

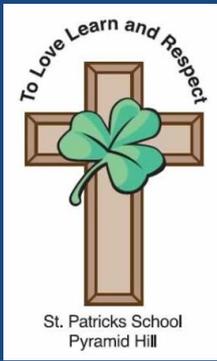
# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 17TH JULY 2023 ISSUE NO. 9

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3 and the second half of the year. I hope you all had an opportunity for some fun family time during the holidays.

First of all, thank-you to everyone who wished me a Happy Birthday for my big day during the holidays. I had a wonderful time away with Maree and a few other friends and your best wishes meant a lot to me.

Our Inquiry unit this term has a major focus on our First Nations people. We will start by looking at what life was like before European Colonisation and follow this up with the impact that colonisation had on our indigenous people. As part of this area of study, we will be having an excursion to the Yung Balug Aboriginal Artefacts Museum in Boort. Paul Haw, the founder and manager of the museum, will also take us for a walk around the Boort Lakes area to look at "scar trees" and other evidence of aboriginal life in the past. We will be joined on the day by three members of the Catholic Education Sandhurst Aboriginal Network Team. The excursion will take place on Friday 28th July. Please complete the permission form coming home today and return it to school as soon as possible. Also, I have been given the opportunity to attend an Aboriginal Immersion Trip to Lake Mungo. Lake Mungo, 115 kms north-east of Mildura, is a special and ancient place, rich in aboriginal history and protected as a World heritage site. I will be away at Mungo in week 4 of this term and Kerri will be overseeing things while I'm away.

As most of you would be aware, Leiza has been away for a few weeks after injuring herself in a fall. She will return to work on Friday 28th of July. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Have a great week,

John

### TALAARAWAN

#### JULY

17th: Playgroup @ 10:30

18th: Sacramental Preparation Session 2 - 4:30

19th: School Mass 12:45

20th/21st: Carol away at Critical Incident Training

21st: SAKG. Dental van

24th: Festival of the Sacred Practice. Playgroup @ 10:30. Parent Engagement Forum 4:30

25th: Sacramental Preparation Session 3 - 4:30

28th: Excursion to Boort

31st: Playgroup @ 10:30

31/7 - 4/8: John away.

#### AUGUST

11th: Pupil Free 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.



*Kindness in Community*

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

Every day  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

## Tagalog Links

Mapagpalang araw sa lahat!

Learners actively participated during the commemoration of the Philippine Independence Day last term. They displayed eagerness in learning the Filipino Culture. They also enjoyed the Filipino Games led by Jessie Ann and making a big Filipino Flag crafted by the learners led by Kerri and Bianca. It was indeed a fruitful day.

### *Language Film Festival*

With the learners' brilliant ideas that they shared last term, we are going to finalise the first part of the script for the Language Film Festival. We will keep on practising the Filipino Songs for the said film.

Have a lovely week ahead.

Mary Anne Domingo

*Languages Assistant*



## School Starting Time

Just a reminder that school doesn't officially start until 8:30am each morning. Even though staff arrive before this time, no-one is on yard duty until 8:30. This allows the staff time to prepare for the day. Students should not arrive before this time. Thank-you for your understanding.

## Play Group

**St. Patrick's School hosted a Supported Playgroup, for the first time today. This playgroup is organised by Kinsley Mowat from the Northern District Community Health Service. Commencing today, the playgroup will run every Monday for the duration of the school term. We will hold the group in the Library and Kitchen area of the school. All families in the Pyramid Hill community with children 5 years and under are welcome to attend.**



## Dental Van

On Friday this week, the 21st of July, the Dental Van will be visiting our school. The van will arrive at approximately 10:30am.

## SAKG

Please note that SAKG starts back again on Friday this week.

## Parent Engagement Forum

**There will be a Parent Engagement Forum at school next Monday, 24th of July at 4:30 to discuss future planning for our school. All Welcome**

## Independence Day



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - JULY & AUGUST

4th July - John

21st July - Trisha

13th August - Jores

14th July - Mary Anne

29th July - Matilda

## Literacy

Our Literacy at the moment is very closely linked to our Inquiry topic and Indigenous perspectives. All students will be looking at various Dreamtime stories such as 'Tidalik the Frog'. These are stories that belong to the Indigenous people and they teach us a lesson or they explain something about creation. The students will look at the meaning behind the stories as well as the characters, events and settings which will help the students with their own writing.

In reading, the class will be discussing people of diverse backgrounds as they deepen their understanding of the history of Australia. Guided reading for the senior students will be looking at the book "Walking the Boundaries" whilst the middle students will focus on "After the High Tide".

## Numeracy

In Numeracy we are focusing on Multiplication and Division. Part of this work will be deepening the understanding of the relationship between these two mathematical concepts and the ideas of repeated addition and repeated subtraction.



## Inquiry

The new Inquiry topic for Term 3 asks the questions: **'What was Australia like before European Colonisation?' and 'What impact did Colonisation have on our First Nations people?'**

The students started last week looking at "connection". What are they connected to, who are they connected to and do they feel connected to the land, were all questions that were covered.

This week the focus will shift to the history of Australia. Our First Nations people have been here for 60,000 years, and this will be a starting point of a complete timeline of Australia and what it may have been like before European Colonisation.



## R.E.

Our first topic for Religious Education in Term 3 will focus on the Bible. We will look at the make up of the Bible, including the Old Testament and the New Testament, the history of the Bible, some of the Authors of the Bible and the sacredness of the Bible.

## Independence Day



## Word Opposites

Here is a link to a fun WordWall vocabulary building activity that your child can play. The student needs to hear or read the word and navigate through the maze to reach its opposite. You can change the game format if you wish once you access this site:

[wordwall.net/resources/28289572](http://wordwall.net/resources/28289572)

## Festival of the Sacred

Last Monday we had a visit from the Australian School of Performing Arts (ASPA). This visit was to introduce the children to the songs and dances that they will be performing at the Festival of the Sacred later this year. This event, organised through Catholic Education Sandhurst, takes place every year and involves every school in the Sandhurst Diocese. ASPA will visit us every second Monday for 8 weeks to help us prepare for the Festival. Our performance will take place at St. Mary's Echuca on Tuesday the 5th of September.



## Learning Conversations

Our Term 3 Learning Conversations will occur on Thursday the 10th of August. A form will come home soon for you to put down your preferred times. **The day after this, Friday the 11th of August, will be a Pupil Free Day**

## School Mass

We will be having a School Mass this Wednesday,

19th July at 12:45

Mass will be celebrated in the classroom and all are welcome.

## Sacramental Preparation

Our preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist started last week.

Our Sacramental program continues tomorrow, Tuesday 18th July at 4:30.

The day of the celebration of the Sacraments will be Saturday August 19th at 5:30.

Please keep all the students who are preparing for this special event in your prayers.

## Coughs and Colds

As I mentioned in a message last week, there have been a number of Covid cases, as well as other viruses such as the flu, affecting our local area over the past couple of weeks. Please, if your child is unwell, test for COVID and keep them home if they are unwell. If you need masks, RAT Kits or hand sanitiser, please let us know.

## John's Birthday



## 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.