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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,

It was great to welcome Leiza back on Friday. The community has missed her during her time of rehabilitation after her fall, so the students were very excited to see her smiling face. Leiza's return means that our 'Peaceful Kids' program will also re-start next week.

We had a terrific day at Boort last Friday. The Yung Balug Aboriginal Museum was full of rare, interesting and fantastic artefacts and the children both enjoyed it and learnt a lot about Indigenous history and culture.

You may have noticed in last week's Newsletter that I was supposed to be away this week. A group of teachers from across the Diocese were meant to be going to Lake Mungo in south-western New South Wales. It would have been an awesome trip but unfortunately, due to heavy rain, all roads into the Lake Mungo area have been closed and the trip therefore, had to be cancelled.

One part of our Inquiry focus on Indigenous History and Culture has been to look at Aboriginal Art. Kerri and Bianca have done a number of lessons on different styles and methods and the learners have done a great job. A special part of our Art focus will happen in Week 6 of this term. Michellie Charvat works for the Australians Together Foundation. Living in Bendigo, she is a young Indigenous artist who will be joining us for 3 days on the 14th, 15th and 17th of August. She will be doing a number of activities with the students, culminating with a piece of art that all children will have contributed to, and which will be able to be displayed outside for all to see.

Have a great week,

John

TALAARAWAN

JULY

31st: Playgroup @ 10:30

AUGUST

1st: Sacramental Preparation Session 4 - 4:30

2nd: Peaceful Kids

3rd: Bianca at Conference. Athletics at Charlton

4th: Bianca at Conference. SAKG

7th: Playgroup @ 10:30

8th: Mary MacKillop Mass 2pm. Sacramental Preparation Session 5 - 4:30

10th: Learning Conversations. Indonesian activities at PHC

11th: Pupil Free Day

14th/15th/17th: Artist Sessions

15th: Feast of Assumption Mass

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

Magandang araw po

Languages Film Festival Update:

We will be finalising the first part of the film which is all about the St. Patrick's Primary School quick advertisement. In due time, we will record a video of the first part of the film, so learners, get ready!

Have a blessed week ahead.

Mary Anne Domingo

Languages Assistant



Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival in Charlton is on this Thursday 3rd August. Please note that we will be leaving school at 8:45am sharp. All students need to be at school by 8:40 at the latest.

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

It was great to have a few more young Mums come along to Playgroup this morning. This playgroup is organised by Kinsley Mowat from the Northern District Community Health Service and will run every Monday from 10:30 - 12:30 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.



Mary MacKillop and The Assumption Feast Days

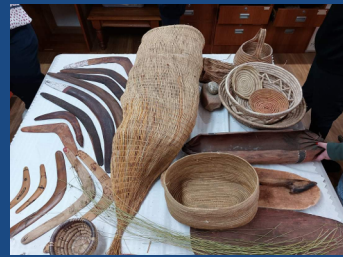
Saint Mary MacKillop's Feast day is August 8th and the Feast of the Assumption is August 15th. We will be celebrating Mass on both of these days.

Mass for Mary MacKillop will be next Tuesday, 8th August at 2:00pm in the school.

Mass for the Assumption will be the following Tuesday, 15th August at 2:00pm in the church.

All welcome.

Boort Excursion



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - JULY & AUGUST

4th July - John

21st July - Trisha

13th August - Jores

14th July - Mary Anne

29th July - Matilda

Literacy

We have been very busy over the past few weeks with excursions, working in Literacy and investigating our Indigenous community. It is quite exciting.

In Literacy we have just finished off our Dreamtime Inspired Stories and they are fantastic. The care and attention to detail is work to be very proud of. Well done. 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 over the past few weeks we have delved into addition to multiplication with the juniors and the seniors have concentrated on division; some even mastering long division which is quite the challenge. We are now looking into directional and locational language in Maths and also angles and mapping. Lots of fun games and challenges have been tackled and everyone is doing their best.



Inquiry

Inquiry has focused on our Indigenous Community of the Barapa Barapa. We have learnt about the long history of Aboriginal Australia, ancient cave paintings, Indigenous artworks and artefacts. Our excursion to Boort allowed us to get up close and personal with artefacts from our local community and to see the scar trees made by those communities living in the Boort Lake region many years ago. Everyone loved their learning experience and it has provided us with a greater understanding of the importance of recognition and reconciliation for peace, respect and country.



R.E.

We continue to focus on the Bible in our R.E. lessons. After looking at the make-up of the Bible and the different books in it, we have now turned our attention to the Gospels and specifically the parables that Jesus told. Our first parable was the story of the Good Samaritan and this week we will look at the Prodigal Son.

Boort Excursion



Book Week

Book Week for 2023 will be held between the 20th and 25th of August. This year's theme is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. The students will participate in a range of activities here at school, including a Dress Up Day. So kids, start thinking of your favourite books and characters and who you might want to come as on the day.

Festival of the Sacred

Next Monday we will have our 3rd visit from the Australian School of Performing Arts (ASPA) so that the children can continue to learn and practice the songs and dances that they will be performing at the Festival of the Sacred later this year. 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. If you have not yet returned the form with your preferred times, please do so as soon as possible so that we can allocate times and inform you of when to come in for your chat with Kerri and Bianca.

The day after this, Friday the 11th of August, will be a Pupil Free Day

Indonesian Excursion

On Thursday 10th August, we will be walking up to Pyramid Hill College for a range of activities prepared by the Indonesian Exchange students from 11:20 - 1:20. It promises to be a fun day.

Sacramental Preparation

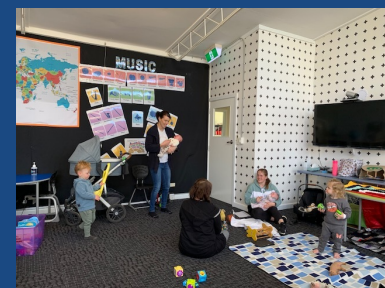
Our preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist continues this week. Svea, Matilda and Ize, along with their families, have been preparing well and have 3 sessions left before they receive the Sacraments on Saturday August 19th at 5:30.

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.

Playgroup



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.