

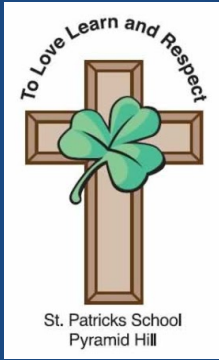
# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 Parents,

Welcome to Term 4! It was wonderful to welcome our Learners back to school. As you would have read in our Term 4 Curriculum Newsletter, the term is filled with exciting learning and opportunities.

Thank you for your kind words congratulating me on my appointment to Catholic Education Sandhurst in 2022. My long journey and commitment to St Patrick's Primary School and community has been a significant and valued part of my life and one that I will treasure. Staff and the School Advisory Board have met with Principal Consultant, Ashley Marsh for discernment as the Principal position has been advertised and closes on Monday 25th October.

Our combined Spirituality Day with St Mary's Cohuna and St Joseph's Kerang has been cancelled due to current restrictions. St Patrick's will continue to provide a day to support the spirituality and wellbeing of our Learners, particularly after another year of many changes and uncertainty. On Wednesday 27th October we will welcome Michael Chisholm and Louise Levy, CES Senior Education Officers: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education who will lead the learning as we are introduced to a 'Yarning Mat/Circle'. The Yarning Mat/Circle is an important process within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. It has been used by Indigenous peoples from around the world for centuries to learn from a collective group, build respectful relationships, and to preserve and pass on cultural knowledge. Learners will also participate in three rotations to support the day of learning. A liturgy will begin our day at 9.00am.

The Bendigo Cup Fashions on the Field will be held at school on Wednesday 27th October which is now a strong tradition at St Patrick's. Learners and staff are asked to come dressed in their 'finery' as judges, Michael and Louise, will choose the best dressed male and female, the best millinery, best footwear and the best 'strut on the catwalk'.

Bike Education commences next week on Wednesday. Our Learners have been excited to let us know that their bikes are ready with inflated tyres and a well fitting helmet. Please find the permission form attached to this newsletter. These sessions provide great opportunities for our Learners to demonstrate their road safety skills and cycling skills - all of which are vital life skills.

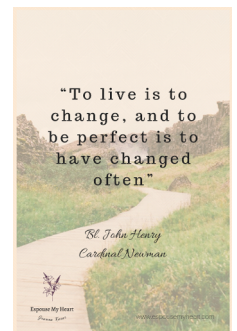
Jacqui Deola has given notice that she will be finishing her role at the end of the year due to family commitments. Jacqui's role as Learner Diversity leader has supported staff, Learners and families to ensure individual learning goals and Learner's needs are nurtured and developed. Brodie McDonald will be finalising his time at St Patrick's as he pursues employment closer to home in Bendigo. Brodie is continuing to develop his skills and repertoire as a graduate teacher and we wish Brodie all the best for the future. Samantha Doyle has been successful in her application as Classroom teacher at Holy Rosary, White Hills in 2022. Congratulations Sam!

Continue to keep safe and support those around you.

Take care.

Colleen Hampson

Principal



***'One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world'***

- Malala Yousafzai



School success starts with attendance

# Languages

## Film Festival



Thank you to the many families who have forwarded their snippets of filming to Sam. We have received some great footage and use of Tagalog language from within your family and home. More filming has taken place over these past three weeks showcasing the use of Tagalog language in the classroom and school grounds. Sam will begin compiling our school entry in readiness for the submission date. Thank you to Sam and Nizelle who have worked closely to bring our learning and language to life.

We look forward to showcasing our wonderful school community in the Sandhurst Film Festival once again.

## Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

It was great to see once again our Learners this term as we put Tagalog language into music. This is a good opportunity for them as they were introduced to the richness of Tagalog language and culture. Learning songs in target language is an incredibly useful tool for languages.

