

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,

I would like to congratulate Leiza on being appointed Chaplain at St. Mary's Primary School Cohuna. She will still continue in her Chaplaincy role here at St. Patrick's but will be stepping away from her role in student support in the classroom. Leiza will be at St. Patrick's two days each week and at St. Mary's two days per week. She is very excited about the opportunity to support two school communities in the area of student well-being and we know what a wonderful job she'll do.

Over the last 4 weeks, six of our students and three from Pyramid Hill College have been preparing to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They have attended weekly sessions focusing on the themes of love, choices, forgiveness and celebrating. All nine of these young parishioners have done a wonderful job of getting themselves ready to participate in this very important step in their faith lives. Next year they will be invited to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please keep Ize, Ivan, Tiffany, Nick, Matilda, Harry, Sophie and Matt in your thoughts and prayers this week. Svea will take part when she's back from the Philippines. The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will occur this Wednesday, 23rd November in St. Patrick's Church at 5pm.

As was mentioned last week, one of the many associated problems with the recent floods is the increase in mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes carry a number of diseases so it is important that we protect ourselves from them. We have some insect repellent available at school but it would also help if you were able to pop some in your child's school bag as well.

It's hard to believe, but next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent begins our time of spiritual preparation for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus. Our thoughts now start to turn towards God's greatest gift to us, His son.

Have a great week.

John

TALAARAWAN

November

21st: Dream Seeds Transition
23rd: Reconciliation Sacrament
25th: SAKG
29th: Year 6 Big Day Out
30th: Swimming Lessons

December

1st: Swimming Lessons
2nd: Swimming Lessons
5th: Food Share
6th: End of Year Mass
7th: Swimming lessons
8th: Swimming lessons
9th: Swimming lessons. SAKG
12th: End of Year Excursion
14th Students Last Day

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

End of School Year

The end of the School year is nearly upon us. Please note the following important dates:

- **6th December: End of year mass**
- **12th December: Whole school excursion**
- **14th December: Students Last Day**

Chaplain's Chat

"Generosity ,The quality of being generous and kind.

In times of unpredictability or trial we see so much generosity within our communities. We are generous with our time, money, our personal belongings and homes. Whatever we measure to others it will be measured back to us. It is good to give but we often don't realise what we receive in return. Our example of how we are generous, impacts more people than you know. When we receive a good back we are often taken by surprise. When generosity is returned we need to accept it, this is the hard part. By accepting the generosity shown to us we are blessing the giver!! It's a win win!! Next time you receive generosity, think of it as giving back to the giver. Thank you to all those who give in the Pyramid Hill community, it is noticed and appreciated!

Luke 6: 38

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure , pressed down ,shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use it, it will be measured to you.

Leiza Mathers

School Chaplain

End of Year Mass and Celebration

Our end of year Mass and Celebration will be on Tuesday 6th December at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the 2022 school year as well as a chance to farewell our Year 6 students. After Mass we will have a BBQ tea in the School grounds.

More to come.

Tagalog Links

Magpagpalang araw po!

We already submitted our entry to the Languages Film Festival 2022 last week. Thank you for our learners active participation during the crafting of its content and the filming of the said entry.

They indeed deserve a "Magaling Clap".

It is a job well done!

Maraming salamat.

Bugtong: Gamit sa Kusina

(Riddle: Kitchen utensil)

May puno, walang bunga, may dahon, walang sanga.

(A tree, without a fruit, a leaf, without branches.)

Ano ito?

(What is it?)

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Mary Anne Domingo

Languages Assistant



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OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

4th - Ivan

9th - Ethan

17th - Ize

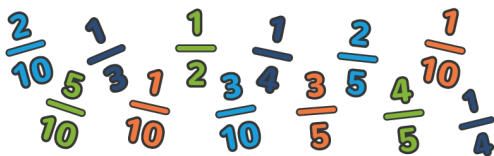
Sport and P.E.

In **Sporting** news, our learners have been really enjoying having a hit of tennis. The COLA is the perfect location for a friendly match between our learners, and whilst there has been many hits (and misses!) there has also been many giggles along the way.

Very soon we begin our swimming program- starting Wednesday 30 November, we will swim on Wed, Thurs and Fri afternoons for two weeks, finishing on Friday 9 December.

Numeracy

In **Mathematics** our junior learners are focusing on their addition, subtraction, division and multiplication skills. And our senior learners are working out percentage calculations and making comparisons between decimal fractions, fractions and percentage. They are working it out almost 100% of the time!



Literacy and Inquiry

Our **Literacy** work for this term will focus on article writing – using Who, What, When, Where and Why – our learners have become budding reporters. They have written up the recent Science Excursion to the Science Discovery Centre as an article. It certainly appears that we have some future journalists amongst us. Great work!



Inquiry

Our **Inquiry** unit this term, a Scientific one – ‘Does Everything Matter?’ has now finished for the term and we ended it with a fantastic excursion to the Science Discovery Centre in Bendigo. We all had a fantastic time – thank you to the teachers and staff for coming along. The day was filled to the brim with hands on learning activities. These included the planetarium, experiments, hands-on-games, and the vertical slide! Well done to John and Zoe for also giving the slide a go.

SCIENCE EXCURSION



Rhyme Awareness

Rhyme awareness is another early phonological awareness skill which builds emergent literacy skills. Rhyming requires children to listen closely for sounds within words. Children who recognise rhyme realise that words are made up of separate parts. Rhyming words are words which have the same ending sound, regardless of spelling.

Go to wordwall.net/resource/28387934 for some interactive activities.

Covid 19

Victoria, amongst other parts of the country, is going through another wave of COVID 19 infections. We are aware of a number of positive cases in Pyramid Hill so please test yourselves and your children if there are any signs of symptoms.

If a member of your household tests positive, students can still attend school if they have no symptoms and wear a mask. If they do have symptoms, they must stay home and test each day for 5 days. RAT Kits and masks will be sent home today. Please let us know if you need more or have any questions.

Year 6 School Transition Program

Our Year 6 students, Gillian and Rian, have spent the last few Monday afternoons at Pyramid Hill College as part of their transition program. Today was a little bit different. Our Year 5s attended the College as well to participate in the Dream Seeds initiative. This program aims to build aspiration, resilience and connection for rural students leaving primary school to better prepare them for secondary school and the challenges they may face.

Advent & Christmas

Advent and Christmas are just starting to come alive in our classroom. We have an Advent Poke Tree for each of our learners to participate in. It can be hard to wait but the rewards are worth it. There will be a range of Advent and Christmas activities happening over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to getting into the swing of it all.

2023 School Fees

Each year there is a review of the School Fees and Levies. Many things are taken into consideration including the cost of living, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), inflation and recommendations from the Catholic Education Office. At the last Parent Form it was decided to increase fees by 3%.

Please read the information contained in this newsletter so that you are informed of the changes taking place for the 2023 school year.

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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.