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~ PATROL ~

*"Never see a need without trying to do something about it."*

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## Dates to Remember

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

#### September

Yr 6 Canberra Excursion

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Yr 4 Excursion – Scenic World

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Last Day of Term 3

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

First Day of Term 4

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Grandparents Mass

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

#### October

Book Week

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Kinder Excursion

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Book Parade

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Yr 3 Excursion – Blackheath  
Bush Walk

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Yr 2 Excursion – Penrith Lakes

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Prizegiving Ceremony -9:30am

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Graduation Mass - 9:30am

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Yr 6 Big Day Out

## FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

This week, the Leadership team had the pleasure of speaking to the families of the new Kindergarten children who are preparing to start at our school in 2026. This is always such a great opportunity to articulate and reflect on who we are as a school and what we are striving to achieve together. At St Pat's, we believe that we are not just raising children - we are raising future adults who will one day step out into the world as capable, responsible and compassionate people. Childhood is precious, but it is also preparation. The habits, values and skills we help our children develop today will shape the kind of adults they become tomorrow.

This means that school and home must work in partnership. At school, we teach responsibility, respect, resilience and kindness - but these lessons become powerful when they are reinforced at home. When children see consistency between what is expected at school and what is expected at home, they learn that these values are not just "school rules," but life skills that will help them succeed in any setting.

Parents can support this by encouraging independence, setting clear boundaries and allowing children to experience both success and challenge. Sometimes the most important lessons come not from things going perfectly, but from learning how to cope, try again and grow stronger.

Together, we are building a foundation that equips our students not only for the classroom, but for life. By working hand-in-hand - school and family - we ensure our young people are ready to become adults who contribute positively to their communities, live with integrity and know their worth.

We honour the privilege of working with families to not just create good students, but capable, resilient and compassionate future adults.

*Loving God,*

*Bless our children as they grow into the adults you call them to be.  
Guide us as parents and teachers to work together with wisdom and patience,  
so that we may nurture responsibility, kindness and faith in their hearts.  
Amen.*

### New Mural

Hopefully people are noticing our beautiful new mural that has been mounted on the MacKillop Building. We thank Mrs Karen Brown who designed the mural and Logan Signs who prepared and mounted the piece. We extend a massive thank you to Mrs Dean and Mrs Green for the organisation of this project and to the CEDB who provided funding for this. We are sure everyone agrees that the mural looks absolutely amazing and brings more colour and joy to our school.



### LINC Programs

Please click on these links to information about some great programs and services that LINC offers free of charge. [Circle of Security Parenting Program.pdf](#) [LINC Programs.pdf](#)

## CANTEEN

### Week 9 - Term 3

Wednesday: OPEN

Thursday: OPEN

Friday: OPEN



### The HUB Horizons Program

An information flyer for the HUB Horizons Program is now available and can be accessed here [The HUB Horizons Program Flyer.pdf](#). Copies of the flyer and a document outlining the full program and criteria will be available at the Front Office from Monday next week. Students who have met the academic criteria will receive their invitations to apply over the coming weeks.



### R U OK? Day

Yesterday we acknowledged R U OK? Day by checking in on our friends and being mindful to listen to and care for each other. R U OK? Day is a national awareness campaign in Australia that takes place on the second Thursday of September to encourage people to check in with loved ones and start conversations about mental health and wellbeing.

### Walk and Talk with the Principal

Fletcher, Ariana, Natalie, Isla, Michael, Adelyn, Maisie and Drew from Yr 3 enjoyed a walk to the park with Ms Dunleavy. We were so happy that the rain stopped in time for our walk. It was great to talk about how school is going for everyone and by all accounts Year 3 is a very happy place to be!



### Parent Engagement Newsletter

Please find below a link to the first edition of the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst (CEDB) Parent Engagement (PEN) Newsletter for 2025. This newsletter aims to share information with Principals, parents, carers and families within the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst schools and will be published twice yearly. [Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst eNewsletter](#).

### Save the Date – Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea

We are looking forward to celebrating our wonderful grandparents at our Grandparents Mass and Morning Tea on Thursday 16th October. Please mark this special occasion in your calendars. Further details will be shared next week!

### Uniform Reminder

Please remember the expectations within our Uniform Policy, particularly around school shoes and haircuts. All hair that is able to be tied up should be tied up at all times.

### Staff Carpark Reminder

Parents are reminded that under no circumstances are parents to drive into the staff carpark (**this includes after school events like concerts and discos**). The only parents authorised to drive into this area are the ones who have documented permission from the school to utilise the disabled car park.

### Drop Off Reminders

Children being dropped off at Kiss and drop should always be entering the school at the glass doors on Lithgow Street. This week we have noticed that some children are being dropped off in the Kiss and Drop Zone well before 8:30 and are then walking around to enter the school via the Staff Carpark. Students have been reminded that this is not allowed. We ask for parents and carers to be respectful of the rules to ensure everyone's safety. Parents and carers are again reminded that supervision starts at 8:30am and that students are not to be dropped off at school before this time.

### Ms Dunleavy on Leave

Ms Dunleavy will be taking leave from 14/10/25 – 24/10/25 and 3/11/25 – 14/11/25. Mrs Marshall will be in charge during this time.

*Ms Dunleavy, Mrs Marshall & Mrs O'Regan – St Pat's Leadership Team*

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY VIGIL

#### ST PATRICK'S

5pm - (6pm daylight savings time)

### SUNDAY - ST PATRICK'S

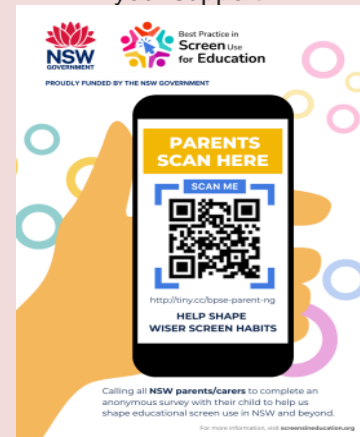
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*Sunday Mass is also available at St Vincent's Portland and Sacred Heart Church Wallerawang. For more details see the Lithgow Parish website and the Portland Parish website.*

## **Help shape wiser screen habits – Parent/Carer & Student Survey**

Our school has been invited to participate in a study on best practice screen use. Parents/carers can complete a 10-15 min anonymous questionnaire and/or, if they wish, give permission for their child to do a student survey: [Take the Parent/carers and student survey](#). You can opt to receive a summary of the statewide results. Your insights will directly inform new classroom resources and policy. Thank you for your support.



## **Sport News**

Upcoming dates:

**Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October**

NSW Schools Basketball Competition



## **ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT**

Sanish, Deni and Kathryn from KG have produced some outstanding pieces of informative writing about wombats. Ms Dunleavy was amazed by their wonderful sentences and adorable illustrations. Congratulations!!



**WE THE ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGE THE WIRADJURI PEOPLE THE ORIGINAL CARETAKERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH OUR SCHOOL IS BUILT.**