

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,

What a wonderful response we had from all of you and the wider Pyramid Hill community for our Shrove Tuesday pancake fundraiser. We raised almost \$200, all of which will go to Caritas Australia. Stay tuned for more fundraisers in the last 3 weeks of term

Now that many of the Covid restrictions are being eased, we will finally be able to invite you all in to the school on a more regular basis. The first opportunity will be our open house on Monday 4th April. You'll find more details inside this Newsletter. Please note that all visitors will still need to be fully vaccinated.

The second opportunity for parents will be on Tuesday 3rd May. This will be an open meeting to discuss how to best include you in the life of the school and organise opportunities for parent involvement and engagement. I encourage all of you to attend if possible and look forward to hearing, discussing and sharing ideas about how we can continue to make St. Pat's a wonderful learning community.

Today was spent at the pool for our Annual Swimming Sports. Events such as these are wonderful opportunities for all the students of the two Pyramid Hill schools to come together for some healthy competition, to get to know each other a little bit better and to have some fun. Thanks to Zoe as well as Sean and Luke at the College for the organisation and hard work to make the day happen. We look forward to more opportunities to work and play together throughout the year.

This Sunday's reading from Luke's Gospel tells of the transfiguration of Jesus. This event is both mysterious and familiar. It is a well known story and whole books have been written trying to explain the deeper meaning and the message that it holds for us today. The part I connect with most though, is the very first sentence: *"Jesus went up the mountain to pray"* and it was while he prayed that his appearance changed. I used to think that when I prayed it was God who had to then perform. I now realise that prayer is about me changing. It's about me being able to perform what God wants of me, not me waiting for God to do what I ask of him. In this season of Lent we hope to become better versions of ourselves and we pray that God gives us the patience, courage and wisdom to be able to do that.

Have a wonderful week

John
Principal

TALAARAWAN

March

- 11th: Swimming Sports
- 14th: Labour Day Holiday
- 16th: Gymnastics
- 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- 23rd: Gymnastics
- 25th: Harmony Day
- 30th: Gymnastics

April

- 4th: Open House
- 6th: Collaborative Learning day in Cohuna
- 7th: Hot Shots Tennis - Yrs 5/6
- 8th: Last day of Term 1
- 25th: ANZAC Day
- 26th: First Day of Term 2

May

- 3rd: Parent Engagement Forum

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

Wow! What a fun filled couple of weeks. Cooking pancakes , swimming sports and St Patrick's day . It's always a pleasure to be out and about in our community. When there are so many serious issues in the world let's not forget to enjoy what's happening around us. Have fun, laugh, make mess, plan or enjoy some spontaneous Family fun. Our children enjoy taking time out to be children, and in all of us there is an inner child just wanting to take part! Turn off the news, be aware of what is said or heard and take time to play with your family.

Leiza

School Chaplain



Tagalog Links

Mapagpalang araw!

In nurturing the creativity of the Learners, we are introducing different shapes in Filipino Language (Tagalog) to Foundation – Year 2 Learners through tracing, drawing and colouring. I am really happy to see them excited in identifying the shapes and recall the terms in the said language of some materials and ingredients used during SAKG.

To step-up further, the learners will be creating their own masterpieces using the different shapes at the next meeting.

Have a great day ahead!

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



St. Patrick

Saint Patrick was born around the year 400AD in England, but when he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish pirates who took him to Ireland as a slave. After six years, Saint Patrick escaped and returned to England and his family.

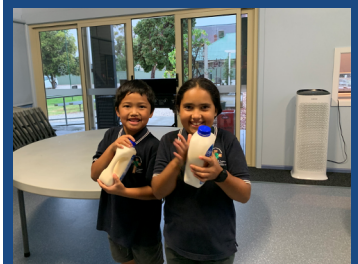
When Saint Patrick became a priest, he traveled back to Ireland as a missionary so that he could teach the people about God. He used examples to explain the mysteries of the faith in simple ways. One day, Saint Patrick compared the Trinity to a shamrock. He said that the shamrock has three leaves, but it is only one plant. In the same way, God is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—but one God.

