

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 Parents,

This fortnight our Learners have had an opportunity to showcase their style on Bendigo Cup day and to nurture both their individual Spirituality and wellness. These uncertain and changing times require both resilience and positivity. Michael Chisholm and Louise Levy from Catholic Education Sandhurst, introduced our Learners to the 'Yarning Mat' or 'Yarning Circle' which is designed to allow all Learners to have their say in a safe space without judgement. A Yarning Mat or Circle, is an important process within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Each Learner is encouraged to speak, one at a time, without interruption. This is a process that helps to develop deep listening skills, sharing knowledge and establishing rules around respectful behaviour. Throughout the day, Learners rotated through three different experiences including Art, Yoga and Craft.

Staff have begun writing Semester Two reports which will be distributed on Friday 10th December. There will be an opportunity for staff to meet for Parent / Teacher / Learner discussions upon request on two afternoons: Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th December.

Applications for St Patrick's Primary School Principal closed on Monday 25th October with interviews conducted yesterday. We look forward to the successful announcement in coming days.

Moving Up day will be held on Tuesday 7th December which provides an opportunity for our Learners to experience a day in the life of a higher grade! We will also welcome our 2022 Foundation class for the whole day. Exciting times ahead!

Interviews were held last week with two very strong candidates for the position of Administration Officer. I am pleased to inform our community that Mrs Kirsty Twigg has been employed for three days a week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On behalf of our school community I welcome Kirsty and look forward to introducing her to our wonderful school community. Kirsty will work alongside Penny for a two week period later this month to support the handover.

This week we witnessed the presence of hope as Cleo, a young girl from Western Australia was found alive and well after vanishing from her campsite for 18 days. May our hope continue to grow as we wait for those long awaited moments in our lives: reconnecting with family, opportunities to be with those who have been distanced from us during restrictions, a return to health or happiness, or the hopes for what will

Take care.

Colleen Hampson
Principal



TALAARAWAN

November

Monday 8th - 2022 Foundation Learners Transition session #4 (8.30am - 1.40pm)

Wednesday 10th - Mass in the classroom @ 12.45pm

- Bike Education lesson #5

Thursday 11th - Remembrance Day ceremony commencing at 10.45am

Friday 12th - S.A.K.G. program

- Bike Education lesson #6

Monday 15th - 2022 Foundation Learners Transition session #5 (8.30am - 1.40pm)

Wednesday 24th - Swimming Program commences

December

Wednesday 8th - End of Year Mass @ 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th - Learners last day of 2021 School year!

St. Patrick's Primary School is committed to child safety.

We believe all children have the right to feel safe and to be safe.



I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

- Mother Theresa

Every day COUNTS!

School success starts with attendance

Chaplain's Chat

The beauty of hope.

Hope is an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcome.

There are many scriptures around hope, the ability to believe in a better outcome. During the many challenges this year there was the ability to wait for greater things, end the lock down, more freedom, visit families and return to school. Your example to your children in seeking hope in a challenge is a life skill. No matter what we face it's always better to look and seek the positive. When we spend time hoping it allows us the peace to celebrate the outcome when it comes. Worry and stress rob us of joy and the ability to see possibilities. Hoping gives us strength in the trial to rise above and see what could be! Be proud of the example you set for your children, they may not say it but they are watching and learning by everything they see you say and do.

God bless.

Leiza

School Chaplain

Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

Learners were showing great progress over the short time as we played the song in our target language. Such excitement as they listen and participate actively in our class. These music-related connections strengthen their language skills and bring their confidence this term.

With enough repetition, they keep surprising themselves by learning not only the new words and phrases but are able to understand the context of the song effectively. Repeat as often as possible while you are playing, cleaning or cooking in our SAKG. Sing with your family and pets too.

Hanggang sa muli!
Maraming Salamat!

Nizelle Sawit

Language Assistant



The true meaning of Christmas

At Christmas we remember ... the time Jesus was born and when the 3 shepherds came to see him with the 3 precious gifts: Gold, frankincense and myrrh. The long travel to Bethlehem and the hard work Mary and Joseph put in raising Jesus. The helpful miracles Jesus made to help his people and disciples.

