

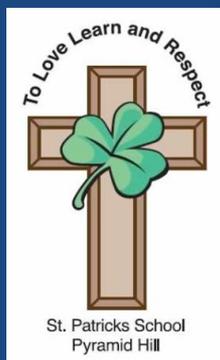
# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 Parents,

On Monday 7th June, we welcomed Brodie McDonald to St Patrick's Primary School as he officially commenced his role as Collaborative Classroom teacher alongside Samantha. Brodie has already settled in to the routines of the classroom and has been warmly welcomed by all. I look forward to introducing you to Brodie at our Parent/Teacher/Learner discussions next week.

Semester One reports have been distributed today and are a celebration of the learning that has taken place over the first two terms. Each Learner has achieved many milestones and much learning which has been acknowledged, along with areas for improvement. Staff look forward to meeting with you on either Monday or Tuesday next week to discuss these areas with you. Thank you to all staff for their time and efforts to ensure these reports are relevant and an accurate snapshot of your child/ren's learning. The Classroom will be open for Learners to show case their learning to parents either before or after your meeting. Our Learners appreciate any opportunity to celebrate their learning with others.

Our celebrations of Philippine Independence Day on Friday were wonderful and made even more exciting as we welcomed our Masterchef, Myla Ceballos to the classroom. Myla prepared a magnificent Filipino dish, Pancit, for everyone to enjoy. Thank you Jessie Bojo for your delicious 'Crinkles' for our dessert and to Nizelle for her organisation and preparation of the ingredients for our main meal. Everyone's efforts and contributions made for a memorable day. Thank you.

In the final week of the term we will welcome Ashlee Smith, a Year 10 student from East Loddon P-12 College who will join us for a week of Work Experience. We look forward to welcoming Ash to St Patrick's to support her learning and interest in the teaching profession.

Renovations continue at St Patrick's! The carpet was laid on Sunday and the exterior cladding is slowly being completed. The final stage for the interior is the joinery which has been delayed due to a wait on the materials. Hopefully this will be installed in the school holidays.

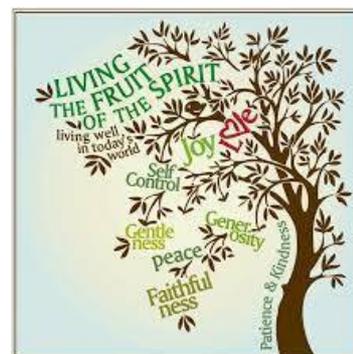
Our final Bowls session will be held on Friday with a double lesson. Due to Covid restrictions, unfortunately, we have missed one of our lessons. On Friday we will celebrate our learning and the end of the term with pizza for lunch alongside our Bowls volunteers. St Patrick's appreciate the support of these ladies and men as they have welcomed us and shared their talents across the term. Thank you to Jean also for her organisation and preparations of this learning. A permission form is attached to this newsletter.

The Lions Club Public Speaking competition will be conducted on Thursday 29th July for Learners from Grades 3 - 6. Attached to this newsletter is a permission form providing consent for your child/ren to participate, along with the topics for each section. Learners have been asked to consider their topic and choice for their speech. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop public speaking skills, confidence and oral presentation skills. We look forward to supporting each Learner as they develop their speech. St. Patrick's will host this event.

Keep safe and well in the approaching school holidays.

*Colleen Hampson*

Colleen Hampson  
Principal



*'Peace begins with a smile.'*

~Mother Teresa

Every day  
**COUNTS!**

School success starts  
with attendance

# Philippine Independence Day

We dressed in the colours of the flag of the Philippines. We ate the Filipino dish called Pancit. It contained chicken, noodles and vegetables.

Myla cooked our Pancit. She told us what ingredients to use in the Pancit.

We played a Kahoot about the Philippines and Colleen made it for us. Jean made us some slides about the Philippines to give us some clues about what the Kahoot might be about.