They started singing a small handful of Bahay-kubo song and learned about vegetables that are locally found in the Philippines. In this way, their young minds get stimulated as they make study sessions fun. Having fun while studying is a really effective way to learn. The joy of singing along with songs makes it easier for them to pick up correct pronunciation and the progress of language skills and sensitivity.

Hanggang sa muli!  
Maraming Salamat !

Nizelle Sawit

Language Assistant



## Chaplain's Chat

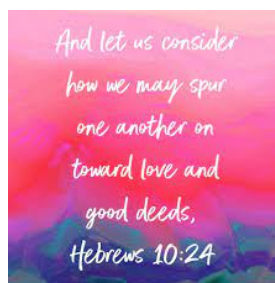
How beautiful it is to have the children back at school? To hear them laughing and playing together in the sunshine fills my heart. A huge 'Tug of war' rope was pulled out and the teams just came together. Teams are made up of many different people each with different strengths and abilities. Our teams encouraged and cheered on each other. Some quietly stood in line, all pulling together no matter their understanding of the game. Children's examples of how they see the world should encourage us to see the abilities in those around us. No matter the challenge it takes a team mentality to get through tough times.

Who can you encourage in a challenge !

God bless.

Leiza

School Chaplain



## Find your courage!

Courage is needed in many situations in our lives.

During our Classroom Mass on Wednesday, Fr Novie asked for four volunteers to participate in a role play. As it was uncertain as to what this would entail, it took courage to volunteer.

Congratulations Sarah van Eyk, Matilda Mowat, Ize Pantig and Tiffany Calamcam. At times like these it is important to 'find your courage' and have a go.

Well done!



## LODDON SHIRE HEALTHY MINDS ART WORK COMPETITION



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

October:

27th - Samantha Doyle

31st - Jacqui Deola

## Literacy

We are learning to explore ways that language can express emotions, experiences and points of view.

Our Junior Learners have been exploring Nursery Rhymes and identifying rhyming words within a text. Learners are now starting to utilise their understanding to write their own Rhyme about Pyramid Hill.

Senior Learners have begun exploring songs by investigating the structure including verses, the chorus and the bridge. Learners are beginning to unpack the meaning behind the lyrics of songs and utilise these understandings to write their own song!

## Inquiry Unit

Our F-2 learners have been exploring the purpose of Lyrics and Instruments. Learners are now able to identify the purpose of both of these musical components as well as the ability to identify a range of instruments used to express emotion and feelings.

The Senior Learners have explored different ways of creating music through instruments and technologies which contain a message. This fortnight, Learners will begin creating their own TV show opener which will include visuals and music with lyrics. We look forward to seeing the outcome of their creativity!

## Music

Our Learners in Music have been focusing on the C and F chords on a Ukulele. Our Foundation - Grade 2 Learners have been practicing 'You Are my Sunshine' and the Grades 3 - 5 Learners have been focusing on 'Silent Night' in preparation for our end of year Mass!



## Mathematics

Operations! Not the board game but addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This has been the topic of focus for the last fortnight.

The Junior Learners have been investigating addition and subtraction by developing their understanding of strategies including: partitioning, algorithm, friends of 10, counting on and counting back. Ask your Learners to demonstrate their strategies for you at home!

The Senior learners have been investigating Multiplication and Division. Learners have been developing strategies for basic multiplication facts focusing on our times tables as this also links with Division as well. Ask your learners to play "Pacman" with you at home to test their developing understanding of their times tables!

## Respectful Relationships

Problem solving skills are such an important life skill to develop whether we are an infant, child, adolescent or adult. Learners are focusing on different areas of these skills depending on their current skills.

Junior Learners explored the impact their choices have on other peoples feelings and then related this to a story.

Senior Learners undertook problem solving activities to build on their understanding that there are many possible solutions to problems and it is important that we use all of our knowledge to make an informed decision about which solution may be best.

## LBC BOXES FOR THE PHILIPPINES



To support those in need in the Philippines, two LBC boxes have now been purchased.

