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St. Patrick's Primary School - Pyramid Hill

"Never see a need without doing something about it"



Dear Parents,

A quiet few weeks at St Patrick's yet it feels as if we are well into the term with the way our learners are tackling their class time.

The colder weather has set in, so again, please feel free to send your child in the winter uniform options. I wrote in the previous newsletter that our girls are free to wear a navy tunic with navy tights which is available online at: <http://www.psw.com.au/primary> for approximately \$50.

Thank you to our Learners who attended the ANZAC day memorial service at Pyramid Hill last Monday. Every year we have a greater representation from St Patrick's attending such an important day. Thank you to Raphael and Keziah who so reverently laid our wreath.

Lest we forget...

Last week Miss Wilson as part of her transition from a Graduate teacher presented her portfolio to become a fully registered teacher. Miss Wilson did a fantastic job on her research and presentation. We say a big congratulations to Miss Wilson on her achievement!

This week we have adjusted our structures during Literacy. Our learners will now have more voice and choice on how they apply their learning in literacy. Please ask your child about the changes to literacy and what learning choices they have made. All learners will work closely in teacher workshops, which are targeted at our learners specific needs as well as working on a negotiated Literacy Learning Grid. We look forward to sharing their learning with you at our end of term learning expo.

Warm it up for winter has also started this week. We are using the pie warmer in the kitchen, so foods that can be heated need to be appropriate packaging for this oven. Many children bring pies, sausage rolls, pizza slices or a toasted sandwich that just needs to be warmed!

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have Mr Paul Desmond, the Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst make a visit to our school. Our learners showcased their science learning and conducted experiments for everyone to enjoy. Chloe did an incredible job at preparing and gathering her classmates hypothesis'. Jahna was well organised and managed her peers who were excited to watch an explosion very well. It is great that our learners are self motivated and investigating matter independently! Thanks to Mr Desmond who took part!

Thursday of this week, Mrs Hampson and myself attend our last learning day with Helen Timperley. The journey has been extremely beneficial to all of us at St Patrick's and most importantly allowed us to improve our learners outcomes. We will continue to apply an Inquiring Mind Process to many aspects at St Patrick's to ensure that the learning and growth lives on.

Next week our Year 3 and 5 learners take part in the annual NAPLAN tests. We have practiced the testing conditions and know that all of our learners will do their very best. It is important that our year 3 and 5 students attend school on these days. I have included a timetable of NAPLAN for next week for all of you at home.

Tuesday 10th May	Wednesday 11th May	Thursday 12th May
9:00 - 9:40 Year 3 & 5 Writing Conventions	9:00 - 10:00 Year 3 Reading	9:00 - 10:00 Year 5 Numeracy
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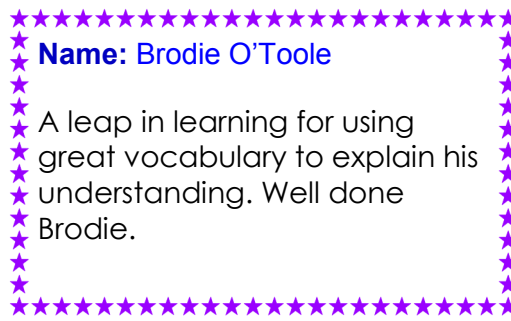
On Wednesday a permission note came home for our annual fun run around Pyramid Hill with the College. This will take place on Tuesday 10th May, from 1:30pm until dismissal. We would love anyone free from our parent community to come along.

On Thursday 12th May the local Pyramid Hill area will experience disruptions to the water supply. St Patrick's will be using water from our pumps to run one set of toilets for the day. We will provide sanitiser for hand cleaning. We are asking that all parents send their child with a full water bottle as we will not have access to running water for drinking on this day. I thank you all for your support with this.

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. From St Patrick's we wish all of our Mother's a day filled with love and fun.

May God's Blessings Be With Us...

Jasmine Ryan
Principal



Name: Raphael Umali

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Social and Emotional Learning:

- Identify what it means to be fair
- Identify strategies to employ when people are not being fair
- Together we have discussed the importance of playing fairly and what that means. We have participated in role play situations where people play fairly and unfairly.

