

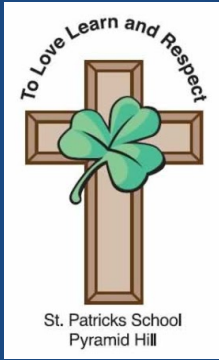
ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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,

This week we welcomed the return of our 'Community of Readers' program and it was wonderful to see the happy and welcoming faces of both our adults and Learners as they reconnected with their partners. Reading to an audience encourages expression and willing ears to hear our reading. This community partnership engages adults with our young Learners encouraging connection and relationship with the greater community.

On Thursday night St Patricks will host its first Women's Wellbeing event for the year as we will gather at school at 5.00pm for a glass of wine or juice with nibbles prior to boarding the bus. Our evenings entertainment will be a night at the movies at The Star Cinema in Eaglehawk to view the film, 'Blackbird'. Tickets are limited and are on sale until Monday. See the attached flyer for more information. St Patrick's values the importance of wellbeing, community and relationship. We hope you can join us!

'**Courage**' continues to be our focus to support our learning and development at St. Patrick's. Learners were asked to consider a 'slogan' to promote courage, particularly in times of challenge and difficulty. After much collaboration and discussion, the following was agreed upon:

 **Find your courage!**

Wristbands will be used to promote this message whereby Learners who exhibit attributes of courage will be presented with their own wristband, a constant reminder to support self and others.

Regardless of where we are in our lives, courage is certainly something which we all need to draw from in our lives. We encourage our Learners to use courage to take risks with their learning, as they challenge and extend themselves; to have courage to try new things, courage to keep going, to find a different way, and of course the courage to try in the first place. May each of us continue to provide role models where we have courage in ourselves.

Take care.



Colleen Hampson
Principal

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

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

God of light,
Fill us with the courage to believe in you this Lent.
God of light,
Lead us towards your light in our attitudes and actions.
God of light,
Help us contemplate you and know of your love in all of creation.



"The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing that you will make one."

- Elbert Hubbard

Every day COUNTS!

School success starts with attendance

Fundraising for Caritas

On Wednesday our Grade 5 Learners turned the weather on for our afternoon 'Rainbow Run' raising funds for Caritas. This week Grade 2 Learners organised 'Whacky hair day!' with all Learners, supported by their individual family of hairdressers, looked sensational!

Next week as we celebrate St Patrick's Day, Grade 4 will organise **green** milkshakes!



PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

Another day for our Tagalog session as a set of activities were provided for the Learners. Hoping that this will help Learners to get motivated and focused to develop subject specific skills. They were being encouraged to take part in role plays and share their ideas working well together.

These tasks support their listening, reading and speaking skills. Eventually repeating this will help them remember vocabularies, develop their thinking and make a link to their work done in language.

Hanggang sa muli!

Maraming Salamat!

Nizelle Sawit

Language Assistant



Chaplain's Chat

Have you ever made a mistake?

How did your experience with that mistake shape your next attempt?

Mistakes are important, they help us build confidence in our ability to work through it. It's important to help our children understand that mistakes are an important part of learning. We need to help them build coping skills through mistakes. Choosing words to encourage children to problem solve, guiding them to find the next step or solution. We all make mistakes; it's what we do with them that can change our outlook.

Watch your reaction to your child's mistake. Is it encouraging them in their next attempt?

God bless.

Leiza

Chaplain



Visible learning

All families were asked to complete a survey sharing what they believe are the elements of a 'good Learner' and how they recognise this in their own child/ren.

Thank you to the many families who have completed this survey to support our teaching and learning at St. Patrick's. Responses were very diverse and honest. Thank you.

RAISING FUNDS FOR CARITAS - RAINBOW RUN



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

March:

Literacy

Would you rather: use a strong reason and convince a person or use a weak reason and remain unconvincing? This continues to be the focus of our Junior Learners' Literacy as they state their opinions and give more than one strong reason to support their thinking. Parents, please continue to encourage our Learners to give strong reasons for their opinions, wants and needs by asking the question: why?

Our Senior Learners are beginning to draw connections between cause and effect. In order to make a strong argument, it is important to be able to make links between what may happen and the effect that this could have.

Inquiry Unit

How can failure promote success?

This is the question that Learners are beginning to investigate and unpack within Inquiry this week, being presented with challenges that require the use of their attributes to be able to make mistakes so that we can continue to learn new things.

