

# 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,

On Saturday the 19th August, the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist were celebrated by Svea, Matilda and Ize, along with their families, and other children and families from our Parish. We were most fortunate that Bishop Shane Mackinlay was able to be present for this important and joyful occasion. The children looked wonderful, participated and read beautifully and presented themselves exceptionally well. Congratulations to them all.

Book Week wrapped up last week with our dress up day on Friday. The students have been very engaged with reading the short listed books and discussing which ones they think should win Book of the Year. They also did a wonderful job of dressing up as their favourite character, as did the staff. Well done to everyone on their wonderful costumes.

If you wander around the back of the school, you'll see that our new shade sails have been installed. The shade sails were possible because of a Federal Government grant that we applied for earlier in the year. They cover the concrete area in front of the sports and maintenance sheds and will make that area much safer and user friendly during the hot summer months.

Next Sunday is Father's Day. A great day to celebrate the important men in our lives. Whether it's our dads, grandfathers, uncles or other important male role models in our lives, it's an important opportunity to celebrate and say thanks.

Please keep an eye on the calendar as we have a pretty big schedule coming up. The Festival of the Sacred in Echuca and the Student Spirituality Day are both next week, we have basketball clinics happening, Peaceful Kids, Father's Day and finishing up with a colour run on the last day. Next term doesn't slow down either with the excursion to the Zoo for the juniors as well as the Queenscliff 3 Day Camp for the seniors both happening in Week 2 of Term 4.

I'm off on Long Service Leave next week, so if I don't see you before then, have a safe and happy school holidays.

Have a great week

John

### AUGUST

28th: Food Share. Playgroup.

29th: Pre-School visit

30th: Peaceful Kids. B'ball clinic

### SEPTEMBER

1st: SAKG.

Father's Day Afternoon Tea 2:45.

4th: Playgroup 10:30

5th: Festival of the Sacred-Echuca

6th: Peaceful Kids. B'ball clinic

8th: Student Spirituality Day

11th: Playgroup 10:30

13th: Peaceful Kids. B'ball clinic

15th: Last Day of Term-2:30 finish

15th: Colour Run at PH College

OCTOBER 2nd - Start Term 4

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

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



## Kindness in Community

*"Let the words you speak, always be full of grace"*

Every day  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

## Indigenous Art Installation

Last week we finished our work with Michellie from 'Australians Together' and completed our indigenous inspired art piece. Every child participated really well and each of them have their own artwork featured on the finished product. We will install and bless the artwork early next term.

## Tagalog Links

Mapagpalang araw.

During our Book Day Celebration, the learners enjoyed the story that we shared to them last Friday. It was a "Creation Story - *Ang Kwento ng Paglikha*" from the Bible. It was all about God's beautiful creation. We also recalled our clap, the "Beautiful -*Maganda* Clap".

## Languages Film Festival Update:

Year 4 to 6 already started to finalise the scene and script for the first part of the film. We will proofread the script and translate it in Filipino Language next week. So, learners, be ready!

**Mary Anne Domingo**

Language Assistant

## John Away

**John will be away from school for the last 2 weeks of this term on Long Service Leave. Kerri will be in charge during his absence.**



## Student Spirituality Day

**On Friday the 8th of September, our learners will be joining the students from St. Mary's Cohuna and St. Joe's Kerang for a Student Spirituality Day. Melbourne based Christian singer/songwriter Gen Bryant will be facilitating this event.**

## Pre-School Visit

Tomorrow, our senior students will be visiting the pre-school. They will take some of the short-listed books from Book Week to read to them before spending some time in play.

**PRESCHOOL**



## Dress-Up Day



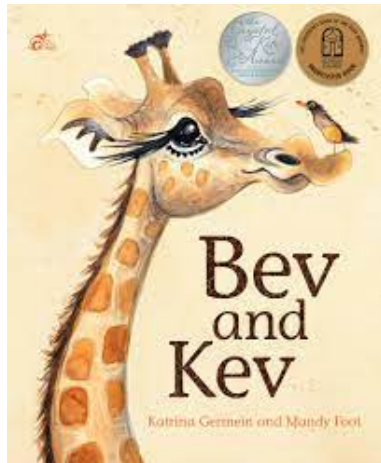
## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

13th August - Jores

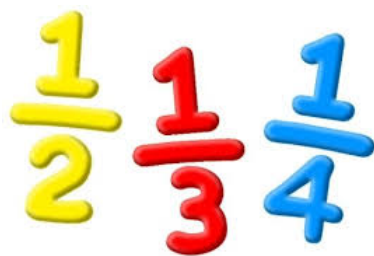


## Literacy

In Literacy we have been following the Book Week short listed picture story books. We have enjoyed a number of books and have judged them as a class according to their style, mode, illustrations and characters. Our class nominations for best picture story book are Bev and Kev and Lionel and Me.



In Numeracy our focus has been on fractions and decimals for the younger learners and fractions, decimals and percentages for our seniors. Lots of activities and hands on fun has kept us busy and making the most of our learning.



## Inquiry

Inquiry sessions through to the end of term will be having a look at the effects of colonisation on the lives and culture of our First Nations people. The seniors will study the First Fleet and who came out and why. The juniors will make comparisons between 'then and now', e.g. what were their houses like then, what are our houses like now?



## Festival of the Sacred

We have the Festival of the Sacred coming up next week so lots of practice has been happening in readiness for this big day. We are off to Echuca for this event and are looking forward to all the singing and dance moves. All the Primary Schools in our cluster will be performing individually and also as a massed choir. The students have worked really hard and it promises to be a wonderful event.

## Dress-Up Day



## Word Opposites

Here is a link to a fun WordWall vocabulary building activity that your child can play. The student needs to hear or read the word and navigate through the maze to reach its opposite. You can change the game format if you wish once you access this site.

[wordwall.net/resource/28289572](http://wordwall.net/resource/28289572)

## Chaplain's Chat

We are so blessed to offer the Peaceful Kids Program at St Patricks.

It lessens anxiety and stress, increases resilience and empowers children to cope and manage difficult situations. While some situations produce big emotions, this program uses the science of the brain, meditations and problem solving to develop emotional intelligence. We run this program once a week and the children get to share these at home. As the program facilitator I value this life skill for our children and the impact it can make for them. The bible shares many times in different situations to be still. To be still in a situation can just settle our thoughts in 30 seconds.

Psalm 4:4 Meditate within your heart on your bed, and **be still.**"

'Be still and know' means to be untroubled and trust God will do what He says.

God bless

Leiza



## Basketball Clinics

Continuing this Wednesday and each Wednesday until the end of this term, the children will be participating in Basketball Clinics provided by the Bendigo Braves Basketball club. The students really enjoyed the first session and are looking forward to the next sessions. Thanks to Bianca and the team from Bendigo for taking the learners through all the skills and drills of basketball. There is some fantastic swishing going on.



## Last Day of Term 3

**Our last day of this term will be Friday 15th of September. School will finish at 2:20 on this day.**

**Term 4 begins on Monday 2nd of October.**



## Sacraments of Confirmation



## 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 so please make yourself aware of these.**

**The Calendar is updated each time the Newsletter goes out.**