This fortnight our Reading and Writing focus has been on Information texts. We have explored the features of this genre and located many of these features in our shared reading text and guided reading sessions. Some of these have included captions, photographs, glossaries, subtitles and index. Students have identified the purpose of paragraphs while reading the information text about firefighters or ducklings. This genre has then been used during our writing sessions. The Grades 2-6 students have been writing an Information report about Matter while the Grade Prep students have commenced their Information report on Ducklings.

The fruits of the Spirit are gifts to us to enable us to live our lives in Christ. We are called to develop our own gifts and to do what we can to support the development of others' gifts. Our learning about the Holy Spirit and how we can be 'Spirit filled' people has continued. This was lived out this week as Jahna and Toby delivered Meals on Wheels to those in our community. We continue to reflect on how we can use our own gifts and talents to serve in our community and beyond.



Dates to remember:

6th May: Mother's Day High Tea & Pamper

8th May: Mother's Day

9th May: AFL starts in PE

10th May: NAPLAN, Fun Run Pyramid Hill

11th May: NAPLAN

12th May: NAPLAN

Sunday 15th May: Pentecost Sunday

Educational Quote

If you are not willing to learn,
No one can help you!
If you are determined to learn,
No one can stop you!



27th April

Lizzie Newell

10th May

Toby Fernandez



HOME READING

Talk about what you see and do.

Talk about everyday activities to build your child's background knowledge, which is crucial to listening and reading comprehension.

Keep up a running chat, for example, while cooking together, visiting somewhere new, or after watching a TV show.



The Pyramid Hill A.N.Z.A.C Service

As I looked around to find someone to talk to, I saw two girls running towards me. It was Keziah and Jahna. After everyone laid wreaths down, we went inside the Memorial Hall to commence the service. I saw a lot of war veterans and people wearing medals that belong to their late relatives.

We need to acknowledge the soldiers because they saw a lot of gruesome thing in the war time but they still managed to win the war and save our country from being ruled by a powerful leader.

I listened to the guest speaker Senior Constable Brett Johnson speak about a battle at the Vietnam War. After we proceeded into the supper room for a light lunch while there was a slideshow about the soldiers that came from Pyramid Hill who went to war.

It was a respectful service to commemorate all soldiers.

Lizzie Newell

Super Scientist of the week



Raphael Umali

Name of experiment	Volcano in the sandpit!
Reasons for choice of experiment	I'm interested in volcanoes, but I didn't have playdough so I thought why not do it in our sandpit!
Materials required	Bi-Carb soda, vinegar, food dye, bottle, funnel
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Self assessment◇ Engagement of audience◇ Success of experiment◇ Any future changes you would like to make◇ Your learning	<p>I think I was able to engage my audience, because the idea of setting a volcano of in our own sandpit is exciting!</p> <p>The success rate of my experiment wasn't too good, because the first time I attempted to set it off, it didn't work.</p> <p>In the future, I'd use a funnel and maybe twice the amount of materials using.</p> <p>I learnt that everything that you try doesn't always work.</p>



GYMNASTICS IN KERANG Fridays, Term 4 2016

Classes starting for all age groups

7 October, 2016

Kerang Memorial Hall, Nolan St, Kerang
\$8/participant/class

Thank you to everyone who registered their interest! Due to the overwhelming response...

Experienced and highly qualified gymnastics teacher Emma Carmody from Palmers's Gym, Bendigo is starting classes for all age groups on Fridays in Term 4, 2016 in Kerang.

To get started Emma will run 2 **COME AND TRY** sessions. Drop in anytime between 2 - 6pm, 17 June and 24 June 2016 at the Kerang Memorial Hall. These sessions are free and open to everyone to discover if gymnastics is for you and your family. Enrolments for Term 4 can also be completed at these sessions. No bookings required, just pop in.

In addition, Emma can offer specialist classes to organisations wanting to extend their current programs in early childhood development, aged care, rehabilitation, specialist education. Organisations and carers interested in participating or establishing a specialist gymnastics program with Emma

are requested to book an appointment during the **COME AND TRY** sessions to discuss this further. Please book your free appointment by emailing gymnastics_kerang@outlook.com

Whilst this beginning is very exciting, please understand that we will be starting with minimal equipment. If the classes continue into 2017 we have plans to better resource the equipment over time.

To help spread the word, please forward this to your family and friends, include in your newsletters and share with as many as you can.

Thank you.

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