



# St. Patrick's Primary School - Pyramid Hill

*"Never see a need without doing something about it"*

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## *A Special Prayer for Fathers*

*God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish all the Dad's and special men in the children's lives a wonderful Father's Day this weekend and we hope you enjoy your day. The children are so excited about those of you who can attend the breakfast and we value you taking the time out to come in.

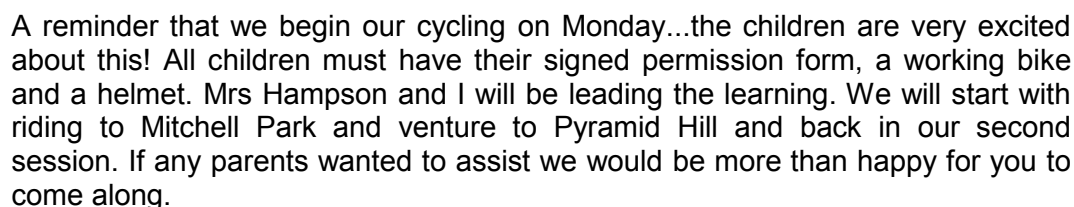
Another busy fortnight has passed and we are at the point where we only have a fortnight to go. Spring has arrived and by the holidays I am sure we will see the sun shine and the flowers bloom, a great time of year in this part of the world.

We celebrated book week in style this year with the children, and I am sure, some parents going to great efforts with their costumes! The best ones are always the homemade ones. The theme this year was, "Books that light up my world!" The children have been exploring the theme during their library sessions with Mrs Hampson and celebrated by sharing their favourite books, characters and memories around reading! It was amazing to hear why the children loved their favourite books, mostly because it brought about special memories with a loved one! The Pyramid Hill Preschool also came and joined in the celebration and also went to wonderful efforts to dress up and look amazing. It was fantastic to share our love of literacy with our community.

In line with Book week was also Keep Australia Beautiful Week which swiftly ran into Enviroweek. All integrated exceptionally well with our Inquiry Learning. Our trip to CERES Environmental and Sustainability Park was a worthwhile learning adventure. The hands on learning that the children received was fantastic. The Senior children explored practicalities around how to make our homes more sustainable and the Juniors explored how we can recycle and reuse simple things we use each day to re-create products. They made paper and explored how to create our own worm farms! Apart from the relentless rain the children of St Patrick's were impeccably behaved and a pleasure to take out.

Mr Paul Dullard our Sustainability leader joined our learning this fortnight and also and helped the children in taking an energy audit as well as comparing the amount of packaging we use when buying different foods from the supermarket! Paul was impressed with our children's depth and understanding around both of our Inquiry units, "Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, Rethink," and "Human Impact: The Ground we walk on" There is definitely better use of our resources in our school and a greater awareness of making better choices that can sustain the world we live in.

We are on the count down for Miss Wilson's trip to CEBU! She is excited and nervous at the same time and we are so looking forward to her returning and sharing with us all of her learning. I am asking that families please continue to send in any donations of stationery (books, pencils, pens etc) so that we can send a great contribution with her.

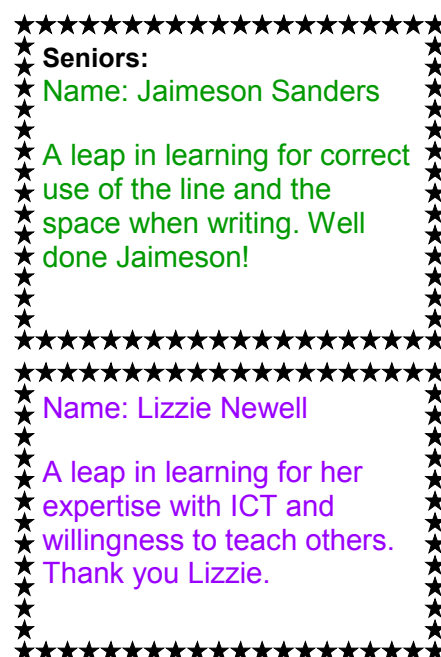
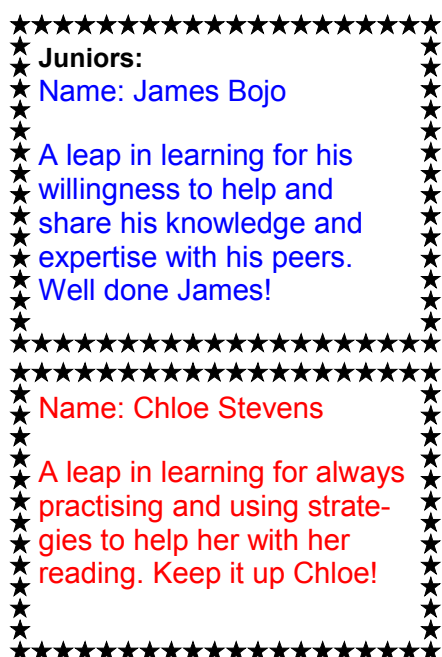


There has been a great deal of external learning this term however engaging and worthy for the children. I only allow the children to go off campus when the learning is rich, real and relevant and I think this term this is true. I just wanted to thank parents and carers for their effort in reading all of the extra information and permissions that have been coming home. There are a few yet to come so thank you in advance.

