

# 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,

Today we welcomed Kerri back to school after her amazing trip throughout Great Britain and France over the last 5 weeks. Kerri had a wonderful time and the students were very excited to see her back this morning. A special thanks to Jean and Bianca for all the extra hard work and effort they've put in during this first half of the term.

Last week we had a School Mass and as per usual, the children sang, read and participated beautifully. Thanks to Fr. Dean for celebrating with us and to those families who were able to attend.

Congratulations to Bianca who had her official graduation ceremony in Bendigo last week. It's always special to celebrate something so important so it was awesome that Bianca could be presented with her Degree in front of family and friends.

Leiza had a minor accident at work in Cohuna last week and has needed a little bit of time to recuperate. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers.

Last Friday was National Sorry Day. Australia marks National Sorry Day on May 26 each year, remembering and acknowledging the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed as children from their families and communities, otherwise known as the Stolen Generations. National Sorry Day is followed by National Reconciliation Week which gives us the opportunity to look at ways that we, as a Nation, can move forward as one united country. Today we held a special liturgy to mark the beginning of this important week on the national calendar.

Have a great week,

John

### TALAARAWAN

#### MAY

30th: Andrew Chinn Concert in Inglewood.

27th: Start of National Reconciliation Week

29th: Kerri back

31st: School Photos

#### JUNE

2nd: SAKG - Visit to PH College

5th: Food Share

12th: King's Birthday Holiday

13th: Fire Carrier Commissioning

14th: School Mass

16th: SAKG

23rd: Last Day of Term

#### JULY

10th: Term 3 begins

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

## School Camp

Last week a note came home about School camp for 2023. This year, the Year 2-6 students are being given the opportunity to attend a 3 Day Beach camp to Melbourne and Queenscliff from the 9th to the 11th of October. Students and teachers from Pyramid Hill College will be joining us on what promises to be both a fun and educational experience. If there are students whose parents and guardians choose not to send their children on camp, these children will join with the Foundation and Year 1 students from both schools on their excursion to the Melbourne Zoo on Monday the 9th of October. The Beach Camp offers the students a packed itinerary visiting the Melbourne Zoo, the Melbourne Aquarium, the Shrine of Remembrance and the Queenscliff Marine Centre. Our accommodation for the 2 nights will be in Queenscliff and the students will be involved in beach activities during the day. 1 teacher from St. Pat's will accompany the students to the Zoo and 2 staff members will be present on camp. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so asap.



## Building Renovations

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our application for a Capital Works Grant to make some renovations to our classroom learning space. Our architect Peter Byrne will be visiting the school on Wednesday to start the process of developing a Master Plan for the school and deciding on future directions from a building point of view. This will be discussed at our next Parent Engagement Forum.

## Tagalog Links

Magandang araw po sa lahat.

During our Filipino Lesson, we tackled the Legend of Mayon Volcano which is a heart-breaking love story. Mayon Volcano is featured at the back of the purple coloured one hundred banknote of the Philippines. The learners were all excited when they saw the actual bank note.

Dagdag Kaalaman:

Mayon Volcano is an active volcano situated in the Province of Albay, Bicol. Its name *Mayonis* from the word *Magayon*, a Bicolano dialect which means beautiful

Have a lovely week ahead!

Mary Anne Domingo

*Languages Assistant*



## ARTS



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - MAY & JUNE

26th June - Svea

28th June - Phoebe

## Literacy

Our 3/4 and 5/6 reading groups have continued to read the novel "Gangsta Granny" by David Walliams and the students are now moving towards the climax of the story. The learners are making predictions about what might happen next based on what they have read so far. All students are also busy researching and writing in preparation for the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. The topic for our F-4 students is 'Oh no, you've turned into a giant' whilst the 5/6 learners are looking into strange world records set in history.



## Inquiry

Our Inquiry topic continues to focus on Civics and Citizenship and what it means to live in a Democracy. Last week we looked at who the decision makers are in our community and now we move to the question of: What is democracy in Australia, how do we elect our leaders and why is voting important or needed in a democracy?



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## Numeracy

The focus in Numeracy is now moving to Measurement with a particular focus on length. The students will be estimating the different lengths of various objects and comparing how long different objects are. The younger year levels will measure a variety of things using informal units of measurement (such as blocks or their hands) while the more senior students will be using more formal approaches to measurement.



## R.E.

'We Can Pray in Different Ways' is the new topic for our Religious Education classes and will take us through to the end of term. We will look at formal prayers such as the Our Father and the Hail Mary, as well as silent prayer, individual prayer, meditation, prayers of intercession and the prayers of the Mass.



## SAKG



## Help your child listen for the sounds

When looking at words, ask what sound (NOT letter) each word starts with... ? e.g. 'pot' starts with a /p/ sound. Can you think of more words that start with this sound? E.g. pin, pot, pig, play etc. What sound is at the end of.... ? e.g. 'pot' ends with a /t/ sound. Can you think of more words that end with this sound.

## Inglewood Excursion

Tomorrow we will be heading off to St. Mary's School in Inglewood to spend the day with Andrew Chinn. Andrew is one of the most prolific and highly regarded singers and songwriters of Catholic Songs and Hymns for schools in Australia. Our bus will be heading off at 9am sharp and will return by 3pm. Lunch will be provided but students are asked to bring their snacks and water bottles.



## College Excursion

This coming Friday, the students will be attending a workshop at Pyramid Hill College called "A Taste of Africa." This event will interfere a little bit with our usual SAKG routines so all students will need to bring their own lunch and snacks this Friday, June 2nd.



## School Photos

**We will be having our School Photos this coming Wednesday at 11:00am.**

**If you have not already returned your order forms, please do so tomorrow if possible or Wednesday morning at the latest.**

## Coughs and Colds

As we continue to move towards cooler days and even colder nights, the potential to get sick or catch a bug becomes more possible. Unfortunately there seems to be quite a few bugs around the place as we have had quite a number of children fall ill of late. It's really important that we continue to follow all the protocols of hygiene that we can to prevent the spread of germs such as washing our hands, hand sanitising and covering our mouth and nose when we cough or sneeze. Please also continue to test for COVID if you or your child is sick. If you need masks, RAT Kits or hand sanitiser, please let us know and we'll send some home.

## MATH



## 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.**