

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.

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2022 ISSUE NO. 18

Dear Families,

As this is the final Newsletter for the year, I would like to say a very heartfelt thank-you to all of you. We started the year with lots of change and many new faces yet we felt incredibly welcome and supported. That sense of hospitality and support has continued throughout 2022, through Covid outbreaks and floods as well as through the celebrations, events and the day-to-day activities of school life. It's been a big year and we wouldn't have been able to do it without your support.

We have our End of Year Mass and Celebration tomorrow night. This is our opportunity to gather as a faith community, to farewell our Grade 6 students and to celebrate a great year. The Mass will be followed by a BBQ tea in the school grounds. (There may even be a special visitor!) It would be wonderful to see you all there.

We are very excited that Bianca Guley will be joining us next year as one of our classroom educators. Bianca is a graduate teacher who is currently working as an Education Support Officer at St. Therese's in Bendigo. She will be coming up to meet the students and spend the day with us tomorrow.

On Wednesday 23rd of November, 7 children from our Parish celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. 5 were from St. Pat's and 2 from Pyramid Hill College. It was a lovely celebration and I would like to congratulate Matt, Sophie, Matilda, Nick, Tiffany, Ivan and Ize for the mature way in which they approached the preparation and the respectful way they entered into this important event in their lives.

I wish each and every one of you a safe, peaceful, happy and holy Christmas time and look forward to whatever experiences 2023 gifts to us.

Merry Christmas

John

TALAARAWAN

December

5th: Food Share. Yr 6 Transition 2pm

6th: Morning tea for community readers and volunteers. End of Year Mass 6pm followed by BBQ tea.

7th: Swimming lessons

8th: Swimming lessons

9th: Swimming lessons. SAKG

12th: End of Year Excursion to Bendigo

13th: Yr 6 Whole day transition day.

14th Students Last Day - finish 3:20

15th: Staff Last Day

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

End of School Year 2022

The end of the School year is nearly upon us. Please note the following important dates:

End of Year Mass - 6th December

Whole school excursion - 12th December

Students Last Day - 14th December

Chaplain's Chat

At the end of the 19th century the Austrian Erwin Perzy, a producer of surgical instruments, invented the so-called Schneekugel (snow globe) and got the first patent for it. Originally his goal was to develop an extra bright lightsource for use as a surgical lamp.

Why may I share about a snow globe? Do we get snow, NO! The children have been talking about snow globes. It got me thinking about this time of the year. About our bright light to the world, our light source, Jesus. Like the snow globe full of glitter, floating and swirling around our calendars are full of events. Let us not forget the reason for the season. Who is the light in our lives? No matter how full your calendars get, Jesus will always be the light to the world! Like the snow globe creating light to lead the way in the medical field, Jesus will light and guide you on your life path!

May your Christmas be filled with rich blessings of light, love, peace and goodwill.

Leiza Mathers
School Chaplain



Beginning of Year 2023

And also, some important dates for next year:

Staff begin - Friday 27th January

Staff 1st Aid Course - Monday 30th January

Students begin - Tuesday 31st of January.

School Photos - Monday 13th February

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday 22nd February

End Term 1 - Thursday 6th April

Good Friday - Friday 7th April

Easter Sunday - Sunday 9th April

Tagalog Links

Magpagpalang araw!

We are thankful for the learners' active participation in Filipino sessions such as recalling words and phrases, singing Filipino songs like "Kumusta ka" and during the filming of our Languages Film Festival Entry. **It's a job well done to all the learners as we won first prize in the competition.**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone.

Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon sa lahat.

Keep safe and enjoy!

Mary Anne Domingo
Language Assistant



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

4th - Jessie

19th - Reece

GRADE 6 DAY OUT



St. Patrick's School
Pyramid Hill

End of Year Mass and Celebration

We would like to invite you to St Patrick's End of Year
Mass and Celebration on

TUESDAY **6** DECEMBER AT 6 PM

Followed by a BBQ Dinner in the school grounds.
Please bring a salad or a sweet to share.

2022



Sound Identification

Identifying the individual sounds within words is an important phonological awareness skill for literacy development. Being able to identify the sounds which make up words is critical for being able to blend sounds together when reading and also segment the sounds when spelling.

Go to [wordwall.net/resource/28388318](https://www.wordwall.net/resource/28388318) for some interactive activities.

Covid 19

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, we are going through another COVID 19 wave. We are aware of a number of positive cases in Pyramid Hill so please test yourselves and your children if there are any signs or symptoms. **If a member of your household tests positive, students can still attend school if they have no symptoms and wear a mask. If they do have symptoms, they must stay home and test each day for 5 days.**

We still have plenty of RAT kits and masks available, so if you would like some for over the holidays, please let me know how many you'd like.

Grade 6 Big Day Out

To celebrate the completion of their Primary School years, Rian and Gillian were treated to a Big Day Out in Bendigo.

Kerri and Jessie accompanied them on the day, starting with a couple of games of 10 pin bowling and thanks to Gillian's magic ball they all scored quite well. This was then followed by lunch at Grill'd and a stroll through the Conservatory and the Gardens. Then after checking out all the old buildings in Pall Mall they grabbed a bubble tea and made their way home.

Advent

Advent is a time for preparation. In Religious Education classes at the moment we are preparing for Christmas by discussing the tradition of the Advent Wreath. The Advent wreath consists of 5 candles. One for each week of Advent and one for Christmas.

Three of the advent candles are purple representing Hope, Peace and Love and the week 3 candle is pink representing Joy. The white candle is for Christmas Day.

2023 School Fees

Each year there is a review of the School Fees and Levies. Many things are taken into consideration including the cost of living, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), inflation and recommendations from the Catholic Education Office. At the last Parent Form it was decided to increase fees by 3%.

Please let me know if you did not receive the updated fee schedule 2 weeks ago.

GRADE 6 DAY OUT



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.