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ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL LITHGOW

~ PATROL ~

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

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### Dates to Remember

#### **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 our Year 6 students travelled to Canberra, where they embraced the many wonderful learning opportunities our nation's capital has to offer. We are incredibly proud of the mature and respectful way they represented our school throughout the three-day excursion.

A heartfelt thank you to Ms Dunleavy, Mrs Stoneley, Mrs Ticehurst, Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Green for their dedication in preparing and accompanying the students. Their time, care and effort ensured the experience was both memorable and successful.

As a school community, we are fortunate to be able to provide such valuable opportunities for our children. The memories made and friendships strengthened during experiences like these will last a lifetime.



*Loving God,*

*We thank you for the gift of friendship and the joy of sharing life with others.*

*Bless the moments we spend together, that they may become happy memories we carry in our hearts.*

*Help us to be kind, patient and understanding, so that our friendships may grow strong and lasting.*

*May we always encourage one another, laugh together and walk side by side through both joys and challenges.*

*Lord, may the memories we make today remind us of your love and may the friendships we form reflect the goodness of our Spirit.*

*Amen.*

### Congratulations

We are thrilled to share that both Archie and Avana have made it through to PSSA Athletics!

At the Polding Carnival last week, Avana placed 3rd in Shot Put and Archie placed 3rd in Discus.

We are so proud of their hard work, determination and dedication. Well done, Archie and Avana!



### 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.

## CANTEEN

### Week 10 - 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.



### 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](#).

### 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.

### Hockey Gala Day

Our Primary students had a wonderful day last Friday participating in the Hockey Gala Day. They all showed great sportsmanship, skills and willingness to listen and learn. Thank you to Lithgow Hockey Association for providing our students with this opportunity and to Mrs Drengenberg, Mrs Ticehurst and Mr Hunt for attending.



### 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.

### 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.

- **Mass:** 9:30am in the church, followed by morning tea.
- **Morning Tea:** The canteen will be selling pre-ordered scones with jam and cream, plus tea/coffee for \$6.
- **Ordering:** Orders can be placed via the Flexischools App and will close on **Tuesday 14th October at 10am**. No late orders will be accepted.



### A Reminder About Toys at School

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys from home to school. While toys are special, they can easily be misplaced, broken or cause disagreements when sharing with others. To avoid disappointment and ensure that learning and play at school remain fair and focused, we appreciate your support in keeping personal toys at home.

<u>Week:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Theme:</u>	<u>Parish Mass</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1	Thursday 16th October	Grandparents Mass	Whole School	9:30am
3	Friday 31st October	All Saints Mass	Whole School	TBC
7	Tuesday 25th November	First Reconciliation Ceremony	Year 2	5pm
9	Thursday 11th December	Graduation Mass	Whole School	9.30am

**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

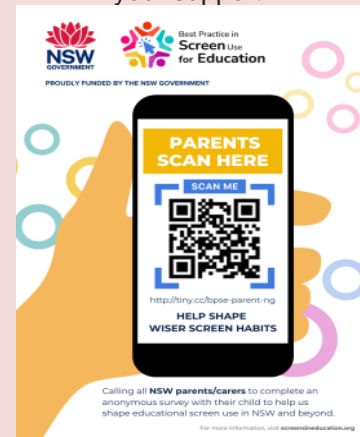
10am



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



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