Program Activities at St Patrick’s 2017

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

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.

Earth’s Place in Space...
The 5/6 classes are taking off in 2017 with the study of Outer Space! Within this learning area, the children are encouraged to question and plan inquiry investigations around their own interests. Here are just a few examples of excellent ideas the children are brainstorming when thinking about this topic:

Phu: “How do asteroids start coming down to earth? Does it have something to do with black holes?”

Dre: “Why does the Moon have low gravity?”

Diamond: “How does the space shuttle know where on Earth to land after it has been in space?”

Jastej: “How powerful is the sun’s gravitational force? Does it have an atmosphere and if so, how large is it?”

Thien: “How many stars are out there?”

Happy Birthday
Precious Nada
Jennifer Tran
Sanjay Karthikeyan
Han Nguyen
Tan Nguyen
Saviti Te
Casey Millante
Linda Nguyen

Santosh Wieh
Thien Nguyen
Ryza Mae Rodriguez
Junior Ayang
Geoffrey Emmanueli
Mia Ngo
Lleyton Quach
Kylie Tran

Absence Information
Text Absentee Details to - 0408 510 583
Email Absentee Details to - info@stpatsmp.catholic.edu.au
Leave a voice message on - 8303 4500
Dear Parents and Community Members,

Last night’s ‘Meet the Teacher Night’ was a great opportunity to develop strong connections between school and home. As parents and educators we have huge aspirations for our children and working closely together provides the opportunity to maximise the benefits to each child’s learning. Your attendance, questions and feedback provides the opportunity to learn from each other. It also sends a strong message to your child that their education is important and that you make the time to learn more about their learning and how to help them at home.

Thank you to the parents who also joined my session called ‘Learning at St Patrick’s School’. Our school has embarked on a number of new initiatives that are continuing to transform the way we educate, how we support children with additional needs and develop our learning environments.

Annual General Meeting
(Wednesday 22 February 7-9pm)

Next Wednesday evening we will hold our Annual General Meeting in the staffroom to report on the 2016 school year, our current financial position and our plans for 2017. Thank you to the parents who have nominated to join the School Board and I invite all parents to join us.

School Traffic
I have concerns about the practice of many parents as they drop off or collect children each day.

It is important to note that no parking is allowed in front of the pedestrian barriers near the emu crossing.

In the ‘Drop off/Pick up zone’. It is a two-minute waiting limit and the driver needs to remain in the car.

I encourage parents to park your car on Richard St, Hume St or Dudley Crescent and walk in the school to collect your child. If your child is older these streets can be your meeting point and that will help to promote your child’s independence.

I am also encouraging more parents to use the back of the school on Haddington Crescent to drop off and collect children as it is less busy. Please follow all of the road rules to ensure everyone is safe.

God Bless
Frank Congedi

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Prayer and Liturgy Group

Each year we ask the older students of our school if they would like to be in the Prayer and Liturgy Group. The roles of the members of the group are to lead whole school prayer, support with Masses and Liturgies and in other areas of spirituality at St Patrick’s. Each year our students embrace their roles and develop as fantastic leaders in our school. Initially the students can feel nervous talking in front of the school during prayer and I congratulate all students for accepted this role and working hard to overcome the nerves while leading our school in prayer experiences. They are excellent role models at St Patrick’s and I thank them for their leadership:

Bella, Belynda, Precious, Mia, Ryza, Ivana, Megan, Phu, Jason, Branda, Kylie, Lisa Kelvin, Alex, Junior, Tien and Jajah.

Here are the Prayer and Liturgy Group members for 2017:

Parent Sacraments Meeting

Our first parent information session is next Thursday 23rd February at 9.15am and repeated at 7pm. The meetings will be focussing on the Sacrament of First Eucharist and will be held in St Margaret Mary’s Parish Hall. It is important that one parent is at one of the meetings so that we can support you with the next section of preparation for your children.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held at St Patrick’s on Thursday 6th April at 6pm so please record this date in your diaries. More information about this will be shared at the Thursday meeting.

Ash Wednesday Mass and Liturgy of the Word

On Wednesday 1st March St Patrick’s School will mark the beginning of Lent with a Mass for the Parish community and our Year 5,6 and 7 students @ 9am and a Liturgy of the Word at 1.45pm for our Reception, Years 1,2,3 and 4 students. Lent is a special time in the Church’s liturgical calendar as it remembers the time Jesus spent in the desert fasting and contemplating his life’s mission of teaching the truth of God’s love. We too take the time to look at our lives and the choices we make and spend time identifying where we can make changes so that we are living in the way Jesus taught us.

At Mass ashes are placed on the foreheads of people of the Catholic faith as a sign that we commit to following Jesus’ path and to making choices in our lives that are positive for ourselves and others. Out of respect for the Catholic Faith Tradition and other faith traditions Fr Long Hai will only place ashes on the foreheads of our students and staff of the Catholic Faith. Students of Christian Faith will have the choice to receive the ashes if they wish to do so.

Here are some pictures of our Reception students learning how to pray with the Sign of the Cross.

Absent: Phu, Ivana, Tien

From our APRIM...........

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

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Have a lovely week.
Anne-Marie Flatten