Another story tells of how he drove all the snakes out of Ireland. He is the Patron Saint of Ireland and engineers.

St. Patrick died in 491AD on March 17th which is why this has become his Feast Day.



PANCAKE TUESDAY



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

March:

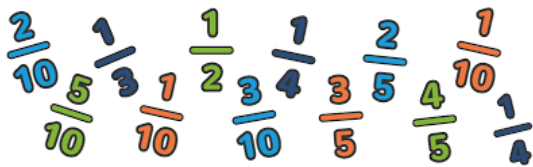
Literacy

Led by Zoe, this week sees us moving into persuasive writing. Be prepared to be convinced, cajoled, reasoned with and disputed as our Learners begin the journey of becoming very persuasive in forming arguments, justifying their reasons and swaying opinion. We are looking forward to seeing where this will be taking us.



Mathematics

Having finished for now our work on Shape and Length we now explore Time with our F-2s and Fractions and Decimals with our 3-6s. It's a very busy classroom indeed. There are fantastic displays of work being made and a very hands-on approach to all that we are doing. Sounds like it will be great fun.



Inquiry Unit

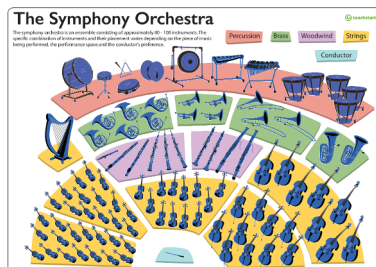
Our learning of the Learner Dispositions: resilience, curiosity, self-direction, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration continues and our students are really getting into it all! They are mind-mapping, emoji making and dropping eggs. Our latest challenge has been to think through with a partner a method or strategy to drop a raw egg from the height of the playground without breaking it. What a clever and diverse range of methods were devised.



Music

In Music we are currently looking at the instruments of the Symphony Orchestra. This includes Percussion, Brass, Woodwind and Strings.

We will also be investigating sound, posing questions such as: what is sound, how is it made, how does it change, what's the difference between sound, noise and music and what are vibrations.



PANCAKE TUESDAY



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: Spelling & Reading opportunities

There are many ways that we can support a child's reading and spelling development. One of these ways is to get in the habit of looking at words in the everyday world, for example:

- reading labels at the supermarket
- looking at words and finding patterns in junk mail
- finding words in catalogues, cutting them out and putting them in alphabetical order
- reading street signs and road signs

Open House

Meet and Greet and Something to Eat

On Monday 4th April (5-6pm) we would like to invite all families to come along and to visit our learning space. We will have a showcase for you of our learning this term in Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry and Religious Education. This will be a fantastic opportunity to have a chat to John, Kerri and Zoe, to see into your child's workbooks, check out our learning spaces and to see our Inquiry projects first hand. We are very excited to invite you along.

After this we extend our invitation to a BYO picnic dinner here on our school grounds. All members of your families, young and old are welcome to attend. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided, but we welcome you to bring along your own family's picnic dinner. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the company of each other and celebrate what has been a terrific term.



Diaries

Each week either Kerri or Zoe will write a brief comment on your child in their diaries. We encourage families to read together when you can and to chat about the events and learning experiences that your child is experiencing at school. We do encourage you to get in touch with our lovely Jessie or Kirsty at the office if you have any important messages as we may not check the diaries each day.



Next Thursday, the 17th March we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Hopefully you all received the flyer that went home on Wednesday, if not, the details are:

- Wear green
- Games and activities at school
- Free sausage sizzle lunch provided
- Pyramid Hill College will be joining us

We're looking forward to an awesome day.

SWIMMING SPORTS



Getting to Know Each Other

Student Profile:

Ethan Shapland - Foundation

My favourite colour is Green.

My favourite animal is a Dog.

My favourite food is noodles – yum!!

