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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 Families,

Last Tuesday, our Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 students walked up to the Memorial Hall for the "Changed Forever: Legacies of Conflict" exhibition. This exhibition has been brought to Pyramid Hill from the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne. It raises awareness of different individuals who have either been swept up in war and conflict in some way or who have had to leave their countries and come to Australia as migrants from war torn countries. Our students were given a short presentation from one of the Shrine education officers and were then given time to wander and read about the incredible stories of survival and courage. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to go and have a look, there's still time.

Thank-you to everyone who took the time to come in over the last two days for our Learning Conversations. These meetings are not only a great opportunity to learn more about your child's academic, emotional and social development, they also give you another chance to meet and get to know your child's teachers and importantly they help the teachers understand more about your child.

This morning, all the staff attended an information session in relation to the new Child Safe Standards. The original standards were implemented in Victoria in 2016 and these have since been updated as not only a response to the royal commission into child abuse but also to align with the National Principles. These standards promote the safety of children, prevent child abuse and ensure effective processes are in place to respond to and report any allegations that may be made. This morning's session ensured that all staff at St. Patrick's understand and are aware of their responsibilities in this most important area.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the day that the disciples received the Holy Spirit. Pentecost reminds us to live our Christian lives with energy, enthusiasm and joy. I hope that we can all keep some energy, enthusiasm and joy, even on the coldest mornings, as we head into the last 3 weeks of term.

Have a great weekend

John

TALAARAWAN

June

- 8th: AFL Clinic, School Mass.
- 10th: SAKG and Lawn Bowls
- 12th: Philippines Independence Day
- 13th Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 14th: School celebration of Philippines Independence Day
- 15th: AFL Clinic
- 16th: Circus skills excursion (PH College)
- 22nd: "Cinderella the Musical"
- 24th: SAKG.
- 24th: Last Day of Term - Finish at 2:30

July

- 11th: First day of Term 3
- 13th: School Mass
- 15th: Cross Country

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

Welcome to winter and it has been a very frosty start. Winter can be a challenging time as we have shorter days and cold wet weather. Winter is a time where we can still have adventures but inside or in jackets and beanies. We have heard of making a bucket list for many things. I challenge you to make a winter family adventure list. Ask your children What they would like to do over winter? In winter we can still have a Spring attitude. Chasing Sunshine is important to the wellbeing of every family member. A winter picnic, bonfire, walk or ride, story time near the fire, toasting marshmallows or cooking a camp oven in the backyard. It's your time to bring sunshine and laughter into your family's winter!

God Bless

Leiza

School Chaplain



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Calder Sports

You may have seen on our Facebook page how much fun our learners had at the Calder Sports last Friday. All our Year 3-6 students were involved and they all participated with enthusiasm, effort and sportsmanship. It's always a pleasure to take our students to these sorts of events as they always do us proud. Thanks to Zoe for supervising all day in fairly cold and miserable conditions.

Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

We had activities that encouraged Learners' interaction through role playing. During the activity, the use of **"po"** and **"opo"** were emphasized because it is an important Filipino Culture which shows respect to the elders by saying **"Opo"** (Yes) and adding **"po"** in the sentence. With this, instead of saying "Salamat" we say **"Salamat po"** which means **thank you** in Tagalog.

Keep up the good work learners!

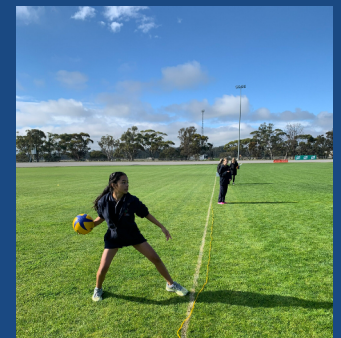
Enjoy and have fun this weekend!

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



CALDER SPORTS



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

June:

26th - Svea

28th - Phoebe

Inquiry Unit

Our learners have spent this last week practicing their own dance routines which were videoed during the week. The dances to the songs YMCA, Bubble It and Americano were creatively and cooperatively developed, practiced and performed.

They were really fun to be a part of and to watch. Everyone did a great job busting a move!!



Numeracy

In Mathematics our work has focussed on addition and subtraction.

We have been using our past place value skills to assist us with our work in these important areas of Mathematics. Learners have been very impressive with their dedication to do well. They are trying very hard, working hard on the sums, asking questions and helping each other. It is very heart-warming to see our learners working so well with their studies and with each other.

Literacy

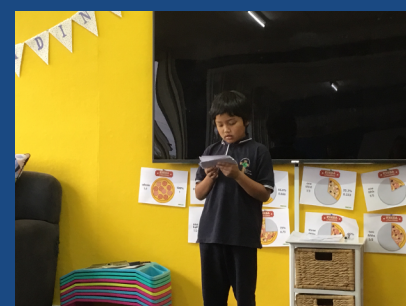
This week our focus has been on preparing for the upcoming Lions Club Public Speaking competitions which were held yesterday. A huge congratulations must go to each of the students who competed. Their speeches were very impressive and carefully researched. At this point in time we are not in a position to determine our winners or runners up. We are still waiting to have all speakers present. Winners and runners up in the grades 3/4 and 5/6 groupings will be announced very soon. So stay tuned.

With our reading program, the older students are reading a class novel called The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. This is a classic novel which weaves fantasy and reality into a very beautiful story. They are only a few chapters in at this stage and already they are just loving the story as it is being told. Please feel free to ask your son/daughter all about it.

R.E.

We spent time this week focusing on National Reconciliation Week. We discussed the importance of reconciling with Australia's First Nations people and the importance of recognising and taking responsibility for mistakes that our governments and our communities may have made in the past. Through understanding acknowledging, we hope these mistakes are not made again.

PUBLIC SPEAKING



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: Reading Skills and Strategies

There are many strategies we use to help us understand what we read. **Visualising** is this week's focus.

Every now and then, pause and reflect on your senses. Put yourself in the story and ask:

What do I see? What do I taste? What do I smell? What do I hear? What do I feel?

Last Day of Term

Unbelievably, the last day of term is fast approaching. This term will finish on Friday the 24th of June.

Please note that school will finish at 2:30 on this day.

Term 3 will commence on Monday July 11.



Philippines Independence Day

Philippines Independence Day is June the 12th. We will be celebrating this day at school on Tuesday June 14th. There will be cooking, games, singing and educational activities throughout the day. At the end of the day there will be a short presentation for the students to showcase some of their work from the day and a chance to participate in activities and games that the children have learnt.

You are all welcome to come along in the afternoon for some fun and games. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Unwell Students

You would all be aware that there are a lot of coughs and sniffles, sore throats and sneezes going around at the moment. Sometimes it's Covid and for others it's a nasty cold or the flu. To help keep it all under control and try to minimise infecting other students, staff and families, I urge you to continue to be vigilant and take all measures possible to ensure we don't pass these things on. Please continue to test for Covid at least twice per week if you have any symptoms at all, 5 times a week if you are a close contact and, if your child is unwell, please keep them at home.



School Mass

Our next School Mass is on Wednesday the 8th of June in the classroom at 12:45. You are all welcome to join us for Mass and for a cuppa and some afternoon tea afterwards.

PUBLIC SPEAKING



Getting to Know Each Other

Student Profile: Matilda Mowat (Grade 2) **Favourite movie:** Encanto

Favourite subject: Mathematics **Favourite Colour:** Pink & Purple

Favourite thing to do: SAKG

Favourite free-time activity: Playing outside

Best Learning disposition: Resilience **Favourite Food:** Tuna Bake