Are mistakes okay? What do we do when we think we can't do it? How do we know whether we have improved? These are all questions that we will be diving into at school, but can also be utilised and explored at home to encourage our Learners to 'think about their thinking.'



Ride2School Day

A big congratulations to Ivey Rian Pantig who this week was notified of winning the runner-up prize after entering her drawing into the Ride2School Day Sticker Competition. Ivey Rian's sticker has been printed alongside stickers designed by Learners from other schools to be distributed on National Ride2School Day. Congratulations on your hard work and achievement Rian.

Mathematics

How many groups of 10 in the number 243? Our Senior Learners can tell you using their knowledge of Place Value and the skill of renaming numbers. As this skill grows and develops, we will be moving through our Success Criteria in explaining how to solve problems to others and even to be able to apply our skill to addition and subtraction, where we rename numbers to solve the problem mentally.

Junior Learners are developing a growing understanding of the Place Value System up to Hundreds by reading, writing, making and comparing numbers with 3 digits. This learning will support their ability to understand how numbers grow and change throughout the number system.



Respectful Relationships

Foundation - Grade 2 Learners enjoyed participating in role play scenarios this week that were relevant to what could happen in the world around them. They practiced expressing and identifying emotions in others, suggested ways to help others and experience empathy.

Grades 3-6 Learners explored the notion of feeling mixed emotions through discussing with their peers and reflective practices. Learners did this by identifying the difference between positive and negative emotions while brainstorming examples of these and the body language we may exhibit when we are experiencing these emotions.

RAISING FUNDS FOR CARITAS - WHACKY HAIR DAY



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: 50:50 Talking Time

Try to get 50:50 talking time between parents/ guardians and children. This can be very difficult to achieve in the reality of a busy household. A great way to help reach this goal is to ask open-ended or complex questions. Ask your child questions beginning with 'Why...?', and 'How...?'. The child must then use more words to answer. Another tip is that if your child asks you a question (as they do hundreds of times per day!), pose that question back to them e.g. That's a good question. What do you think?

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 build on individual strengths.

Our Physical Education program has included opportunities to be active and attempt new challenges at Palmer's Gym in Cohuna. Learners appreciated the opportunity to explore the wonderful equipment alongside their peers. It was wonderful to see so many challenge themselves and have courage to try something new.



St. Patrick's Feast Day

On Wednesday 17th March we will celebrate St. Patrick's Feast Day. Learners have been asked to come dressed in **green** as we will participate in a variety of events alongside Pyramid Hill College students from 11.30 - 2.00pm. A sausage sizzle will be held for lunch on this day.

Green Milkshakes will be for sale for a gold coin as a Caritas fundraiser.

Mass will be celebrated in the classroom at 2.30pm. Please join us for any or all of our celebrations on this day!

Parent Information meeting

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs Joan Coldwell from the Catholic Education Office, presented information to all parents regarding the changes to governance structures within the Sandhurst Diocese and what this means for individual schools.

Thank you to all who were in attendance at this meeting. It was wonderful to have so many families in attendance. Thank you for your continued interest and support in the education provided at St. Patrick's Primary School.

School arrival time



A reminder to all parents and carers that Learners should not be arriving at school prior to 8.30am.

This is in the interest of their safety as there is no staff supervision in the yard prior to this time. Staff arrive at school early in preparation for their day and are not at school in a supervision capacity until 8.30am. Thank you for your support.

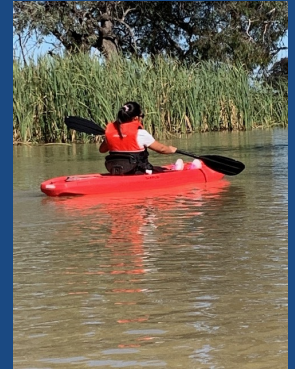
Easter raffle

Easter raffle tickets have been distributed to all staff and families which will be drawn on the last day of this term. The winner will enjoy two nights accommodation at 'House On The Hill' in Pyramid Hill.

Please return the sold raffle ticket book along with \$20.00 before Friday 26th March.

Good luck!

STAFF FUNCTION: SUPPORTING WELLBEING



STRIVING TO BE OUR BEST!

Name: Jace Pacala - *For striving to 'Be More' in the classroom by helping and encouraging others as well as for bringing a positive mindset toward his learning. Keep working hard Jace!*

Name: Nicholas van Eyk - *For acting out the Caritas theme 'Be More' by helping his peers in the classroom, offering a hand to teachers and for always being persistent when faced with challenges. Well done Nick!*