

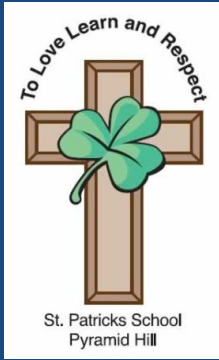
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'Never see a need without doing something about it' - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

St. Patrick's is a welcoming community where all are encouraged to 'Love, Learn and Respect' in the Josephite Tradition.

FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2022 ISSUE NO. 6

Dear Families,

It's only week 2 of Term 2 and we've already had a number of special events. Our Grade 5/6 students participated in a Student Conference in Echuca, the TV Show 'Back Roads' were here for filming, our new Inquiry unit was launched, a number of students represented the school at the ANZAC Day service, all students have enjoyed daily activities for Catholic Education week, our lawn bowls program began and we had our Parent Engagement Forum on Tuesday.

Looking forward, it continues to be busy. Next week our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students will be participating in on-line NAPLAN Testing. Tuesday will be the Writing test, Wednesday will be Reading and Language Conventions and Thursday will finish up the testing with Numeracy. The week after that we have a School Mass in the classroom and the week after that we have a whole school sports fun day in Kerang and the Calder Sports in Boort for our Grade 3- 6 learners.

Thank-you to those who attended our Parent Engagement Forum on Tuesday. It was decided at the meeting that we would not have a School Advisory Board this year. Instead, there will be a meeting at the start of each term which will be open to all parents. At this meeting we will look at the school calendar and see where parents and families can help out or join in, look at what's happening in the local community and how the school can be involved and discuss other ways that we can get together as a community. Our first of these meetings will be on Wednesday 18th May at 5:15.

This Sunday's Gospel portrays Jesus as the Good Shepherd. I love this imagery, not only is there a calmness and sense of peace in this story but there's also a message of great love and a metaphor for the loving relationship we have with Jesus. It's a beautiful reading to have on Mother's Day as we celebrate the great love that Mothers have for their children. I hope all the Mums out there have an awesome day on Sunday filled with love.

Happy Mother's Day
John

TALAARAWAN

May

- 8th: Mother's Day
- 10th: NAPLAN - Writing
- 11th: NAPLAN - Reading and Language Conventions
- 12th: NAPLAN - Numeracy
- 13th: Lawn Bowls
- 18th: School Mass. Parent meeting 5:15
- 26th: Good Samaritan Cup - Kerang
- 27th : 3-6 Combined sports day

June

- 8th: AFL Clinic
- 12th: Philippines Independence Day
- 13th Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 15th: AFL Clinic
- 16th: Circus skills excursion (PH College)
- 22nd: "Cinderella the Musical"
- 24th: Last Day of Term

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

We have just celebrated Catholic Education Week! It has been a fun-filled week. The banner on the fence reads "Tell the good news".

Think of the amazing examples where Catholic education has impacted on your lives. Working in St Patrick's has been one of my greatest journeys, one where two of my loves collide. Working in a faith filled environment developing the examples of Christ in a school and the wider community. We are all a very important part in the bigger picture Christ has for our family, community and the world. Working for these two: education and faith, enables us to enrich the lives of all, for the greater good.

God Bless

Leiza

School Chaplain



RAT Test Kits

At the beginning of this term we were told by the Department of Education that RAT testing would continue for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. At this stage we have not been told anything different to that.

That means that each child will bring home another 5-pack of RATs today but these may be the last ones supplied. We ask that you continue to test your children 2 times each week for 2 more weeks.

We'll let you know of any changes if they occur.

Tagalog Links

Magandang araw sa lahat!

We are now in the process of consolidating all the Filipino Language words taught to the learners before and it will be called Filipino Word Bank. We will make it functional to construct commonly used phrases and sentences during classes and SAKG.

We are also going to explore some activities that will stimulate the learners' minds.

Today, the Learners enjoyed making cards using some Tagalog words to greet their mothers for Mother's Day!

Have a blessed weekend. God bless.

