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Dates to Remember

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 11th November

Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11th November

Yr 2 Excursion – Penrith Lakes

Wednesday 12th November

Questacon Circus Show

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 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

Thank you

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for helping make our Book Week parade such a success. The creativity and effort that went into the costumes was wonderful to see!

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Today was a fantastic celebration of creativity and imagination as our students took part in the Book Week Parade. Everyone dressed up as their favourite book characters, bringing stories to life with colourful costumes and lots of enthusiasm!

The parade was filled with excitement as students proudly showcased their outfits and shared a little about the characters they chose. It was a wonderful way to celebrate reading, encourage a love of books, and inspire everyone to dive into new adventures through stories.

Most importantly, the event highlighted the strength of our school community—bringing students, families, and staff together to celebrate learning and creativity. It's moments like these that remind us how special it is to be part of a supportive and vibrant community where everyone's contributions are valued.

Thank you to all the families who helped with costumes and to our wonderful Teacher Librarian, Mrs Sutherland, for organising such a memorable event. It was truly a day full of fun, learning, and community spirit!

Loving God,

*We thank You for the gift of our school community—
for the students, teachers, families, and staff who make it so special.
Bless our school with kindness, respect, and understanding.*

*Help us to support one another with open hearts,
to celebrate our differences, and to work together in harmony.
Guide us to be compassionate in our actions,
courageous in our challenges,
and joyful in our learning.*

*Grant us the wisdom to be good stewards of this special place,
and the strength to carry its spirit beyond the school gates.*

We ask this in Your holy name.

Amen.

Crazy Sock Day – Tuesday 21st October

What a fantastic day we had celebrating Crazy Sock Day as part of Socktober for Mission Month – “Kicking goals for good in 2025!” It was wonderful to see so many colourful socks around the school, all in support of Catholic Mission. Together, we raised **\$350** to help families in Zambia build a much-needed Maize Mill. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and enthusiasm! Donations can still be made at <https://www.socktober.org.au/fundraisers/StPatricksCatholicPrimarySchoolLithgow>



2026 Early Transition Program

Every year, in the last week of Term 4, **all** of 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.

Hub Horizons Program

Our new *Hub Horizons Program* began this week, with students engaging enthusiastically in their enrichment activities. It's wonderful to see such excitement and curiosity as they explore new areas of learning. This program provides an invaluable opportunity within our school to further enhance student growth and achievement.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting on Wednesday evening. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting their children as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey. If you were unable to attend the meeting and wish for your child to make their First Reconciliation this year, please contact Mrs O'Regan as soon as possible.

Top Gate Reminder- Morning

A friendly reminder to parents that the parking area near the church is a bus zone in the mornings and is not to be used for dropping children off. The top gate is only open for students catching the bus and for walkers. Clear signage is displayed to remind families of these rules, and police have been monitoring the area recently, so please ensure you follow the guidelines to help keep everyone safe.

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.



Ms Dunleavy's Leave

Ms Dunleavy will be back for week 3 and Mrs Marshall will be on leave.

<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 3 - Term 4

Wednesday: OPEN

Thursday: OPEN

Friday: OPEN

Sport News

Congratulations to Archie and Avana Croxton who this week competed at the NSWPSA Athletics Carnival in Homebush. What a great achievement!



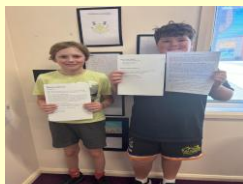
Congratulations to our two teams who competed in the NSW Basketball School Competition this week in Bathurst. The boys had some strong competition but showed great skill and enthusiasm, well done boys!



Academic Spotlight

This week the spotlight was on our Year 6 students. They have produced some wonderful pieces of writing detailing information about the author of their current novel *Queenie in Seven Moves*. In addition to this Ryley has been completing some very clever work in Mathematics.

Fantastic work Nicolas, Axel, Sadaaqat, Ian, Mackenzie, Braxton, Kase, Lara, Finn, Ryley and Wynter!



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