

# 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 Families,

Welcome to Term 3. I hope that everyone was able to take some time over the holidays to rest and relax as we prepare for the second half of the year.

This week we have been celebrating NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Not many people are aware that the origins of NAIDOC Week can be traced back to the 1920's when a number of indigenous communities sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. The aim is to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is celebrated by all Australians and is a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

We have a number of exciting events happening this term. On Monday 1st August our Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Bendigo for the Ablaze Festival. This festival, hosted by Fr. Rob Galea, celebrates our Catholic Faith and will be attended by most schools in our part of the Diocese. On the 29th August, the whole school will be heading over to Echuca to perform in the Sandhurst Arts on Show Spectacular. The students have been practicing a song and a couple of dances that they will perform with and for students from our Northern Plains Cluster of Schools. If we throw in Cross Country, Athletics and Book Week, not to mention our school play, it looks like another busy term ahead.

Please don't forget that we have a Parent & Family Engagement Forum next Tuesday the 19th at 5:15. The main focus of this meeting will be to organise our Working Bee.

This week's Gospel tells the story of Martha and Mary. Last week's story of the Good Samaritan shows us a model of selfless service. Here though, we are presented with the other side of the story: the need to also be attentive and to listen to the word of God so that we don't get caught up in activities and preoccupations that are ultimately not important. This reading reminds us that we too, should take some time out of our busy schedules each week to 'sit at the feet of the Master'.

Have a great week.

John

### TALAARAWAN

#### July

15th: Cross Country  
18th: Dental visits this week  
19th: Parent/Family Engagement Forum  
22nd: SAKG  
23rd: Working Bee

#### August

1st: ABLAZE Festival - Yrs 5/6  
5th: SAKG  
8th: Feast of Mary MacKillop  
15th: Feast of the Assumption  
21st: Start of Book Week  
23rd: Book Week Parade  
29th: Sandhurst Arts on Show

**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

Anxiety is a word that is often spoken about, let's get a clear definition of anxiety: **Intense, excessive and persistent worry and fear about everyday situations. Fast heart rate, rapid breathing, sweating and feeling tired may occur.** What may surprise you is this statement:

"Anxiety can be **normal** in stressful situations such as public speaking or taking a test."

Anxiety is only an indicator of underlying illness **when feelings** become excessive and interfere with daily living. It's very important not to confuse the two. If we feel our child is being anxious it's very important to reassure your child rather than just brush it off. Letting them know that you are with them and they will be ok. Listen to them and be empathic, help them to understand what they are anxious about.

The message you want to send is,

**"I know you're scared, and that's okay, and I'm here, and I'm going to help you get through this."**



God Bless

Leiza

School Chaplain

## NAIDOC Week

This week we explored and shared Dreamtime stories from Indigenous Australia for **NAIDOC week**. We learnt about the creation stories of the Rainbow Serpent and of Bunjil the Eagle. Both of these stories are vital to our Indigenous friends and we loved the way that they use these stories to tell generations and generations of people about the importance of creation and caring for our world.

## Tagalog Links

Magandang araw sa lahat!

Last term, we celebrated the Philippines Independence Day with heaps of activities and games! I knew that you were smiling when you remembered it.

We also learned the commonly used Filipino sentence like, "Gusto ko po ang mansanas" (I like apples). It's been a while and it calls for a recall! I hope that you still remember our past lessons.

This term, you will learn dialogues consisting of basic Filipino Language sentences.

Maraming salamat.

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



## BASKETBALL CLINIC



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

July:

4th - John

14th - Mary Anne



## Inquiry

In **Inquiry** this term we are exploring *Australia and countries of the World*. We launched our learning with an Australian colour day, puzzles and some yummy lamington making. DELICIOUS!



## Numeracy

In **Mathematics** we have kicked off the term with multiplication and division. Our junior and middle years are skip counting, doing times table challenges and being really hands on with our learning. It's great fun. Our senior learners are also looking at multiplication and division using place value and decimals. They are tackling some terrific challenges and winning all the way.

## Literacy



In **Literacy** we are continuing on with our Fairy Tales theme started last term. After seeing the wonderful production of Cinderella we are all inspired to write our own fairy tales of adventures and mystery. This will be our narrative writing focus for the first half of this term.

## R.E.

Our first R.E. focus for Term 3 will be on the Sacraments. We will start with an overview of the seven Sacraments within the Catholic Church before focusing on the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.



## BASKETBALL CLINIC



## 6 Natural Ways of Learning!

### Focus: Natural Ways of Learning in the Home

There are many practical, low cost and easy ways to tap into the 6 natural ways of learning at home with your children. The 6 natural ways of learning are: Play, Games, Story, Dialogue, Art and Ceremony.

These natural ways of learning will be a newsletter focus for term 3.



## Working Bee

We will be having a Working Bee at school on Saturday the 23rd of July commencing at 11:00 am and going through to about 1:00pm. This will be followed by a BYO picnic lunch for anyone wishing to do so. A list of jobs will be determined at next Tuesday's Parent and Family Engagement Forum.



## School Play

One other exciting addition to our school life is the introduction of our **school play**—*The Princess' New Clothes*. Yes, we are going to have a school play – everyone has a part in it and it will be fantastic fun. Everybody got their script yesterday and we are so looking forward to bringing this play to life. More details will follow in coming newsletters so please stay tuned. Our performance night will be on Wednesday 7 September.



## Term Goals

This term we want our learners to concentrate on their reading and their times tables. We are hoping to encourage our learners to really push themselves and to achieve new levels and reading experiences this term.

For our reading we are asking families to support us at home and to listen to their daughters and sons as often as possible at home. We will be sharing new books with them at school and will build up to a very exciting book week later this term in week 7.

We have set up an ice cream tables challenge and our learners are encouraged to practice their skills, have them tested and to earn a scoop of ice cream – they won't be eating it but rather making a tall tower of ice cream on the display in our classroom. I wonder who will have the largest ice cream of all???



## MELBOURNE EXCURSION



## Bendigo Braves Basketball

In **Sporting** news, we have *Bendigo Braves Basketballers* coming each Wednesday afternoon for the first five weeks of this term. Our learners are all set to get involved with dribbling, bouncing, shooting and scoring. They are having a really good time learning basketball by some of the best in the business.