

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.

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Dear Families,

As this will be the last Newsletter for the year, it will be full of thank-you's. Firstly, thank-you to those families who were able to make it to the Parent Engagement Forum last night. We were able to present and approve the new Master Plan for the School and I look forward to implementing it with you over the coming years. Throughout the year I have always felt the support of all the Parents, Guardians and families of our community, so thank-you to all of you on another wonderful year here at St. Pat's.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the volunteers who help out around the place, especially our Community Readers. The ability to read and gain enjoyment from spending time with a book, is the greatest gift we can give our children. For all those who give up their time to support our students we are extremely grateful.

Fr. Dean has also been a great support to me and the school community. The students get very excited whenever he visits or when we celebrate Mass and I know that he enjoys his visits just as much as the kids do.

We are blessed to have the staff at this school that we have. Everyone goes above and beyond what they are meant to do and always ensure that the children are at the heart of what they do. I am incredibly thankful to work with such a talented and passionate group of people. I would especially like to mention Kerri and Bianca and the work they have done and we wish them all the best for their journeys ahead.

Finally, thank-you to all the students. All parents and guardians should be very proud of the effort, attitudes and behaviour of their children. A special mention to Jores, Lily and Reece who will be heading off to Secondary School next year. Our whole school community wishes them the best for the future.

Have a wonderful, safe and peaceful Christmas Season.

John

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DECEMBER

3rd: First Sunday of Advent

4th: Food Share. James Bojo on work experience. Play Group at 10:30

5th: End of Year Whole school Excursion - Swan Hill

6th: End of Year Mass and Celebration

7th: Grade 6 Big Day Out

8th: SAKG. Next year's teachers Chris and Lou visiting

11th: Volunteers Morning Tea. Play Group at 10:30

12th: Moving Up Day

15th: Last Day for Students. Whole school at the Swimming Pool after 11:30

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

Whole School Excursion

We will be having a Whole School Excursion to Swan Hill on Tuesday the 5th of December.

Our destination for the day will be the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement where we will engage in a number of activities including a ride on the Paddle Steamer, doing a scavenger hunt, playing some pioneer style games and ride in a horse-drawn carriage. **Please note that we will be leaving at 8:30am and arriving back at 5pm.**

Grade 6 Big Day Out Change of Date

On Thursday the 7th of December, our Year 6 students will be celebrating the end of their Primary School Years with a Big Day Out in Bendigo.

Moving Up Day

Tuesday 12th of December is Moving Up Day. Our Foundation students will be spending the whole day at school and our Year 6 students will spend the whole day at the College.

Last Day of 2023

The last day of the school year for students will be Friday the 15th of December

End of Year Mass

Our End of Year Mass is next Wednesday, 6th December at 5:30, followed by a BBQ tea. This is our last chance to gather as a whole community, celebrate the year we've had, and say thank-you and farewell to the families, staff and students who will be leaving us.

Meat will be supplied but we ask that each family please bring a Salad or a Dessert to share. They can be dropped off at school before Mass.

BYO drinks.

Start of 2024

Important dates for the start of the 2024 school year:

Jan 18th, 23rd, 24th, 25th - School Office open

Jan 26th - Australia Day Public Holiday

Jan 29th - Staff return to school

Jan 30th - Staff 1st Aid Course

Jan 31st - Years 1 to 6 begin.

Feb 1st - Foundation students begin
Foundation students have Wednesdays at home until the end of February.

Languages Film Festival



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

4th November - Ivan

9th November - Ethan

17th November - Ize

4th December - Jessie

19th December - Reece