

# 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,

There have been quite a number of children coming to school with coughs, colds and runny noses. I totally understand how difficult it is to keep your child at home but we also have a situation where these germs are being spread to other children and staff members. Here are some suggestions to think about if your child is unwell:

• **Test for COVID. If you need RAT kits or masks please let us know.**

• **Wear a mask when at school or out in public.**

• **Paracetamol or ibuprofen can be used to ease the pain of a sore throat or headache. The strengths of these over-the-counter medicines differ, so be sure to check the dose instructions on the pack and give your child medicines only as directed.**

• **Some vitamin supplements such as vitamin C may help recovery but it's always better to use natural sources such as oranges and other fruit and vegetables.**

• **Other over the counter remedies such as decongestants and cough lollies or syrups can help to soothe coughs and colds but are not recommended for very young children.**

• **Humidifiers and steam treatments may have an effect on coughs or colds in children which some parents find helpful.**

• **Keep your child warm by dressing them in an extra layer such as a singlet underneath and a jumper or zipped up jacket on top.**

• **Saline nose drops or spray can help to thin the mucus and make it easier to blow out.**

• **Always talk to a doctor or pharmacist about these alternatives.**

• **Make sure your child drinks plenty of fluids which can help ease a sore throat and make a runny nose easier to blow.**

**The best overall treatment though, for most coughs and colds, is for your child to rest at home so their immune system can fight the virus.**

Thanks for taking these pointers into consideration.

John

### TALAARAWAN

#### AUGUST

14th/15th/17th: Artist Sessions

14th: Playgroup 10:30

15th: Feast of Assumption Mass 2pm

15th: Sacramental Mass Practice 4:30

16th: Peaceful Kids

18th: SAKG

19th: Sacraments Mass 5:30

21st: Beginning of Book Week, Festival of the Sacred practice, Playgroup 10:30

23rd: Peaceful Kids, B'ball clinic

25th: Book week Dress Up day

28th: Food Share, Playgroup.

30th: Peaceful Kids, B'ball clinic

**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

## Indigenous Art

Today we were very excited to welcome Michellie Charvat to our school. Michellie is from Bendigo and works for the organisation 'Australians Together'. The mission of 'Australians Together' is for us to listen and learn from First Nations people to help non-indigenous Australians build a greater awareness of our shared history and its ongoing impact, gain a deeper respect for First Nations perspectives and help pave the way for meaningful actions for a united Australia. We are really looking forward to Michellie developing an indigenous inspired art installation with our students.

## Book Week and Dress-Up Day

Next week is Book week.

Our students will be doing a number of activities throughout the week including looking at, reading and discussing the Children's Book Council of Australia's nominations for the 2023 Books of the Year.

On the Friday of next week, 25th of August, we will have a Dress-Up Day to celebrate Book week. All children are asked to dress up as their favourite character.

## John Away

**John will be away from school for the last 2 weeks of this term on Long Service Leave. Kerri will be in charge during his absence.**



## Student Spirituality Day

**On Friday the 8th of September, our learners will be joining the students from St. Mary's Cohuna and St. Joe's Kerang for a Student Spirituality Day. Melbourne based Christian singer/songwriter Gen Bryant will be facilitating this event.**

## Feast of The Assumption

Tomorrow, Tuesday, 15th August, is the Feast of The Assumption.

This feast day recognises our Catholic belief that Mary the mother of Jesus, was assumed into heaven, body and soul.

Mass will be celebrated at 2:00pm in the church.

All welcome.

## Calder Sports



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

13th August - Jores

## Literacy

In Literacy we have begun our investigation of the short-listed books for Book Week 2023.

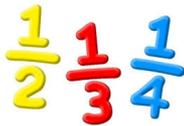
There are some fantastic reads indeed among this years finalists and our learners are ranking and scoring them as we go along.

It will be very interesting to see if we score the same way the judges do. Time will tell with judging happening on Friday 25th August.



## Numeracy

In Numeracy our focus has been on fractions. The junior learners have been making models and sharing out equally. They have learnt what it means when we say a fraction is made using equal parts. Our senior learners have been using number lines to determine fractions that are equivalent to each other. This will help us when we are adding and subtracting fractions later this week. Our senior learners will also be exploring decimals in the same manner.



## Inquiry

Inquiry has had us researching and finding out facts about significant Aboriginal people and places. The research continues for us this week and into next.

We also welcome Michellie from 'Australians Together' to work with our learners on an Art Installation for our school



## R.E.

In our Religious Education classes we will be looking at the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. These lessons will support the work that's been done during the Sacramental preparation program that Ize, Matilda and Svea have been part of throughout this term.



## Calder Sports



## Word Opposites

Here is a link to a fun WordWall vocabulary building activity that your child can play. The student needs to hear or read the word and navigate through the maze to reach its opposite. You can change the game format if you wish once you access this site.

[wordwall.net/resource/28289572](http://wordwall.net/resource/28289572)

## Festival of the Sacred

Next Monday we will have our 4th visit from the Australian School of Performing Arts (ASPA). This will be the final opportunity for the children to practice the songs and dances that they will be performing at the Festival of the Sacred early next month. Our performance will take place at St. Mary's Echuca on Tuesday the 5th of September.



## Learning Conversations

Thank-you to everyone for your attendance and participation at our Term 3 Learning Conversations last week. It's such an important part of a child's education to know that their parents value their learning and have an interest in what's going on at school. It also builds relationships with the teachers and an opportunity to discuss the development of each child in not only the academic arena, but in all areas of their life.

## Basketball Clinics

Starting next Wednesday and continuing for 4 weeks, the children will be participating in Basketball Clinics provided by the Bendigo Braves Basketball club. The students are really looking forward to it.

## Mass for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist

Our preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist wrapped up last week. Svea, Matilda and Ize, along with their families, and other families from our Parish, have spent the last 6 weeks preparing for this special occasion. They will receive the Sacraments at a special Mass being presided over by Bishop Shane this Saturday, August 19th at 5:30.

**Please keep all the students who are preparing for this special event in your prayers.**

**Everyone is welcome to attend this special celebration.**



## Indonesian Activities



## 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.**