

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION 2017



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Old Pre Kindergarten, 4 Year Old Kindergarten and Pre Primary students. The programmes are all “play-based” and children are encouraged to explore using a “hands on” approach to encourage their curiosity and develop creativity.

In 2015, the school community celebrated the opening of a brand new facility for our senior classes (Years 5 and 6), along with a new canteen and undercover play and assembly area.

Other classrooms were redesigned to take on board the philosophy behind Twenty First Century learning, which helps to facilitate: collaborative learning and personal reflection; catering to different styles of learning; and the use of digital technology across all learning areas.

The school has strong links to the Fremantle community and makes wide use of local facilities and opportunities through affiliations with the University of Notre Dame Australia and the City of Fremantle.

School Profile

St Patrick's Primary School, Fremantle, a Catholic school under the care of the Oblate Community, is a vibrant, co-educational, single-stream primary school, catering for students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six.

The charism of our school is derived from our patron, St Patrick, and also Saints Ursula, Eugene de Mazenod and Emily de Vialar, who have all provided inspiration through our historical associations with the respective religious orders.

Throughout all year levels, the model of schooling offered by St Patrick's is underpinned by the Gospel values and encourages students to strive to do their best in all facets of school life.

Our newly refurbished Early Childhood Centre caters for 3 Year



Mission Statement

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School is a compassionate community living the Gospel values. We strive to educate for excellence in a creative and challenging learning environment.

We celebrate our history, embrace the present and continue to nurture the future generations by 'walking in the light of Christ.'



St Patrick's Primary School is the parish school of the Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle Parish (pictured above). The parish is entrusted to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

**Christ
Our
Light**

Specialist Subject Areas

The following specialist subject areas are included in the curriculum at St Patrick's:

Music

All students from Years One to Six participate in a classroom music program with a specialist teacher.

An individual music program comprising lessons in piano or guitar is available to those who are interested in learning an instrument. These lessons are provided either during class time or after school via **Jump Music**.

Students at St Patrick's also participate in weekly Liturgical singing sessions, and those who are interested and demonstrate enthusiasm and potential may become members of the St Patrick's Choir. Members of the Choir meet before school on a weekly basis to practise and hone their skills. The Choir participates in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and for various special school performances.

In Term Four, students from Kindergarten to Year Six are involved in the EduDance program, which culminates in a presentation to parents at the end of the year.



Italian

Students from Years One to Six participate in lessons in Language Other Than English (LOTE) for two sessions a week. At St Patrick's, a teacher of Italian language and culture is provided by the Italo

-Australian Welfare and Cultural Centre to facilitate these classes.

Physical Education and Sport

A specialist Physical Education teacher provides PE lessons from Years One to Six once a week and the classroom teacher also provides a weekly sport session with their own students. Students are often walked down to Fremantle Oval to take advantage of local facilities.



At various times of the year, children are involved in a range of sporting clinics through external providers (eg. cricket and football).

In the spirit of participation and striving for personal best, St Patrick's runs faction carnivals for athletics, swimming and cross country, and there are many opportunities for students to participate in inter-school events.

Before school training is offered at various times of the year in order to prepare students for the faction and inter-school carnivals.

Science

Students in each year level from Year One to Six have weekly science lessons with a dedicated science teacher. The Primary Connections science programme, which links science with literacy, is used in each year level.



What Makes St Patrick's Different?

Academic Extension

Selected students from Years Four to Six are invited to participate in an enrichment program, which focuses on extending thinking skills whilst incorporating ICT.

Academic Support

To meet students' individual needs, St Patrick's has implemented an intervention programme called "Mini Lit". The program is an evidence-based, effective early literacy intervention program for struggling early readers. Students work in a small group, with an educator trained in the program, four times a week.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

In 2015 St Patrick's commenced a "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) program for Years Four to Six. The iPads are integrated into the curriculum to support and enhance our current educational program. The school has a bank of iPads in each classroom that will be available for use by students who are not able to bring in their own.

More information about the program can be found on our website at :

http://www.stpatsfremantle.wa.edu.au/pdf/parentinfo_byod_17.pdf

Younger students also have access to iPads on which they use educational applications that enhance their learning, and there are Apple televisions situated in every classroom to support delivery of the curriculum.



