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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,

Hopefully you all received your invitation last week to our end of year Mass and Celebration. This is a very important event in the life of our school as it gives us the opportunity to come together as a community and give thanks for another wonderful year. During the Mass we will also farewell our teachers that are leaving as well as our Graduating students. Jores, Lily and Reece have been fantastic leaders this year and our Mass will be an opportunity to hear their reflections about their time at St. Pat's, and for us to officially recognise the contribution they have made to our school community.

Advent starts on Sunday 3rd of December and marks the beginning of the Liturgical year. In our Catholic tradition, the liturgical year goes through a 3-year cycle. In year A, Sunday Gospels focus on the writings of Matthew, in Year B we hear predominantly from Mark's Gospel and in Year C we hear the stories of Jesus' life from the viewpoint of St. Luke. The Gospel according to John is dotted throughout the 3-year cycle. This means that over 3 years, we hear the complete story from all four Gospels. As Advent approaches and we move towards Year B and Mark's Gospel, we reflect on the image of Jesus that Matthew depicted in his writings. He showed Jesus as both the Son of God and also as very much human. He emphasised that Jesus was a teacher by adding many of the sayings and sermons of Jesus, and he held the view that Christian life should always be filled with a sense of expectation. Advent is a time of expectation, a time of waiting, a time to look forward and a time to prepare for the birth of the Saviour.

We have all seen the devastating footage of the current conflict in the Middle East. There's not much we can do from here, but we can pray. Please find attached to today's Newsletter a Prayer Card for you and your family.

Have a great week

John

TALAARAWAN

NOVEMBER

20th: Prep and Yr 6 transition day

Play Group 10:30. Food Share.

21st: Languages Film Festival.

24th: SAKG

27th: Prep transition day.

Playgroup. St. Mary's Inglewood visit.

28th: Parent Engagement Forum

DECEMBER

3rd: First Sunday of Advent

4th: Grade 6 Big Day Out.

5th: End of Year Whole school Excursion - Swan Hill

6th: End of Year Mass and celebration

15th: Last Day for Students

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

Tagalog Links

Mapagpalang araw.

We are pleased to bring you some exciting updates from last week's activities. The learners had a fantastic time as they learned new Filipino games and songs. Additionally, a captivating storytelling session took place, featuring the tale of "The Grasshopper and the Ant." The learners were captivated by the moral lessons in the story.

Looking ahead to the Languages and EAL Film Festival 2023, we have an exciting opportunity for all the learners. Tomorrow, we will be on a trip to Shepparton for the Film Festival Screening. We are truly grateful for the contributions of all the learners and staff involved in this project. This is a competition across the whole Diocese so we have our fingers crossed.

Have a lovely and blessed week ahead.

Mary Anne Domingo
Language Assistant



P.S. From all the staff, we would like to thank and congratulate Mary Anne for all the work she has put in for this event.

Chaplain's Chat

Let us pray! There is a real beauty in coming together to pray. As in Matthew 19 we need to come like the children. Not hindered by our own knowledge or agenda, just open to be still and listen. Prayer is very important here at St Patricks and a joy to hear the children as they pray for others, our families and our community. We also give thanks for the beautiful things, places and people in our lives. The other day the CFA siren went off, our class stopped and prayed. We encourage the children to find time to pray for the helpers in local, national and international disasters; CFA, Police, SES, Red Cross, Lions, Caritas, St Vinnies and many more. Praying is a life skill, share it with those around you.

God Bless

Leiza Webb - School Chaplain



Whole School Excursion

We will be having a Whole School Excursion to Swan Hill on Tuesday the 5th of December.

Our destination for the day will be the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement where we will engage in a number of activities including a ride on the Paddle Steamer. The students will also explore the site as well as doing a scavenger hunt, visiting the photo parlour, play some pioneer style games and ride in a horse-drawn carriage.

Classroom



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

4th November - Ivan

9th November - Ethan

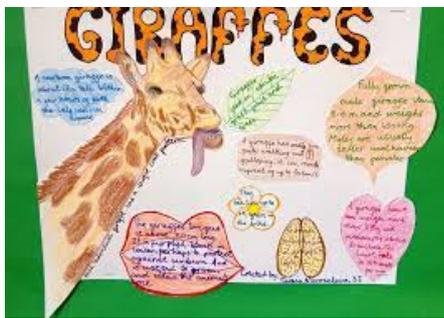
17th November - Ize

4th December - Jessie

19th December - Reece

Inquiry

Our Learners have been very busy finishing off their Inquiry unit work. Each one of them shared their beautifully created information posters. They were all excellent and each person has obviously learnt a lot about their chosen animal. This is evident by the amount of information shared. Families – you will see for yourselves as we will be sending them all home to you later this week (or next).



Religious Education

This week we start to look at Advent. Advent is the time for preparation for Christmas, especially the preparation of our heart. As we move through the weeks of Advent we will spend time looking at all the events leading up to the First Christmas. We will also focus on the Advent Wreath and its meaning and symbolism.



Numeracy

In Numeracy now, we are revising all our skills. This week we are undertaking the General All testing on Essential Assessment and our PAT M testing as well. These tests are important for us as teachers as it gives us an understanding of each learner's progress in Mathematics.



Literacy

Just like in Numeracy, exactly the same can be said for Literacy this week. There are a number of assessment activities being completed here as well. This will include spelling, reading and also writing.



Classroom



Word Classes

Here is a link to a fun WordWall vocabulary building activity that your child can play. The student needs to hear or read the words and order the words from the happiest to the saddest.

wordwall.net/resource/28289922

Master Plan

Every 3 to 4 years, schools are required to update their Master Plan. These Master Plans set out the future plans and directions of a school in regards to grounds, maintenance and building projects.

Some of the ideas we have been working on have been discussed at our at our Parent Engagement Forums, others have come from Catholic Education Sandhurst.

We have been working with Peter Byrne from B3 Architects who will be presenting the proposed plan to the school on 23rd November.

Parent Engagement Forum

We would normally hold our Parent Engagement Forum at the beginning of term. This term however, with the proposed presentation of the School's new Master Plan, our Term 4 meeting will be on Tuesday 28th of November at 4:30.

As this will be our final forum for the year and, as I will be presenting the new Master Plan, it would be great to have as many families attend as possible. Your input into the future directions of our school is vitally important and valuable.

Transition Days

Transition Days for our Year 6 students and incoming Foundation students continue this week. Please see below for details.

Foundation: 9:00 - 10:30 on November 20th and 27th.

Yr 6: 2:00 - 3:30 on November 20th at the College.

Tuesday December 12th will be Moving Up Day where our new students will be here all day and the Year 6 students will spend the whole day at the College.

Grade 6 Big Day Out

On Monday the 4th of December, our Year 6 students will be celebrating the end of their Primary School Years with a Big Day Out. Please look out for information and a permission form coming home on Wednesday.

Last Day of 2023

The last day of the school year for students will be Friday the 15th of December at 3:20. The office will close on Wednesday the 20th of December.

Playground



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.