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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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There was a bit of excitement around the school this morning as we welcomed Jessie, Mary Anne, Thomas and Trisha back to school. All of them have been over in the Philippines for various reasons and varying lengths of time but it's wonderful to have them back with us again.

Next term will look slightly different at school as Kerri is taking some Long Service Leave. Kerri and her husband Peter will be travelling to the U.K. and France over the first 5 weeks of Term 2. Jean will be replacing Kerri whilst she is away.

We have had a couple of wonderful celebrations since our last newsletter. St. Patrick's Day was a great success where we had the pleasure of hosting the Primary students from Pyramid Hill College. The children engaged in a rotation of 3 activities on the day, including Irish hat creations, baking cup cakes (green ones of course) and participating in a treasure hunt. A great day was had by all. We also celebrated Harmony Day with the learners dressing up in the colours of different countries, participating in a liturgy celebrating Australia's diversity and engaging in Harmony Day activities in the class.

Thank-you to everyone for your participation in our recent Learning Conversations. These form an important communication tool about the progress of your children, not just academically, but in all areas of school life.

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday, an important event in our liturgical calendar. Palm Sunday is not only the last Sunday of Lent, it is also the first day of Holy Week. Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday because at Mass on this day we hear the story of the passion of Jesus involving the last 3 days of his life before the great celebration of the resurrection. If I don't see you before then, have a very happy, holy and blessed Easter.

Have a great week,

John

TALAARAWAN

MARCH

27th: Food Share

30th: Gymnastics in Cohuna

30th: Movie and Popcorn day

31st: Working Bee 4-6pm. SAKG

APRIL

5th: PH College Fete

6th: Last Day of Term 1

24th: Term 2 starts. Food Share.

25th: ANZAC Day holiday

MAY

1st-5th: Catholic Education Week

1st: Year 5/6 Cluster Student Conference - Echuca

3rd: SAKG

5th: Good Samaritan Cup Kerang

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

"Let the words you speak, always be full of grace"

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Gymnastics

Our gymnastics program continues this Thursday 30th March. The students will be travelling over to Cohuna by bus, leaving school at 9:15 for a 10:00am start. We will have lunch in the park in Cohuna after our session is finished so please don't send anything that needs to be re-heated..



Chaplain's Chat

We here at St Patricks have an amazing opportunity where our learners get to benefit from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Every second week the learners are working in our garden. We prepare our garden beds, research the vegetables the learners would like to grow and how we may use them in the kitchen. This is a sustainability program as we use wicker garden beds which need less water. Learners enjoy working in all areas, planting, weeding, cooking, preparing and eating the meal. Over the holidays come and have a look at the garden. Your help with watering would be greatly appreciated. This SAKG program allows us to work together to support many!

Leiza Webb

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

Hello everyone!

I am glad to see you all after our quick holiday trip to the Philippines.

This week, I am hoping that the learners have already come up with heaps of ideas to share for the crafting of our entry for the Languages Film Festival 2023 with the theme "Languages Connect".

Have an exciting week ahead!

Mary Anne Domingo

Languages Assistant



ST. PATRICK'S DAY



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - MARCH & APRIL

26th March - Thomas

1st April - Kerri

19th April - Jace

10th April -Leiza

20th April - Lily

Literacy

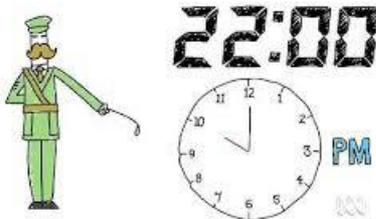
In Literacy we are writing narratives again, this time using interesting prompts to get our creative juices flowing.

Our reading groups are getting close to finishing their novels and stories which have been absolutely wonderful. We look forward to our novel reading next term.



Numeracy

Time is our Numeracy focus with our juniors focusing on telling the times to $\frac{1}{4}$ past, $\frac{1}{2}$ past, $\frac{1}{4}$ to and also o'clock. They will be matching this up with the digital clock and with events during the day. The seniors are delving into 12/24 hour time and will be using this to reference to timetables and military time.



Inquiry

Our learners have been looking into what keeps them safe as digital learners. E-safety is a critical skill for young people as they move into and around the cyber world. Keeping safe and knowing what to do if 'it doesn't feel right' are just some of our keep strategies.

R.E.

In R.E. we have been looking at the lives of people who are supported by Caritas Australia. It's been wonderful to look at how our Project Compassion money gets spent and the difference it makes to these people and their communities.

Learning Conversations

We would also like to say a big thank you to all the families that came to see us last week for our Learner Conversations. They were all very well received and we just love talking to you about your children. We are very proud of all of our learners and strongly believe that they are learning and progressing very well.

Kerri & Bianca:

Classroom Teachers

GYMNASTICS



Syllables

As you read with your child, practice breaking words up into syllables.

For example, chick-en (chicken) has two syllables and el-e-phant (elephant) has 3 syllables.

Clapping out the word into syllables can help.

Also, talk about how longer words have more syllables.

End of Term

The last day of Term 1 will be Thursday the 6th of April. Please note that school will be finishing at 2:30 on this day.

Term 2 begins on Monday the 24th of April.

Tuesday the 25th of April is ANZAC Day and is a public holiday therefore there will be no school on this day.



Catholic Education Week

The second week of next term is Catholic Education Week. There will be a number of events happening throughout the week, most notably the Grade 5/6 Student Conference in Echuca on Monday 1st of May and the Good Samaritan Cup in Kerang on Friday 5th of May. Please keep an eye on the calendar for these and other events.



Pyramid Hill College Fete

Pyramid Hill College will be holding an Easter Fete on Wednesday the 5th April from 3pm - 6pm.

We have been invited to run a stall at the fete and will use this as an opportunity to raise more funds for CARITAS. The prizes for our stall will be Freddo Frogs.

If you are able to donate a bag of Freddo's or if you've got some time to man the stall we'd love to hear from you.



Caritas Fundraiser

Timetable

Our last 2 Caritas Fundraisers are coming up. The first one this Thursday after Gymnastics and then next week at the PH College Fete.

30th March: The children will watch a movie and enjoy some popcorn after we get back from Gymnastics. Gold Coin donation.

5th April: We will be running a stall at the PH College Fete. All proceeds will go to our CARITAS Project Compassion fundraising effort.

GYMNASTICS



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.