

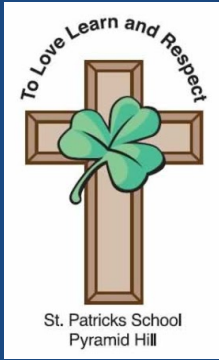
# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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,

Welcome to Term 3! It is wonderful to have our Learners back at school. It is difficult to believe that we are already at the end of Week 3 and that the eighth month is looming. The year is flying by at such a fast pace.

At St Patrick's we have much to celebrate as we welcome Eva Cenas and her two sons, Ivan (Grade 1) and Ethan (Preschool) to our community. Ivan has already settled in to the routines and procedures at St. Patrick's which have been supported by all Learners and staff. St Patrick's is such a welcoming place to be.

Congratulations also to Karen & Herbert Apostol and Father Novie on their Australian citizenship! It is wonderful to know that you feel at home and settled both within the community and this country. May you each continue to feel at home in your respective places. Aussie! Aussie! Aussie!

It is also wonderful to affirm that the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be conveyed by Bishop Shane Mackinlay on Saturday 7th August at 6.00pm Mass. The easing of restrictions will allow for us to gather to support our five candidates in St Patrick's Church. Each of our five Candidates and their families, supported by the school community have developed their understanding and knowledge to support this journey.

The renovations have been completed! St Patrick's Primary School continues to be an engaging and welcoming space with a beautiful exterior including an upgrade to our pergola area, a new staff planning room, an open and inviting Kitchen/Art room with open shelving and storage along with glass sliding doors bringing the outside indoors. I thank all staff and Learners for their patience while awaiting the completion of all of the above. We look forward to welcoming you onsite to admire the renovations and to acknowledge the beautiful spaces for all to utilise.

Staff have nominated two sustainable practices which they aim to incorporate for the duration of Term 3. This practice not only supports the Earth but our Learners as well as we model our actions to others. Thank you to all our families for returning your Sustainability Audit which assessed your current actions. I wonder what sustainable practices you are now implementing in your homes? Any action is a positive one regardless of its size. Every thing we do impacts our Earth.

We pray for those who are affected by Covid-19 and pray for those with health conditions. May we each continue to support those around us in which ever way we can and continue to keep safe and well.

Take care.

Colleen Hampson  
Principal



### TALAARAWAN

#### August

**Friday 6th** - S.A.K.G. program

**Saturday 7th** - Welcome Bishop Shane - Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist at 6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 8th** - Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

**Monday 9th** - Learner free day - Staff professional learning day

**Wednesday 11th** - Mass in the classroom at 12.45pm

**Sunday 15th** - Feast of the Assumption

**Wednesday 18th** - Women's Wellbeing Wednesday online event @ 7.30pm

**Friday 20th** - S.A.K.G. program

**Thursday 26th** - Calder Sports at Charlton

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

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



*"A healthy outside starts from the inside."*

~ Robert Ulrich

Every day  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

# Sustainability goals

## this fortnight

It has been wonderful to see so many school lunchboxes without wrappers!

This term we are learning about sustainability and how we can support our Earth. Using less plastic and wrappers is one way to do this. Our policy of 'Take in. Take out.' also means that any rubbish that is brought into school in lunchboxes is taken home in lunchboxes.

School has purchased a new bin which is used to collect any soft plastics. Soft plastics, the kind that can be scrunched into a ball, are among the biggest problems in the kerbside recycling system. St Patrick's will now be a collection point for any soft plastics in the community. Please send along any of the following:

- Plastic shopping bags
- Bread, rice, pasta, lolly and cereal bags
- Biscuit packs (but not the trays)
- Frozen food bags
- Bubble wrap
- Fruit and veg bags and netting
- Toilet paper packaging and similar product packaging

## Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

Maligayang pagbabalik !

