

# 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,

Since I sent the letter home about the new Covid and testing regulations, we have been notified of some positive cases in our school community. This means that our processes will change slightly. Please read carefully the attached document in regards to the recommendations over the next few weeks.

Thank-you to those who attended our Parent Engagement Forum on Wednesday. We had some terrific discussions and sharing of ideas around some of the activities we can plan to further build our School community and the wider Pyramid Hill community. It was also wonderful to have some family members join us for our first School Mass with Fr. Dean where, along with the children, they witnessed a little bit of magic; make sure you ask them about it.

Hopefully you received the flyer last Friday informing you of the dates for our Learning Conversations. These will occur after school on Thursday 2nd of June and throughout the day on Friday 3rd June. This means that Friday 3rd of June will be a **Pupil Free Day**. A form will be attached to today's Newsletter for you to indicate your preferred times. Please fill it in and return to school at your earliest convenience.

It was exciting to see our very own Lily on the front cover of the Pyramid Press last week. What a terrific effort Lily put in to compose and send a letter to Queen Elizabeth. The purpose of the letter was to congratulate Her Majesty on celebrating 70 years as the Queen of the Commonwealth. It was therefore a wonderful surprise to receive a response from the Queen herself. As you may have read in the Press, Lily has also written to Michelle Payne the jockey, and is planning on writing to the famous Portuguese soccer player, Cristiano Ronaldo. Well done Lily!

This Sunday's Gospel comes from close to the end of John's Gospel. This reading is sometimes talked about as Jesus' farewell speech. He talks about love and about peace and that after he is gone, God will send the Holy Spirit to guide them. Jesus was preparing his followers for life after his death and resurrection so that they wouldn't panic but remain calm and have the strength to carry on. This is also a message of hope for us so that when we are faced with uncertainty, doubt, panic or weakness, we too can call on the power of the Holy Spirit for strength, peace and guidance.

Have a great week ahead

John

### TALAARAWAN

#### May

25th: SAKG (instead of Friday)

26th: Good Samaritan Cup - Kerang

27th : 3-6 Combined sports day - Boort

#### June

2nd: Learning Conversations

3rd: Learning Conversations (Pupil Free Day).

8th: AFL Clinic

12th: Philippines Independence Day

13th Queen's Birthday Holiday

14th: School celebration of Philippines Independence Day

15th: AFL Clinic

16th: Circus skills excursion (PH College)

22nd: "Cinderella the Musical"

24th: Last Day of Term

**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

I have been working with learners around care in our work. As adults we are often running from one task to another. We need to give clear instructions and communicate our needs for a task to be completed correctly. If it's not completed correctly we can become frustrated. How did we demonstrate the task? Were the instructions clear?

Children watch and observe us more than we realise. Dan Petro, a well known behavioural specialist stated in a conference this statement: "if something is frustrating you with your child, ask yourself have I clearly explained the task to them". Blowing our nose, washing our hands, putting our dishes away or putting dirty clothes in the basket are some of my common examples. When you see your children doing tasks encourage them, if not show them, your example paves their way. Instructions give us the ability, but encouragement makes them believe in their capability!

God Bless

Leiza

*School Chaplain*



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## Second Hand Uniforms

It's always handy to have some spare school uniforms on hand just in case. So, if anyone has any second hand uniforms at home that don't fit anymore or won't be used by your family, we'd be happy for them to be donated to the school to top up our supplies. Thanks



## Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

We are now focusing on the Tagalog action words usually used in cooking such as prepare, slice, fry and serve. The Learners were quick in recalling the names of kitchen utensils and ingredients in Filipino Language used in SAKG. They also enjoyed repeating the sentences like, "Gusto ko po ng keso" (I like cheese).

Keep up the good work learners!

Enjoy and have fun this weekend!

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



## INQUIRY UNIT



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

May:



## Inquiry Unit

Our learners have been keeping fit as fiddles using dance to get our hearts pumping and bodies moving. This fits in beautifully with our Inquiry theme – How does our Health effect our Wellbeing?

So we - Dance, dance, dance. We hope you have seen our Facebook post. That was the Mexican Hat Dance and it was great fun. Now we are making up our own dances. Can't wait to see how these turn out!!



## Numeracy

Our past two weeks have had us investigating place value and units of measurement. Our juniors working on place value have considered numbers right up to 1000. Well done to them!!

Our other learners have looked into measuring time, both 12 hour and 24 hour, and also measuring length, perimeter and area. This has been great fun and a lot has been achieved. Well done!!

## Literacy

In Literacy we are **researching** topics such as:

- How to care for a ...
- Tourist destinations outside of Victoria
- Famous people of the 1800s

Our learners will be using their research to make oral presentations and these may be judged for the upcoming Lions Junior Public Speaking competition.

We have also been focusing on our handwriting styles. Victorian cursive writing is our main style, and learners are looking to form letters well so that they can work towards joining their letters and introducing speed loops. There have been excellent signs of development over our past weeks.

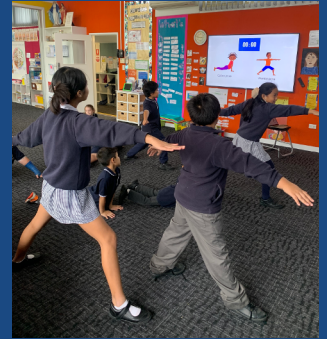


## R.E.

This week we had our first school mass with Father Dean. It was an absolute pleasure to share this mass with everyone. Thank you to the family members who came along to add to our mass – it was lovely.

Thank you also to all the learners who played a special role in our Mass. You did a beautiful job.

## INQUIRY UNIT



## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

### Focus: Reading Skills and Strategies

There are many strategies we use to help us understand what we read. Asking ourselves questions is this week's focus.

**Ask questions before we read:** What do I think the book's about? What might happen? When and where is it set?

**Ask questions during reading:** What will happen next? Why did he/she make that choice? How do the characters interact?

**Ask questions after reading:** How did this story relate to my experiences, other books I've read or to the wider world?

## NAPLAN

Well done to our learners in Grade 3 and Grade 5. They have completed their NAPLAN tests and they did a really good job of it. No stresses at all. Well done!

Thanks also to Kerri who organised all the background work and supervision to ensure the testing ran smoothly.

## Community of Readers

It's been wonderful to get our Community of Readers Program back up and running again. Each member of our Community of Readers Program commits to one day per week where they come into St. Pat's from 8:45-9:00 and read with one of our students. They are allocated the same child each week with the aim of building a relationship and sharing their joy of reading. No experience is necessary, all you need is a spare 15 minutes each week and a willingness to listen and share your love of books. So if you, or someone you know is interested, pop in to school and we'll get you started.



## Food Share

As many of you are aware, Pyramid Hill Community Food Share operates out of St. Patrick's Church once a month.

The next date is this coming Monday, 23rd May.

If you would like your child to grab some items please have them bring in a gold coin donation.



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

Due to our Year 3-6 students attending the Calder Sports day in Boort next Friday, our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program will run on **Wednesday** next week.



## SAKG



## Getting to Know Each Other

**Student Profile:** Nicholas van Eyk (Grade 2) **Favourite movie:** Encanto

**Favourite subject:** PE and Maths Games **Favourite Colour:** Navy Blue

**Favourite thing to do:** Relaxing in bed

**Favourite free-time activity:** Playing with my siblings at home

**Best Learning disposition:** Critical Thinking **Favourite Food:** Spaghetti & Meatballs

