



Dates to Remember

Monday 20th – Friday 24th

October

Book Week

Tuesday 21st October

Crazy Sock Day

Thursday 23rd October

Kinder Excursion

Friday 24th October

Book Parade

Friday 31st October

All Saints Mass – 9:30am

Friday 7th November

Yr 3 Excursion – Blackheath Bush Walk

Friday 7th November

Kinder 2026 Transition – 1

Tuesday 11th November

Yr 2 Excursion – Penrith Lakes

Tuesday 9th December

Prizegiving Ceremony -9:30am

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11th November

Yr 2 Excursion – Penrith Lakes

Wednesday 12th November

Questacon Circus Show

Thursday 11th December

Graduation Mass - 9:30am

Friday 14th November

Kinder 2026 Transition – 2

Friday 21st November

Kinder 2026 Transition – 3

Tuesday 25th November

First Reconciliation – Yr 2

Thursday 27th November

Yr 5 Leadership Day

Friday 28th November

Kinder 2026 Transition – 4

Tuesday 2nd December

Year 6 La Salle Transition

Friday 5th December

Kinder 2026 Transition – 5

Monday 9th December

Colour Run – La Salle

Tuesday 16th December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Wednesday 17th December

Yr 6 Big Day Out

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome back to school for Term 4!

We hope everyone had a relaxing break and is ready to finish the school year strong. This term promises exciting learning opportunities, fun events, and important milestones as we wrap up the year. Let's stay focused, support one another, and make the most of these last few months together.

As the weather warms up, please remember that students are in summer uniforms and need to bring their school hats each day to stay comfortable and protected while outdoors.

It was lovely to come together yesterday to celebrate Grandparents Mass—a special time to honor the important role grandparents play in our community. We thank Mrs O'Regan and Mrs Wallace, along with our teachers and support staff for their organisation of this event.

Please keep an eye on the Diary Dates to ensure that all the important 'End of Year' events are in your calendars. We are looking forward to a fantastic and successful end to 2025!

Gracious and Loving God,

*As we begin this final term of the school year,
we thank You for the journey so far —
for the learning, the friendships, and the growth.*

*Bless our students with focus, energy, and a love for learning.
May they approach each day with curiosity and confidence.
Bless our teachers and staff with patience, creativity, and strength
as they guide and support each child.*

*Be with our families, giving them peace and encouragement
as they continue to walk alongside their children.*

*Help us to finish this year with kindness, resilience, and joy.
May Term 4 be a time of achievement, celebration, and gratitude.*

Amen.

Welcome to St Pat's!

This term Miss Elissa Marshall will be working in KM to complete her final university placement. Miss Marshall is studying a Bachelor of Teaching degree at CSU Bathurst. We thank Mrs Dean for being her mentor throughout this time.

We also welcome Miss Macy Hutchison back to St Pat's. Macy joins us for a School-Based Traineeship as part of her final years of education at La Salle Academy. Macy will be working in Kindergarten each Wednesday.

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. 🌿

Nut-Free School Reminder

St Patrick's is a **nut-free school** to help keep all students safe. Please remember that **peanut butter, Nutella, nuts and nut products** are not permitted at school. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

Sport

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 21st October - NSW Schools Basketball Competition

2026 Early Transition Program

Every year, in the last week of Term 4, **all** our students are told their teacher for the following year and have a visit and session with that teacher in order to set everyone up for success in starting a new grade. When students have particular needs that require more support when transitioning to change, we also offer Early Transition visits that start earlier in Term 4. This week a note went out via Compass asking parents who wish to nominate their child for Early Transition to collect a form from the Office. Particular criteria need to be met in order to qualify for this program and we have made that explicit to ensure that the support provided within the program is specifically targeted to the needs of the students. Parents are asked to remember that early transition is not an intervention but a support that provides a springboard to success for students whose needs may create barriers to classroom engagement and independent transition to change. Parents who may be interested are reminded that the cut off date to nominate students for this program is Monday 17th November 2025.

The Hub Horizons

We wish to congratulate those students who received their Confirmation of Acceptance letters this week for the Hub Horizons Program. This new and exciting school program will begin next week. We look forward to offering this opportunity to extend the learning opportunities for our students.

Good Luck to Year 12 Friends!

Everyone at St Patrick's sends their very best wishes to all Year 12 students as they begin their HSC exams this week! Please keep all of these students in your thoughts and prayers as they embark on this very important milestone in their lives. To all the students, teachers, and families supporting them: good luck, stay strong, and remember that your efforts will take you far!

Sincere Sympathy

We ask our school community to join with us in extending our deepest sympathies to Mrs Stoneley and Mrs Gurney on the passing of their beautiful mother Patricia and also to Marlee Williamson and family on the passing of her father Paul. May they all find comfort and strength in this difficult time, and may our support help to surround them with care and compassion.

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.

Crazy Sock Day – Tuesday, 21st October

We're excited to celebrate **Crazy Sock Day** as part of **Socktober for Mission Month – "Kicking goals for good in 2025!"**

This year, we're supporting families in **Zambia** working to build a **Maize Mill** to help fight hunger. Students can wear their **fun and colourful socks** (no need to buy new ones!) and bring a **donation** on the day or contribute online:

[🔗 St Patrick's Socktober Page](#)

Thank you for supporting **Catholic Mission** and helping us make a difference! ❤️

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.

<u>Week:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Theme:</u>	<u>Parish Mass</u>	<u>Time:</u>
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.

CANTEEN

Week 2 - Term 4

Wednesday: OPEN

Thursday: OPEN

Friday: OPEN



Grandparents Mass & Morning Tea

A big thank you to Mrs Ticehurst and our wonderful Year 2 and Year 1 teachers for preparing such a beautiful Mass on Thursday. We are also very grateful to Father Reynold for officiating and leading our celebration.

Thank you to all our families and grandparents who joined us for Mass and morning tea afterwards — it's always so special to share these moments of faith and community together. ❤️