It was a fantastic idea that we put Tagalog in our Inquiry this term. Great learning today about Recycling as we are able to sort our waste accordingly as *Nabubulok, Di-nabubulok at Na-rerecycle*. A simple way we can help our environment be sustainable.

Remember that responsible actions start with you! Together we can make our world sustainable for the future of the next generation. Encourage others to use recyclable materials.

Hanggang sa muli.

Maraming Salamat!

Nizelle Sawit

Language Assistant



# Chaplain's Chat

What are you tuning into?

It's important when things are unpredictable and ever changing, to spend time tuning in to our children. It's very easy to be caught up in what the news says, what our friends say or what Facebook says. Our children often listen and watch how and what we pay attention to. Take time to attune to your children and ask them what interests them, what concerns them. Compliment your children, talk with them and tune into their concerns and their joy. Spend time laughing, encouraging and finding the channel that matters the most!

God bless

Leiza

*School Chaplain*

## Volunteers sought

Pyramid Hill Community Food Share operates in collaboration with Bendigo Food Share, United Filipino Organisation and St Patrick's Catholic Parish in Pyramid Hill on select Monday afternoons from 4.30 - 5.30pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in the community who benefit from this service.

St Patrick's Primary School is a proud supporter of this initiative as it compliments our school ethos and logo, 'To love, learn and respect.

This is also an opportunity for our Learners to volunteer to assist with this program. If interested, please complete the attached permission form indicating your interest in participating. Learners will then be rostered to a date to allow all those interested to play a part.

This is an opportunity to put the words of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop into action, 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

TUNING  
IN  
FOR  
SUSTAINABILITY



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

July:

29th - Gillian Pacala & Matilda Mowat

## Literacy

Don't you want to volunteer within our community? Are you looking after our environment? These are just some of the questions and more being asked by our Senior Learners in Literacy as they explore their Lion's Club Speaking Competition topics. Ask these Learners to describe the structure of a Persuasive speech and bare in mind that when they tell you 'OREO', they do not mean the biscuits!

F-2's have been focusing on using correct punctuation in a text and therefore being able to use it when they are reading and writing. Learners have been busy writing their drafts of their Persuasive Text about Reusing and Recycling.

## Inquiry Unit

How can people use places and environments more sustainably? This has been the question unpacked and investigated by all Learners during the last fortnight.

Foundation - Grade 2 Learners are beginning to explore actions we can take with rubbish that will help to sustain our world as well as understand the consequences of not taking action at all! They should be your experts when deciding what to put in the bin and what can be recycled, at home!

Grades 3-5 Learners have been investigating how people can use environments and places sustainably and being able to provide solutions to how we can be more sustainable here at school, home and our community.

## Music

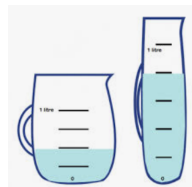
Throughout Music our F-2's have been focusing on identifying a variety of Instruments and how High pitch and low pitch sounds can be incorporated into our Music.

Grades 3 - 5 have been focusing on what the word 'Mime' means and how people can share feelings and emotions without talking. We have had lots of fun guessing each person's Mimes and actions they have been performing!

## Mathematics

We are learning to calculate the volume of a rectangular prism in Grades 3 - 5 Mathematics groups. Our Learners have utilised centicubes to build rectangular prisms, articulate the dimensions of their shapes and then multiply the dimensions to accurately calculate the amount of space which a shape takes up. Ask these Learners at home what volume is and why we would need to be able to calculate it!

F-2 Learners have been learning how to measure units in Capacity and recognise that different shapes can hold greater and less Capacity. Learners have learned a great deal about this topic. They have used measuring cups using water to investigate and estimate which shapes will hold the most and which will hold the least.



## Respectful Relationships

This week we welcomed Katrina van Eyk into our classroom providing the Learners with some exciting activities exploring their personal identity and strengths.

Junior Learners are able to use positive words to describe themselves and identified the differences between peoples identities & strengths using body cut outs.

