

# 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,

During the week we received an email from Caritas informing us of the fantastic fundraising efforts of all the schools across the Sandhurst Diocese. Together, the Sandhurst Schools raised just under \$100,000 as well as awareness of the plight of some of the poorest communities around the world. The highest fundraising schools managed to average approximately \$17 per student. We came in with the second biggest effort, raising almost \$16 per student. What a wonderful effort by our students and our families. Thank-you!

Book Week was last week and what a fun time we had. The costumes were terrific and it was great to join Pyramid Hill College and the Pre-School for the parade down the street. We also had many winners in the Fiction Writing Competition as well as many of our students being Highly Commended. Well done to all who took part.

Our students have been busily rehearsing for 2 upcoming performances. First up is the Sandhurst Arts on Show Festival in Bendigo on the 6th of September. **Please note that we will probably be arriving back from Bendigo at about 3:45pm on this day.**

We have a very busy few weeks coming up as we head towards the end of term, so please continue to check the dates on the panel on the left of this page and put the dates in your calendar.

Have a great week.

John

### TALAARAWAN

#### September

1st: Athletics in Charlton

2nd: SAKG

6th: Sandhurst Arts on Show in Bendigo

14th: School Play

15th: PH College Disco

16th: SAKG. Last Day of Term 3

#### October

3rd: Start of Term 4

7th: Athletics Carnival

13th: Good Samaritan Cup - Kerang

14th: SAKG. Year 5/6 Cricket

20th: Learning Conversations

21st: Pupil Free Day-Staff 1st Aid

**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

## Staff Vacancy

We are now advertising for a Part-Time Administration and Finance Officer to work at St. Pat's. The hours for the position are 9:00 - 4:00 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Full details and a role description can be found on the School Website under the Downloads tab.

## Chaplain's Chat

How often do you pause? I have had the privilege of attending some training on peaceful kids and peaceful classrooms. It asked us how often we pause to think about what we are doing. Have you ever driven a car and then thought how far have I driven without noticing a thing. Scary to think how often. The skill of being able to be present if only for a minute has the ability to change our whole day. Try just pausing for 1 minute and notice what you hear? What do you smell? How do you feel? You will be surprised that in one minute you can refocus and feel so much better. Have a go with your children.

God bless.

Leiza

School Chaplain



## Learning Conversations & Pupil Free Day

Our Term 4 Learning Conversations will take place on Thursday the 20th of October from 2pm - 7pm. More details to come.

The day after this will be a Pupil Free Day for the staff to undertake their annual 1st Aid training

## Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

This week, learners enjoyed filming themselves using the school's gadget. This is a great help for us to track their progress as we move along to the next term. By the end of the term, we will have a quiz using the Kahoot application on the ipad.

*Dagdag Kaalaman:*

*Pambansang Bulaklak (Philippine National Flower):*

*Sampaguita (Arabian Jasmine)*

*Sampaguita is a sweet-smelling white flower with a woody vine or we call a shrub. It symbolizes love, purity, devotion, dedication, simplicity, humility, strength and fidelity. Sampaguita comes from the Filipino phrase "sumpa kita" which means "I promise you".*

Mary Anne Domingo

Languages Support



## BOOK WEEK



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

August

12th - Karl

13th - Jores



## Inquiry

In **Inquiry** our focus has moved onto learning about all the continents of the world, Antarctica, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australasia. It is great to compare the various countries on these continents and to learn about the geography of our world. We are learning so much. Our research is taking us all over the world!



## Numeracy

In **Mathematics** we are looking into volume, capacity and mass. Our juniors are experimenting in the sandpit and you can hear them all discussing terms such as full, half full and empty. Our middle and seniors have been converting millilitres to litres and grams to kilograms and are now really getting the hang of it. Well done everyone!!



## Literacy

Our **Literacy** work in class has continued to focus on BOOK WEEK. We have spent this week reflecting on the theme: Dreaming with our eyes open. We have considered our own dreams and ambitions and let our imaginations run wild with the possibilities.

The BOOK WEEK parade up the main street of Pyramid Hill was a highlight. Everyone was all dressed up and we had a chance to meet up with our College friends.

Each week we have focus rotations for Guided Reading, Grammar, Language and Punctuation along with Spelling and Handwriting. Our learners are showing great progress.

## R.E.

We started a new unit last week in our R.E. classes focusing on Social Justice. Our major focus will be on how we look after God's creation and in what ways can we leave our planet better off for future generations.



## BOOK WEEK



## 6 Natural Ways of Learning!

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

Last week we focused on Games and this week it's Story. There are huge benefits in sharing stories together not just from a learning perspective but also from an emotional and social point of view. You can read together, make up stories together, create scripts and act them out, write and perform poems, play rhyming games or make up a story one word at a time taking it in turns to choose the next word.

## School Play - Change of Date

Our play will now be on Wednesday 14th September at 6pm here at school in our classroom. The costumes are amazing and many thanks to Rian and Ize's grandmother for her incredible sewing skills. The backdrops and props are nearly all organised and ready to go. Just keep practicing all your lines and your acting skills boys and girls.



### Term Goals



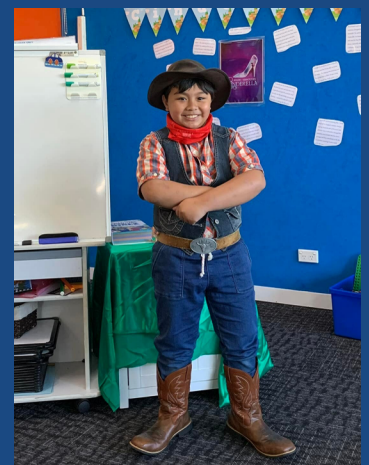
We are really happy to see our learners reading and to have them developing their skills. I encourage you to read with your children often – you can read anything together; it does not have to be their school readers. Just have fun!

### Father's Day Afternoon Tea

Hopefully you all received your invitation to our Father's Day Afternoon Tea. This will take place on Thursday after school. The invitation is open to all Dads, Grandpas and special people in our students lives.



### BOOK WEEK



### Calder Athletics Sports

In **Sporting** news, we have the interschool athletics coming up. We are practicing all the time now. Our discus, shotput and running skills are now finely tuned. Our carnival is this Thursday September 1 in Charlton – wear sports uniform and pack an extra drink.