ as an insert in this week’s newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you there.

God Bless

Frank Congedi

Linda Moran - EAL Teacher

I am delighted to join the St Patrick’s School Community. I have worked for over 30 years in Catholic Education and my role at St Patrick’s is as an English as an Additional Language (EAL) teacher. Along with other staff, I work with students and families (who speak a language other than English at home) to support children’s learning and well-being. I will be working in classes from Reception to Year 7 helping students with English. Hope to see you at school sometime soon in the next few weeks - Come up and say Hello!
I hope your start to school for 2017 went smoothly last week. As the term moves along there will be lots of opportunities for families to be involved at St Patrick’s. Whole School Masses are a great way to come together and celebrate our community so on Friday 17th March we will celebrate St Patrick’s Day with a Mass at 9am. Please put this date in your diaries and join us if you can. Mass will begin at 9am.

Twilight Sports Day provides another good opportunity for you to come to school and watch your child enjoy a day of athletics and fun sports games. Sports Day is on Friday 10th March and information will come home soon explaining the day.

Ash Wednesday is a special day in the Liturgical Calendar that marks the beginning of Lent. St Patrick’s will hold a Mass for the 5/6/7 students and parishioners at 9am on Wednesday 1st March and a Liturgy of the Word for the other classes after lunch. Every Monday morning the whole school gathers in the Church and begins the week together with prayer. Our Prayer and Liturgy Group and classes alternate the planning and organising of prayer and our community are always invited to join us. It starts at 9am and will finish at around 9.15am. You are all very welcome.

Registered Volunteers
If you would like to help out at school all volunteers require a current Catholic Police Check Clearance. These can be obtained from Mrs Faulks in the front office.

We look forward to seeing you during the term.

God bless,
Anne-Marie Platten
Community Corner

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK’S?

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AT ST PATRICK’S 2017

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

Thursday
Parent, Conversation, Craft and Support School Group will be held at school each Thursday from 10 to 11.30. This is a very basic English class so we encourage you to attend if you wish to improve your English speaking skills. These programs 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 Huong Nguyen - School Community Workers

Communities for Children is funded by the Australian Government

One of St Patrick’s students Yazym Campbell is now competing as professional runner with the South Australian Athletic League and Australian Athletic League.

Yazym trains 6 days a week out of a gym in Ellis park and is coached by a highly regarded Australian sprint coach based in South Australia, with Yazym being his first and only junior athlete.

Yazym has joined the pro circuit with a bang, achieving some personal best times, running the Jnr Bay Sheffield in December coming 4th in the under 18’s as a 12 year old.

Yazym has recently finished first in the under 18’s heats in the Camden classic 120mtrs in 14.39 sec, - progressing her to the final where she ran 5th as well as 2nd place in the under 14’s 120mtrs. Late last year Yazym went on to represent St Patrick’s at the South Australian All Schools held at Santos where all the state’s Jnr elite athletes went to compete, Yazym made the finals in all of the events she entered: 100, 200 and 400 mtrs. St Patrick’s has never had a student represent the school at the South Australian All Schools event.

While Yazym is at the beginning of her professional running career away from school, she will once again represent St Patrick’s at all the athletic events, throughout her final year of Primary schooling.

Big thanks to Yazym’s peers and the teaching staff at St Patrick’s for there continued support.

Happy Birthday

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Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open every morning

Canteen Volunteers

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St Patrick’s School Board Nominations

We are currently calling for nominations for St. Patrick’s School Board for 2017. Here is an outline of the Board’s responsibility:

- To work in a spirit of partnership for the development of policies that nurture the Religious and Community dimensions of the school
- Further develop the relationship between the school and the local Church
- Financial stewardship
- Support the administration of the school
- Pastoral care of the school community
- Promote community development and involvement within the School

The School Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month during the school term at 7 pm to 9pm.

The first part of the meeting is combined with the Boards from the other two parish schools, Whitefriars and St. Margaret Mary’s. During this time we continue our formation as leaders within our schools and share our knowledge and wisdom to benefit our own and each other’s communities and the Parish.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact one of the current Board members. Jeff Carr (Chairperson), Katherine Alejo, Liem Chieu, Taylor Power-Smith, Grace Hua, Aimee Tran, Maurice Bucco or myself.

Frank Congedi
Principal

Nomination Form - St. Patrick’s School Board 2017

(Please return to the School Office by Friday 17 February 2017)

I........................................nominate myself for membership of St. Patrick’s School Board 2017 or

I........................................nominate........................................ for membership of St. Patrick’s School Board 2017.