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



ANZAC DAY



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

May:

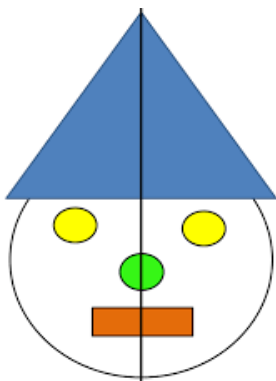
Inquiry Unit

We are very excited to launch off with our new unit of study – "How does our health effect our wellbeing?" We will focus on nutrition, physical movement and mental wellbeing. There are lots of hands on and action-based activities planned for the term. Stay tuned for all the news



Numeracy

Our first week of Term 2 had us investigating shape and symmetry. We will be moving into place value and counting for our juniors and units of measurement for our seniors. We encourage you to chat about this at home.



Literacy

Literacy continues into term 2 with our learners building on existing skills and knowledge. We will continue with our Guided Reading, Grammar, Language and Punctuation skills, spelling and handwriting. These are small group activities that rotate each day and the learners are becoming very familiar with our routine.

Our writing focus will see us revise Narrative and Persuasive writing. This will support our learners who will be participating in the NAPLAN testing during week 3.



R.E.

Our first Unit for this term will be focused on Prayer. We will look at what prayer is, different types of prayer and different ways to pray. The learners will also discuss how prayer deepens their relationship with God.

For Catholic Education Week, the students investigated where we fit into the wider Church community including the different diocese in Australia focusing on our Diocese of Sandhurst.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: Tips for Reading at Home

Find books you both enjoy. If you've read a book that you both love, read it again!

Don't think books are the only things to read - you can read anything together, including magazines, comics, shopping lists, road signs when you're in the car and posters in shop windows.

Set aside a regular reading time that fits in with your life. Make it a habit that you both look forward to.

ANZAC Day

Thanks to all those who attended the local ANZAC Day service here in Pyramid Hill, especially Jean who not only helped our students but also helped organise the whole service. A special mention to Gillian and Rian who read the prayers beautifully.



Caritas

Thank you so much to everyone in our community for their efforts supporting Caritas Australia; Project Compassion. It was great fun and the money will go towards supporting people around the world, making lives better, healthier and safer.

As it stands we have currently raised \$248.50

Pancake Tuesday \$190.50

Sprinkler Monday \$20

Movie Day \$23

Casual clothes \$15

5/6 Leadership

Conference

Our Grade 5 and 6 learners travelled to Echuca last Monday to participate in a Student Leadership Conference. This was a great opportunity for our students to meet, socialise and work with students from the other Catholic schools in our cluster.

The key note speaker at the start of the day was Fr. Rob Galea and this was followed by a rotation of activities including indigenous art, twisted science, dancing and an inflatable obstacle course.

A great day was had by all.

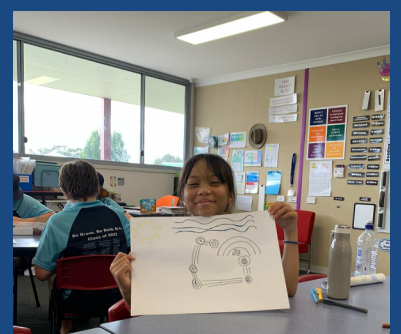
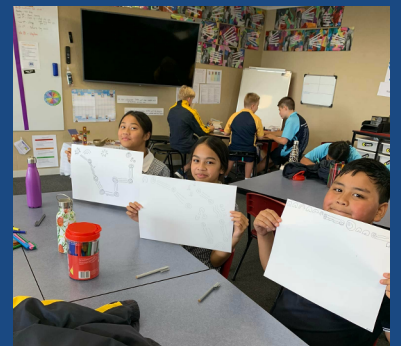
Catholic Education Week

What a full week this has been:

- Banner Making - "Tell the Good News"
- 5/6 Student Conference
- Inquiry launch with healthy food
- Parent Engagement Forum
- PJ and Teddy Day
- School liturgy
- Make and Bake Day

Thanks to Kerri and Zoe for the planning of all these activities.

5/6 STUDENT CONFERENCE



Getting to Know Each Other

Student Profile: Ivan Shapland (Grade 2) **Favourite movie:** Encanto
Favourite subject: Maths and Splash Learn **Favourite Colour:** Lime
Favourite thing to do: Watching TV **Favourite Food:** Cheeseburger
Favourite free-time activity: Be outside playing games with my friends
Best Learning disposition: Collaboration