Christmas is a time to ... unite with your family and celebrate the precious day of Jesus' birth. It is a time where we share food and love, a time when we visit houses and pray and a time where we thank Jesus for everything he has done for us. Where we put our Christmas decorations up: Christmas lights, Christmas ornaments, the star and our Christmas tree.

Christmas means ... to wake up early and make lots of noise, turn on the Christmas lights and open our gifts under the Christmas tree. Take photos of our gifts and our happy faces. Write a note for a reply from Santa, leave milk, cookies and carrots out and wake up to find it all eaten and left with reindeer poop.

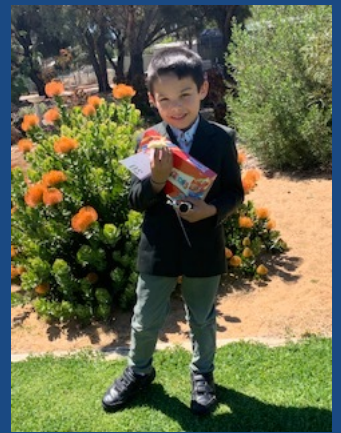
This Christmas ... we will do the same every year, visit houses, share food and celebrate with our families. We open presents and think of the precious gifts Jesus has given us and the miracles he presented to many people. We will put out a note for Santa and some food for him to eat.

Gillian Pacala

Grade 5

The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents
but in
His
presence

BENDIGO CUP FASHIONS ON THE FIELD



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

November:

1st - Riozelle Sawit

17th - Ize Pantig

4th - Ivan Shapland

22nd - Father Novie

Literacy

Congratulations to all Learners for submitting their entries to the Loddon Shire Australia Day competition 2022! Best of luck to you all!

We commend all Learners on their efforts last week as they were assessed across many different areas of Literacy.

Last week ended our focus on lyrics and songs. Learners enjoyed writing their own lyrics and publishing these using Garageband.

For our F - 2 Learners we ended our focus on Nursery Rhymes where we were able to all successfully publish our own Nursery Rhyme about Pyramid Hill.



Inquiry Unit

Think of your favourite TV Show. Can you hear the theme song? See the characters? Sing the opener? In connection with 'How is music powerful?' the Grades 3 - 5 Learners are developing their own engaging TV Show opener which utilises animation, their own music and lyrics as well as self-designed characters and animations. We can't wait to see the finished products!

Over the past fortnight our F - 2 Learners have been focusing on the importance of both instruments and lyrics and how they make everyone feel different emotions.

Music

Our Foundation - Grade 2 Learners have been focusing on learning to play the song 'You are my Sunshine' on the Ukulele. Learners have been very willing to learn both the F and C chords to play this song!

Our Grades 3 - 5 Learners have also been learning to play a song on the Ukulele in preparation for our end of year mass. The song the Learners have been focusing on is 'Silent Night' focusing on the F, C and G chords.

Mathematics

Last week wrapped up our focus on Operations. It was great to see all Learners challenging themselves to apply their learning and use new strategies to solve problems!

This fortnight, Junior Learners will explore shape while the Senior Learners develop their knowledge of angles.

Our F-2 learners are learning about the importance of Corners, Edges and Faces on a variety of 2D shapes as well as the space different shapes can cover.

Jace, Sarah, Riozelle, Reece, Jores, Lily, Rian and Gillian will learn to measure and name angles this fortnight. Learners will explore the names and properties of angles as well as measure and draw angles within shapes.



Respectful Relationships

Junior Learners enjoyed participating in some group activities that involved problem solving, communication, working together and teamwork. It was wonderful to watch all Learners enthusiastically taking their peers opinions and ideas into account when deciding on a solution to a problem.

Senior Learners dived into role play scenarios this week to assist in deciding as a group may be the best solution to a problem. It is a great skill to use when you have others give you advice, you take it on board in your mind and you take action.



