



## Upcoming events

**Thurs 4 Sept**

Secondary Disco 7pm

**Fri 5 Sept**

K-6 Father's Day Stall

Father's Day Event  
3:45pm

**Thurs 11 Sept**

Stepping Up to High  
School

Year 3 Communion  
Retreat

**Fri 12 Sept**

Public Speaking Final  
Stage 2&3

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8.30am-3.30pm during the  
term

# St Patrick's Parish School

Congratulations to our students who represented our school recently at the Secondary Athletics Carnival at the AIS in Canberra. Many personal best running times or throwing distances were achieved and several top three places gained. On Thursday, it was great to visit our staff and students along with some parents at Perisher for our Snowsports program. Each day, students were provided with ski lessons in the morning and then depending on their ages, were given additional skiing time in the afternoon. Thank you to Mr Lawley and Mrs Whackett for coordinating and organising this very successful program over the past few weeks. We also wish to thank the local ski shops for their support with ski hire and equipment.

Recently I wrote to K-6 parents about a new leadership position created in response to ongoing enrolment growth. Due to this positive situation, there has become a need to distribute the current workload of the K-6 Coordinator and Learning Support roles. Mrs Natalee Litchfield (an ex-student of St Patrick's) has been appointed to the position of Primary Campus Coordinator (Years 3-6). This will include some time with Learning Support. This is a temporary appointment until the end of this year.

Mrs Litchfield brings considerable experience to this role and will continue to support with some teaching in the classroom with 3 Gold. She will be working on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, based in the Strive Room. We will commence this new position next week, with the classroom timetable changes effective as of Monday 1 September 2025. Thank you also to Mrs Stef Cook who has provided excellent leadership in the K-6 area and was willing to re-distribute parts of her roles. Mrs Cook will now assume the Infants Campus Coordinator role: K-2 with other responsibilities in Learning Support.

Recently our Year 9 and 10 students at St Patrick's were treated to a 1-hour presentation from current Olympian Nick Timmings. Nick has been a relative late bloomer to skeleton, starting in 2012 at the



age of 20, but made an instant impact competing at the 2012 World Junior Skeleton Championships (13th) at Winterberg, Germany and the 2014 World Juniors (22nd) in Innsbruck, Austria. Nick was inspiring to the students and staff. He discussed his career to date and provided students with three key messages throughout:

1. Develop a passion for a particular interest or sport.
2. Develop a plan.
3. Invest in yourself with exercise, diet, and coaching.

He also provided students with a goal setting plan card based on:

1. Identifying a Goal Identifying three steps to make it happen
2. Identifying your support team
3. Identifying a start and end date.

For more information, you can access the [Olympics Unleashed | How It Works | Australian Olympic Committee](#)

On the same day, we celebrated Book Week with our annual K-6 Book Week Parade. It was pleasing to see all our students dressing up for the 80th anniversary of Book Week based on the theme: Book an Adventure. Special thanks to Mrs Menshic and all our teachers, parents, grandparents and carers, along with our secondary students who celebrated Book week on the Friday.

Some reminders of upcoming events:

**Tournament of Minds** – this weekend our Secondary students are participating at Lake Tuggeranong College in Canberra. Our students have been thoroughly prepared for this event under the guidance and expertise of Ms Harris. We wish all involved every success.

**Years 7-10 Disco** – Thursday 4 September 2025 from 7pm-9pm at the Ex-Services Club: we have nearly 50 tickets sold, with the student chosen theme, Neon.

**Father's Day** – Friday 5 September – Our Traditional Father's Day Stall for K-6 students, with a Liturgy for K-2 Students at 11am, and a whole after school event with Sam Williams (ex-student and NRL legend) to be held from 3:45pm to 5:30pm at the Ex-Services Club. Tickets can be purchased through the QKR APP.



Dr Sean Mangan  
Principal



# Sports Report

It's been a very big few weeks of sport for many of our students. Starting off with the NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships at Perisher, St Patrick's had Layla and Paige representing the school over three events. Paige finished 32nd out of 75 in Alpine while Layla finished 29th out of 34 in moguls and 52nd out of 75 in ski cross. Well done girls!

Next up was the Archdiocesan Athletics Championships in Canberra last week. The school sent a team of 27 students from primary and secondary with some outstanding results. Finishing in the top three in their events were Bella (1st in shot put and discus), Luke (3rd in shot put), Peter (2nd in discus) and Jack (2nd in 800m) in the primary. In the secondary there was Ella (1st in high jump, long jump, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 2nd in 1500m), Ava (2nd in long jump) and Hunter (1st in javelin). A very big congratulations goes to Bella for setting a new record in the discus and to Ella who was crowned 16yrs age champion. Good luck to our students who now head off to Sydney to compete at the Mackillop and Combined Catholic Colleges Championships next month.

And finally this week four teams travelled to Canberra to compete in the Archdiocesan Basketball Championships. Our 7/8 and 9/10 girls teams played very hard games, while our Year 9/10 boys team finished 3rd in their pool and the Year 7/8 boys team finished 2nd in their pool which was our best result at this event.