Signature of person making the nomination: ........................................ Date: .....................

Signature of person accepting nomination: ........................................ Date: .....................

Please note that all nominated persons must be present on the evening of the Annual General Meeting or send in an apology which will be tabled at the meeting.
Slip, Slop, Slap for Sports

Every **Tuesday** (Years 3-7) and **Wednesday** (Years Rec – 2) is Sport lesson day. It is important that your child is in sport uniform that is appropriate for that weather that day: Summer – Polo shirt, shorts and St Patrick’s hat. Winter – St Patrick’s Sports Jumper and tracksuit pants. We encourage all students to wear **white** coloured shoes. Please also label all outer garments of clothing so that when your child takes off their sports jumper or hat they don’t get mixed up with the other numerous ones in the class.

As we are in an Australian summer it is important for all students to Slip, Slop, Slap:

- **Slip** on sun protective clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
- **Slop** on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen liberally to dry skin, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors.
- **Slap** on a broad brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.

Sports Day

Sports day this year is scheduled for Friday the 10th of March and at this stage will again be a twilight sports days where students start school at 11.50am and finish at 6pm. We have held a twilight sports day for the last couple of years and have been pleased with the wonderful amount of parents and ex students that attend the day. Please pencil it in your diaries for this year. If you can help in any way please let us know. We always need people to help with the BBQ, ribbon givers, junior primary points collectors and tug o war enthusiasts!

Basketball

If any year 6/7’s are interested in doing basketball training after school please let Ms Johnson know and I will be able to let you know further details when they become available. We are hoping to put a year 6/7 boys and year 6/7 girl’s team in the SAPSASA carnival week 1, term 3 this year!

Cricket

If any year 5-7 students are interested in participating in Saturday morning cricket please let Ms Johnson know. There is a competition run at 8.30am on Saturday mornings for any students who are interested. Also seeking any enthusiastic parents who may wish to manage/coach the team.

Embroidery Help

This year we are having Captain sashes and I am seeking someone who can embroider the house names on to the sash before sports day. If you can help please let Ms Johnson know.

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My name is __________________________ My child’s name is __________________________ from class ____

I can help out with (Please write) __________________________________________________________

My child is interested in participating in (Please write Basketball or cricket) __________________________

Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 👍 Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Thưa Quý Phụ huynh và các Thành Viên trong Cộng đồng
Tuan đề thú nhất của năm học này thật hết sức vui vẻ và tích cực. Các em học sinh rất vui vẻ với trở lại trường, các lớp Vô lông mới đã bắt đầu đội học sinh tiêu hoc thất tốt đẹp. Thất là tuyệt vời khi biết về các phụ huynh mới và gặp lại các phụ huynh cũ đã tham gia với trường chúng ta. Tôi cảm ơn những lời đồng góp tích cực của quý vị về các phòng học cấp So Áu. Dạy là sự tiếp bổ trợ tuyệt vời cho Khối So Áu, việc này sẽ cung cấp một môi trường học tập tốt đẹp cho các em Vô lông và Lớp 1. Sự ủng hộ các lớp học này chưa hoàn tất, chúng tôi vẫn còn chờ các cựu kiêng và các kế ngang Lớp 1 và các lớp Vô lông.

Buổi tới họp mặt với giáo viên (Thứ Tư 15 Tháng Hai)
Tuan tới Thứ Tư 15 Tháng Hai chúng tôi sẽ tổ chức buổi họp mặt với giáo viên. Thưa sẽ được giữ về nhà và tôi khuyên khích quý vị tham gia với chúng tôi để hiểu biết về việc học của các em và biết cách hỗ trợ cho các em ở nhà.

Những buổi họp như sau
6:00-6:30 Các lớp Vô lông , 1,&2
6:40-7:20 Các lớp 3&4
7:20-8:00 Các Lớp 5,6&7
Trong buổi tới này tôi sẽ một buổi nói về học tập tại Trường St Patrick và hướng di của Trường. Tôi sẽ lập lại buổi nói chung 3 lần bắt đầu lúc 6:00,5:40 và 7:20 trong phòng nhân viên.
Chúng tôi sẽ cùng cấp dịch vụ giá trị và xin các gia đình ghi danh cho con quý vị để chúng tôi biết rõ con số mà sắp xếp nhân viên
Chúng tôi cũng cùng cấp xúc xích miễn phí, vì chúng ta mừng một năm học mới. Hy vọng gặp quý vị

