

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 4

I have been asked by a few people about the current Covid testing protocols and mask wearing situation. There is no longer any need to continue testing and no mandate to wear a mask while you are feeling well. However, if you do develop cold and flu like symptoms, please test yourself or your child for Covid and wear a mask whilst symptoms persist. If you need RAT test kits or masks, please ask, as we currently have plenty on hand.

As we approach the end of the year, planning for next year begins. As part of our financial planning, we become more conscious of how people are going with their school fees. If you are experiencing any difficulty at all, please contact me and come in for a chat as there are numerous ways that the school can assist and support families.

With the amount of rain that we've been getting, we've also seen an increase in the amount of mosquitoes buzzing around. We recommend that all students get a roll-on mosquito repellent to put in their bag to have handy just in case.

Last week we had 2 safety officers visit our school to carry out our annual safety audit. They were really impressed with all safety aspects of our school and scored us 99/100.

As you would have seen in our calendar, the Term 4 Learning Conversations will be taking place next Thursday 20th October. Please find attached to this newsletter a form to fill out indicating your preferred times.

Next Monday evening is our Term 4 Parent Engagement Forum. This will give us an opportunity to set the School Fees for 2023, discuss potential classroom renovations and review the 2022 school year.

Please keep an eye on the calendar as there are many events and activities coming up and throughout the term.

Have a great week.

John

TALAARAWAN

October

- 11th: Athletics Carnival
- 13th: Good Samaritan Cup - Kerang
- 14th: SAKG.
- 17th: Parent Engagement Forum
- 19th: Bush Dance
- 20th: Learning Conversations
- 21st: Pupil Free Day - Staff 1st Aid
- 26th: Fashions on the Field
- 28th: SAKG
- 31st: Pupil free Day - Report writing

November

- 1st: Pupil Free Day - Melbourne Cup
- 10th: Science excursion

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.



School success starts with attendance

Change of Sports Dates Learning Conversations

Due to the amount of rain that has been forecast for Wednesday and Thursday, we may have to make some changes to our plans. The plans are as follows:

Athletics sports will be on tomorrow - not Wednesday.

The Good Samaritan Cup will probably be cancelled on Thursday. A text will be sent tomorrow to confirm this.

Chaplain's Chat

Peaceful kids starts this term at St Patricks. This is one of the most amazing programs I have trained in. This program offers small groups the opportunity to learn about the science behind what happens in our body and brain when we are stressed. It equips children with the language to express their feelings, emotions and worries. It empowers children to become mindful and utilise coping strategies learned through the program in life situations. As it is run in small groups we can not offer it to every child at this stage. We will be running this program in the new year. It is very exciting that we can offer this program in our school.

Leiza
School Chaplain



& Pupil Free Day

Our Term 4 Learning

Conversations will take place on Thursday the 20th of October from 2pm - 7pm. Please fill in the attached form indicating your preferred times

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

Tagalog Links

Magandang araw sa lahat!

We recorded the videos of the learners for the upcoming 2022 Language Festival. Ms Leiza together with the kids filmed short video scenes where we all loved it.

"Maraming salamat". A job well done learners. Keep up the good work!

Dagdag Kaalaman:

Pambansang Hayop (National Animal):
Kalabaw (Carabao or Water Buffalo)

The animal symbolises strength, power, efficiency, perseverance, and hardwork.

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



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OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

October

19th - Carol

Sport and P.E.

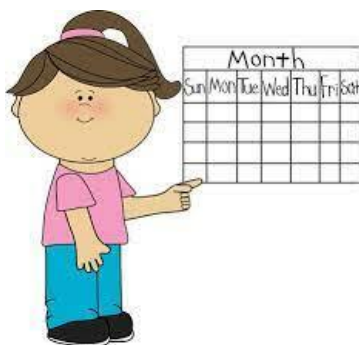
In **Sporting** news, our Athletics keep being rain effected. Fingers crossed that we get to do this very soon.

Later on this term we hope to get into a bit of tennis and then there is the swimming program towards the end of the year. Sounds like great fun and exciting challenges.



Numeracy

In **Mathematics** our learning focus is also on sequencing. Our junior learners are learning the days of the week, the months and seasons of the year. They will be sharing their learning with their peers and acting as teachers for us all. Our senior learners are delving deep into timetables and calendars. They are planning trip, events and basically getting everything well and truly organised!



Literacy and Inquiry



Our **Literacy** work for this term will focus on skills such as summarizing, note taking and sequencing. Our learners will also be writing reports which demonstrate procedures or step by step writing. These will have a practical and scientific nature and look to be loads of good fun to do.

Our **Inquiry** unit this term is a Scientific one – ‘Does Everything Matter?’ We will explore this great question with our Scientist hats on and put to the test some great experiments. Stay tuned for Facebook updates.

R.E.

Our first R.E. topic for the term in Years 5&6 will focus on Relationships, Puberty and Adolescence. This will begin with an information and discussion forum tonight.

The F-4 students will be focusing on the life of Jesus, from birth to childhood and into adulthood. The students will be trying to discover what it must have been like for Jesus as he was growing up.

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6 Natural Ways of Learning!

Focus: Natural Ways of Learning in the Home

Following on from Play, Games and Story, our 4th Natural way of Learning is Dialogue. Talking to and with each other is vitally important. Here's some ideas:

- Discuss memories of events and experiences, maybe using photos as well
- Hold a pretend debate
- Ask open ended questions that can't have just yes or no as the answer
- Have a funny conversation by finishing each other's sentences

Marian Festival

On 15th October, the Parish is having a Marian Festival. Mass will be at 5.00pm followed by a procession from the Church to the Memorial Hall.

Food will be available and a disco will be happening. All Parishioners in Pyramid Hill as well as those from Kerang and Cohuna are invited to attend.

There are also Raffle Tickets (3000 tickets printed) available for people to purchase at \$2:00 per ticket. We have some available at the school.

1st prize \$500.00,

2nd prize \$300.00,

3rd prize \$200.00

Parent Engagement Forum

Our Term 4 Parent Engagement Forum will take place on Monday 17th October at 5:00pm. At this meeting we will be discussing whether the Forums have been beneficial or whether we go back to having a School Advisory Board. We will also discuss the possibility of some school renovations so please come along and have your say.

All welcome.



Bush dance



On Wednesday the 19th of October, Pyramid Hill College will be holding a Bush dance for all family members of the College and St. Patrick's. We will be spending the afternoon at the College to learn the dances and will be dismissed from there. The evening will start with a Community BBQ at 5:30. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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Calendar Events

Please keep an eye on all events listed on the Calendar on the front page of this Newsletter. There are a number of events coming up including a couple of Pupil Free Days so please make yourself aware of these.

The Calendar is updated each time the Newsletter goes out