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Dates to Remember

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

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.

FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

This week we celebrate **All Saints Day** and **All Souls Day** - two special moments in our Church year that invite us to pause, remember and give thanks.

On **All Saints Day**, we honour all those who have shown us what it means to live with courage, kindness and faith - not just the well-known saints in statues and stories, but the quiet saints who have walked among us. The people who have loved patiently, forgiven freely and served others without needing recognition. Their example reminds us that holiness is not about perfection; it is about presence - showing up with love in the small, ordinary moments of life.

In today's world, we are surrounded by messages of selfishness, greed and hate - voices that tell us to look out for ourselves, to compete and to measure our worth by what we have. The Saints, both known and unknown, offer a different way. They show us that true strength lies in humility, generosity and love - the kind of quiet goodness that changes hearts and builds community.

On **All Souls Day**, we pray for those who have gone before us - family members, friends, parishioners, teachers and community members who have shaped our story here at St Pat's. We carry their memory in our hearts and continue their legacy each time we act with kindness, stand up for what is right or reach out to someone in need.

At St Pat's, we strive to live this spirit every day - to be a community where faith is visible in action, where compassion is our common language and where every person is valued as a reflection of God's love.

May this week inspire us all to be modern-day saints - ordinary people doing small things with great love.

Loving God,

*Help us to follow the example of the Saints
by living with kindness, courage and love.*

*In a world that can be selfish or unkind,
may we bring light and hope to others.*

Amen.

🌐 World Teachers' Day 2025 – Celebrating Our Incredible Team 🌐

Today we celebrated World Teachers' Day - a special opportunity to recognise the dedication, passion and heart that our teachers bring to St Patrick's every single day.

Teaching is far more than a job; it is a vocation steeped in care, patience and belief in the potential of every child. Our teachers do so much more than deliver lessons - they build relationships, nurture confidence and create safe, supportive classrooms where all students can thrive.

At St Pat's, we are truly blessed with a team who embody our school values in all that they do. They guide with compassion, inspire with creativity and never stop learning themselves. Their impact reaches far beyond the classroom walls - shaping young minds, building character and helping each child see the gifts they bring to the world.

On behalf of our school community, we thank every member of our teaching team for the countless hours, care and commitment you give so generously. You make a difference every day - and our students, families and community are richer for it.

As Saint Mary MacKillop reminded us:

"Never see a need without doing something about it."

Our teachers live this every day and we could not be more proud of our team.

A special thank you to our Learning Support Officers who put on a beautiful morning tea for our teachers today to celebrate - we are truly blessed to have such a wonderfully thoughtful staff.



Early Transition Program

Thank you to those families who have returned their notes. Please ensure all notes are returned ASAP if your child is participating in this program. Please remember that there is a criteria for entry into this program. If parents require any clarification please contact the Office to make an appointment.

Reminder: Unexplained/Unjustified Absences

As per the correspondence that has been shared via Compass, all student absences must be explained by a parent or carer **within 7 days**. If your child is absent from school, please submit an explanation as soon as possible through the Compass App. CEDB are updating policies and as a school we will be soon required to send letters out if absences are not explained within the 7 day period so parents getting into the habit of putting in absent notes straight away will make things easier all round.

Visit to Cooida

Our students had a wonderful time visiting the residents at Cooida on Wednesday. They enjoyed singing songs, chatting and sharing some colouring activities together. It was heartwarming to see the smiles and laughter shared between the students and residents. A big thank you to La Salle Academy for providing transport and helping make this special visit possible.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting last week. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting their children as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey. Preparation groups will begin this weekend, along with the Enrolment Mass. 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.

All Saints' Day Mass

Thank you to all the parents and friends who joined us for our All Saints' Day Mass. A special thank you to Mrs McManus and 5G for leading the readings and offertory so beautifully. As always, we are grateful to Father Reynold for celebrating Mass with us and helping us honour the lives of the saints who inspire us to live with faith and kindness.

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

Join Woolworths

CRICKET BLAST

GLAMIRE OVAL LITHGOW

4pm Monday 3rd November

Who Can Join?

- Boys and Girls
- Ages 10 and under
- All skill levels welcome

Cost

\$75 for 12-week program (Includes Blasters Kit)

Scan QR code to register



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Week 2 - Term 2

Wednesday: OPEN
Thursday: OPEN
Friday: OPEN



Sport News

Congratulations to Archie and Avana Croxton who both competed at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships last week.

This is such a huge achievement and we are incredibly proud of your efforts!

Congratulations to our Basketball teams who competed in the NSW Schools competition last week in Bathurst. Both teams demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship. A big thank you to our parent helpers who helped with timing and scoring on the day. Special thanks to our coaches - Shane Lee and Luke Bennett for coaching the boys on the day!

Academic Spotlight

Congratulations Mason and Caleb from 5M who have worked incredibly hard creating slideshows for "Solar System Facts". As part of this assignment they were required to research facts about the Solar System, in particular, facts that aren't well known, create a slideshow and then present to the class. Ms Dunleavy learned some very interesting new facts from the boys - amazing!!

Freya and Oden from 5G have produced some very impressive and stirring artworks symbolising bushfire. In class they have been learning about natural disasters and the impacts these have on local environments and linking this in with their art lesson. Wonderful work!



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