My last reminder for this newsletter is that we will be holding our annual open morning on Friday for enrolments for 2016. If you are an existing family with a Prep enrolment for 2016 we would love to have you come along. Also, if you know of any parents in the community who might like to know more about what is on offer at St Patrick's, please be sure to invite them along. Friday 11th September between 9:30am - 11:00am.

Have a great weekend everyone and God Bless.

Jasmine Ryan  
*Principal*



## Classroom Learning News:

# CERES

On Thursday the whole school participated in a school excursion to CERES in Brunswick to compliment their learning about sustainability, our environment and the impact that we can have on our earth. The Senior students walked through an Eco Home which highlighted the importance of insulation, environmentally friendly light globes as well as other energy saving approaches. They then participated in a Waste timeline making predictions about how long it would take certain items of rubbish to decompose.



## Something I found interesting...

- How much power the different lights use; There is a meter that shows you how many watts are used; how much electricity is used. (Brodie)
- We made paper from pulp and we are going to make Father's Day cards. We had to get the pulp and turn it over; (Matilda)
- We used a sponge to get all the water out of the pulp (Riley)
- We had to get a sieve and it had a frame. We pressed the sponge to get all the water out and then we folded the piece of tissue. We put it in a white styrofoam box with a piece of tissue between them so that they would not stick together (Jeff)
- There were three boxes and different lights and the thermometers showed the different temperature in the three rooms. The rooms were different temperatures due to the double glazing which traps the heat between the two panes of glass (Kizzie)
- Paper can be made out of banana leaves and elephant poo. (Jeff)
- The eaves on a building shade the building keeping it cooler (Elijah)
- We saw the electric car which is charged by solar panels. (Lizzie)
- When we went to the Eco house there were two doors to stop the heat from escaping. We went in one door, closed the door and then went through to the next door. This is called an 'air lock'. (Brianna)
- Paper can be made from kangaroo faeces (Chloe)
- You should have wet hands when we hold worms. In the ground it is moist and wet and the worms like it that way. (Maria)
- It is best not to wear gloves when holding a worm (James B)
- There is a giant earthworm that is longer than 3 metres. That is the same as Maria standing on Chloe who is standing on Matilda. (Toby)
- CERES used to be a big hole with rubbish around. (Jeff) It was a landfill. Before that, it was a quarry where they got bluestone

- The bluestone was quarried from that area. Once the bluestone was removed, everyone put their rubbish in hole. (Paul Dullard)
- When we went to the ecohouse there was insulation to trap the heat in the home. (Brodie)
- In the first room in the eco home, there was a tall window. When the sun came in the light was reflected off the white wall. (Kizzie)
- There was a box of landfill materials. Water tipped on top would cause chemicals to leach into the environment (Brianna)
- When we went to the toilet and flushed the toilet, the water that goes down the drain goes into the toilet. Above the cistern is a hand basin. When the toilet is flushed, the tap in the basin starts running so you can wash your hands. The water then fills the cistern for the next flush. (Brodie, Jeff and Toby)

## Religious Education News

This past fortnight we have continued to focus on God's creation and the need for us to continue to take care of the beautiful world in which we live. This week students were asked to complete an Alpha-ladder focussing on creation.

### **God's Alpha-ladder by Jahna and Aleeza**

**All creatures were made by God.**

**Bears sleep in caves.**

**Caring for the earth will help God's creation.**

**Dinosaurs lived on this beautiful land long ago.**

**Eagles belong where they can fly.**

**Flowers bloom in Spring.**

**God created this beautiful world.**

**Happiness is all around us.**

**Iguanas search for their food in the jungles.**

**Jesus is God's son.**

**Koalas sleep on the trees in the morning.**

**Love god's creation.**

**Maybe one day we will have a better future without pollution.**

**Nocturnal animals sleep in the morning**

**Octopus live in the ocean.**

**Pollution is ruining our world.**

**Quail's are always beautiful to God.**

**Rivers belong where they can ramble.**

**Snakes slither on the ground.**

**Turtles swim in the sea**

**Umbrella Birds migrate up and down the mountains**

**Vegetables grow in our garden.**

**Water belongs in the sea**

**X-ray tetra swim in the sea showing its yellow, black and white striped fins.**

**Yaks stay warm in winter.**

**Zebras show their stripes.**





**Dates to remember:**

4th Sept - 7:45am Father's Day breakfast  
7th Sept - Cycling @ school starts  
7th Sept - School Board Meeting @ 6pm  
9th Sept - WD Festival of the Sacred Years 5 & 6  
10th Sept - Charlton Athletics  
11th Sept - St Patrick's Open Morning  
14th Sept - Cycling @ school  
15th Sept - Learning Expo from 4:30 - 6:00pm

**HOME READING TIP:**

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**Inference:**

Inferences are what we figure out based on an experience. Helping your child understand when information is implied (or not directly stated) will improve their skill in drawing conclusions and making inferences. Some questions you could ask after reading:

- What is something you can figure out about the story that the author didn't tell you?
- After reading this, what do you think will probably happen next?

A good father is  
one of the most  
*unsung,*  
*unpraised,*  
*unnoticed,*  
and yet one of the  
*most valuable*  
assets in our society.  
*-Billy Graham-*

**Birthdays:**

Elijah's Birthday

3rd September





