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"Never see a need without doing something about it"

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country.

As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow.

Reconciliation is at the heart of our nation's' future.



Dear Parents,

Wow! What an extraordinary week of celebrating our Catholic Identity with our whole community! I hope many of you followed us on our Facebook page to keep up with the amazing week we had together. This year we out did ourselves in yelling from the rooftops that we love being apart of the St Patrick's Catholic Community. We had our local friends in and our neighbours who live a little further away...No matter who we had here we shared with them the magical place that St Patrick's is. Thank you to all of the teachers, Mum's and Dad's who came along to help out or simply be here with us throughout the week!

This week we showed our artistic talents and learnt about the importance of story both past and present. We finished up with our AFL coach Dylan, and wow, our skills have improved. On Tuesday we had a day of fun and entertainment with our little Preschool Scientist friends. We shared explosive experiments with them around chemical change! Soon after our friends from PHC came to visit and enjoyed Mister Mike the Magician dazzle us with his magic! The room was a roar with laughter! Open morning came around quickly with some family and friends visiting to see our learning in action. The day continued with Movie Madness and popcorn and choc tops! Thursday was sensational with our friends from St Mary's Cohuna and St Joseph's Kerang all here at St Patrick's. The school was a buzz and we all participated in the Good Samaritan Cup in style! Friday was just as impressive as our learners showed off their creativity with coming dressed as something that begins with their first initial. The week has been phenomenal!! No wonder the learners at St Patrick's love their school!

Next week our Learners will take part in some mid year testing. This testing will be used to forward plan our curriculum for the coming semester as well as support our learners with individual and purposeful goal setting.

Our teachers have been busy composing reports which will come home to families on 15th June 2016. These reports will be followed by Parent / Learner Conversations which are timetabled for the last week of term.

The cold weather has definitely set in and it is now time for all learners to be in trousers or a pinafore dress and navy tights. Matilda and Maxine look sensational in their new winter uniform. If a child is to wear shorts, I ask that a note be sent by the parent as to why please. I thank you all for your support on this.



It is become evident that many of our learners are arriving a little late to school. The classroom doors are open at 8:30am and the bell for learning rings at 8:45am. I expect that all learners be at school and ready for their day by this bell please. Girls need to come with their hair tied back, not doing hair at school please.

This coming week all families will receive a combined document around our ICT and online learning use and agreements. These agreements have been seen and signed on various occasions in the past yet we have decided to combine them collectively. The booklet is for both staff, parents and our learners. The cover letter will explain in detail the purpose of the booklet. St Patrick's will also be having an ICT / Cyber Safety hour session at 6:00pm - 7:00pm on the 22nd June. This session will aim to answer any questions regarding our ICT use as well as educating our parent community on Cyber Safety. I hope to see many of you there. Our learners are welcome to attend.

Next week our Learners will attend the Discovery Centre in Bendigo to explore Chemical Chaos. Everyone is extremely excited about this and we apologise for the change in date. The centre had a double booking.

Thank you again to the whole community for what has definitely been a memorable Catholic Education Week...One that has left me as a leader of Catholic Education extremely proud of the St Patrick's Community.

Have a restful weekend everyone.

May God's Blessings Be With Us...

Jasmine Ryan
Principal



Toby is taking pride in the presentation of his writing and is now forming his letters with more care. He has received his Pen Licence and is proudly using his new pen!
Congratulations Toby!

A leap in learning for using his time well and producing more work as well as work of a higher standard. Riley is very proud of himself. Congratulations Riley. Continue to work hard and be your best!

Literacy

This fortnight we have continued our writing and reading focus around Recounts. We have narrowed our learning into Personal recounts - Diaries. All students have explored the structure of a recount and have commenced writing their plan for their own diary based on the events during Catholic Education Week.

Mathematics

Over the last fortnight, students have been focusing on a variety of areas. They are still working on their number and number patterns, looking at patterns they can see while counting to help with their automatic recall. We have also looked at shapes, including 2D and 3D and the properties of each, learning about their faces, vertices and edges.

Students have also been working hard at their automatic recall of their times table facts, with lots of practise at home! Keep it up!



The last fortnight students have been sharing all their knowledge learnt, making hypothesis, posing questions and reflecting on experiments. Students have demonstrated a great understanding around chemical and physical change as well as the states of matter. Students conducting experiments have all been well prepared and able to share their understanding about the experiment that has taken place. Well done!



**National
Reconciliation
Week 2016**
27 May to 3 June

**OUR HISTORY,
OUR STORY,
OUR FUTURE**

Religious Education

This fortnight we have celebrated two important dates in our Australian history: National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week. On Thursday 26th May the students participated in a Liturgy which remembered the Stolen Generation. We viewed a very moving clip which told the story of one Indigenous man's experience of being taken from his family as a young boy.

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

Both these significant events were reflected on in our classrooms and in our Liturgies.

Our focus on the Creation story continues as we have drawn the diary of the week of Creation.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 7th June - Discovery Centre Bendigo Excursion

Friday 10th June - Optional Homework tasks due

Monday 13th June - Queen's birthday Public holiday

Educational Quote

'All of life is education and everybody is a teacher
and everybody is forever a pupil'

Abraham Maslow





9th June - Jahna Correa
11th June - Brodie O'Toole
14th June - Kevin Coronacion

HOME READING

Check For Understanding

Start the book by making predictions. What do you think will happen in this story?

- Ask questions and make comments during the reading process.
- After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
- What was the problem in this story?
- How did the character feel when...?
- Encourage your child to make connections. Does this story remind you of another book you read, an event in your life, a movie?



Mad Scientist Day!





Mister Mike the Magician!



Dress Up Day!

Brodie the Buccaneer!