Christian Meditation

The purpose of the Christian Meditation program is to impart knowledge about God and to provide first-hand experience of God's love through the experiential process of "doing" meditation.

At St Patrick's, all classes (from Kindergarten to Year Six) practise Christian Meditation twice a week.

This allows our students a chance to enter into the present moment; experience God; become calm and relaxed; and play a part in creating a sense of community.



Clubs and Special Interests

St Patrick's offers its students the opportunity to join clubs run by teachers with a special interest in various endeavours. In 2016, some of the clubs available to students were:

- * Computer Coding Club
- * Gardening Club
- * Minnie Vinnies
- * Chess Club

Year 6 Leadership

Senior students are given opportunities to grow as future leaders through the St Patrick's student leaders program, Year Six adventure camp, and dedicated leadership days. All Year Six students are expected to embrace their role as leaders of the younger students, modelling behaviours and characteristics for the younger students to aspire to.

Parent-School Communication

The staff at St Patrick's value a strong communication link between the school and parents. This is facilitated electronically by email (admin@stpatsfremantle.wa.edu.au) and the St Patrick's Primary School website (www.stpatsfremantle.wa.edu.au). Other updates on school activities or student progress are delivered via:

Parent-Teacher Information Nights—These are held at the beginning of each year by the individual class teachers and provide an overview of how each classroom is run.

Class Blogs—Each class teacher administers their own class blog where all the latest classroom information is posted.

Assessment and Reporting—At the end of Term One, the opportunity to discuss student progress is provided at individual Parent/Teacher meetings. At the end of Term Two, Semester One reports are issued. Work samples are sent home at the conclusion of each term, and at the end of Term Four, Semester Two reports are issued.

Newsletters—The school newsletter is produced once a fortnight on Thursdays (weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) and is uploaded to the school website. A reminder to view the newsletter is emailed to parents. Hard copies of the newsletter are available in the school office.

Your child's class teacher is the first person that you should contact if you have any concerns about your child. Teachers are always willing to arrange to meet with parents, either before or after school, at a mutually convenient time.

Camp Australia (OSHC)

At the end of 2016, St Patrick's Primary School engaged the services of Camp Australia to provide a before and after school care service for working parents.

Before school care is available from 7.00am to 8.30am (out of pocket fees ranging from \$6.96 to \$9.50). After school care runs from 3.00pm to 6.00pm (out of pocket fees from \$9.41 to \$14.50).

General Information

School Hours

- School for **Years One to Six** commences at 8.30am and finishes at 3.00pm. The earliest time for children to arrive at school is 8.00am. Students arriving prior to this will be directed to our Camp Australia before school program in the undercover area until school begins at 8.30am. Camp Australia will then charge for the service.
- **Pre Kindergarten** is run on Thursdays 8.45am to 12.00pm (morning session only) or 8.45am to 2.30pm (all day session). Children can be delivered to class from 8.30am.
- **Kindergarten** is run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am to 2.45pm. In 2017, an additional day (Thursday) is being offered to parents of Kindergarten students. This extra day will be charged at Pre Kindergarten rates .
- **Pre Primary** is Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 2.45pm. Children can be collected from 3.05pm from the drive through if they have older siblings.

Notification of Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you advise Administration prior to 9.30am on 9335 5215. When your child returns to school after the absence, they need to present their teacher with a signed absentee note indicating the child's name and year level, the date/s of absence, and reason for the absence.

An email sent to the Administration email address at admin@stpatsfremantle.wa.edu.au with the above details will suffice. The parent sending the email must sign off with their full name as the origin of the email is often not indicated in the originating email address.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives at school after 8.30am the adult dropping them off is required to come into the Office and sign them in.

Extended Absenteeism

Extended absences during school term, that are not related to illness, are discouraged. If families are, however, planning a holiday during term, the Principal must be notified beforehand in writing. School fees are still payable during this time.

Enrolment Information

St Patrick's Primary School will accept all applications for enrolment. The acceptance of an application form does not guarantee an enrolment interview or an offer of a place.