Jessie made Crinkles. They tasted delicious.

We were all happy and delighted about Myla coming to school to make the Pancit and Jessie to make the Crinkles.

By Svea Apostol and Sarah van Eyk  
(Grade 2) (Grade 3)

## Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

Once again we are going to look back on the Philippine National Symbols as we rekindle the Philippine Independence Day or Araw ng Kalayaan . This represents the tradition as well as symbols and ideals to identify Filipinos from others.

It's good to see all of you enjoying your delicious pancit for lunch and dancing Itik-itik gracefully . Thank you Myla Ceballos and Father Novie Lim for sharing your cultural minds among our learners.

Hanggang sa muli.

Maraming Salamat !

Nizelle Sawit

Language Assistant



## Attendance Semester One

Congratulations to our Learners who have achieved the highest attendance percentages for Semester One! Matilda Mowat, Gillian Pacala and Jace Pacala have recorded 100% attendance. Fantastic achievement!

## Chaplain's Chat

We often as parents do not have the power to control our children, but we can adjust our thoughts and feelings about the struggles of parenting. Its how we see a situation and what our response will be to it, that can impact the outcome. It takes time to change our responses and retrain our brain to find positives in situations like this:

- \*Children whining all day to = they are communicating their needs
- \* Wanting their way = Being persistent
- \* Demanding things = Being assertive
- \* Not sitting still = Being energetic and joyful
- \*Being Loud = Being expressive and confident
- \* clinging to me = Being affectionate and connected
- \* asking questions = loving learning

This article written by " Big life journal " really impacted me as a parent. We need to see challenges as an opportunity to change our thinking and empower our children in who they are. Confident, energetic, joyful , expressive, connected, assertive, clever, intelligent , interesting, creative and beautiful individuals we can often bypass by being busy or preoccupied . Next time a parenting issue challenges you ,stop and check your thinking. It is an opportunity to be GRATEFUL for the blessing of being a parent.

Take time to look at [biglifejournal.com](http://biglifejournal.com)

God bless.

Leiza

School Chaplain

## School Photos

School Photos have been taken, once again by our returning photographer, Casey Woodbine. Casey captures each of our Learners beautifully which is why we have continued with this partnership for five consecutive years.

Casey will be at school on Wednesday 23rd June & Thursday 24th June.

Casey is happy to support parents with ordering of photos and will be available between 2.45pm and 3.20pm on the above days.

PHILIPPINE  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

June

26th - Svea Apostol

July

1st - Sarah Vevers

3rd - Colleen Hampson

## Literacy

The structure of a text is how we are able to tell different text types apart. As Maia Sawit explains: The structure of a text is important because without it, just like a house, the text could not hold itself up.

Our Learners have continued to investigate Information texts this fortnight, reading to gather information about a topic which they are able to then utilise in their writing.

Junior Learners are excited to begin publishing their Information texts on the topic of Tiger Sharks.

Senior Learners will publish their pieces of writing on St Patrick's Church before investigating a topic of their choice.

## Inquiry Unit

Brodie and Sam have been very impressed to see the Homework Tasks arriving at school. Well done to those who have completed and brought their tasks to school. If you haven't yet done so, please bring the completed tasks back to school on Monday ready to present to your peers.

As our Inquiry unit draws to a close, Learners are creating one final presentation to demonstrate their knowledge of one person or event that has made significant contributions to Australia's history. While the Junior Learners are utiising Google Slides, the Senior Learners are creating their own Google Sites page.

## Music



This fortnight we have been listening to the words of 'Waltzing Matilda' as we delved deeply into the lyrics and their meaning.

We hope you have found time to enjoy and appreciate some Australian music in your homes.

## Mathematics

Fractions continue to be the focus of learning during Mathematics.

Junior Learners are investigating ways to read, write and represent fractions of quarters and eighths this week with a twist. Learners will begin investigating how to create quarters and eighths using objects.

