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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 Wednesday, our Year 3-6 students walked up to Pyramid Hill College for the finals of the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. All Year 3-6 students at both schools presented their speeches last term at their own schools and this was an opportunity for the winners to go up against each other. Our Year 3/4 finalists were Jace and Ize. Jace spoke about why he would visit the city of Perth and Ize talked about the fun you might have if you visited the Gold Coast. Both boys spoke well and were very convincing about why you would want to visit their chosen destinations. In the Year 5/6 section we were represented by Reece and Ivey-Rian. Reece presented a well-researched speech about the famous 19th century composer Beethoven whilst Ivey-Rian did a great job of informing the audience about the life and times of the artist Vincent van Gogh. All 4 of our students did a fantastic job of representing St. Patrick's School and we're very proud of them. A big shout out to Kerri and Zoe for preparing them so well.

Next Monday, our Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Bendigo for the ABLAZE Festival. This Festival of witness, song and dance will be presented by Fr. Rob Galea and promises to be a very exciting day.

Thank-you to all the families who came along to our Working Bee last Saturday. In the midst of a very busy day with people working and having sports commitments, not to mention the miserable weather, we had lots of people turn up and we got many of the jobs completed. We all really appreciate your commitment and support of our school community.

This Sunday's reading focuses on the parable of the rich man who hoards away all his goods and belongings. The rich man in the story does not seem like a bad man; in fact, he seems like a smart businessman. Jesus, however, points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Whilst it's ok to look after ourselves, Jesus asks us to also look after those in need and to share our wealth with others.

Have a great week.

John

TALAARAWAN

August

- 1st: ABLAZE Festival - Yrs 5/6
- 3rd: Basketball Clinic
- 5th: SAKG
- 8th: Feast of Mary MacKillop
- 10th Basketball Clinic
- 15th: Feast of the Assumption
- 21st: Start of Book Week
- 23rd: Book Week Parade
- 25th: Athletics at Charlton
- 29th: Sandhurst Arts on Show

September

- 2nd: SAKG
- 7th: School Play
- 16th: SAKG. Last Day of Term 3

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

Staffing Announcement Last Day of School Year

Kirsty Twigg has decided to resign from her position here at St. Patrick's. We have been blessed this year to have Kirsty join us as one of our Administration Officers and we will be very sad to see her go. We will find a suitable time to farewell Kirsty in the next couple of weeks.

Chaplain's Chat

Reading quotes this week to reflect what a chaplain role is. Kindness is the language that is understood by everyone. It's the ability to take time out for others without judgment or expectation of things in return. It's very important to highlight where kindness happened to reflect the attitude to our little people. A time when someone's kindness touched your life!

We can end up with high academic scores, certificates and qualifications to equip us for life. But having attributes like Jesus are also vital in our life journey. What actions do you notice? What actions are you teaching? What actions do your children reflect on you?



Please put in to your calendars that the last day of the 2022 school year for students will be

Wednesday 14th December.

Staff will finish on Friday 16th December.

Tagalog Links

Mapagpalang araw po sa lahat.

Month of August is fast approaching and during this month, the Philippines is celebrating "Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa" (National Language Month).

National language in the Philippines began in 1935 during the Commonwealth era led by President Manuel L. Quezon. In 1946, a language based on Tagalog was adopted as the national language; which was officially designated as "Pilipino" in 1959. In 1973, Pilipino was formally renamed as "Filipino". Under the 1987 Constitution, Filipino and English were named as the official languages of the Philippines.

In our Filipino lesson, we are now focusing on activating learners' interaction through simple dialogues. In the entire activities, the use of "po" and "opo" were always emphasized. This is to show respect to people whom we are talking to.

On the other hand, during the SAKG, we are going to introduce at least two new Tagalog action words every session. During our revisit, learners were quick in recalling the materials, action words and ingredients commonly used in SAKG.

