

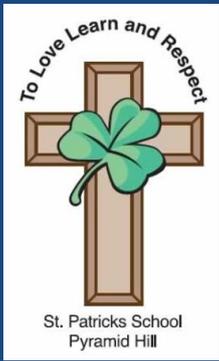
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'Never see a need without doing something about it' - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

St. Patrick's is a welcoming community where all are encouraged to *'Love, Learn and Respect'* in the Josephite Tradition.

FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST 2022 ISSUE NO. 12

Dear Families,

Today, our learners were involved in a Student Spirituality Day with the students from St. Mary's Cohuna and St. Joseph's Kerang. The focus of the day was Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si". Also known as "On Care For Our Common Home" Laudato Si urges us to look after the earth as stewards of God's creation. The learners participated in a number of activities throughout the day in the areas of clean energy, renewable energy, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and bio-diversity. There were also workshops in relation to how we should pay attention to vulnerable groups within our communities including refugees, the poor and the homeless. Other areas of focus included ethical investments, fair trade, sustainable production and how we as a society promote these areas. It was a great day of learning and fun with a really important message.

Last Monday our students attended mass in the Church to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It was a lovely celebration and the students read and sang beautifully. It was also lovely to have some of our families and parishioners come back to the school for afternoon tea following the Mass.

This coming Monday is the Feast of the Assumption. This is one of the most important opportunities to acknowledge Mary not only as the Mother of Jesus but also as the queen of heaven. We will be attending Mass again in the Church at 2:30. and everyone is welcome to join us.

Have a great week.

John

TALAARAWAN

August

12th: Student Spirituality Day - Cohuna

15th: Feast of the Assumption - Mass at 2:30 in the Church

21st: Start of Book Week

23rd: Book Week Parade

25th: Athletics at Charlton

September

2nd: SAKG

14th: School Play

16th: SAKG. Last Day of Term 3

October

3rd: start of Term 4

7th: Athletics Carnival

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

Staffing Announcement Last Day of School Year

As was announced in our last newsletter, Kirsty has decided to resign from her position here at St. Patrick's. While we go through the process of advertising for a replacement, Penny Caspani has agreed to fill in until the end of term. Penny will begin next week.

Please put in to your calendars that the last day of the 2022 school year for students will be

Wednesday 14th December.

Staff will finish on Friday 16th December.

Tagalog Links

Maligayang araw sa lahat.

We already banked heaps of Filipino Words from the 1st to 2nd term. Now, on the 3rd term we are using these words in sentences that will let you converse with your co-learners. Sentences such as, "Magandang araw po. Kumusta po kayo?" and other basic questions and sentences. We sang a song "Kumusta ka?" as an energizer during the session and I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I am. Also, we had Smiley Heart Pegs that were given to the learners who actively participated in the activity.

On the other hand, the Philippines is celebrating the National Language Month, with this we have a trivia for you to ponder.

Dagdag Kaalaman:

Pambansang Ibon (National Bird): Agila (Philippine Eagle)

The Philippine Eagle also known as monkey-eating eagle has a large, sharp, curved beak. It has feathers that seem to bristle on its head. It is a giant forest raptor and is considered an excellent hunter. It symbolizes the strength and love for freedom of the Filipino people.

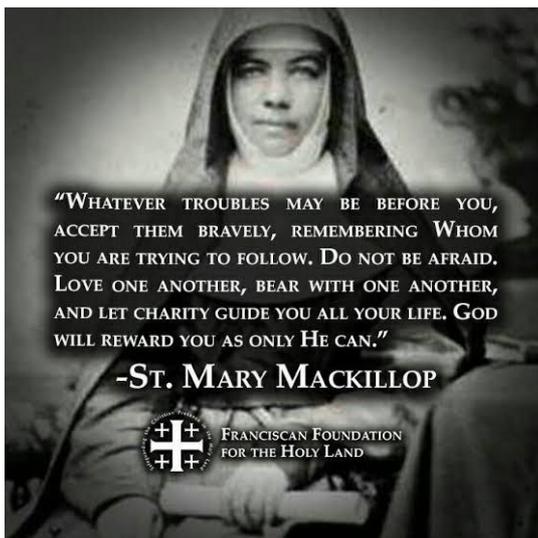
Mary Ann Domingo

Laguage Assistant



Chaplain's Chat

I want to follow on from my last newsletter looking at our example. This week we have celebrated Mary Mackillop. An amazing example to so many. Australia's first Saint is truly worth looking into. I'm sharing a quote with you as her way of faith and faithful work truly inspires me. Who inspires you? It's a beautiful conversation I encourage you to have with your children?



