

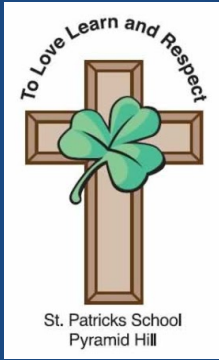
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'Never see a need without doing something about it' - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

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,

How quickly the year is drawing to a close! As we journey through these final school days we are mindful of the warmer weather and the busyness of this time of the year. Our Learners are weary! They are very excited about our Swimming program and our whole of school excursion on Monday. A reminder that the bus will be departing at 8.30am to allow plenty of time to arrive at the Bendigo Cinemas in time for our Christmas movie.

Our end of year Mass will be held in the Church on Wednesday evening with every Learner allocated a responsibility. As your invitation mentioned, a BBQ tea will be enjoyed following Mass, with a visit from Santa. The BBQ tea will be provided and families are asked to provide a salad and dessert to share. I look forward to celebrating the end of another wonderful year at St Patrick's with you.

As this is my final newsletter for the year, I am truly grateful for the support and faith you have provided in me throughout my time at St Patrick's. Our school community is truly blessed to have such enthusiastic and interested parents who are strong supporters of their child's education. St Patrick's has always employed a team effort where the family and the school work in partnership. Thank you for all that you have been to me, to our Learners and our staff. I am truly grateful. I am fortunate that you will continue to be an important part of my life as I continue to be a part of the greater Pyramid Hill Community.

May you each have a blessed Christmas with those you love and who love you. May 2022 be filled with happiness, health and blessings. May God bless you always.

Take care.

Colleen Hampson
Principal

TALAARAWAN

December

Monday 6th - Whole of school excursion to Bendigo

- Welcome Mia Braun (Year 9 student PHC) for Work experience

Tuesday 7th - Moving Up Day!

Wednesday 8th - End of Year Mass @ 6.00pm & BBQ tea

Friday 10th - Semester 2 reports distributed

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

January 2022

Friday 28th - Staff return

Monday 31st - Learners return

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

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



The Lord is coming; always coming.

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Chaplain's Chat

But wait there's more..... The shepherds were out in the field not expecting to see an angel. The innkeeper who let Mary and Joseph have the barn, was not expecting the story that unfolded. The wise men were sent to find the new king not expecting to find a baby. All these encounters were life changing for these people. **But wait there's more,** the story did not stop there. All these people went on to share the story of the birth of Jesus across the nations. The story is still the same today. Jesus can impact our lives and when things are hard, unexplainable, indescribable, unbelievable, disheartening or unsure He can turn things around. The new opportunity opens up, the prayer is answered, the job is available, the new way is visible, hope is the light Jesus reflects to find the more. This Christmas in any circumstance remember the wait but there is more.....Jesus!

God bless your family and friends this Christmas.

Leiza

School Chaplain

Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

Truly I would like to say *Maraming Salamat* for the last two years being a Language Assistant for Tagalog.

It has been a very rewarding experience teaching our Learners. I have seen how you all learned and improved your speaking skills in other languages. The confidence that you showed delighted me more than enough to make our class engaging and fun.

I enjoyed those times that you were anticipating and excited to have Tagalog class. I will always treasure those moments we had in SAKG. Surely I will miss you all, your bright smiles that inspire me. Always remember that I am so proud of you. Be spirit-filled and keep your love for learning.

Mahal ko kayo.

Hanggang sa muli!

Nizelle Sawit

Language Assistant



Christmas

Christmas is a time of giving and receiving.

As is our tradition at St Patrick's, in the words of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 'we never see a need without doing something about it.'

Collection tubs have been positioned in front of our Classroom prayer table as we are collecting donations of non perishable food for those who are in need.

These donations will be given to St Vincent de Paul in Kerang after our end of the year Mass on Wednesday. These donations will be a part of our Offertory procession as we give to others this Christmas.

Thank you to those who have already sent along donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Respectful Relationships

Junior Learners have expanded their bank of problem solving strategies by considering the up-sides and down-sides of the different options available. They enjoyed collaborating with their peers to discuss how to best solve these problems together.

Through personal reflection, Senior Learners considered problems they may be facing in real life and brainstormed some possible solutions.



TENNIS AUSTRALIA PRESENTATION



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

December:

4th - Jessie Ann Bojo

19th - Reece Fernandez

Literacy

We are learning to expand our sentences. This coming fortnight Learners will explore sentence structure. Learners will also investigate the ways that sentences can be more or less suitable to the purpose of a text. In writing, Learners will have the opportunity to choose a text type that they have learned about this year. We are excited to see what is chosen!

