

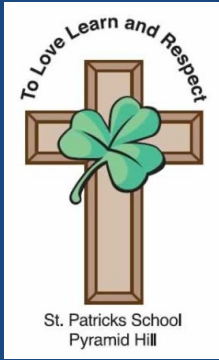
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'Never see a need without doing something about it' - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

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,

The term and school year are quickly drawing to a close! As we journey into Week 8 next week we are mindful of the busyness of all within our community. The days are longer and it is difficult to stick to routines, particularly bedtimes when it is still daylight outside. I encourage you to make the adjustments at home as our Learners are tired and yawning at the beginning of the day. To support best learning environments, sleep and rest are important.

The announcement of the new Principal was made last week which is fantastic news for St Patrick's. John O'Connor will meet with myself and CES Principal Consultant, Ashley Marsh to support a strong and smooth transition for John as he leads the school from the beginning of the 2022 school year.

It is with sadness that we will farewell the Sawit family as they relocate to Bendigo to support travel and work commitments. Nizelle has been a wonderful asset in our school community in her role as School Advisory Council Chair and as Language Assistant. We will farewell the family at our end of year Mass on Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm.

Our whole of school end of year celebration has been scheduled for Monday 6th December as we journey to Bendigo to the cinemas, out for lunch and Christmas shopping. We will be departing school at 8.30am and returning at approximately 4.00pm. More details will be included in the permission form in the coming days.

Our Swimming program commences this term, which has needed to be postponed. The Loddon Shire will open pools on Saturday 27th November. The previously anticipated opening date, this weekend, has been changed due to the anticipated colder weather. Once again we are fortunate to engage the expertise and services of Katrina van Eyk to support us throughout the program. A permission form and medical form have been included with this newsletter.

The season of Advent commences on Sunday 28th November. In the classroom we have been reading Luke's Gospel story about the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Wise men. Learners will take home an Advent wreath for their family to support the journey towards Christmas. Each week Learners will take home a candle to add to their wreath along with a prayer. Families are encouraged to use the symbol of Advent to nurture the faith and special time that this season brings to families and our community.

Take care.

Colleen Hampson
Principal



Advent: the time to listen for footsteps - you can't hear footsteps when you're running yourself.

- Bill McKibben

**Every day
COUNTS!**

School success starts
with attendance

Chaplain's Chat

Mental health month is November. As we are going into longer days and a full calendar leading up to Christmas, how do you and your family rest? It's important as we rush around to different sports, functions and family outings that we factor in rest. For ourselves and our little people. Sleep, exercise and diet are 3 main factors to good mental health. We need to find balance in our busy lives. When we have a big week: we can prepare meals in advance, we can go to bed early the night before, we can turn off technology and spend time together. There are many down time activities as a family you can do. If we spend 15 mins resting, it can recharge us for the hours ahead. Take 15 minutes in a day finding time to recharge yourself and prepare for the week ahead. Ask your children what activity you could do together to help rest and recharge with? Pick a night or day together to factor in rest.

Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

Learners always amaze me with their bright and inquisitive minds.

A big step of progress that you are showing over the short period of time which we spend learning music in Tagalog. Those rhymes that have stuck in your head that you can't get rid of as you keep singing over and over again is evidence of your impressive learning skills. In this way it helps you to learn vocabulary in context as it is used in sentences.

Listen actively and pay attention to words and pronunciation.

I am proud of you my dear Learners, keep learning.

Hanggang sa muli!

Maraming Salamat !

Nizelle Sawit

Language Assistant



Christmas

At Christmas we remember to celebrate Jesus's birthday, play, pray, thank God and Jesus.

On Christmas day, we remember that today is a holy day because today was the day that Jesus was born.

Christmas is a time to thank God and Jesus for everything they have done for us and be more like Jesus. Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Christmas means, celebrating Jesus's birthday and thanking God that he sent Jesus to sacrifice his life for us and thanking Jesus too.

This Christmas I will celebrate it by praying, having a feast, giving gifts, setting up the Christmas tree, taking Christmas photos with our gifts and decorations and Christmas lights and celebrating with our friends.

I hope that on Christmas there will be -100 people with Covid and I hope that everyone will be vaccinated.

Jores Correa
Grade 4



REMEMBRANCE
DAY
CEREMONY
11.11.21



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

November:

22nd - Father Novie



Literacy

I am learning to include 'what like' words in my writing. The Junior Learners are beginning to experiment with adding adjectives to their sentences. This will engage their audience! We have also begun to explore the importance of images and illustrations in Narratives. Our illustrations add more meaning to our story!