God Bless

Leiza

ABLAZE FESTIVAL



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR -

August

12th - Karl

13th - Jores



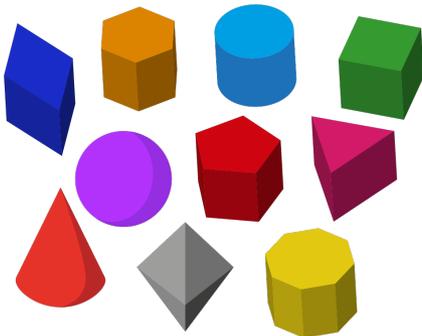
Inquiry

In **Inquiry** our focus has moved onto learning about all the continents of the world. Antarctica, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Australasia. It is great to compare the various countries on these continents and to learn about the geography of our world. We are learning so much!



Numeracy

In **Mathematics** it is all about 3D shapes. We are talking about cubes, rectangular prisms, cylinders, cones, spheres and of course pyramids – we all know about pyramids!



Literacy



In **Literacy** our learners have been reading the shortlisted picture story books for this year's BOOK WEEK. The theme for this year is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open'. Our learners have been reviewing each of the shortlisted books and are making their own decisions on which books they believe will be the 2022 winners.

R.E.

As we continue to focus on the Sacraments of Initiation we now turn our attention to the Eucharist. The students have been learning that the term Eucharist means thanksgiving and have been thinking about what it is in their lives that they are thankful for.

We also looked at the Mass and in particular the Liturgy of the Eucharist when we remember the words, actions and message of the Last Supper



SPIRITUALITY DAY



6 Natural Ways of Learning!

Focus: Natural Ways of Learning in the Home

Last week we focused on Play and this week the focus is Games. There are great benefits in playing games together and they provide tremendous learning opportunities. You could play card games, board games, physical games like charades, building games or competitions with lego, or even invent your own variations of popular games.

School Play - Change of Date

Please note that we have had to change the date of the performance for our school play.

Our play will now be on Wednesday 14th September (last week of school).

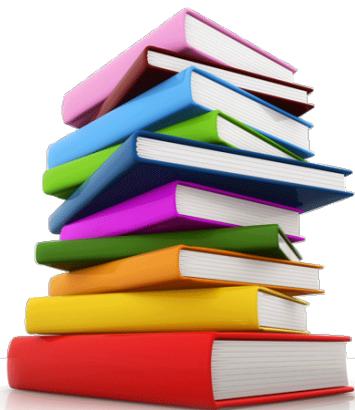
Please mark this date on your calendars.

We are now setting up our backdrops, scenes and prompts – so much excitement building.



Term Goals

We are really happy to see our learners reading and to have them developing their skills. I encourage you to read with your children often – you can read anything together; it does not have to be their school readers. Just have fun!



Book week

With **Book Week** coming up it is important to prepare for our dress up day. The theme for this year's Book Week is –**Dreaming with your Eyes Open**.

You can interpret this theme in any way you wish.

The **Dress Up** day will be **August 23rd**– so start your planning now!!

Our dress-up day will involve a walk down the street in our costumes with the College and the Pre-School followed by a play and a BBQ lunch at Pyramid Hill College and the announcement of the winners.

SPIRITUALITY DAY



Bendigo Braves Basketball

In **Sporting** news, we have had the *Bendigo Brave Basketballers* for their last basketball session this week – now we will prepare for the upcoming Athletics on Thursday 25th August at Charlton.