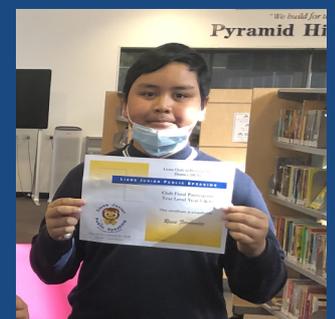
It is indeed a job well done!

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

- July:
- 4th - John
- 14th - Mary Anne
- 29th - Matilda

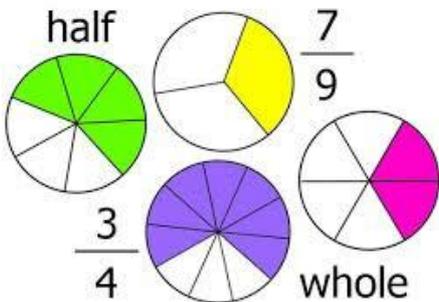
Inquiry

In **Inquiry** our focus has been on mapping Australia. The learners have learnt all about BOLTSS – Border, Orientation, Legend, Title, Source and Scale. It is really encouraging to see that all our learners know all the states and territories and their location in Australia.!



Numeracy

In **Mathematics** we continue to be very busy. Our topic is Fractions, so there are halves, quarters, thirds, tenths and eights going everywhere.



Literacy



In **Literacy** our learners have written their own fairy tale. Each of them is different from the others and they are truly fanciful. These books will be used during book week. We are very excited by what the learners have each achieved.

R.E.

In RE we continue to look at the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. We have discussed what it means to belong as well as looking at the signs, symbols and rituals of certain celebrations. Our focus now turns to the signs, symbols and rituals of Baptism.



READING SESSION



6 Natural Ways of Learning!

Focus: Natural Ways of Learning in the Home

Last week we introduced the 6 Natural Ways of Learning. The first of these is play. Some creative ways of play are: Making a cubby or a fort; construction with wooden blocks; water play in the bath or kitchen; sand play in the sandpit; pretend camping in the backyard; looking for minibeasts in the yard; playing superheroes; playing shops.

Help Needed

I do need someone who can help with a little bit of sewing – if you have a machine and a little time please call me – Kerri. I have only a couple of small tasks that I need some help with.



School Play

Yes, this is super exciting and all the actors are now preparing their costumes and learning their lines. There is much to do and still so many lines to learn. We have been practicing each day and we have also been making props and scenery backdrops. It is looking really good.

Our play date is **Wednesday 7th September**– there will a daytime full-dress rehearsal and an evening performance for family and friends here at school. More details to follow.

Term Goals

This term we want our learners to concentrate on their reading and their times tables. We are hoping to encourage our learners to really push themselves this term and to achieve new levels and reading experiences this term.

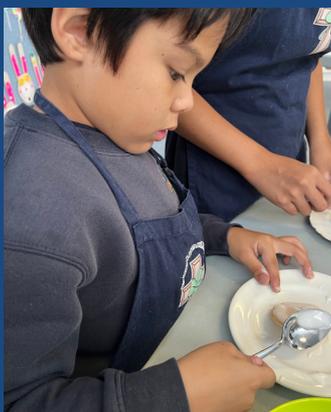
Our **Ice Cream tables challenge** is looking good and we am happy to say that all our learners have at least 1 scoop of ice cream on their cone! Please continue to practice your tables at home. We can't wait to see just how many scoops we can get!



Public Speaking

Ivee Rian Pantig, Reece Fernandez, Ize Pantig and Jace Pacala participated in the next level of the Lions Club Public Speaking competition held at the Pyramid Hill College on Wednesday 27 th July. They each presented their prepared speeches and were awarded for their participation. Well done to them and congratulations on the way they represented themselves and St Patrick's.

SAKG



Bendigo Braves Basketball

In **Sporting** news, we have *Bendigo Braves Basketballers* coming each Wednesday afternoon for the first five weeks of this term. Our learners are all set to get involved with dribbling, bouncing shooting and scoring. The basketball has been great and we have now had 3 out of our 5 sessions.