As per Catholic Education Office policy, our enrolment priority adheres to the following order:

1. Catholic students from the Parish with a Parish Priest reference and siblings who are Catholic;
2. Catholic students from outside the parish with a Parish Priest reference;
3. Other Catholic students;
4. Siblings from non-Catholic families; and
5. Non-Catholic students.

Parents seeking enrolment for Pre Kindergarten should note that acceptance into Pre Kindergarten relates to participation in the program and not enrolment into the school. Formal enrolment into St Patrick's Primary School occurs via an application at the time of seeking enrolment into Kindergarten (4 Year Olds) or subsequent year levels.

School Terms and Pupil Free Days 2017

When submitting an application for Pre Kindergarten or any other year level, please complete the relevant application form and forward to the school with a copy of your child's birth certificate, Baptism certificate (if Catholic) and immunisation record. A \$100 non-refundable fee applies to all 4 Year Old Kindergarten applications and those seeking enrolment into upper years. It is important to note that the enrolment process for 4 Year Old Kindergarten takes place in Term One of the year before that in which entry is being sought. Pre Kindergarten enrolment processing takes place in Term Two of the previous year. Applications can be submitted any time prior to this and they are held on file until the relevant time.

Children who are of Catholic families can enhance their prospects of enrolment by providing a reference from their Parish Priest. Forms for this purpose are available from the School website or by request from Administration.

VISA HOLDERS—Some visa subclass holders can only be enrolled in Catholic schools as full fee paying students. For 2017, these fees range from \$4,237 for Kindergarten students to \$10,309 for students from Pre Primary to Year Six, in addition to the regular school fees.

Term 1

Office opens	Mon 30 Jan
Students start	Wed 1 Feb
Labour Day Holiday	Mon 6 March
Students finish	Thurs 6 April
Pupil Free Day	Fri 7 April
Good Friday	Fri 14 April
Easter Monday	Mon 17 April

Term 2

Pupil Free Day	Mon 24 April
ANZAC Day Holiday	Tues 25 April
Students start	Wed 26 April
WA Day Holiday	Mon 5 June
Pupil Free Day	Tues 6 June
Students & staff finish	Fri 30 June

Term 3

Students and staff start	Mon 17 July
Pupil Free Day	Fri 18 August
Students & staff finish	Fri 22 Sept

Term 4

Pupil Free Day	Mon 9 Oct
Students start	Tues 10 Oct
Students finish	Fri 8 Dec
Staff finish	Fri 15 Dec

Members of staff, particularly class teachers are required to check children's school uniform on a daily basis. Inappropriate uniform is unacceptable and a standardised note is sent home with the child and brought back signed by the parent. This includes not only wearing the correct items, but wearing them with pride and as directed (e.g. boys shorts worn on the hips, rather than on the waist).

Girls Summer

Green short sleeve emblem dress, brown sandals (no socks) or black shoes, white ankle socks, bottle green hat.

Boys Summer

Mint green short sleeve shirt, bottle green shorts, brown sandals (no socks) or black shoes, green/gold band grey ankle length socks, bottle green hat.

Girls Winter

White long sleeve shirt, green/gold tie, green jumper with emblem, green tartan skirt, white ankle socks or green tights, black shoes.

Boys Winter

Mint green long sleeve or short sleeve shirt, green/gold tie, green jumper with emblem, grey trousers, grey school socks, black shoes.

Girls and Boys Sports Uniform

Lemon shirt or coloured faction shirt, bottle green sport shorts, bottle green tracksuit, white ankle socks, predominantly white sandshoes/joggers.

Grooming (including adornment)

Students with hair below the collar of their uniform must tie it up neatly. Only school colour—bottle green or gold—hair restrainers (clips, ribbons, bobbles etc.) may be worn. Plain studs or sleepers only to be worn; one per ear lobe. A chain and religious medal/cross may be worn around the neck. One signet ring or plain ring may be worn. Bracelets, bangles and ankle chains are not permitted.

Nail polish may not be worn to school. Please make sure it is removed at home before school begins.

"Fad" haircuts, eg. mohawks, zigzag stripes, shaved patches, coloured strips, rats' tails, etc. are unacceptable.

Comments

Uniforms are available for purchase from the school office during office hours.

