

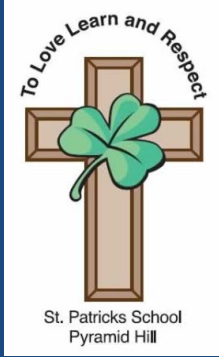
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'Never see a need without doing something about it' - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

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,

Catholic Education Week ended up being a very busy week indeed. Our Year 5/6 students represented the school excellently at the Northern Plains Student Leadership Conference and rose to another leadership challenge at the end of the week at the Good Samaritan Cup in Kerang. I am always amazed at the maturity and responsibility shown by our young school leaders and how they continue to stand up and do their jobs so well at every occasion. We are very fortunate to have such fine leaders in Jores, Lily and Reece.

During Catholic Education Week the students also participated in our fortnightly Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This unique program has been going for a number of years now and is a wonderful opportunity for our students to work together outside the normal confines of the classroom. Jean, supported by Leiza and Mary Anne, does a wonderful job every second Friday preparing for SAKG and leading the learners in planting, harvesting, preparing and cooking, and then sharing a meal together.

Last Thursday and Friday, Bianca attended the Sandhurst Diocese Graduate Teacher Conference. This conference involved interactive workshops, focusing on learning and teaching strategies that support student learning and classroom management, as well as the VIT registration process. It was also a great opportunity for Bianca to network with her fellow graduate teachers from across the diocese.

This coming Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The Gospel reading is Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." Jesus goes on to inform them (and us) that we won't have to do this alone because He will be with us; yes, to the end of time. The week after is the feast of Pentecost where God sends His spirit to be with us, to be in our hearts as we try to follow the teachings of Jesus to the best of our ability.

Have a great week. John

TALAARAWAN

MAY

15th: Mayor Dan visiting

17th: School Mass 11:45

19th: SAKG

22nd: Food Share

23rd: Bianca's Graduation Ceremony

30th: Andrew Chinn Concert in Inglewood.

27th: Start of National Reconciliation Week

29th: Kerri back

31st: School Photos

JUNE

2nd: SAKG

12th: King's Birthday Holiday

23rd: Last Day of Term

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

Chaplain's Chat

Mary McKillop had a very close relationship with her mother.

A mother's love is epitomized by sacrifice, self-giving, nurturing, shaping and supporting. Mothers rejoice in the creation of a child and enjoy the happiness of family life.

A mother's love is unconditional and something we are all impacted by. Have you ever considered the lessons you have carried on from your mother? We often find ourselves remembering sayings, recipes, wisdom and adventures from time with our mothers. I hope that on Mother's Day you got to create more happy family memories, with your mother. As a mother, your example is nurturing the future generation on **how we are loved** and **how to love** our MUM. Happy mothers day to our Mums, Grandma's and special ladies in our lives. God bless

Leiza

School Chaplain

Dental Forms

The dental health van will be visiting our school in the not too distant future. Forms were sent home a couple of weeks ago and were due back last Friday. Thank-you to all those who have returned their forms so far. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible.



Tagalog Links

Magandang araw po sa lahat.

We enjoyed our Mother's Day Special last Friday. We made beautiful letters for Mums enclosed in a chocolate (tsokolate) bar cover inspired envelopes and bookmarks "Mum's Hug Ticket".

To all mothers:

You are wonderful and you are appreciated with all the love and care you've poured to these brilliant and lovable children. May God continue to bless you and renew your strength every day.

Mary Anne Domingo

Languages Assistant



MOTHER'S DAY



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - MAY & JUNE

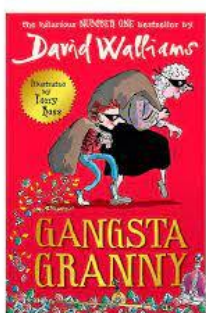
26th June - Svea

28th June - Phoebe

Literacy

In Literacy the students have been continuing to create Poetry. They have been focusing on shape poems and have all done a wonderful job

Our reading groups have continued to read the novel "Gangsta Granny" by David Walliams. This story is being used as the basis for comprehension activities and to support the students to read more deeply and with better understanding.

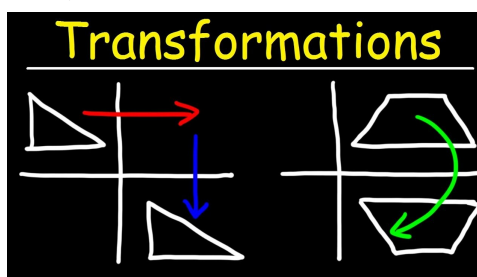


Inquiry

Our Inquiry topic in Civics and Citizenship continues to look at who the decision makers are in our community and also starts to look at the question of "How can I participate in my community?" The students will be looking at the different groups and organisations within our local and broader communities and the impact that these have on us. We will also look at what it means to be part of these groups and the roles and responsibilities that go along with being involved.

Numeracy

There's a few different things going on in our Numeracy classes at the moment. One focus is on Multiplication and Division and the relationship between the two. Chance and data activities also continue to be a focus as the students look at the probability and possibility of certain events happening. Shape and transformation is being introduced this week as well. The learners will determine what happens to a shape if you move it, flip it or turn it, and the differences depending on whether you give a shape a quarter turn a half turn or a full turn.



R.E.

In R.E., as part of our discussions on "How can we live like Jesus?", we have been focusing on the 12 Apostles and what it means to be a disciple. We looked at the accounts of how the 12 apostles were called by Jesus and how they responded to this calling. This will lead to the question "How do we respond to the call of Jesus?"

MOTHER'S DAY



Help your child listen for the sounds

One part of learning letters and sounds is being able to figure out if a word contains a particular sound. "Do we hear /mmmmmm/ in the word mmmmmmoon? Do we hear /mmmmmm/ in the word cake?" These sorts of activities, done orally with your child, can help them begin to listen for and hear sounds within words.

Mayor Dan Visit

Today we were very fortunate to have a visit from the Mayor of the Loddon Shire, Dan Straub. Mayor Dan has always had a hands-on approach and shows a great interest in all the towns in the shire, including Pyramid Hill.

With the children focusing in our Inquiry lessons on such topics as civics and citizenship, decision making, roles and responsibilities, and how to be involved in our community, it was wonderful to have our local Mayor take the time to talk with our students.

Dan talked about the voting process, decision making, the roles of different levels of government, involvement in the local community, responsibilities of the local council and the roles of the councillors.



School Mass

We will be having a School Mass in the classroom this coming Wednesday at 11:45am.

All members of our community are invited to attend.

Coughs and Colds

As we continue to move towards cooler days and even colder nights, the potential to get sick or catch a bug becomes more possible. Unfortunately there seems to be quite a few bugs around the place as we have had quite a number of children fall ill of late. It's really important that we continue to follow all the protocols of hygiene that we can to prevent the spread of germs such as washing our hands, hand sanitising and covering our mouth and nose when we cough or sneeze. Please also continue to test for COVID if you or your child is sick. If you need masks, RAT Kits or hand sanitiser, please let us know and we'll send some home.

MAYOR'S VISIT



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.