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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.

FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2022 ISSUE NO. 2

Dear Families,

We have a big few days coming up next week with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Unfortunately we can't go down the street and cook Pancakes for the public but we will be cooking them at school and delivering them to any businesses or individuals who would like some. Pancakes can also be picked up at the school. All the details are on the attached flyer and on our Facebook page.

Also on Tuesday, we will be having a short liturgy for the "Burning of the Palms" to make our ashes for Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday Mass will take place at 2:30 at school and there will be a Parish Mass in the Church at 6:00pm.

As you are aware, Ash Wednesday begins our Season of Lent. During Lent, in schools across the country, we turn our attention to Caritas and Project Compassion. This year's Project Compassion theme is "For All Future Generations". This reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. We will, as in past years, be holding mini fundraising events each week during Lent to do our little bit to raise funds to support Caritas. Many of our R.E. lessons over the next 5 weeks will also look at the work of Caritas and focus on the individuals and communities who they support.

We are still awaiting the latest update from the Education Department in regards to Covid regulations but we have been told that RAT testing and mask wearing will probably stay until the end of Term one. The good news is that many of the restrictions stopping us getting together are likely to be dropped soon; let's hope that's the case. Thank-you for your patience and understanding of all the restrictions that have been in place and for the effort you all put in to test your children and help keep our community safe. More RAT tests will be sent home today.

Have a wonderful week

John O'Connor
Principal

TALAARAWAN

February

28th: Foundation Students first full week

March

1st: Shrove Tuesday

2nd: Ash Wednesday

9th: Gymnastics

11th: Swimming Sports

14th: Labour Day Holiday

16th: Gymnastics

17th: St. Patrick's Day

23rd: Gymnastics

30th: Gymnastics

April

7th: Hot Shots Tennis - Yrs 5/6

8th: Last day of term 1

St. Patrick's Primary School is committed to child safety.

We believe all children have the right to feel safe and to be safe.



HOPE - For now and whatever lies ahead.

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Chaplain's Chat

As we go into Lent and the month we celebrate caritas lets us focus on kindness. Kindness does not cost us anything but time. Time to notice others, time to do for others and speak to others.

What we do as adults impacts our children. Children listen and watch how we go about our day in silence. Yet reflect it in their daily play. If we stand to be the difference our children will reflect IT!

Leiza

School Chaplain



Tagalog Links

Magandang araw sa lahat!

Seeing learners' creativity kick in while drawing their own Masaya (Happy) Face Emoji amazes me. Also, a smile on their faces after accomplishing their pop-up Boxes which contains their basic information is indeed a wonderful feeling.

The learners also enjoyed the drill on Filipino language colors, shapes, months and weeks taken up from the previous term. With this, a recall is our deal for the next meeting. As the Philippine National hero, Jose Rizal once quoted "He who does not know how to look back at where he came from will never get to his destination."

You are all doing great. Keep up the good work.

Have a blessed day ahead.

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is an ancient Christian festival and is the day before Lent begins. In some countries it is called Mardi Gras, which means 'fat Tuesday'. In Italy it is called Carnevale, which means the removal of meat. It is the last day for having good times before the serious time of Lent begins.

The word *shrove* is an old word meaning to confess, or tell a secret. Christians traditionally went to church to confess bad things they had done, so they were forgiven before Lent.

In the days before fridges and freezers, people had to use up the food they were not allowed to eat during Lent rather than let it go bad. So on the day before Lent, they used up all the eggs, milk, butter and cream by making pancakes, cakes or pastries.

Ash Wednesday then started the time of fasting, prayer and giving to the poor. The Church stills asks us to do this during Lent as we prepare for Easter and the resurrection of Jesus.



MATHEMATICS (LENGTH)



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

February:

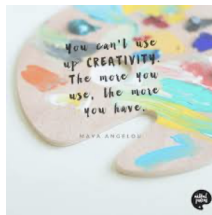
3rd - Jean Mann

Literacy

We write wonderful stories and have such adventures – right here in our minds

Our writing focus has been writing narratives. Learners have focused on characters, settings, conflict and resolution in their planning. It has been fun to have story starters that really make us think like – 'In the Middle of the Night' and 'Message in a Bottle'. Our imaginations have been running wild with adventures, new worlds and new friends.

In the next fortnight we will shift our focus to persuasive writing but in the meantime let's let our creative narrative writing send us out of this world.

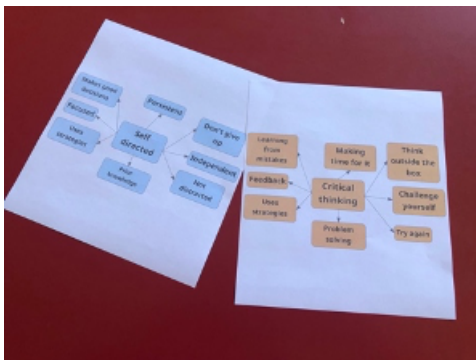


Inquiry Unit

Our Learners have taken on acting roles!

