



St Patrick's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 2 Term 1

Monday, 6 February 2016

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope that your first week of the school year went well. Thank you to all who were able to attend last week's swimming carnival and the parent help we received from so many. A big thank you to our Gundagai High students Maranda Carberry, Kalem Makeham and Campbell Smith, and Beth Flanagan from Kildare College who also assisted on the day.

Parents, we invite you to continue supporting the school in as many ways as you can. Currently, we are seeking parents to join the St Patrick's Community Council to share in the leadership of our school. We really value the contribution parents make to community building, school environment and student well-being and achievement across the school. It's just great to see parents in the school. We thoroughly support it and the children love to have you here. This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents, have a coffee and chat.

On Saturday the 18th of February you are invited to celebrate our school opening mass with us commencing at 6:00pm in our church. Following mass, there will be a sausage sizzle in our hall. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and talk to teachers. We look forward to seeing lots of parents, grandparents and community members working and celebrating in our school.

This week, Staff will be sending home welcome notes and class overviews outlining the learning that will be taking place throughout the term. We hope you find the information helpful and that it assists you in supporting your child. Please consider responding to staff requests for parent assistance in the classroom. We really value parent helpers and the contribution you make to our school.

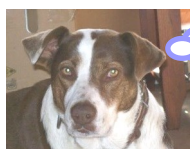
Just a reminder that we have a St Vincent de Paul collection bin at the front of the school. Please consider passing on any items of clothing / footwear the children have grown out of or no longer wear. The clothes may be sent along in a plastic bag and placed in our collection bin. Thank you in advance for helping others in need.

Thank you to Karen Kelly and Laura Attwood who will be providing music tutoring at our school this year. Karen will tutor piano, flute, trumpet and ukulele and Laura will tutor saxophone and clarinet. Karen will be providing detailed information about her tutoring in next week's newsletter.

Take care

V. Jowell

FAITH LEARN LEAD



Clay's thought for
the week

Individually, we are
one drop. Together,
we are an ocean.

Ryunosuke Satoro

You are invited to our

Opening School Mass and Commissioning of School Leaders

When: Saturday 18 February commencing at 6pm.
(arrive around 5:45pm)

Where: St Patrick's Parish Church.

Our School Leaders will receive their Leadership badges.
The Kindergarten students will receive badges from their Year Six buddies.
Students can sit with their family in the church. No school uniform required.

**Following Mass, the Community Council will be providing a BBQ at the hall.
Looking forward to seeing everyone there.**

Mrs Flanagan REC Coordinator.

Swimming Carnival 2017

Thank you all students, teachers, staff, parents and grandparents for your help and support at our swimming carnival.

I would also like to thank Maranda Carberry, Kalem Makeham and Campbell Smith from Gundagai High School and Beth Flanagan from Kildare for their community service, helping with the running of the carnival.

Congratulations to everyone for your participation, cheering and encouragement.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Age Champions for 2017:

Junior Girl Champion: Lillian McDonnell
Junior Girl Runner up: Addison Fairall

Junior boy Champion: Henry Hindmarsh
Junior boy Runner up: Lochie Wilson

Intermediate Girl Champions: Lilly Bartlett
Abbey Flanagan

Intermediate boy Champions: Hugh Graham
Tom Scott

Senior Girl Champion: Brianna Crossley
Senior Girl Runner up: Ruby Wilson

Senior boy Champion: Peter Reardon
Senior boy Runner up: Fletcher Dean

The winning house for 2017 was **FINNEGAN**.

The Western Regional Swimming Carnival will be on Thursday 16 February in Cootamundra. Notes for our representative swimmers will come home this week. Please fill in the forms and return them by MONDAY 13 February.

Thank you all again.
Mrs Flanagan.



Asthma & Panadol Permission

Could all Kindergarten parents please fill out the Panadol Permission Form and Asthma note coming home in today's school bag. This form will be current for the life of your child here at school.

For all other families could you please ensure that you update the front office if your child has developed

Child Protection

As per the Department of Education and Communities Policies, we would like to remind you that all **parents, caregivers or volunteers who assist in the school in any capacity must have completed a Working With Children Check.** THERE IS NO COST FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Anyone who will be providing transport for students this year for carnivals or excursions will need to also ensure that the school has sighted your current driver's licence and car registration details. (Comprehensive insurance is not required). Please bring in your updated licence and vehicle registrations as soon as possible along with your Working with Children Check number - <https://wwccheck.ccp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application> at your earliest convenience. These will be kept on file for the year so that you do not need to fill out the details each time.