Senior Learners this week will be investigating equivalent fractions and comparing the sizes of fractions.

Challenge your Learners at home by reading recipes together and discussing the fractions seen or get hands on with dinner and chop the carrots into halves, quarters and eighths!



## Respectful Relationships

It has been wonderful to watch our Learners enjoy celebrating their character strengths with everyone, including bravery, kindness, friendly, generosity, fairness.

Learners are able to identify a time in their lives when they have demonstrated these strengths and willingly share these experiences. They have also been working hard to build on their current skills & upskill in other strength areas.

**SAY NO TO BULLYING!  
SAY YES TO RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS!**



Congratulations to Gillian Pacala for her successful entry into the National poster competition for action against Bullying.

Gillian's poster was one of 40 finalists selected across Australia!

A fantastic achievement Gillian.

Well done!

## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

### Focus: Word endings

Encourage your child to listen to sounds at the end of words. Choose two words from their reader/book and ask them to judge if the two words end with the same sound (say some that match and some that do not). Encourage them to say the words too, and feel the sounds at the end of the words. Then, point out the two sounds at the end.

After mastering this, you might then say two words and ask your child which word has a certain sound at the end. For example, "Which word has the 'd' sound at the end: bed or man (bed)".

# Strategic Plan

Each fortnight we will identify how an aspect of our school life is supporting our Strategic Plan.

## Catholic Identity

*'Learners, families and staff, inspired by the Catholic story, making a difference in the world in the Spirit of Jesus'.*

## Strategic Intentions:

To be a faith filled community that lives the values of St Patrick and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

## Success criteria:

To enhance and build upon our school and Parish connections.

Celebrating Philippine Independence Day brought our Parish and school together as we welcomed Myla and Fr Novie from our Parish to support our celebrations.

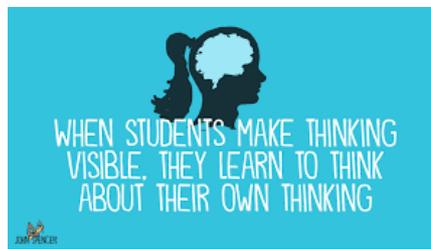
## Say 'No' to bullying; Say 'Yes' to respectful relationships!

This Term Learners were provided to put their learning into action with the *Say 'No' to Bullying; Say 'Yes' to Respectful Relationships* competition! It was wonderful to have Learners create a poster to represent this idea and submit it with pride.

Last Friday, Learners watched the virtual ceremony at school and it was announced that Gillian Pacala was in the Top 40 individual finalists for her poster out of multiple schools Australia wide!

It was wonderful to watch the ceremony together and hear the cheers from the crowd when they saw Gillian's artwork in the finalists division! What an amazing moment to witness and be a part of.

Congratulations Gillian!



## Learner free day

On **Monday 9th August** all staff will be participating in our second whole of school staff Professional learning day to support our 'Visible learning' journey.

Please place this date on your calendar.

Learners are introduced to the Learning Intentions at the beginning of each lesson which informs our Learners of what they will be learning. These are descriptions of what Learners should know, understand and be able to do by the end of the lesson.

Success Criteria is how Learners will know if they have achieved the Learning Intention, how they will know if they have had success with their learning.

Through this language and clarity, Learners have the same idea as their teacher as to what it is they are learning and why. Both Learning Intentions and Success Criteria show the direction of the learning. There should be no secrets as to what they are learning and how they will know if they have achieved success.



## PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY



## AS LEARNERS WE ARE NEVER THE SAME!

**Name: Maia Sawit** - For always giving 100% effort in both Maths and Literacy. Maia offers to explain her thinking to her peers and confidently participates in classroom discussion. Keep working hard Maia!

**Name: Matilda Mowat** - For showing resilience and bouncing back when facing challenges. Matilda has modelled strength when trying new foods in celebration of Philippines Independence