All uniform items that are removable - e.g. jumper, hat, tracksuits, shoes, sandals - must be marked with the child's name.

The school has a policy of "No Hat No Play".



Uniform Ordering for 2017

When placing an order it must be accompanied by cash, cheque payment or the internet banking receipt (details below) before it will be processed. Please note the uniform account number is different from the Fees Account number if you are paying via internet banking. EFTPOS is now available.

SUMMER	DESCRIPTION	SIZE	COST	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL (INC gst)
Girls	Dress	4-16	\$55			
Boys	Shorts Green	6-16	\$22			
Boys	Mint short sleeve shirt	6-8	\$22			
Boys	Mint short sleeve shirt	10-16	\$23			
WINTER						
Girls	Skirt (5,6,8,10)	6-10	\$50			
Girls	Skirt	12-16	\$54			
Girls	White shirt long sleeve	6-10	\$24			
Girls	White shirt long sleeve	12-16	\$26			
Boys	Grey Trousers (6, 7, 8, 9, 10)	6-10	\$33			
Boys	Grey Trousers	12-16	\$35			
Boys	Mint shirt long sleeve	6-10	\$24			
Boys	Mint shirt long sleeve	12-16	\$26			
Girls/Boys	Green Jumper	6-10	\$55			
Girls/Boys	Green Jumper	12-16	\$60			
Girls/Boys	School Tie	S, M	\$12			
SPORTS						
Girls/Boys	Tracksuit Jacket	6-16	\$30			
Girls/Boys	Tracksuit Pants	6-16	\$30			
Girls/Boys	Yellow Polo Top	6-16	\$22			
Girls/Boys	Green sport shorts	6-16	\$22			
Girls/Boys	Faction Colour Top	6-16	\$22			
ACCESSORIES						
Boys	Ankle socks for formal uniform	All sizes	\$12			
Girls/Boys	Green School Hat	XS,S,M,L	\$14			
Girls/Boys	School Bag		\$45			
Girls/Boys	Classroom Satchel		\$15			
Girl/Boys	Rain Jackets (not compulsory)	6-14	\$25			
					Total	

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Internet Banking—NEW UNIFORM SHOP ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB: 086-006 ACC NO: 8467 00561

A/C NAME: St Patrick's Primary Fremantle Uniform Shop

Please forward Lodgement Receipt for your order to be processed.

CASH/CHEQUE (Please make out to St Patrick's Uniform Shop)

Application Fee

In order to register a student enrolment with St Patrick's Primary School an application form must be filled out and a fee of \$100 paid. This fee is non-refundable. The payment of this fee is not a guarantee of enrolment nor is it tax deductible. If offered a place, an enrolment fee of \$120 is payable. This is refunded on the first fee statement; non-refundable should you first accept the position and then later decline it.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are issued on a term by term basis or can be paid upfront in Term One as an annual charge. Full payment must be finalised **each term** if you are not paying the annual charge in Term One. Tuition fees do not include the costs of text, stationery items, excursions or uniforms.

This year's fees have been determined following budget information received from the Catholic Education Office (CEO).

Sibling discounts meet with CEO recommendations

i.e. 2nd child discount 20%
3rd child discount 40%
4th plus children free

<u>YEAR ONE TO SIX</u>	<u>PER TERM</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>
Family with 1 Child	\$417.28 per term	\$1669.14
Family with 2 Children	\$751.11 per term	\$3004.45
Family with 3 Children and more	\$1001.48 per term	\$4005.93
HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS	\$230 per year with relevant discounts for siblings	

Tuition Fees 3 Year old/4 year old Kindy/Pre Primary plus Amenities

3 YEAR OLD PRE KINDY

Pre Kindy \$45.00 per half session, or \$75.00 for a full day session. Payment is still required whether your child attends their designated day or not as you have set days reserved specifically for your child and our staff plan for all the children on that day. Public Holidays and Pupil Free Days will not be charged.

<u>4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN</u>	<u>PER TERM</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u>
Three Days	\$391.50	\$1566.00

Plus Amenities \$400 per child (covers insurance, consumables and ICT) and Edu Dance \$26 per child

Plus Levies outlined over the page.