Hợp Thượng Nhiền (Thứ Tư 22 Tháng Hai)
Năm nay Hợp Thượng chiều sẽ vào ngày Thứ Tư 22 Tháng Hai từ 7:00pm-9:00pm có ăn uống nhẹ trong phòng họp của nhân viên
Trong buổi Hợp Thượng Nhiền chúng ta sẽ thông báo cho công đồng biết những mục đích mà chúng ta đã đạt được trong năm 2016 và vấn đề tài chính của trường. Chúng ta cũng đánh giá để chia sẻ hướng đi của trường trong năm 2017 và chia sẻ về việc đồng góp của phụ huynh để trường phát triển hơn

Mỗi năm tại buổi Hợp Thượng Nhiền chúng tôi cũng tuyển bổ những thành viên cũ còn tiếp tục và những thành viên mới của Hội Đồng Nhà Trường. Trong năm học Hội Đồng nhà trường sẽ cùng gặp gỡ với Hội Đồng của các trường Whitefriars và St Margaret Mary để cha Maurice hỗ trợ Cơ thể tích cực hỗ trợ chúng trong vai trò của vị Chủ tịch của cả ba Hội Đồng Nhà Trường. Địa điểm sẽ được luận phiên giữa 3 trường. Hội Đồng Nhà Trường gặp gỡ 2 lần trong một Học kỳ thường vào Thứ Tư tuần thứ ba trong tháng từ 7pm-9pm

Nếu quý vị muốn tham gia Hội Đồng Nhà Trường tôi định kẽm “School Board Nomination Form” trong bản tin tuần này

Hy vọng gặp quý vị,
Xin Chúa Chúc Lành Cho Quý Vị
Frank Congedi
Tin Giáo Đức Giáo Lý

Tôi hy vọng bắt đầu năm học được mọi sự xướng sé. Trong học kỳ có rất nhiều sinh hoạt để quý vị tham gia. Thánh Lê Toàn trưởng là cách để chúng ta gặp gỡ nhau, vì thế vào ngày Thứ Sáu 17 Tháng Ba chúng ta sẽ mừng Lê Thánh Patrick Thánh Lê bắt đầu lúc 9:00am

Ngày Thế Thao vào Thứ Sáu 6 Tháng Ba cũng là một cơ hội tốt đẹp khác cho quý vị đến trường xem các em sinh hoạt.

Thứ Tư Lê Tro là ngày đặc biệt trong lịch Phụng vụ bắt đầu Mùa Chay. Trường St Patrick sẽ có Thánh Lễ cho các Lớp 5/67 cũng với giáo dân vào Thứ Tư 1 Tháng Ba lúc 9:00am và Phụng vụ Lời Chúa cho các lớp khác sau giờ ăn sáng.

Mỗi sáng Thứ Hai Toàn Trường sẽ tự tập trong nhà thơ và bắt đầu một tuần lễ học tập với buổi cầu nguyện. Nhóm Cầu nguyện và Phụng vụ Lời Chúa của chúng ta sẽ thay phiên nhau sắp xếp đảm trách. Buổi cầu nguyện bắt đầu lúc 9:00am -9:15am. Xin mời quý vị tham dự.

Ghi danh làm thiên nguyện

Nếu quý vị muốn giúp trường, tất cả mọi người phải có giấy kiểm tra của Cạnh sát còn đang hiệu lực.

Đơn có sẵn tại văn phòng xin hỏi Cô Faulks

Anne-Marie Platten

Tin Cộng Đồng

Các Chương Trình Cộng Đồng Tại Trường St. Patrick’s?

Thứ Tư
Nhóm Vui Chơi từ 9 giờ 30 đến 11 giờ 30 dành cho trẻ em dưới 5 tuổi trong suốt học kỳ

Thứ Năm
Nhóm Sinh Hoạt tiếng Anh từ 10 giờ đến 11 giờ 30.
Đây là lớp sinh hoạt tiếng Anh căn bản, chú trọng nghề và nội
Các chương trình trên đều miễn phí và sinh hoạt trong tình thần vui thân thiện vui vẻ. Kính mời quý vị tham gia sinh hoạt và hỗ trợ nhà trường.

Thứ Sáu
Nhóm Vui Chơi từ 9 giờ 30 đến 11 giờ 30 đặc biệt dành cho trẻ em từ 3 đến 5 tuổi chuẩn bị cho các em đi học (có đăng đi thăm thư viện)

Chau Tran and Huong Nguyen
School Community Workers

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