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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,

What a wonderful day we had on Tuesday celebrating the 124th Philippines Independence Day. We started the day with a Flag raising ceremony followed by Jessie telling the story of the Legend of the Pineapple. Our first craft activity involved crafting a Filipino flag before watching a cooking demonstration by Myla and Justin. Before our first break the children practised singing the Philippines National Anthem and the folk song Bahay Kubo. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food that Myla and Justin had cooked for lunch. After lunch the learners made some fans by weaving strips of paper and then enjoyed playing games together. The day concluded with a presentation for our guests who came along to watch, some of whom wore traditional Filipino outfits. All in all it was a wonderful day with special thanks to Jessie and Mary Anne for all the time and effort they put in to make the day so special.

A terrific day was had by all at the Circus Skills day at Pyramid Hill College yesterday. It's great that the College and St. Pat's are able to get together on regular occasions for these sorts of events so that not only do all the students in town get the benefits of these experiences but it also helps to build community.

There's nothing I enjoy more than sitting down with family and friends and sharing a meal together. This Sunday's readings talk about both the Last Supper and the feeding of the five thousand. Eucharistic moments when Jesus not only shared bread and wine but also shared of himself. Jesus asked that we do this in memory of Him and two thousand years later, we continue to do so.

Next week is the last week of what has been a very busy but productive term. All the students have been outstanding in both their attitude and effort throughout this first half of the year. I know that they are all looking forward to the holidays. The staff here at St. Pat's have worked tirelessly to ensure that all students are not only the best learners they can be but also the best people they can be and I know that they too are looking forward to a well deserved break.

Have a lovely break if you get the chance to have one and stay safe

John

TALAARAWAN

June

22nd: "Cinderella the Musical"

24th: SAKG.

24th: Last Day of Term - Finish at 2:30

July

10th: Start of NAIDOC Week

11th: First day of Term 3

13th: School Mass

15th: Cross Country

St. Patrick's Primary School is committed to child safety.

We believe all children have the right to feel safe and to be safe.



HOPE - For now and whatever lies ahead.

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Chaplain's Chat

Circus fun was had by all today. We laughed and attempted so many cool circus tricks. It's was so good for us to laugh and try simple fun activities together with the college. There are many benefits to laughing, reduces stress, boosts our immune system, improves heart and brain health! As adults we need to put aside what we might not like to do and get down to our child's level for some fun. Lay on the floor and colour in, make mess in the kitchen as you cook together, put on gumboots jump in puddles , have a PJ day watching movies, as our house chores can wait. Our children grow so fast that making time is important. These holidays make a circus kind of moment and laugh with your children!

God Bless

Leiza

School Chaplain



Parents of Year 3&6 Students

Yesterday, a letter was sent home informing you of a survey entitled "Comprehensive Monitoring" This survey is being done by all Year 3 and 6 students in the Shire and is designed to understand how children and adolescents think and feel about their lives. There is no need for you to do or sign anything unless you **don't** want your child to participate. Otherwise, the surveys will be completed next week.

Tagalog Links

Magandang araw!

St. Patrick's Primary School celebrated the 124th year of "Araw ng Kalayaan ng Pilpinas" (Philippine Independence) last Tuesday, 14th of June. It was a whole day activity in which Learners had a walk thru Philippine history, culture and tradition.

The Learners attentively listened to the Legend of Pineapple which was well presented by Jessie. Ms. Myla, a local Filipino chef together with Mr. Justin demonstrated their culinary skills in preparing the Filipino Foods - pancit, lumpiang shanghai and shakoy. We also crafted the Philippine Flag and pamaypay or fan and played filipino games. The Learners presented their crafts to their parents and sang a folk song, Bahay Kubo and the Philippine National Anthem.

It was indeed heart-warming seeing all the Learners actively participated the different activities on that day. We also appreciate the parents who had joined us in the said activity.

Maraming salamat po.