PRE-PRIMARY

Fees as per Year 1 to Year 6 fees above

Amenities \$400 per child (covers swimming, insurance, consumables and ICT)

Edu Dance \$26

Plus Levies outlined over the page.

Levies

P & F Levy	\$80 per family
Building Levy	\$333.80 per family
Literacy, Book & ICT Levy	\$130 (Years 1 to 6)

Amenities for Years One to Six

The Amenity fee is a per child fee with no family discounts.

Amenities \$120 per child for Year 1 to 6

(Amenities include swimming lessons , Accident Insurance and consumables)

Edu Dance \$26 per child (4 Year Old Kindy to Year 6)

Year 6 Camp \$400 per child

Sacramental charges are not part of the school fees—parents will pay the Parish directly.

Payment Options

We have many different payment options available for parents.:

Direct Debit Into the St Patrick’s Catholic School Board Account with the **National Australia Bank**

BSB	086 006
ACCOUNT	54424 2534

Please use your child’s surname as a reference if using this method.

Please forward the lodgement receipt to the school office or alternatively email to admin@stpatsfremantle.wa.edu.au

Credit Card Please fill in the required form available from the office and return it to the Finance Manager.

Cash/EFTPOS Payable at the School Office

Cheque Cheques should be made payable to St Patrick’s Catholic School

We encourage payment plans, which can be set up using Direct Debit or Credit Card. This is a great way to manage school fees throughout the year as your annual fees are broken down into smaller weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

Any questions? Please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Manager, Mrs Amy Fulton.

fulton.amy@stpatsfremantle.wa.edu.au or alternatively 9335 5215.

RATIONALE

The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA) has a responsibility to make a Catholic education available to all Catholic students whose parents seek a Catholic education for them, insofar as this is possible, while embodying the Church's special preference for the poor and disadvantaged. Schools have a responsibility to communicate the financial constraints under which they operate to parents enrolling their children in Catholic schools. Parents are asked to make a commitment to support Catholic education financially by paying fees.

The Bishops of Western Australia have approved the collection of school fees from parents as a necessary contribution to the costs of delivering a Catholic education.

DEFINITION

For the purpose of this policy School Fees shall be considered to be tuition fees, levies and other charges (eg excursions, camp fees, amenities, book hire).

ROLE OF SCHOOL BOARDS

In Diocesan accountable schools, Boards have a managerial role with regard to the setting and collecting of school fees. In Order accountable schools, Boards may **ONLY** have an advisory role with regard to school fees.

PRINCIPLES

1. The collection of school fees shall be approached in the spirit of Christian charity and justice.
2. Financial grounds shall never be the reason for the non-enrolment or exclusion of any child from a Catholic school.
3. CECWA shall ensure the financial viability of group funded schools.
4. Schools shall ensure that school fees reflect the socio-economic status of the school community.
5. The School Board has the responsibility for the financial management of the school and, consequently, is responsible for the collection of school fees.
6. Where parents and/or guardians have the capacity to pay fees, the collection of school fees shall be actively pursued.
7. Families with limited capacity to pay school fees have an entitlement to claim a fee concession. Requests for fee concessions shall be treated with dignity, fairness, compassion and confidentiality.
8. Families with eligible means tested family concession cards have an automatic entitlement to tuition fee concessions.
9. The withholding of access to students of normal pastoral and curriculum provision shall not be used as a fee collection strategy.
10. Every effort shall be made to protect the confidentiality of all information pertaining to parents and/or guardians and the payment of school fees.

PROCEDURES

1. Annual fees and charges including maximum increases shall be set by the School Board in accordance with CECWA advice provided during the budget process and put to the Annual General School Meeting. If there is a need to exceed the maximum increase in school fees and charges, the school shall gain approval of the Director of Catholic Education.
2. On application for enrolment, parents will be provided with a Handbook outlining the school fee policy and details of any additional charges and information relating to the school fee concession policy. The School Fee Policy is posted on the School Website.
3. A non-refundable Application Fee of \$100 must be paid when submitting an application to attend St Patrick's Primary School. Once offered a place, an Enrolment Fee of \$120 must be paid to confirm acceptance of a place. This Enrolment Fee will be refunded on the first fee statement; however, it is non-refundable should the position be accepted and then later declined.
4. Fees still apply to students on holiday or absent from school. Pre-Kindy sessions also require payment for non attendance.

