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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,

I hope you all had an opportunity to get to the Pyramid Hill Art Show last week. All of our students put forward an entry and to have their excellent art work up on display, amongst all the other incredible art works was terrific. Congratulations to Trisha and Ize who were both awarded Highly Commended for their entries.

We had a wonderful turn out for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Stall at the Neighbourhood House last week. It was lovely to have so many community members sitting under the trees enjoying a cuppa and some freshly made pancakes. We made over \$100 and would like to thank all who helped out to make the day so successful.

Our Ash Wednesday Mass was also held last week. As always, I was so impressed with how well the students behaved, sang, read and participated. It was also nice to have a couple of parishioners join us and thanks to Fr. Dean for making the effort to celebrate with us as well.

As we have done in past years, we will be having a number of fundraisers for Caritas up until the end of term. We will notify you each week of what events and activities are taking place. Look inside this newsletter for news of our first activity!

Yesterday was the first Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel we heard about Jesus being tempted in the desert. When things get tough, we can always look to Jesus as someone who also experienced tough times and tough decisions. Maybe this Lent we can use the example of Jesus, especially when we're tempted towards a bad decision, to make good, positive choices at all times.

Have a great week,

John



TALAARAWAN

MARCH

2nd: Caritas Fundraiser - Water Sprinklers

3rd: SAKG

7th: Swimming Sports

9th: Gymnastics in Cohuna

10th: Student Free Day

13th: Labour Day Public Holiday

16th: Gymnastics in Cohuna

17th: St. Patrick's Day

23rd: Learning Conversations

24th: Learning Conversations - Student Free day

30th: Gymnastics in Cohuna

31st: SAKG. Working Bee 4-6pm

APRIL

6th: Last Day of Term 1

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

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Swimming Sports

Our combined swimming Sports with Pyramid Hill College will take place next Tuesday, 7th March. All children will meet at school at the start of the day. The Year 3-6 students will walk to the pool at the start of the day and will need to bring snacks and order a BBQ lunch. The F-2 students will walk down after lunch. All children will be dismissed from the pool at the end of the day. Please complete and return the attached permission form as soon as possible.

Chaplain's Chat

This week we have been looking at the words we speak to ourselves! Self Esteem is the confidence we have in our worth. Using affirmations to encourage us in our everyday life is important. The words we speak to ourselves give us the lens we will look through in the day ahead of us. We have all been in the position of I'm not good enough , I can not do this only to have someone encourage us to try. Be your best cheerleader, your best advocate, your best inspiration and best tick tock influencer. Your words to yourself can change your outlook! Be the difference in your own situation.

God bless.

Leiza Mathers

School Chaplain



Working Bee

At our last Parent Engagement Forum it was decided to have a working bee at school. The group agreed that a Friday afternoon, after school would best suit our families. The Working Bee will be on Friday 31st March from 4pm - 6pm. Pizzas will be provided for dinner for all those who wish to stay after the Working Bee and have a meal together. More details coming soon.



Tagalog Links

Magandang araw po.

We are all excited for the upcoming Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 2023 as we are planning to serve Filipino foods for the said activity. Also, another big activity this year is the Languages Film Festival 2023 which is already launched this month with the theme "Languages Connect".

I am on a holiday trip to the Philippines and I will be back by the end of March. I am hoping that you will have more exciting ideas to share for the crafting of our entry to the film festival.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Mary Anne Domingo

Language Assistant



SHROVE TUESDAY



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - FEBRUARY & MARCH

3rd February - Jean

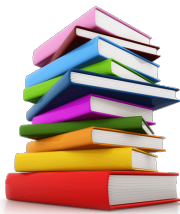
8th March - Bianca

26th March - Thomas

Literacy

We have been writing exciting narratives about Ducks in Space in Literacy, exploring 2D shapes in Numeracy and exploring our oral health in Inquiry. We have also been planting new plants during SAKG, learning new games at Sport and participating in Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday and Ash Wednesday activities.

We have also been doing guided reading, GLP and handwriting. Our senior students are reading the novel 'The Secret Garden', our middle students are looking to Aesop's Fables and our younger learners are using our Little Learner decodable readers. Our reading is really showing progress.



Numeracy

In Numeracy we been exploring the properties of 2D shapes with 3D shapes being our focus next week. We have been making models and looking for shapes in our natural world. It is amazing what you can see!

What are the missing numbers?



Inquiry

Our Inquiry topic for this term is Me! What am I worth? This topic is very important for all of us. We have been focusing on caring for ourselves, in particular our oral health. Thanks to the Guardians of the Gums – comic fighters of bacteria and decay – for helping us to clean our teeth, look for hidden sugars in our drinks and foods and our overall oral health. Our learners have each been given a tooth brush, tooth paste and a brush container and we are brushing our teeth now regularly after our lunch/snack.



We would like to wish Trisha and Thomas a wonderful trip to visit their family in the Philippines. They are having a wonderful time. We also want to wish Mary Anne and Julius a wonderful and safe trip to the Philippines as well. We know that they are excited to see their daughters and the rest of their family. We look forward to catching up with all of these people when they return to Australia.

Kerri & Bianca

Classroom Teachers

SHROVE TUESDAY



Sound Deletion

Sound deletion is a later phonological awareness skill typically acquired between grade 1 and grade 2 which is the ability to identify how a word would sound if one sound was omitted (e.g. from either the beginning or ending of a word). This is a crucial skill in decoding new words and understanding word families.

Go to wordwall.net/resource/28389661 **for some interactive activities.**

Mosquito Spraying

As was mentioned last week, over the holidays, to combat the amount of mosquitoes about, the Shire did some spraying around the town, including around the school. Whilst this has greatly reduced the numbers, more spraying is required to keep our community as safe as possible. The next lot of spraying will occur **this Saturday, 4th March**. Please stay away from the school this weekend, especially on Saturday.



Caritas Fundraiser

Our first Caritas Fundraiser will be held this Thursday, 2nd March. We're asking that all children bring their bathers and towel to school. After snack in the afternoon, the children will change into their bathers and enjoy some fun under the sprinklers on the lawn. This will be followed by zooper doopers. All children are asked to bring along a gold coin donation for Caritas



Hard Rubbish Collection

There will be a hard waste collection in Pyramid Hill next week. Council staff will be collecting items from Monday March 6th. The school is aiming to get rid of a number of surplus items. If you would like any of the items below, please come and get them. They are all free and will be on the concrete area outside the toilets, just come and grab what you want. First in, first served.



SILHOUETTES



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.