Swimming for Sport starts this Thursday, 9 February

Students are to bring along \$2 for pool entry each week unless they are a season ticket holder. (Please advise class teacher of ticket number). **THIS IS TO BE PAID TO THE CLASS TEACHER.** Students are to bring a towel, swimmers, a rashie, goggles if they like and sunscreen in a waterproof bag. Swimming is held between 11.30am and 1.00pm so please limit any appointments for your child within this time frame.

Student Representative Council Elections will be held this Friday.

Please talk to your child about this great leadership opportunity within the school. Grades 2 - 5 are eligible with two members from each being chosen to represent their classmates.

Happy birthday to the following people who celebrate their birthday during the holidays and this week.

Mr Powell, Mrs Carberry, Mrs Eccleston and Mrs Winters all celebrated their birthdays in January.

Harriet & Jack Kingwill celebrated on 10 January

Sophie Graham celebrated on 26 January

Jack Bower celebrated on 29 January

Lochie Wilson celebrated on 29 January

Ella Nugent celebrated on 1 February

Jack Peterson celebrated on 2 February

Eliza Hargreaves celebrated on 3 February

Lachlan Morgan celebrated on 4 February

Sophie Braun celebrates on the 8 February

Akacia Winchester celebrates on 11 February



Our very best wishes to you on your special day!

Tuckshop

Due to the unavailability of helpers, we are not going to be able to provide cupcakes to sell at recess on Friday's tuckshop. In place of the cupcakes we are going to trial jatz and cheese. If we can get some more volunteers we will put the cupcakes back on the menu.

If you are able to help cook cookies, cupcakes or work in tuckshop (helpers are required in all three areas) please contact Leanne McDonnell on dandlmcdonnell@bigpond.com or 0427 455100.



Congratulations to Anita and Tim Manns on the birth of Lincoln Stephen Manns on 7 January. Lincoln joins siblings Montanna of Kindergarten and Riley of Year 6, along with Tyler, Savannah and Denver.

**Class Merit Award Recipients
Week 1 of Term 1**



Kindergarten - **Abigail Bock** - sharing a great wealth of knowledge about sea animals.

Year 1/2 - **Jack Peterson** - a huge effort with his story writing.

Year 3/4 - **Henry Hindmarsh** - his inquiring mind, thoughtful and meaningful insights.

Year 5/6 - **Lochie Wilson** - for contributing to class discussions.

**Wildcat Award Recipients
Week 1 of Term 1**



Responsible Maggie Peterson & Lilly McDonnell.

Respectful Lincoln Fallon.

Safe



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 17th March 2017

St Patrick's Day Cocktail Party

Details to come, but mark your diary
and book a babysitter!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday 8 February - Kindergarten home day
- Thursday 9 February - Archdiocesan Cricket Trials
2pm NRL whole school assembly
- Wednesday 15 February - Kindergarten home day
- Thursday 16 February - WR Swimming Carnival Cootamundra
- Saturday 18 February - Opening School Mass with commissioning of school leaders & BBQ afterwards
- Tuesday 21 February - Student Counsellor visit
- Wednesday 22 February - Kindergarten home day
- Tuesday 28 February - Arch D Swimming Carnival
- Friday 17 March - St Patrick's Day Cocktail Party

ROSTERS

RADIO 2.15pm	ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER	TUCKSHOP ROSTER		CUPCAKE MONDAY
<p><u>Wednesday, 15 Feb</u> Harriet Kingwill Peter Reardon</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 22 Feb</u> Ruby Wilson Jack Kingwill</p> <p><u>Wednesday, 1 March</u> Lilly Bartlett Fletcher Dean</p>	<p><u>Saturday, 11 Feb</u> Tom Scott William Naughton</p> <p><u>Saturday, 18 Feb</u> Don Cotterill Peter Reardon</p>	<p><u>Friday, 10 Feb</u> Paula Cotterill Louise Sullivan</p> <p><u>Friday, 17 Feb</u> Michelle Scott Sarah Graham</p> <p><u>Friday, 24 Feb</u> Jacki Fairall Simone Jones</p>	<p><u>Cookies</u> Leanne McDonnell Michelle McDonnell</p> <p>Ruth Quine Rebecca Gaskin</p> <p>Lisa Wilson Jess Nugent</p>	<p><u>13 February</u> Lisa Peterson Shannon Bartlett</p> <p><u>20 February</u> Lisa Ryan Paula Cotterill</p> <p><u>27 February</u> Lauren Gailey Michelle McDonnell</p> <p><u>6 March</u> Emma Peterson Leanne McDonnell</p>
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