

5 December 2017

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow



The final newsletter for 2017.

It has been a great year for our students and St Patrick's School.  
Thank you to all who have supported them and the school over the year.  
God bless you all.

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

### COOL AT SCHOOL

Congratulations to **Paige Ellison**, one of our beautiful Year 8 students who has grown to be a responsible, caring, friendly and hard working young lady.

### END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS - TOMORROW 9.30AM

(6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER) at 9.30am in ST PATRICK'S CHURCH as ALL OUR PUPILS celebrate Mass together and thank God for the many blessings 2017 has brought us. SEE YOU WEDNESDAY.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Two of our ex-pupils have just completed their first 2 years of teaching and now are FULLY REGISTERED TEACHERS. So well done **Aimee Newport** and **Sam Weber**. Both great teachers, great people - we are proud of you.

### FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 8

We sadly (yes, true!) farewell this great group of students who head off to high school next year. Many of them have been at St Patrick's since they were 5. You all have been a real blessing for our school and all of the staff, pupils and parents wish you all the best for your future years.

Work hard and make us and yourself proud.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER - IN BY THIS THURSDAY PLEASE

Every family received a green raffle sheet (10 tickets at \$1 each) to sell last week. These need to be returned by Thursday 7 December.

The raffle will be drawn on **Monday 11 December**.

### END OF YEAR REPORTS - FOR ALL NEXT WEEK

These will be given to pupils on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** at school and should be opened at home with you. Please be positive about the reports when you discuss them. There has been some great progress made by your children this year. (The "next steps" are a guide for next year!) Your child's class and Year level for 2018 is included in the report.

### The Advent Wreath

The circular wreath composed of evergreens is a symbol of continuous and everlasting life. The four candles in the wreath mark the waiting period leading up to Christmas. One additional candle is lit on each Sunday of Advent to remind us that Jesus brings light into the world.

The first, second and fourth candles are purple while the third is pink or rose - this candle is a sign that we are over the half-way point!

This is a Sunday for rejoicing - the wait is almost over!



### TRAVEL VOUCHER RAFFLE - YOUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY?

**\$250 INTERISLANDER TRAVEL VOUCHER** (Expires September 2018).

Can be used at any time until expiry. The final P.T.A fundraiser for the year. TICKETS \$5 each - please fill out reply slip at bottom of newsletter with money enclosed. Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### END OF YEAR EVENTS / PRIZEGIVING 2017

6 December - End of Year School Mass 9.30am St Patrick's Church

6 December - Year 8 Leavers Dinner - 6.30 (This Wednesday)

14 December - 11.30am Junior / Middle Final Assembly

7pm - Senior Prizegiving - St Patrick's Church

15 December - **School Finishes at 12.30 (No Afternoon Afcare)**

### START DATE AT SCHOOL FOR 2018

**Monday 29 January** - School Office will be open to purchase school uniform from 9am - 3pm.

**Tuesday 30 January** - School Starts for all children - 8.45am.

### NO BUSES AT LUNCHTIME ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER (LAST DAY)

There will be no buses running at lunchtime on the last day so parents will need to make arrangements for their children to be picked up at 12.30.

Regards and Blessings

Have a safe & holy Christmas

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### INTERISLANDER TRAVEL VOUCHER (\$250) RAFFLE

\$5 TICKETS x \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

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