5. A place will not be held for longer than six months unless approved by the principal. Requests must be in writing to the principal.

6. One term's notice in writing is required when withdrawing from the school. Should your child leave once a term has commenced, the full term's fees will still be owed for that term.

7. Health Care Card holders will be given the automatic tuition fee discounts upon presentation of their concession card and completion of the HCC Tuition Fee Discount Scheme form. It is the parent's responsibility to provide a new current Health Care Card to the school once the original one has expired or the discount will be removed from the Tuition Fee account.

8. The level of sibling discounts shall be determined by the School Board. St Patrick's is currently maintaining the Catholic Education WA (CEWA) suggested discount levels.

9. Family discounts will be offered for Special Education Students whether siblings attend the same Catholic school or a number of Catholic schools.

10. You must choose to pay the fees either by:

- One annual payment in Term 1
- A term payment by the end of each term
- Payment plan for smaller more regular payments

If an annual payment or a term payment has not been received, the parent must enter into a payment plan to ensure the fees will be paid off before the end of the year, or see below #11.

11. If parents are having difficulties paying the fee account, then an appointment must be made with the Principal to discuss method of payment, concessions and remissions if required. Documents showing financial hardship need to be provided to the Principal if claiming a fee concession.

12. A timeline for adjusted payments will be set up for those parents who are having difficulties paying fees, with the intended result being that the debt will be reduced each year.

13. School Fee Accounts will be sent out at the beginning of the year and a Statement/Reminder issued at the beginning of Term 2, 3 and 4. Fees are due by the date given on the fee account, before the end of each term.

- A phone call to parents will be made if the previous term's fees have not been paid upon the generation of the next term's fees.
- A follow up letter will be sent if no attempt by the parents has been made to pay fees or meet with the Principal.
- The Principal will be notified of non-payments and a decision will be made by the Principal to present the Fee Account to the School Board.
- The School Board will decide if the school will engage the services of a debt collection agency to recover the fees.

14. Where parents have ignored all reasonable attempts to negotiate a fee repayment strategy and further action is required:

- Documentation will be kept on each attempt to resolve the problems of outstanding fees;
- Parents will be notified that the services of a debt collection agency or solicitor will be engaged to recover outstanding fees. All charges incurred by the school in an attempt to recover fees will be passed on to the parents whose fees are being recovered.
- A summons can be issued by the appropriate school authority and judgement entered against the parent; however, before enforcement proceedings are taken, such as a Warrant of Execution, Order of Commitment, Garnishee Order, Judgement Summons etc., approval must be obtained from the Director of Catholic Education.

15. When St Patrick's Primary School office is notified parents have split/separated, the child's fee account and contact/emergency details will be updated to reflect the situation. Responsibility for the Fee Account will be split evenly between the people who have signed the Confirmation of Enrolment Form, unless otherwise advised in writing by both parents.

MORNING DROP OFF

Street side parking is available and is FREE until 9.00am. This is on :

- Point St
- Parry St
- Ellen St

AFTER 9.00am parking is not free. Please purchase tickets.

Parking is also usually available in the Parish car park for drop off and pick up times only.

We encourage parents to use the drop off zone or kiss and drive in the morning. This is accessed via Adelaide Street driving past the loading bay of what used to be Woolworths. This is not a parking zone but strictly a drive through zone only. We ask parents remain in their cars at this drop off point.

Do not, under any circumstance, park in the angled car park bays near the kiss and drive. This is permit parking for St Patrick's staff during school hours. Wilsons Parking has a list of numberplates of cars that are eligible to be parked in this area and they will fine or wheel clamp those that are not listed. Although we have many full time staff, some staff have later starts or only work part time. If parents park in the staff bays (even for a few moments) it forces staff to try and find paid parking and possibly delays their start time. As the official entry to the school is on Ellen St adjacent to the administration office, parents have also used that area as a kiss and drive. They drive to the gates on Ellen Street, the children exit the car and enter the gates near the school office.

