

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today our Year 5 students had an active and fun day out as part of their Leadership Program with Motiv8 Sports called Elev8 Leadership. This program seeks to nurture all students as leaders by offering an event that can challenge, educate and enable all students to see their leadership potential. This program supports the students to learn about how they can lead but also see how others in their group can also be leaders.

Next week we move to the next stage of selecting badged leaders for 2024. The Year 5 students who have nominated for school captain will deliver a speech to their peers and then select the top 5 boys and top 5 girls to present to the Years 2-5 students for the final selection of our school leaders for 2024. We wish all participating students well in this endeavour.

Stage 1 Students Have a Wild Time at Sydney Zoo

On Monday, our Year 1 and Year 2 students had an amazing opportunity to visit Sydney Zoo. The students were able to see and learn about a variety of animals from around the world, as well as participate in some fun and educational activities.

The students also enjoyed seeing the African lions, the Asian elephants, the Australian reptiles, and many more animals in their habitat enclosures. They learned about the animals' adaptations, behaviours, and conservation issues from the zoo staff during their educational sessions.

It was a great way to enrich the students' learning about animals and habitats, but also to foster their curiosity, empathy, and respect for nature. The students had a blast exploring the zoo and making new furry friends.

We would like to thank the parents who accompanied the students along with the teachers and helped make this excursion possible, providing us with such a memorable experience.

Join the Band: A Musical Invitation for Year 1-5 Students

Do you love music? Do you want to learn how to play an instrument? Do you want to have fun with your friends and make new ones? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should join the school band!

Today the school band hosted a recruitment concert for all Year 1-5 students. This is a special event where you can see and hear the different instruments that are available for you to learn in the band program. The students listened to some amazing music from The Lion King, Star Wars, and Jurassic Park and learn about instruments, such as flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion.

The band program is open to all students, regardless of their musical background or experience. You do not need to audition or have any prior knowledge of music. The band program is a great opportunity for you to develop your musical skills, express your creativity, and have fun with your peers. More information is provided with the attached flyer for parents are interested in their child joining the band.

Building Project

Today I had a preliminary meeting and site inspection with the building team in readiness for our school building project. In the coming week we will meet again to finalise a schedule including a starting date. When the building begins there will be some impact on the available play space for the children and

movement of some class groups to other learning spaces. We will endeavour to minimise the impact as much as possible but there will be a few adjustments required to the usual running of the school.

Subway lunch order day - 2 November

Thank you to the team of parents who facilitated the special Subway lunch order day this week. It was another great success which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It is another wonderful example of how the many committed parent volunteers do make a real difference in our community.

Get Ready to Boogie at the School Disco!

We are excited for our upcoming St Pat's annual school disco scheduled for **Thursday 9 November**. This is a fun and festive event for all students as it will be a night of fun, dancing, and laughter. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to celebrate with your friends and have a great time! I thank Wendy and the team for all their preparation for this great community event.

The times for the disco sessions are:

- Kindy to year 3 is 5pm to 6.30pm
- Years 4, 5 and 6 is 7pm to 8.30pm

Tickets for the disco are available through the school QKR App and cost \$5. Parents are reminded that the school disco is only for children who currently attend St. Patrick's School. We cannot have students bring friends from other schools or have younger (not school age) siblings attend.

Kinder Transition Sessions

Next Thursday will be the first of three Kinder 2024 Transition Sessions this term. We are looking forward to having around 40 children come along with their parents and get to know the teachers and the school. We will also have our Year 5 students supporting the transition sessions as they get to connect with their new buddies. I know our Year 5 students are excited to finally meet them and have the chance to support our new students moving to 'Big School' next year.

P&F News

Gingerbread House Kits

Order your Gingerbread Folk gingerbread house kits now on QKR for \$45! These are THE BEST gingerbread house kits, with the most delicious gingerbread. All materials and instructions are included in the kit. Start a new tradition with your family if you haven't made one before this festive season. **Order by 9 November**.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop - 10 December

Paddy's Care Group have organised a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop with an experienced florist. Tamara from Melia Rose Designs, will lead this 2 hour workshop. You will leave with your own beautiful fresh Australian natives wreath to hang in your home (flowers will dry beautifully over a 6 week period). Recommended age for the workshop is 16 years+, but there will be a craft table for children 5 years+ where they can make their own Christmas decorations. Make a booking on QKR now! \$90 per person for the workshop, and \$15 per child for decoration making. Afternoon tea provided. **Sunday 10 December | 2 - 4pm**. Registrations close on 17 November.

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

ST. PATRICK'S WEEKENDMASSES

SATURDAY	6pm
SUNDAY	8am
SUNDAY	10am
SUNDAY	5pm

Kuringai-Chase Parish

Parents are encouraged to click on the link to connect with all the current information regarding the parish through parish website including the weekly Parish Bulletin. [Link- Parish Bulletin](#)

Dates to Remember:

Term 4

Thursday 9th November- School Disco

Thursday 9th November- Kinder 2024 Transition Session 1

Thursday 16th November- Kinder 2024 Transition Session 2

Thursday 23rd November- Kinder 2024 Transition Session 3

Thursday 7th December -Year 6 Graduation

Friday 8th December -Christmas Concert performance

Monday 11th December- Year 6 Celebration Day- Moving Bodies

Wednesday 13th December -End of year whole school Mass and Guard of Honour (Year 6 Last Day)

Thursday 14th December -Last day of school for students (K-5)

Friday 15th December - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)