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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,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. It's going to be a busy term again with lots of activities and events coming up.

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and were able to spend some time with family and friends. I always find Easter to be a wonderful time for renewal. As we know, Easter is all about new life and therefore it gives us an opportunity to reflect on our own lives and then move forward with a new vision, a new way of seeing things, a new way of responding to situations, a new way of loving others.

As was mentioned at the end of last term, Kerri has taken 5 weeks Long Service Leave. She is currently travelling around England, with Wales, Scotland and Ireland next on the agenda. After the U.K. she will travel to France for a few days before flying home. We hope that she, and her husband Peter, have a wonderful time. Jean will be covering for Kerri in her absence.

Mary Anne has been doing a wonderful job this year in her role as a Learning Support Officer. We have been able to increase her hours this term which is wonderful news. Mary Anne will now be here all day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

As I wrote earlier, we have many events coming up, starting this week. This week is Catholic Education Week and our Grade 5/6s have travelled over to Echuca today for the Northern Plains Student Leadership Conference. On Friday, the whole school will be heading over to Kerang for the Good Samaritan Cup with St. Mary's Cohuna and St. Joseph's Kerang. The day will start with Mass before the children split into their activities.

Have a great week,

John

TALAARAWAN

MAY

1st-5th: Catholic Education Week

1st: Year 5/6 Cluster Student Conference - Echuca

3rd: SAKG

5th: Good Samaritan Cup Kerang

11th/12th: Bianca away on Graduate teachers Conference

15th: Mayor Dan visiting

19th: SAKG

30th: Andrew Chinn Concert in Inglewood.

31st: School Photos

JUNE

2nd: SAKG

12th: King's Birthday Holiday

23rd: Last Day of Term

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

"Let the words you speak, always be full of grace"

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Chaplain's Chat

Welcome back to term 2 2023. Our Stephanie Alexander Garden has enjoyed the rain and warmer weather. This week the children were able to share in the harvest of our beautiful zucchini and silverbeet. Caring for our garden is a part of St Patrick's past and present students have enjoyed, growing, cooking and sharing with our families and wider community. The old saying goes :

"If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime."

Gardening, as many of us know, is also very important for our mental wellbeing. Our time in the garden with children lasts a lifetime in memories, recipes and skills.

Deuteronomy 11:12 of how God looks over his creation. We are stewards of the earth, and we have a responsibility to care for it.

God bless.

Leiza Webb
School Chaplain



Working Bee

Thanks to those families who attended our working bee at the end of last term. It was a small crew but we were still able to get a number of jobs done. The efforts of Renante, Christine, Lily and Carol were much appreciated.



Tagalog Links

Mapagpalang araw sa lahat!

During our Filipino Language (Tagalog) Lesson, we recalled the Our Father and Lamb of God in the said language. The learners also actively participated in the game "What is inside the box?" in which they are going to recall the correct words of each photo that we are going to draw inside the box.

With regards to the upcoming Languages Film Festival in November with the theme "Languages Connect", the learners from Year 4 to 6 suggested who will be the main characters and their specific roles in the film. We are going to finalise the storyline and script next session. We are really excited about this and we will update you as soon as we can.

Have a lovely week ahead.

Mary Anne Domingo
Languages Assistant



5/6 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - MAY & JUNE

26th June - Svea

28th June - Phoebe

Literacy

In Literacy we are creating Poetry. The students are looking at and practicing with rhyming words. All the learners have had a bit of a go at composing short rhyming poems and are doing a great job so far.

Our reading groups have started a new novel "Gangsta Granny" by David Walliams. In the story, Ben thinks that his Granny is just like every other Granny, with white hair, false teeth and tissues tucked up her sleeve. But Ben's Granny has a secret and Ben realises that there is more to her than meets the eye!

Numeracy

In Numeracy, the new topic is Chance and Probability. We are learning to understand that there are things that will happen, won't happen and might happen. We are learning to talk about everyday events that involve chance and use the classifications 'likely', 'certain' and 'impossible'.



Inquiry

Last Thursday we held our Inquiry launch day. We came dressed in green or jungle clothing!

Our Inquiry topic is around decision making and our key questions are, Who are your decision makers and how do they decide what matters? How do I participate.

As part of the launch, we played a game of Survivor! We had to pretend we were on a ship that was travelling on the Pacific Ocean and our ship took on water and we were stranded on an Island! We found out our rescue was going to be weeks or months away and we had to decide what 10 items we were going to choose for our survival. Decisions, Decisions! Then we had to work with a partner and discuss and come to an agreement on 10 items that were the same and then in a group! The task really challenged our decision-making skills and made us aware of how decisions are made! We have so many exciting things planned for Inquiry this term.



R.E.

In R.E. we have been discussing "How can we live like Jesus?"

The learners came up with the words: Love, Kindness, Caring, Sharing, Patience, Forgiving, Courage, Respect, Service and Compassion.

All these words were great examples of living a Christian life.

INQUIRY



Rhyming

Reading rhyming books and singing songs that emphasise rhythm and rhyme are great ways of developing your child's knowledge and awareness of rhyme. When reading/singing rhyming books and songs, pause slightly before the second rhyming word. This helps your child to think about and even guess what the rhyming word could be.

5/6 Leadership Day

Today, Lily, Jores, Reece and Jace will be attending the Northern Plains Catholic Schools Year 5/6 Leadership Conference. This conference involves all Year 5&6 students from the Catholic schools in Rochester, Elmore, Heathcote, Echuca, Inglewood, Cohuna, Kerang and Pyramid Hill. Held annually in Echuca, this conference will have a number of activities in the areas of Sport, Dance, Science and Art.

ANZAC Day

Last Tuesday was ANZAC Day. A day where all Australians and New Zealanders come together to commemorate those who have fought in war and the legacy that they have left for us. Our Year 6 leaders represented our school and our community beautifully and this important and solemn service.



Good Samaritan Cup

The Good Samaritan Cup is back. This event, held annually during Catholic Education Week, has not been held for a number of years due to Covid. It has been sorely missed as it is one of the few opportunities where all the students and staff from our 3 Parish Schools, St. Mary's Cohuna, St. Joseph's Kerang and St. Pat's, come together to celebrate and spend time together. This event will be held in Kerang next Friday, the 5th of May. The day will start with Mass together before enjoying lunch and a sports day.

If you haven't yet returned your permission forms for this day, please do so as soon as possible.

SAKG

Change of Day

Due to the Good Samaritan Cup occurring next Friday, SAKG will be held on Wednesday next week.

POEM READING



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.