Two LBC boxes are now in the Classroom, both of which will support those in the Philippines. One box contains material shopping bags to support 'Uber learning' and the second box will support an orphanage with clothing, books, toys and educational items.

Please donate where you can.



*'Never see a need without doing something about it.'*

## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

### Focus: Word associations

One player starts by saying a word. The next player says a word that is related to the first word. It can be related in any way. If another player cannot see how the words are related, he/she can challenge, and the connection needs to be explained. Keep going until a word is repeated or a connection cannot be explained. Here's an example: Egypt – Mummy – Dad – beard – Santa Claus – Christmas – trees – leaves.



# Strategic Plan

Each fortnight we will identify how an aspect of our school life is supporting our Strategic Plan.

## Wellbeing

*'Fostering healthy, safe and hope-filled communities committed to the dignity of each person' (CoSSI)*

### Strategic Intentions:

To provide a safe and welcoming learning environment that allows Learners to acknowledge, embrace and accept challenges.

### Success criteria:

To acknowledge challenges in life using supports and strategies to enable Learners to persist.

Life is not about being the best person but **your** best version of yourself.

A 'Visible Learner' is a Learner who knows what a good Learner looks like. Certain dispositions are valued more than others and at St Patrick's they include curiosity, creative thinking, resilience, critical thinking, collaboration and self direction.

**Collaboration** and **Creativity** are our focus dispositions for the remainder of the year. As a school community we are continually collaborating and using our creative minds to be the best version of ourselves.

As a family at home, you would collaborate to share the duties and responsibilities allowing each member to play a role. Be creative with your time, your meal preparation, your words.

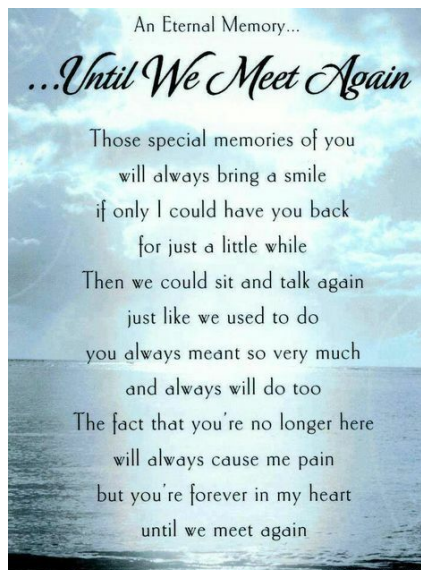


## Prayers

Please keep Leiza and her family in your prayers. On Monday, Leiza's nan passed away at Cohuna hospital while in palliative care. Leiza was very close to her nan but is comforted to know that her nan is no longer in any pain and is with her God in peace.

The funeral was held today and I ask that you continue to keep the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Leiza will return to work next week.



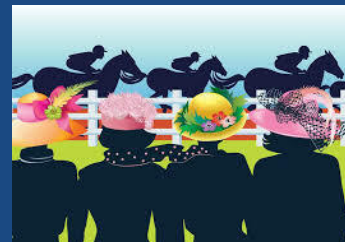
## BENDIGO CUP FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

On Wednesday 27th October we look forward to staff and Learners showcasing their 'fashions on the field' as the following sections are presented:

- Best dressed lady
- Best dressed gentleman
- Best footwear
- Best millinery
- Best 'strut on the catwalk'

Each year we are amazed at the elegance and pride our Learners show in their presentation.

We are confident that 2021 will be no different!



## SUSTAINING GREAT LEARNING PRACTICES!

**Name: Svea Apostol** - For being a collaborator within our classroom. Svea always offers a helping hand to Learners around her who require support. When a classmate or staff member needs something done, Svea can be relied upon to get the job done to a high standard. Keep it up Svea.

**Name: Ivan Shapland** - For being a positive classmate and always providing his fellow Learners with a helping hand! Continue using that amazing smile Ivan along with your positive attitude!