Our Senior Learners focused on using the correct Narrative Structure looking at ways we could build suspense for our audience. We were able to look at different ways of building suspense so we could transfer this into our own writing!



Inquiry Unit

We are learning to create music with a purpose. Last week, Senior Learners presented their TV show openers. A big congratulations to all who included engaging visuals and catchy theme tunes. As the weeks progress, Learners will continue to create music for a purpose including representing a company and persuading an audience to purchase a product.

Our F - 2 Learners are learning the importance of lyrics in a variety of Christmas Carols. Learners are focusing on the importance of Jesus and not just about receiving presents.



Mathematics

Our Junior Learners have been focusing on Shape and identifying the features of both 2D and 3D shapes. Our Learners will be focusing on Chance for the next fortnight.

We are learning to measure, draw, name and calculate missing angles.

Svea, Riozelle, Jace, Reece, Matilda and Sarah have mastered the ability to compare angle sizes against right angles.

Lily, Jores, Gillian and Ivey Rian have worked hard on calculating missing angles, identifying vertically opposite angles as well as naming different types of lines.

Next fortnight we explore Chance.

Music

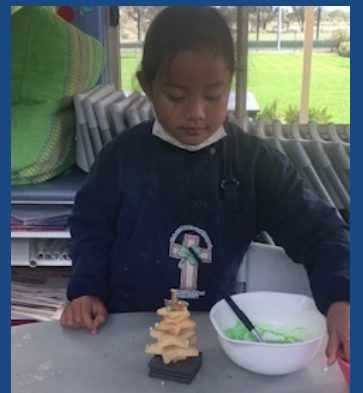
Both our Junior and Senior Learners have been working very hard memorising the correct chords required to play their end of year Mass songs. All Learners have been focusing on the C, G and F chords which are required to play all 3 songs.



Learner free day

Next year as the 'Visible Learning' journey continues, staff will gather with OLSH Elmore and St Mary's Cohuna on Friday 18th February 2022. Please place this date in your diary as this will be a Learner free day.

EDIBLE CHRISTMAS TREES



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: Concepts

There are lots of concepts that are used within instructions that can be difficult to understand. Here are some common ones:

- next to - between - beside
- above - before/ after - under
- below - first/ last - in
- on - big/ little - some/many
- behind

Check that your child can understand these concepts.

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.



Work experience



During Week 10 we will welcome Mia Braun, Year 9 student from Pyramid Hill College. Mia will be working in the classroom with Learners for the full week. It will be wonderful to have her join us for our whole of school excursion, swimming and our end of the year Mass.

I know our Learners will make Mia feel welcome.



Swimming program

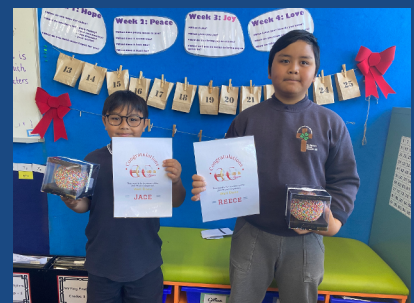
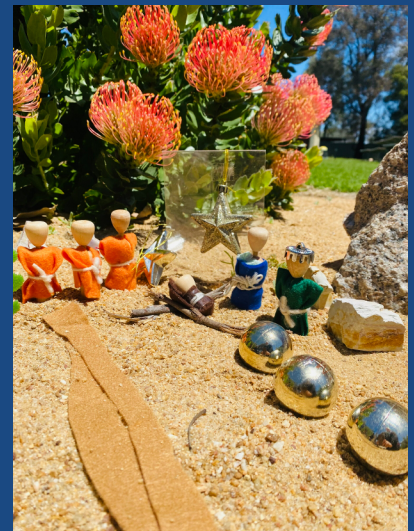
Our Swimming program commenced this week with all Learners enjoying the time in the water.

It is wonderful to have the expertise and support of Katrina van Eyk with our program once again.

I encourage you to make the most of our beautiful facilities and enjoy some pool time with your child/ren. Learning to swim is an important life skill which needs to be revisited and practised at any occasion.

Thank you to all staff for their support and involvement in this program.

NATIVITY PHOTO COMPETITION



LEARNERS HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES!

Name: Maia Sawit - For working collaboratively with others. During writing this fortnight, Maia has shared her understanding of 'what like' words with others and assisted her peers in upgrading the sentences that they write. Keep sharing your knowledge with others Maia so your peers will learn both with and from you.

Name: Jace Pacala: For demonstrating Collaboration with others during the beginning of our Chance Topic in Math as well as outside on the playground. Jace is showing great confidence with everything he puts his mind to. Well done Jace!