

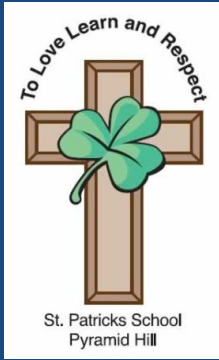
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'Never see a need without doing something about it' - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

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

TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2023 ISSUE NO. 3

Dear Families,

Last Friday was a pupil free day to allow the staff to attend our annual Staff Spirituality Day. We were joined by the staff from St. Joseph's Kerang and St. Mary's Cohuna. The facilitator of the day was Gen Bryant, a singer and songwriter from Melbourne, who led us through activities and reflections that involved our Head, Heart and Hands. It was an excellent day and a great opportunity to take the time to reflect on our personal spiritual journey and a chance to share this with others.

We have had 2 successful CARITAS Fundraisers so far with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Stall and the Fun in the Sun Sprinkler day. Today is a casual clothes day and there's more to come. See inside this newsletter for further information on what's coming up.

What a great day we had last week at our annual swimming carnival. It's always fun when we join with the College for activities and the swimming sports was no exception. Well done to everyone for the way they behaved, competed and helped out through the day.

Last week, Kirsty Orr from the Pyramid Hill Progress Association came along to have a chat with our students about the Plan for Pyramid. The learners had some wonderful contributions and put forward plenty of ideas. If you'd like your say, you can find further information on the flyer attached to today's newsletter.

Sunday was the Third Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel we heard the story of Jesus spending time with an outcast, a Samaritan woman. During the conversation she was converted and believed in Jesus as the Messiah. We are reminded that part of our mission is to be there for all people, especially the outcasts, the sad, the lonely, the homeless, the friendless. May we, during Lent, make an effort to be there for whoever needs us.

Have a great week,

John

TALAARAWAN

MARCH

- 16th: Gymnastics in Cohuna
- 17th: St. Patrick's Day. SAKG
- 21st: Harmony Day Dress Up Day
- 23rd: Gymnastics in Cohuna
- 23rd: Learning Conversations
- 24th: Learning Conversations - Student Free day
- 27th: Food Share
- 30th: Gymnastics in Cohuna
- 30th: Movie and Popcorn day
- 31st: Working Bee 4-6pm. SAKG

APRIL

- 5th: PH College Community Fete
- 6th: Last Day of Term 1

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

NAPLAN

Every year the Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students from across Australia take part in the National Testing program known as NAPLAN.

Some students get very nervous about these tests but they don't need to be. Whilst these tests have many benefits, we need to ensure that our children are supported to understand that they are much more than just a test result. These tests show a point in time in the areas Literacy and Numeracy but let's also celebrate all those who love art, singing, sport, music, the environment or being a kind person.

Our NAPLAN Timetable is:

15th Mar - Writing

20th Mar - Reading

21st Mar - Language Conventions

22nd Mar - Numeracy

Gymnastics

Our gymnastics program starts this Thursday 16th March. The students will be travelling over to Cohuna by bus, leaving school at 9:15 for a 10:00am start. We will have lunch in the park in Cohuna after our session is finished so please don't send anything that needs to be re-heated..

Working Bee

At our last Parent Engagement Forum it was decided to have a working bee at school. The group agreed that a Friday afternoon, after school would best suit our families. The Working Bee will be on Friday 31st March from 4pm - 6pm. Pizzas will be provided for dinner for all those who wish to stay after the Working Bee and have a meal together. More details coming soon.



Learning Conversations

Our Learning Conversations for Term 1 will be held on Thursday of next week. This is a really important opportunity for you, as parents, and the teachers to not only talk about your child's progress in their academic studies, but also how they are going in all areas of school life.

If you have not yet returned your intention form for the times that you are available, please do so as soon as possible. We can't make the timetable for the evening until all forms are returned.

Once we have all forms returned, we will inform you of your time.



SWIMMING SPORTS



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - MARCH & APRIL

26th March - Thomas

1st April - Kerri

19th April - Jace

10th April - Leiza

20th April - Lily

Literacy

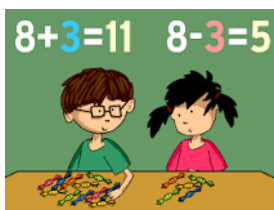
Literacy continues to keep us focused on our reading and writing. Our learners are reading very well and their reading logs are filling up fast. Well done to everyone. In our classroom we have introduced an extra 15 min per day of free choice reading. During this time our learners can choose what they would like to read – a picture story, a fun-fact, a novel or a mystery. Whatever they choose, they get to enjoy.



Numeracy

We are working on our adding and subtracting skills in Numeracy over the next couple of weeks. These are really important number skills and our focus for each learner is for them to improve and to build in confidence with these number skills.

Please have a go at these at home and support where you can the building of these skills. Quick thinking addition to 10, breaking up numbers to make it easier to add on or take away are just a couple of skills that we can all do at home in our normal everyday life.



Inquiry

Over the past few weeks we have been working on our Inquiry unit – Me! What am I worth? We have looked into oral hygiene and how to be a germ buster. It's been really good and we have learnt a lot along the way. Inquiry now has us investigating what is beautiful and what beautiful means. We look at what the media displays and we look at our understanding that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Sometimes there is a clash of ideas – it is really important for us all to know and remember that we are all beautiful and that beauty is in the eye of the beholder – not the commercial.

Sport

Our sports classes have been fun too. The learners have been playing tennis rounders and this coming week we will add Gymnastics to our routine. This is a terrific excursion to Cohuna that will occur for four weeks on Thursdays. Our learners will need to wear their sports uniforms on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for the rest of this term please.

If at any time you as families have any question or would like to visit our classroom, please feel free to do so – we'd love to chat to you about your kids!

Take care and God bless

Kerri & Bianca:

Classroom Teachers

SWIMMING SPORTS



Compound Words

Find compound words in your child's book/reader and practice breaking the word into two separate parts. For example 'bookshelf' is made up of 'book' and 'shelf'. Can you think of other compound words you could make? For example: bookend, bookmark, bookstore, bookcase...

Here are some practice words: toothbrush, shoelace, bowtie, football.

St. Patrick's Day

This coming Friday, the 17th March is St. Patrick's Day. As in other years, we will be having a number of activities throughout the day including cooking, sport, and art and craft. The Year F - 6 students from Pyramid Hill College will be joining us from 10:30 to celebrate the Feast Day of this great saint.

The children are asked to dress up in something green for the day.

A BBQ lunch will be provided on the day.



Harmony Day

Caritas Fundraiser

Our next Caritas Fundraiser will be held next Tuesday, 21st March. This day is Harmony Day so we are asking the children to dress up in the colours or costume of a country of their choice. We will also be doing activities throughout the day and focusing on the theme of Harmony in our Community during our lessons.



Pyramid Hill College Fete

Pyramid Hill College will be holding an Easter Fete on Wednesday the 5th April from 3pm - 6pm.

We have been invited to run a stall at the fete and will use this as an opportunity to raise more funds for CARITAS. The prizes for our stall will be Freddo Frogs.

If you are able to donate a bag of Freddo's or if you've got some time to man the stall we'd love to hear from you.



Caritas Fundraiser

Timetable

21st March: Harmony Day - Dress up in the colours or costume of a country of your choice. Gold Coin Donation

30th March: The children will watch a movie and enjoy some popcorn after we get back from Gymnastics. Gold Coin donation.

5th April: We will be running a stall at the PH College Fete. All proceeds will go to our CARITAS Project Compassion fundraising effort.

SPRINKLER FUN



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.