After 8.35am, the only entry to the school is via Ellen St. This is our duty of care to make sure all other exits of the school are locked and to ensure the Administration staff can see who enters the school.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

Paid parking is again available on Point, Parry and Ellen Streets, and parking is also available in the Parish car park just prior to 3.00pm.



In the afternoon, parents are also welcome to drive through the school to collect their children. At 3.00pm the Parry Street gates will be open for the collection of students in Years 1 to 3. Children will be lined up in their factions awaiting collection. We would like the older grades (Years 4 to 6) to be collected at 3.10pm. This staggers pick up to ensure that we do not block Parry Street for other traffic nor contravene any road rules.

To reiterate, we open the gates for the collection of students in Years 1 to 3 at 3.00pm and children should be waiting by the time you drive through. Should your child not be ready you must proceed through the grounds and do a 'round the block' routine. Being able to drive through the grounds safely is a privilege, but it could be taken away.

WET WEATHER PROCEDURE IN THE AFTERNOON

The same procedure applies as the above, with the exception that the children from Years 1 to 3 will be seated in the covered area outside the

Early Learning Centre to be collected. The older students will be waiting under cover outside the Year 5 and 6 building. Older students with younger siblings will wait on the side with the younger siblings. Traffic cones will be placed to show where the parents must drive to.

Pre Kindergarten—The morning session begins at 8.45am (the classroom door will open at 8.30am). Parents will need to park their car and escort their children to the classroom. Parents are welcome to stay and settle their child until approximately 9.15am when a special Pre Kindergarten bell will ring to remind parents to depart. Pre Kindergarten students need to be collected from the classroom at either 12.00pm at the end of the morning session, or 2.30pm at the end of the full day session. Those children using the Camp Australia Out of School Hours Care will wait with the teacher until 3.00pm, when they will be taken across to OSHC.

Kindergarten—The start time is 8.30am and children must be delivered to the classroom by a parent or guardian. Similarly, at the end of the Kindergarten day at 2.45pm, children must be collected from the classroom by a parent or guardian.

Pre Primary—The start time is 8.30am and children must be delivered to the classroom by a parent or guardian. Siblings will not be permitted to drop Pre Primary children off as a matter of our duty of care. The finish time for Pre Primary is 2.45pm and parents can either park and collect their child from the classroom at this time or, if they have an older sibling, they can wait in the drive through with their sibling for collection from 3.05pm onwards.



Canteen

St Patrick's Canteen is open for business every Wednesday and Friday for snacks at recess and meals for lunch. The menu changes every term and specials are advertised on the day.

The canteen adheres to the principles of the Star Choice Policy and the Traffic Light System. These guidelines are the minimum standards introduced through the State Government. The Catholic Education Commission has also issued a Healthy Food and Drink Policy that all Catholic Schools must adhere to.



Green: These are everyday choices such as fruit, vegetables, breads and cereal foods, reduced fat dairy products, lean meats, water and small fruit juices.

Amber: These are limited choices such as full fat dairy foods, hotdogs made using registered frankfurts, sausages, registered hamburger patties, registered ice cream/icy poles and cakes/biscuits or muffins.

Red: Off the menu and not available such as full fat pastry items; deep fried food; sweet sandwich fillings including jam, nut spreads, honey etc.; high fat foods such as salami and polony; soft drinks; chocolate confectionery; and sweet pastries. No highly processed items are permitted.

The canteen cannot run without our fantastic volunteers. Please contact School Administration if you can volunteer your time to help in the canteen on a Wednesday or Friday. Any number of days that you can assist is appreciated, even if just once or twice a term.

For the most recent canteen menu, go to the St Patrick's website at:

<http://web.stpatsfremantle.wa.edu.au/parentinfo.html>



*Dear Lord,
Together we pray as St Patrick's school
community.*

*We thank you for all the blessings you
give us and for the opportunity to grow
in your image and likeness.*

*As St Patrick shared your "Light" with
those he met, may we also be the bearers
of the "Light of Christ."*

*Help us to follow Mary's example and
listen carefully to what you have to say.*

*Let us show love towards others, as God
wants us to do.*

Amen.