

# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*'Never see a need without doing something about it'* - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

St. Patrick's is a welcoming community where all are encouraged to *'Love, Learn and Respect'* in the Josephite Tradition.

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Dear Families,

What an interesting start to the term we've had! The most important thing though, is that everyone in our community is safe. At the same time, we remain aware that many people in the Pyramid Hill community and beyond have been hugely impacted by the recent floods and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

For those in our school communities who have been impacted by the flood waters, the Victorian Government has announced a grants program to help all flood-impacted schools and students in the recovery process. If your home or belongings have been damaged by the current floods, you will be able to access support up to the value of \$1200 for each student. This money is to provide assistance in replacing essential school items such as uniforms, school shoes and stationery, and digital items such as USBs and headphones. Please see the attached letter for more information and the complete list.

One of the many associated problems with the recent floods is the increase in mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes carry a number of diseases so it is important that we protect ourselves from them. Mosquitoes do not breed in the initial flood waters, they breed in the warm stagnant water after flood water recedes. Please read inside this newsletter for some simple precautions to help protect you and your families.

During the recent time of Remote Learning, we were unable to hold our Term 4 Parent Engagement Forum. This has been re-scheduled to next Monday, 14th of November at 5pm. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing School Fees for 2023 and throwing around some ideas about school renovations. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great week.

### TALAARAWAN

#### November

7th: Yr 6 Transition No.1

9th: School Mass at 12:45  
Sacrament Meeting for  
Reconciliation - Session 2

10th: Science excursion

11th: SAKG. Remembrance Day  
Service 10:45

14th: Parent Engagement Forum  
5pm. Yr 6 Transition No.2.

15th: Sacrament Meeting for  
Reconciliation - Session 3. Billy  
Bush Dance

23rd: Celebration of the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### December

5th: Food Share

6th: End of Year Mass and  
Celebration

St. Patrick's Primary  
School is committed to  
child safety.

We believe all children  
have the right to feel  
safe and to be safe.



**HOPE - For now and whatever lies ahead.**

Every day  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

# End of Year Mass and Celebration

Save the Date

Our end of year Mass and Celebration will be on Tuesday 6th December at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the 2022 school year as well as a chance to farewell our Year 6 students. More details to come.

## Chaplain's Chat

Welcome back to school!

The last 3 weeks have had many highs and lows for us all. Caring parents and returning to a normal routine help children through the experience. When the water recedes, it does not mean everything returns to normal. When we are in the thick of a situation we all go into a survival mode, helping where we can, managing our own situations or those around us. It will be a season of checking in on our children, each other and the wider community. It's important to create a space for conversation, answering questions when they come up. No-one expects you to be perfect, you have been through alot, and it's understandable if your own experience is making it hard for you to determine how your children are going. The same goes for what you do if you're worried about your child/children. Know that we are always here for you and your family. Please contact the school if you require support, assistance or just a chat? You have all done an amazing job at this difficult time. Take care of you!

Leiza Mathers,  
School Chaplain

*Taking care of yourself is part of taking care of your kids.*

# Remembrance Day

This coming Friday, the 11th of November is Remembrance Day. This day commemorates the end of WW1 and is universally associated with the remembrance of those who died in this tragic war.

**We will be holding a short memorial service at the school starting at 10:45. All welcome**



## Tagalog Links

Magandang araw sa inyong lahat!

We are very thankful for your active participation during the filming for the Languages Festival 2022 last week. You have done well and you all deserve a "Magaling Clap". We are still in the process of editing the film and we are hoping to present it on Friday.

*Dagdag Kaalaman:*

The Philippines has 7,641 islands which are divided into three main island groups: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

Have a blessed day everyone!

Mary Anne Domingo  
Language Assistant



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

4th - Ivan

9th - Ethan

17th - Ize

## Sport and P.E.

In Sporting news, we are off with a hit with tennis!

Later on this term there is the swimming program so there will be more information to come soon.



## Numeracy

In Mathematics our learning focus is on number patterns and simple algebra. Our juniors are using number patterns to show their understanding of following a rule such as +2 or - 3. They are also making patterns and designing their own patterns. Our seniors are being introduced to simple algebra and solving the mystery number. They are all taking it in their stride.

What are the missing numbers?



## Literacy and Inquiry

Our Literacy work is currently seeing us writing narratives and also practical reports. Our juniors are writing narratives using their imaginations and being creative. Our seniors are writing up practical reports based on the Science experiments that they are completing. They are being introduced to new words such as rationale and hypothesis.

We are continuing to read our class novels - Matilda by Roald Dahl and The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett. These lovely stories are being thoroughly enjoyed by our reading groups.

## Inquiry



Our Inquiry unit this term is a Scientific one - 'Does Everything Matter?'

We have been having a great time making gas - that is we have been considering all things to do with states of matter - solids, liquids and gas.

## SCIENCE EXPERIMENT



## Syllable Counting

Syllable awareness is an early phonological awareness skill which forms the foundation for emergent literacy skills. Syllable awareness is the skill of hearing the sounds within words and recognising that words can be broken into syllables or word parts. Listening to compound words (e.g. classroom) and breaking them up into their word parts is a great way to start. The skill requires counting, tapping, blending (e.g. kan-ga-roo = kangaroo) or segmenting words into their word parts.

**Go to [wordwall.net/resource/28385711](http://wordwall.net/resource/28385711) for some interactive activities.**

## Marian Festival

On 12th November, the Parish is having a Marian Festival. Mass will be at 5.00pm followed by a procession from the Church to the Memorial Hall. All Parishioners in Pyramid Hill are invited to attend.

The Raffle will also be drawn on the night.



## Parent Engagement Forum

Our Term 4 Parent Engagement Forum will take place on Monday 14th November at 5:00pm. At this meeting we will be discussing whether the Forums have been beneficial or whether we go back to having a School Advisory Board. We will also discuss the possibility of some school renovations and the 2023 school fees, so please come along and have your say.

All welcome.



## Mosquitoes

Here are some of the most effective and simple ways to avoid mosquito bites:

- Be aware that mosquitoes are most active around dusk and dawn.
- If mozzies are about, seek shelter and keep windows and fly screens shut.
- Cover up - try to wear long and loose fitting clothes and avoid dark clothing.
- Avoid perfumes and colognes.
- Use a repellent containing Picaridin or DEET 15 - 20%

## Science Excursion



On Thursday 10 November we will be travelling to Bendigo to visit the Discovery Centre and to get hands on with our Science studies.

They have experiments and activities all planned out for us. We can't wait for that.

## SCIENCE EXPERIMENT



## Calendar Events

Please keep an eye on all events listed on the Calendar on the front page of this Newsletter. There are a number of events coming up so please make yourself aware of these.

The Calendar is updated each time the Newsletter goes out.