LBC BOXES FOR THE PHILIPPINES



To support those in need in the Philippines, two LBC boxes have now been purchased.

Two LBC boxes are now in the Classroom, both of which will support those in the Philippines. One box contains material shopping bags to support 'Uber learning' and the second box will support an orphanage with clothing, books, toys and educational items.

Please donate where you can.



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CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: Simon Says

Simon Says is a simple but great way to target following directions. You can adjust the length of the instruction for your child and increase the difficulty as the game progresses. You can start with a basic direction such as 'touch your toes' and increase your instructions to something such as 'spin around, clap your hands and touch the floor'.

Strategic Plan

Each fortnight we will identify how an aspect of our school life is supporting our Strategic Plan.

Wellbeing

'Fostering healthy, safe and hope-filled communities committed to the dignity of each person' (CoSSI)

Strategic Intentions:

To provide a safe and welcoming learning environment that allows Learners to acknowledge, embrace and accept challenges.

Success criteria:

To acknowledge challenges in life using supports and strategies to enable Learners to persist.

Life is not about being the best person but **your** best version of yourself.

A 'Visible Learner' is a Learner who knows what a good Learner looks like. Certain dispositions are valued more than others and at St Patrick's they include curiosity, creative thinking, resilience, critical thinking, collaboration and self direction.

Collaboration and **Creativity** are our focus dispositions for the remainder of the year. As a school community we are continually collaborating and using our creative minds to be the best version of ourselves.

As a family at home, you would collaborate to share the duties and responsibilities allowing each member to play a role. Be creative with your time, your meal preparation, your words.



Fashions on the Field

On Wednesday 27th October, every Learner arrived at school ready to 'strut their style' for the Bendigo Cup, Fashions on the Field. Everyone looked magnificent in their finery - and they all looked considerably older!

Our judges on the day, Michael Chisholm and Louise Levy (CES Staff) were in awe of the impressive outfits and the confidence displayed by every Learner.

The judges decisions were:

Best dressed female: Gillian Pacala

Best dressed male: Ivan Shapland

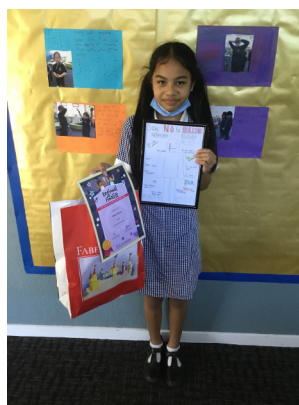
Best millinery: Jores Correa

Best footwear: Maia Sawit

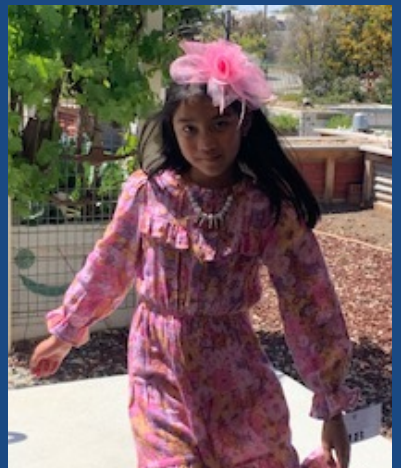
Best 'strut on the catwalk': Tiffany Calamcam

Interrelate Competition

In Term 2 Learners participated in the Interrelate 'Say No to Bullying' poster competition and Gillian Pacala was one of the Top 40 finalists! This week she was awarded her prize, a Faber-Castell pack to continue her artistic journey and her poster framed to hang on the walls of St. Patrick's Primary School for years to come. Great effort Gillian! Well done!



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SUSTAINING GREAT LEARNING PRACTICES!

Name: Riozelle Sawit - For showing creative thinking! Riozelle has utilised her creativity to write meaningful songs which carry messages about her family and the town of Pyramid Hill. We are moved by your music and lyrics Riozelle. Congratulations and continue striving for your best.

Name: Lily Price - For always showing leadership within our school and community. Lily has done an exceptional job maintaining our sports shed and making sure that all our equipment is being used respectfully and safely. Well done Lily!