They all have been involved with roleplays presenting the learning dispositions of self-direction and critical thinking. The scenarios they have acted out were How to be a Sport Leader and How to Be an Excellent Student. It was wonderful to learn about the key features of effective learners like - the need to be focused, how to get motivated, the importance of asking questions and to never give up.

Excellent work all you budding Movie Stars!



Mathematics

F-2 Length

Learners in F-2 have been enjoying measuring all sorts of things. The focus is on length and the vocabulary of bigger and smaller, longer and shorter, taller and smaller, wide and narrow, near and far, top and bottom and greater than and less than are high up on our discussion lists. There's loads of hands-on activities in this unit. Please feel free to try all these words at home. Let us know how you go!

3-6 Shape

2D, 3D – what is it with all these Ds? Well! We are finding out about dimensions and all things dealing with 2D and 3D shapes. Our Learners have enjoyed tangram challenges, shape bingo and other shape puzzles and next week they will be making models and informational posters describing the Mathematical features of shapes including vertices, edges, faces, parallel lines and angles – Gosh it's fun!

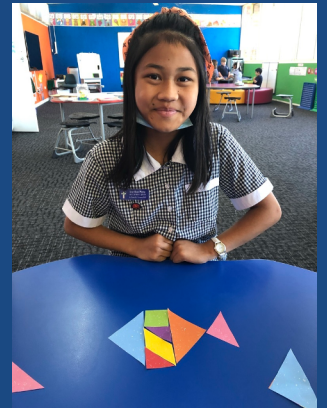


Music

In Music this week we spent time learning the songs for our Ash Wednesday Mass.

Our entrance hymn focuses on community, The reflection hymn focuses on the meaning of the Ashes. And the final hymn is themed around what we can do for others.

MATHEMATICS (SHAPE)



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: Everyday activities!

There are wonderful ways to develop your child's vocabulary and language skills everyday without really trying. Activities such as baking, cleaning, DIY projects, gardening, bushwalking and so on are interactive ways to provide opportunities to discuss words, explain reasons for why things happen, how things interact with each other and how certain words fit into certain contexts. Making time to do these things together and talk about each experience can really help to introduce and develop new words and a broader vocabulary.

Reminders



Rapid Antigen Tests. Please remember that each child is asked to be tested twice per week and to report any positive tests immediately to the school. More RATs are being sent home Today.

New School mobile phone. Our new mobile number is 0438 359 981. Please feel free to text or call this number if you need to contact us. The school landline and email are still available as well.

Pancakes for Sale. Please refer to the flyer in today's newsletter

Shrove Tuesday. Burning of the Palms liturgy.

Ash Wednesday Mass. At School at 2:30 for the children. Parish Mass at 6pm in the Church

Foundation Rest Days. Our Foundation students will start full weeks at school from next week.

Swimming Sports. As per usual this will be held in conjunction with the College and will involve all children. The Senior students will be at the pool all day. F, 1 & 2 students will be there for the afternoon. More details will come home closer to the event.

Diaries

Thank you so much for recording your home reading in the Learner's diaries.

It really helps us keep track of the reading support that happens at home. It is so appreciated.

Every Friday (or last school day of the week) Learners will update their diaries with coming events and important dates. Kerri or Zoe will be collecting the diaries each week, signing them with a quick message, usually saying great things. Families you can check this out on the weekend or when you hear your child read.

Thanks to all who have worked with us on this.

Reading Every Day

We have a couch – Yeah!!

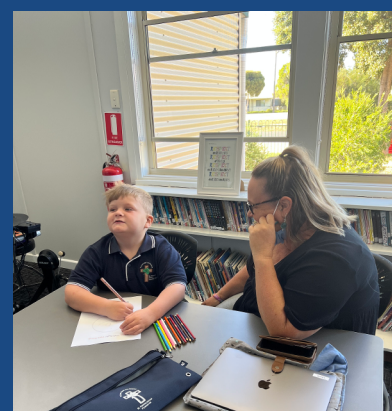
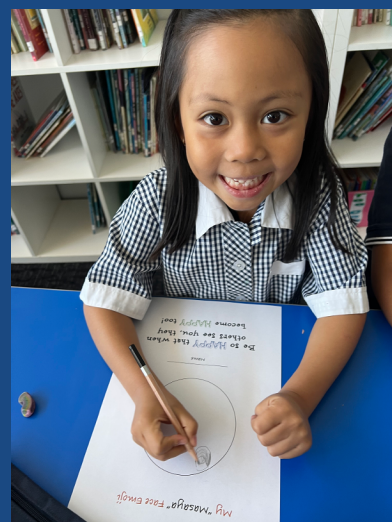
And cushions too!

So, when reading takes place each morning we can kick back and read our books in comfort and style. We get to share it all around so everyone gets a go – it's really nice.

Stay tuned though – our reading area is set to get even better <3 <3



TAGALOG



LEARNERS HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES!

Many of our students entered the Australia Day Literacy and Art competitions last year. Some of our students won Highly Commended awards and were presented with these on Australia Day. Jace and Jores were unable to be at the Australia Day ceremony and were given their Highly Commended awards at a special presentation here at school last Monday. Well done to all involved.