Senior Learners created paper chains full of colours that explore different types of strengths, such as character, sports, creative, language and logical.

Thank you so much for these fun activities Katrina! We look forward to your next visit!

## SOFT PLASTICS COLLECTION POINT AT ST PATRICK'S



### You can recycle:

- Plastic shopping bags
- Bread, rice, pasta, lolly and cereal bags
- Biscuit packs (but not the trays)
- Frozen food bags
- Bubble wrap
- Fruit and veg bags and netting
- Toilet paper packaging and similar product packaging
- Old green bags (and other re-usable bags)

Please make sure your plastic is dry and as empty as possible.

## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

### Focus: Reading

When reading a text with your child, discuss words that have tricky meanings i.e. words you don't hear or see very often. Develop a weekly list of tricky words e.g. exhilarated, frantic, ogre, pessimistic, ambled. Encourage your child to draw a picture of each word or find a picture of the word on Google images. Get them to use the word after watching a TV program each day. For example, I was so exhilarated after watching my favourite show I couldn't wipe the smile off my face.



# Strategic Plan

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

## Catholic Identity

*'Learners, families and staff, inspired by the Catholic story, making a difference in the world in the Spirit of Jesus'.*

## Strategic Intentions:

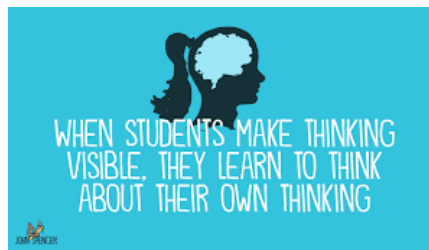
To be a faith filled community that lives the values of St Patrick and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

## Success criteria:

For our community to live out our motto, 'To Love, Learn and Respect'.

Discussing and implementing sustainable practices supports self, family, community and our Earth.

It is through this learning that we hope to make a difference in the world in which we live, work and play. Our actions, regardless of the size, can inspire others and impact those around us.



## Learner free day



On **Monday 9th August** all staff will be participating in our second whole of school staff Professional learning day to support our 'Visible learning' journey.

Please place this date on your calendar.

Learners are introduced to the Learning Intentions at the beginning of each lesson which informs our Learners of what they will be learning. These are descriptions of what Learners should know, understand and be able to do by the end of the lesson.

Success Criteria is how Learners will know if they have achieved the Learning Intention, how they will know if they have had success with their learning.

Through this language and clarity, Learners have the same idea as their teacher as to what it is they are learning and why. Both Learning Intentions and Success Criteria show the direction of the learning. There should be no secrets as to what they are learning and how they will know if they have achieved success.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

On Saturday 7th August at 6.00pm Mass we will welcome Bishop Shane Mackinlay to confer the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist to five of our Learners:

Sarah van Eyk

Riozelle Sawit

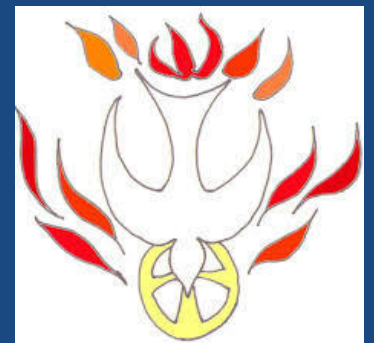
Jores Correa

Jace Pacala and

Reece Fernandez.

Please keep these Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this important milestone in their faith journey.

It would be wonderful to see many of our families and Learners at this important event to support each Candidate.



## SUSTAINING GREAT LEARNING PRACTICES!

**Name: Tiffany Calamcam** - for setting small goals in her writing and striving to achieve them. Tiffany reads what she has written out loud to identify whether her sentences make sense. This allows her to make changes and improve her writing. Keep using this great strategy Tiffany!

**Name: Ize Pantig** - For being able to identify the correct units of measurement in Math to find the capacity of different shapes and objects. Well done Ize!