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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.

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023 ISSUE NO. 1

Dear Families,

What a great night we had last Wednesday for our Beginning of Year Mass and BBQ dinner. It was wonderful to see so many families attend and take the opportunity to catch up.

We have a lot of events and activities coming up this term, so please keep a close eye on the calendar so you're aware of what's going on. Our first event is the Parent Engagement Forum which is on this Thursday, 16th February. For those of you who haven't been able to get to one of these meetings, our Parent Engagement Forums provide an opportunity for you to have a say in what's going on in the life of the school. This week we will be discussing our planned building renovations, the installation of new Shade Sails, deciding on a date for a Working Bee and reviewing our Student Reports format. The meeting will start at 5:00pm and will be finished by 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Next Tuesday, 21st February is Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is the term used for the day before Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also sometimes called Pancake Tuesday. As has happened in the past, our school leaders will be cooking and selling pancakes in town to raise money for Caritas. This year we will set the BBQ up outside the Neighbourhood House. Pancakes will be 2 for \$1. Throughout Lent there will be a number of Caritas fundraisers organised by the students. Caritas is an aid agency working around the globe helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

As was mentioned at Mass last Wednesday, our focus theme this year is 'Kindness in Community' this builds on the Diocesan theme of 'Let the words you speak, always be full of grace'. As we move towards Lent, let's all make Kindness our goal.

Have a great week,

John



TALAARAWAN

February

16th: Parent Engagement Forum

17th: SAKG

21st: Shrove Tuesday

22nd: Ash Wednesday - School Mass 2:30, Parish Mass 6:30

March

3rd: SAKG

7th: Swimming Sports

9th: Gymnastics in Cohuna

10th: Student Free Day

13th: Labour Day Public Holiday

16th: Gymnastics in Cohuna

17th: St. Patrick's Day

23rd: Learning Conversations

24th: Learning Conversations - Student Free day

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

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



Kindness in Community

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Shrove Tuesday

Pancakes for Sale

**Come along to the
Neighbourhood House next
Tuesday, 21st February
between 10:30 and 11:30.**

**Fillings include jam, honey,
maple syrup and lemon juice.**

\$1 for 2 pancakes or donation.

**All money raised will go to the
aid agency Caritas Australia.**



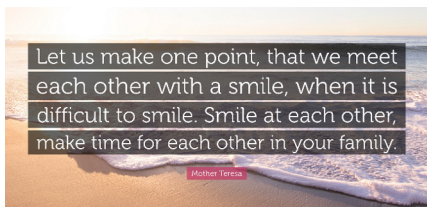
Chaplain's Chat

Welcome back families! New years often have us thinking of the things we would like to improve, which usually don't last long? We all juggle many daily tasks and when we take time out we feel guilty. Stopping to pause, catch our breath or take a break is important. So be kind to yourself and your family, take a break, put other things aside to spend time together. Taking a moment does not mean planning a big day out. Play cards, have a movie day, fishing day, cooking day, anything that promotes fun and laughter for your family. You are doing an amazing job, celebrate that!!

God bless.

Leiza Mathers

School Chaplain



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is next week, the 22nd February. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Lent is our preparation time for Easter where we commemorate Jesus dying on the cross and celebrate His rising again on Easter Sunday.

There will be 2 Masses on Ash Wednesday, a School Mass at 2:30 in the classroom and a Parish Mass at 6:30 in the Church.



Tagalog Links

Magandang araw po.

In our first Filipino Language session, the learners recalled most of the words that were tackled last year and they participated and enjoyed the game "What is inside the bag?". We also recalled the basic Filipino Language greetings, different meals of the day and some of the Filipino foods during breakfast and snacks.

Tandaan (Remember):

In Filipino Culture, to show respect to the elders, you have to say "Opo" (Yes) and add "po" in the sentence.

Have a lovely week ahead!

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



FOOD SHARE



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - JANUARY & FEBRUARY

17th January - Iain

3rd February - Jean

What's Happening in the Classroom?

Welcome Back to School – Happy 2023

We are very excited to be back at school and are already busy working on projects and tasks in Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry.

At the moment in Literacy we have started our literacy rotations again but this time we have changed things up a little. We still do guided reading, GLP and handwriting, but instead of spelling we are undertaking independent story writing. It's been really good and has our creative juices flowing!

We have also been focusing on recount/recall writing as well and the learners have been retelling stories that have been shared with them

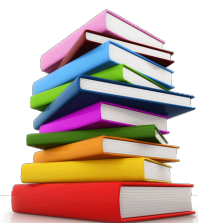
In Numeracy we have split into two groups with one group focussed on skip counting and number patterns and the other on place value and large numbers. There have been lots of games and quizzes and it has been really fun.

Our Inquiry topic for this term is Me! What am I worth? This topic will have us examine who we are and why it is important to care for ourselves. We have been looking at our identities but will move onto body health and hygiene, self-esteem and body image and then personal safety, including digital safety. You'll hear more about it all as we move through the term.

Lastly, we would like to welcome our new friend in our class – Iain. Iain is in grade 2 and has fit into our school perfectly. We look forward to having you with us.

Thanks and have a happy week

Kerri and Bianca



What are the missing numbers?



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OUR LEARNERS



Onset and Rime

Onset and Rime is an early phonological awareness skill which helps children recognise common 'chunks' within words and patterns between words and word families. Onset and rime knowledge helps children decode new words when reading and form spelling strategies.

Go to [wordwall.net/resource/28389049](https://www.wordwall.net/resource/28389049) **for some interactive activities.**

Covid 19 and Mosquitoes

Whilst COVID 19 is not the issue it once was, we still need to remain vigilant, especially if we are feeling unwell. If your child is unwell and showing Flu-like symptoms, please keep them home. We still have plenty of masks available, so if you find yourself needing some please let me know how many you'd like.

Over the holidays, to combat the amount of mosquitoes about, the Shire did some spraying around the town, including around the school. This has greatly reduced the numbers but we still ask that all families take care. we have some mosquito repellent at school but if you'd like to provide your own that's ok too.

Local Excursion Form

Attached to today's Newsletter is a "Local Area Excursion Permission Form". This form is for any activities that we may walk to in the local area. Examples may be Pancake Tuesday, visiting Pyramid Hill College for various events, going to Lawn Bowls or walking down to the Football Oval for our Athletics Carnival.

Please fill out this form and return it as soon as possible.

Community Readers

Our Community Readers program has been a successful and enjoyable part of life here at St. Pat's for a number of years now. It involves members of the broader community coming in one morning per week for 15 minutes and reading with one of our students. We've found that both parties get a lot of enjoyment from this and a special bond develops throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of it, please contact the school.

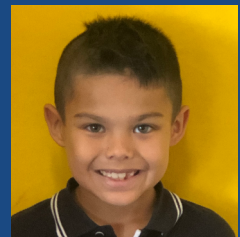


2023 School Fees

Information regarding school fees and levies, including direct debit forms, were sent out last week to all families.

If you are having any difficulty at all in regards to school fees, please make a time to come in and talk to John at the school. Arrangements can always be made to assist families financially.

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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.