Our Senior Learners have been focusing on Narrative structure and the purpose of suspense in a Build up. Learners have been able to create some awesome 'Sizzling Starts' which really engage the audience.

Inquiry Unit

We are learning to create music with a cause. The Senior Learners have finally finished their TV Show openers and they are engaging! Well done to all Learners who utilised different technologies to create music for their show!

The Junior Learners have begun recording their High, Low and Middle pitch music videos. They have been very busy creating their posters for their video.

Music

Both the Senior and Junior Learners have been extremely busy refining their Ukulele skills in preparation for our End of the Year Mass. The Senior Learners have been practising 'Silent Night' and the Juniors becoming familiar with the Chords required to play 'You are my Sunshine.'



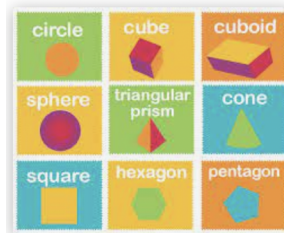
Mathematics

We are learning to identify, measure, draw and calculate angles.

Reece, Jace, Matilda, Svea and Riozelle continue to compare angle sizes against a right angle and are beginning to understand the difference between obtuse and reflex angles

Gillian, Rian, Jores and Lily are focused on calculating missing angles by finding the difference as well as learning to identify vertically opposite angles.

Our Junior Learners have been focusing on corners, edges and faces on 2D and 3D shapes and comparing the differences.



Respectful Relationships

Junior Learners are working together to discover and implement new problem solving skills! Learners listened to a story, discussed the problem, found that there could be more than one solution and worked together to decide which solution would be the best to implement first. Learners found this to be a wonderful exercise!

Senior Learners wrote a letter to 'Dorothy' which is an imaginary person about something that may be bothering them. Learners then role played to assist in solving peoples problems. It was a group effort and wonderful to see everyone being so respectful and showing vulnerability in participating and sharing things that they may find hard to discuss. Well done everyone!

PUPPETS FOR A VENTRILOQUIST



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: Reading

As you read with your child, practice breaking words up into syllables (beats in a word). For example, chick-en (chicken) has two syllables and el-e-phant (elephant) has 3 syllables. Clapping out the word into syllables can help. Talk about how longer words have more syllables.

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.



MacKillop Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Matilda Mowat for her fantastic award winning Art entry into the MacKillop Art Exhibition. Matilda's painting was showcased in the Sacred heart Cathedral, Bendigo, winning a Highly commended award. Congratulations to other Learners who also had their Art work displayed: Svea Apostol, Tiffany Calamcam, Jores Corea and Sarah van Eyk.

Congratulations to our Art teacher, Jean Mann for inspiring all Learners and encouraging each to depict their understanding of social justice through the Arts.



Bike education

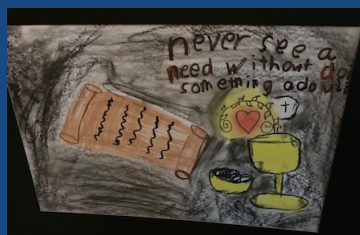
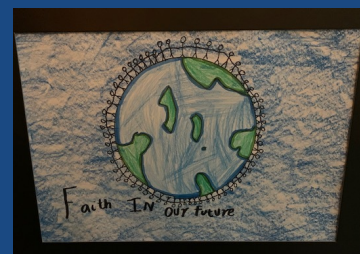
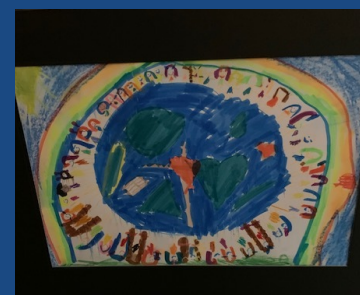
Bike education lessons have now concluded.

Congratulations to those Learners who did participate and have demonstrated safe and competent skills while navigating the streets of Pyramid Hill.

Learners are encouraged to continue to develop these skills, particularly with their family members.

Keep active. keep safe.

MACKILLOP ART EXHIBITION



LEARNERS HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES!

Name: Ivan Shapland - For using his creative disposition while Narrative writing. Ivan is always willing to accept feedback and feedforward. He has worked hard to include 'what like' words in his Narrative to engage his audience. Well done Ivan, keep showing us your willingness to learn.

Name: Svea Apostol - For demonstrating leadership and collaboration throughout Inquiry. Svea was able to demonstrate excellent collaborative skills when helping other Learners within her group and also in other groups to create a Music video about high, low and middle pitch. Keep demonstrating your excellent leadership skills Svea!