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happy
holidays!

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Dates to Remember

Monday 13th October

First Day of Term 4

Thursday 16th October

Grandparents Mass

Monday 20th – Friday 24th

October

Book Week

Tuesday 21st October

Crazy Sock Day

Thursday 23rd October

Kinder Excursion

Friday 24th October

Book Parade

Friday 7th November

Yr 3 Excursion – Blackheath
Bush Walk

Tuesday 11th November

Yr 2 Excursion – Penrith Lakes

Tuesday 9th December

Prizegiving Ceremony -9:30am

Thursday 11th December

Graduation Mass - 9:30am

Tuesday 16th December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Wednesday 17th December

Yr 6 Big Day Out

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

As we come to the end of Term 3, we reflect on the many wonderful learning experiences, achievements and moments of growth we have shared as a school community. Our students have worked hard and shown resilience, kindness and joy in their learning. We thank our dedicated staff for the care and effort they bring each day, and our families for the ongoing support you give to your children and to our school. Together we continue to build a community that is faith-filled, safe and supportive for all.

We encourage all families to use the school holiday period to rest, recharge and spend quality time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4, refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning and community life.

Students return to school on Monday 13th October in their summer school uniforms.

Loving God,

*We thank You for the blessings of this past term –
for the friendships made, the knowledge gained
and the challenges that helped us to grow.*

*We are grateful for our teachers and staff,
for their guidance, patience and care.*

Bless our families and keep them safe during the holidays.

May this break be a time of rest, joy and renewal.

*Help us to return with open hearts, ready to learn,
to serve others and to walk in Your light.*

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Welcome to St Pat's!

We warmly welcome Mrs Ashlea Costello to our Admin Team. Mrs Costello will be taking on the role of Finance Officer. We thank Mrs Costello for taking on this position and look forward to seeing her in the Office.

No Hat, No Play ☀

To help keep our students safe in the sun, our school follows the "No Hat, No Play" policy.

* Students are required to wear their school hat during all outdoor activities.

* If a student does not have their hat, they will be asked to stay in a designated shaded area during playtime or sport.

* Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled and kept in their bag each day.

Thank you for supporting us in promoting sun safety and helping our children develop healthy, lifelong habits. 🌿

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](#). Students who have met the academic criteria have received their invitations to apply. Letters confirming acceptance into the program will be sent home in Week One next term.

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.

CANTEEN

Week 1 - Term 4

Wednesday: OPEN

Thursday: OPEN

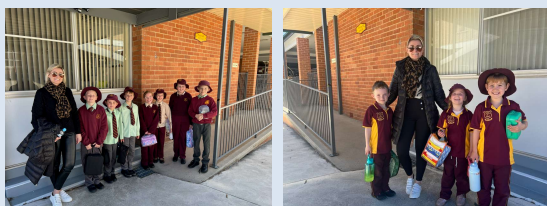
Friday: OPEN



Walk and Talk with the Principal

Isabelle, Zara, Owen and Oliver from Kinder and Kane, Maddox, Chloe, Thea, Josh, Oliver, Marlee and Blake from Year 4 had a great time walking and talking with Ms Dunleavy this week.

The Walk and Talks this term have been thoroughly enjoyable for all and a great opportunity for Ms Dunleavy to hear more about how students are going at school and offer support where needed.



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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 25th November

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important step in your child's faith journey, where they experience God's loving forgiveness in a formal way. This parish-based sacrament is supported by our school, with parents playing a vital role through attending Mass and preparation sessions with their child.

A Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday 22nd October at 5.30pm (Week 2, Term 4)**. For any questions, please contact Mrs O'Regan.

Grandparents Mass & Morning Tea

Join us to celebrate our wonderful grandparents on Thursday 16th October.

- **Mass:** 9.30am in the church, followed by morning tea (please note time change)
- **Morning Tea:** Pre-ordered scones with jam, cream & tea/coffee – \$6 via Flexischools.
- **Orders close:** Tuesday 14th October at 10am (no late orders).

NAIDOC Week

This week, our school has proudly celebrated NAIDOC with a vibrant showcase of Indigenous art. Students across all year levels have been engaging in creative art activities, learning about the rich traditions, stories and symbolism behind Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artworks. Our classrooms have been alive with colour, meaning and respect. Year 5 students had the opportunity to learn some Wiradjuri Language with Auntie Karen, connecting them with the rich history and traditions of this language. As part of their learning, each student then shared their own personal story on a message stick, a meaningful tradition of passing on knowledge and culture. It was a joyful and meaningful way to honour the strength of First Nations peoples, celebrate their vision for the future and recognise the powerful cultural legacy being passed on to the next generation. Thank you to Mrs Dean and Mrs Green for all the NAIDOC activities the children have enjoyed this week.

Ms Dunleavy's Leave

Ms Dunleavy will be on leave during the following times:

14/10/25-24/10/25 & 3/11/24-14/11/25

Mrs Marshall will be Acting Principal during this time - thank you Mrs Marshall!

<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.

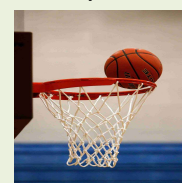


Sport News

Upcoming dates:

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

NSW Schools Basketball
Competition



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