

# Welcome to St. Patrick's Parish School



**Principal:** Mrs Liz Johnston

**Assistant Principal:** Mrs Michelle Gittoes

## **2023 KINDER TEACHERS:**

KD Mrs Fiona Davis  
KG Miss Morgan Gallagher  
KW Mrs Cindy Whitfield

## **2023 NSW SCHOOL TERMS**

Term 1 Monday 30th January - Thursday 6th April  
Term 2 Wednesday 26th April - Friday 30th June  
Term 3 Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September  
Term 4 Tuesday 10th October - Tuesday 19th December

**Kinder Starts Monday 6th February 2023** - due to Best Start Assessments

Please Note: Kinder **do not attend** school on Wednesdays during February.  
Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd.

You will be notified of any Pupil Free days via Compass app or you can see them on our website calendar.

**Best Start Assessments will be held from Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February.**

**These are one-hour sessions and we require a parent/guardian to attend with the child. Information regarding booking these sessions will be forwarded soon.**

*Reading Book Bag: On your child's last orientation session they will be given a gift. It is a book bag that will be used as a library bag and home reading folder. **It will need to come back to school on the first day.***

## **HOME LIST - KINDERGARTEN**

Children need to provide the following items for their own use at school next year. Please label all items clearly with your child's Christian and Surname rather than initials. e.g. Bill Smith.

1. A drink bottle for classroom use - **WATER ONLY** - Named
2. Smock (with long elasticised sleeves) - Named
3. Glue sticks x 4 – Not Named
4. Whiteboard marker x 4 - Not Named

**NO TEXTAS OR WIND UPS NECESSARY AS THESE WILL BE PROVIDED.**

## SOME POINTS OF INTEREST



- Children attend school from 8.50am to 3.00pm – **The children need to arrive no later than 8.40am. At 8.47am music will be played over the loudspeaker which indicates the start of the day. Please drop your child off, say goodbye and leave. This allows the children to settle quickly.**
- **Kinder children enter and exit via Smollett Street Gates. Please do not use the staff car park.**
- It is preferred for the 1<sup>st</sup> month they do not travel by bus but, if necessary, it is important that teachers know on which bus your child travels. (Please put these details in writing.)
- **PLEASE** label everything - using both Christian name and Surname, especially lunch boxes, hats and drink bottles.  
**(Please don't use all Capital Letters)**
- All Infant School children receive free bus travel. These are available online at [transportsw.info/school-students](http://transportsw.info/school-students)
- Put recess and lunch in separate containers for Term One. Experiment with amounts of food.
- Practise packing and unpacking lunch boxes. Talk about the playground with children. Practise opening fruit containers and packets.
- “Practise” using public toilets and washing hands using soap.
- When teaching children to write their own name, **only use capital letter for first letter of name.**
- Children will benefit from any familiarisation with the alphabet – both sounds & letter names.
- A basic knowledge of counting and number recognition to 10 would be helpful.
- **Read to your child daily.** Allow the children to hold the book at times.



- Children have a fruit break at 10am- a piece of raw fruit or vegetable, not fruit in juice or jelly. It is easiest in the school environment if the fruit is cut up and in a separate container.



- For the first few weeks teachers are very busy settling in children. Say “Goodbye”, Smile and Go!!!!

Should you wish to communicate with teachers please write a note or make an appointment to speak with them at a later time.

- Art smocks should have long elasticised sleeves as these are more practical.
- School Bags - Large bags are preferable as Kinder folders and books are A4 size. “Play” practise packing and unpacking bags, relaying notes. School bags are available at the school clothing pool open Tuesdays 2.15 - 3.15pm during school terms.
- St. Patrick’s has a “No School Hat, Play In The Shade” policy. Hats are part of the school uniform and are also available from the school clothing pool & office. Please apply sunscreen each morning. No zinc cream please. **Please name your child’s school hat. You may even wish to have your child’s name or initials embroidered around the brim to make it easier for them to find.**
- Children settle in better to school life and good patterns are established when they have enough time to unpack their bags and play before the music plays at 8.40am and bell rings at 8.50 am for class. Please help your child unpack if necessary, then wish them a happy day and leave. This enables them to interact with their peers before the bell rings.
- Our Tuckshop operates Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The school now operates an online ordering and payment system. Instructions for this are on our website.
- If your child is absent please send an absent note via the compass app.
- If your child is going away and will be absent from school for 10 days or more you must complete an “Extended Leave Form”. These are available via our website notes page or from the school office.