Mary Anne Domingo

Languages Support Officer



PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE DAY



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

June:

26th - Svea

28th - Phoebe

Lions Club Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all our learners who took part in the Junior Lions Club Oral Speakers Competition. The winners and runners up were:

Grade 5/6

Winner: Rian Pantig

-topic "Vincent Van Gogh"

Runner up: Reece Fernandez

-topic "Beethoven"

Grade 3/4

Winner: Jace Pacala

-topic "Perth"

Runner Up: Ize Pantig

-topic "Gold Coast"

Numeracy

Our learning in Mathematics turns to Money and Finance this week. We are hoping to build into our class games-based interactions which will develop money skills. Zoe is planning a whole shop load of fun for our F-2 learners.

If you feel comfortable, we would encourage you to allow your child to handle some money when possible. Perhaps they can buy you the milk or you could discuss upcoming purchases looking through catalogues together. Handling money is a life skill and an important one too.

Literacy

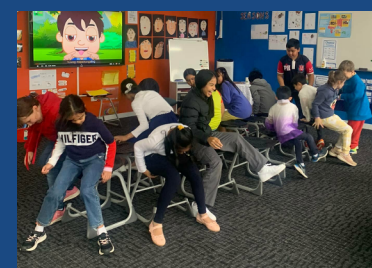
This fortnight we have introduced our learners to the joy of Fairy Tales. In preparation for our exciting excursion to see the fairy tale story of Cinderella on Wednesday 22 June our learners have been studying the characters, settings and plots of a number of fairy tales, including Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel and Jack and the Beanstalk. We have looked into the narrative plots and character traits of both the hero and villain in each of these stories. I know for one that we are super excited to see how the narrative plot plays out of what will be an amazing performance of Cinderella.

Thank-you to all those who are listening to reading each night – this is extremely important for the consistent growth of your child's literacy learning. We very much appreciate your constant support.

R.E.

We have just completed a short unit on Pentecost and the Fruits of the Spirit. We looked at how the virtues of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control can be used in our lives for the benefit of those around us. We also discussed where we see these spiritual fruits on display in the world today.

PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE DAY



CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS!

Focus: Reading Skills and Strategies

This term we have been focusing on the many strategies we use to help us understand what we read. The best way to improve reading though, is by reading, every day if possible. Reading together is a great way to spend a bit of 1 on 1 time with your children and this can happen anywhere at anytime. The living room floor, the back verandah, the kitchen table or tucked up in bed, are all great places to spend some quality reading time together.

Last Day of Term

Unbelievably, the last day of term is fast approaching. This term will finish on Friday the 24th of June.

Please note that school will finish at 2:30 on this day.

Term 3 will commence on Monday July 11.



'Cinderella'

The Musical

As you are aware, the students will all be travelling down to Melbourne next Wednesday to attend the musical production of Cinderella. We will be joining the students from Pyramid Hill College for this exciting excursion. In our initial note about this event, we stated that the students will depart from our school, this has changed as the bus will now leave from the college.

All students will need to be at Pyramid Hill College by 7:30 next Wednesday 22nd June. This is also where they will return to at the end of the day.

The students will initially be accompanied by Jean and Leiza; Kerri and Zoe will join them on the bus in Marong.

Unwell Students

You would all be aware that there are a lot of coughs and sniffles, sore throats and sneezes going around at the moment. Sometimes it's Covid and for others it's a nasty cold or the flu. To help keep it all under control and try to minimise infecting other students, staff and families, I urge you to continue to be vigilant and take all measures possible to ensure we don't pass these things on.

Please continue to test for Covid at least twice per week if you have any symptoms at all, 5 times a week if you are a close contact and, if your child is unwell, please keep them at home.

RAT Test Kits will be sent home again today but we also have plenty of masks available if you need them, just let us know and we'll send some home.



CIRCUS SKILLS DAY



Getting to Know Each Other

Student Profile: Svea Apostol (Grade 3) **Favourite movie:** The Investigators

Favourite subject: Mathematics **Favourite Colour:** Pink & Blue

Favourite thing to do: Do flips on the playground

Favourite free-time activity: Play with my cat

Best Learning disposition: Resilience **Favourite Food:** Mac & Cheese