Well done to all students and a very big thank you to the parents and carers who support students in these endeavors.

## State Interschools Skiing

**Layla** came 29th in Moguls and 52nd in Ski Cross

**Paige** came 32nd in Alpine





## Archdiocesan Basketball Championships in Canberra



Well done to all of our students who participated in the **Archdiocesan Athletics Carnival** in Canberra.





## Infants Snowsports



# Primary Snowsports



# BOOK WEEK PARADE





# Kindy Big Steps Read it!



## Yr 10.. they are building a wave machine in Science..



## Alternative Ski Program making snowmen biscuits and a ski jump.



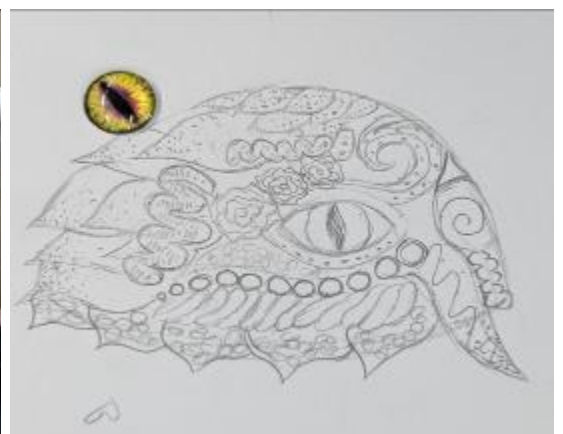
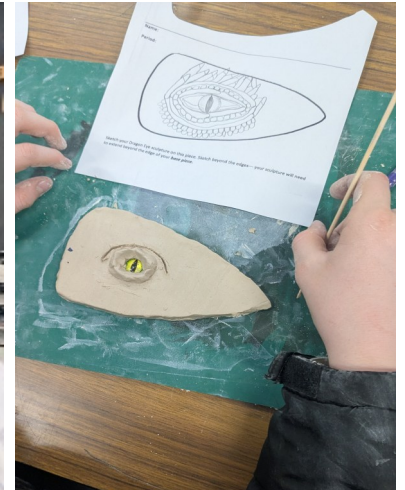


**Snowy  
Hydro  
Science  
Week**



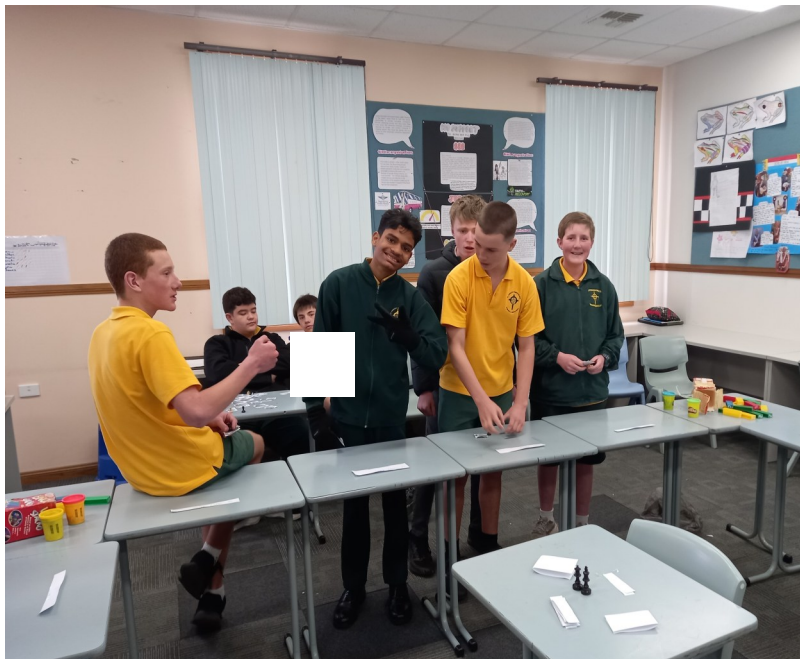
**Year 7** have been busy making clay dragon eyes in **Visual Arts**.

This is our first term doing ceramics and all the students are very excited to get their projects into our new kiln.



This week in **Year 8 English** we are taking part in the Prime Ministers Spelling Bee [www.spelling-bee.com.au](http://www.spelling-bee.com.au).

Leo is class Champion in the Prime Ministers Spelling Bee for Year 8 English.



In **History** we have been creating a Medieval Board game. In **this** picture the students are bringing the game to life, role-playing and testing their rules. Uri, Nathan, Beau, Isaac and Marcos

## Year 8 Art





Guest speaker: Sam Williams  
3.45pm - 5.30pm  
More details to come



5 SEP

Save the Date

## FATHER'S DAY EVENT

CONSENT & PAY IN COMPASS

# 7-10 DISCO

Thursday | 4 | September  
7-9 PM | 2025

COOMA EX-SERVICES CLUB

THEME: NEON

DJ AND DANCE FLOOR

SNACKS AND DRINK

\$10



We welcome new enrolments to

## St Patrick's Parish School

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Kindergarten to  
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