

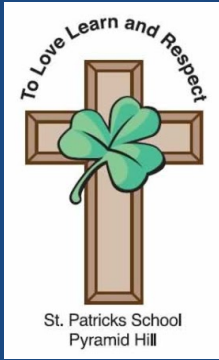
# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.**

**MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2023 ISSUE NO. 14**

Dear Families,

Our excursion to the Melbourne Zoo and the Year 3-6 camp to Queenscliff were wonderful experiences for our children. The day at the Zoo was great and a lot of fun for everyone. Zoo excursions are always an enjoyable experience but when some children have never visited the Zoo before, and you can see and hear their excitement, it makes it even more special. The Year 3-6 children headed off to Queenscliff after the Zoo and spent the first night settling in and getting comfortable. They also had a Trivia competition which was a lot of fun. The next two days were pretty busy and included Beach-combing, a visit to the Marine Discovery Centre and Boogie Boarding on Tuesday, and a visit to the Shrine of Remembrance and the Melbourne Aquarium on Wednesday. The current Inquiry Unit is "How are living things and our ever changing environment connected" so lots of learning about living things and their environment took place on camp as well as the fun activities. As we head towards the end of another school year and start thinking about transition, this camp provided a great opportunity for our senior students to get to know their future fellow classmates a little bit better.

Last Tuesday we celebrated a School Mass. We gathered outside in the Indigenous Garden for our liturgy which also included a blessing of our new indigenous art installation. It was a lovely to celebrate outside and to acknowledge the work and creativity that went into the art work.

Have a great week

John



### TALAARAWAN

#### OCTOBER

23rd: Food Share

27th: SAKG

30th: Playgroup 10:30

31st: Halloween Dress-Up day

#### NOVEMBER

1st: All Saints Day Mass 12:45

3rd: Athletics Carnival

6th: Pupil Free Day - Reports

7th: Pupil Free Day - Melbourne Cup

10th: SAKG

13th: Prep and Yr 6 transition day  
Play Group 10:30

20th: Prep and Yr 6 transition day  
Play Group 10:30

**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

## All Saints Day Mass

Every year on November 1st, Roman Catholics and many other Christians around the world observe All Saints Day. We have many feast days for saints throughout the year, but this day gives us the opportunity to honour all the Saints of the Church. The day after this is All Souls Day when we commemorate all those in our lives who have died. We will be celebrating an all Saints Day Mass on November 1st at 12:45.

### Tagalog Links

Mapagpalang araw sa lahat.

We are happy to share some exciting news from the Languages Film Festival 2023! Last week, our enthusiastic learners had a blast as we started on the filming journey for our film festival entry. The atmosphere was filled with joy and creativity.

The filming process is still ongoing and we are currently capturing the remaining scenes this week. Once filming is done, we will dive into the exciting phase of editing, where the magic truly happens.

A shout-out to all the learners who are involved in this project. We can't wait to see the final result!

Thanks for being a part of this amazing journey!

**Mary Anne Domingo**

Language Assistant



## Chaplain's Chat

It is such a blessing to have a SAKG in our school. We research what vegetables we can grow, when to plant and when to harvest. SAKG is far more than that at our school. The best part is blessing our families and community with fresh vegetables. We are to help and support others. It is a valuable example to our children. Be. cheerful giver!!

Bless your week.

Leiza

The one who blesses others  
is abundantly blessed;  
those who help others  
are helped.  
Proverbs 11:25

## Halloween Dress Up Day

Tuesday 31st of October is Halloween. All Saints Day used to be called the Feast of All Hallows and therefore, the day before was called All Hallows Eve, which eventually became Halloween. In more recent times, this day has become an opportunity to have some fun with the theme of all things ghoulish and scary. To join in the fun we will be having a Halloween dress up day on Tuesday 31st of October.

## School Camp



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

19th October - Carol

4th November - Ivan

9th November - Ethan

17th November - Ize



## Literacy & Inquiry

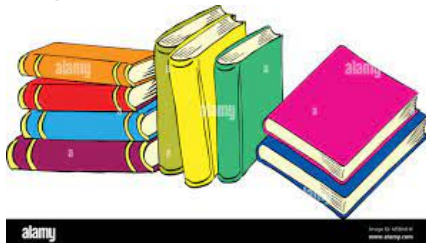
The last couple of weeks in the classroom have been very busy times. We have been writing letters, postcards and cards, making sure to set out our letters properly.

Inquiry and Literacy join forces as we will take our learning from our excursion and camp and study the life cycles and environments of some of our most favourite animals. This will take a little while as we undertake our research and put together our presentations either as posters or slide shows. It will certainly be very interesting and rewarding.

After the camp the learners each wrote an article displaying the who, what, when, where and why of our experience. And what an experience our trip to the zoo and camp was! Such a fantastic time was had by all.

Next week we begin our research in to the animal kingdom, their fragile environments and our need to treat living things with respect and care.

Some of our learners are really growing in their reading skills. Congratulations to Ethan, Trisha, Thomas and Iain who have really shown terrific confidence and growth in their reading skills. Keep up the great work kids!!



## Numeracy

In Numeracy we have been looking into number patterns and mystery numbers. We are excited to say that some of our junior learners are conquering their counting skill and reaching amazing personal heights. We will continue to look into number, number patterns and fun number facts. The seniors will be discovering BODMAS and negative numbers. This will be a fun challenge.



## Religious Education

We continue to focus on the Church in our R.E. lessons this week. The Junior students will be looking at our local church of St. Patrick's whilst the senior students will focus on the Global church. They will also be doing a research project on a famous church or cathedral e.g. St. Peter's Basilica, Notre Dame Cathedral or La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.

## Blessing of Indigenous Art Work



## Word Classes

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 then drop it into the correct word class carriage (e.g. verbs, nouns etc).

[wordwall.net/resource/28289782](http://wordwall.net/resource/28289782)

## Photo Permission

As you would be aware, Mary Anne has been working very hard on our entry in the 2023 Languages Film Festival. As the festival will include a public screening of our film, a special 'Photo, Film & Recording' permission form is required. Please find this form attached to today's newsletter.

## Pupil Free Days

**We have 2 consecutive Pupil Free Days coming up this Term.**

**The first is the Monday the 6th of November. This day is an opportunity for the staff to finish their assessments and write their reports for the end of the year.**

**The second one is the next day, Tuesday the 7th of November which is Melbourne Cup day.**

## Athletics

Our House Athletics Carnival will be held at Mitchell Park on Friday the 3rd of November. More details to come.



## Transition Days

Transition Days for our Year 6 students and incoming Foundation students begin soon. Please see below for dates and times.

**Foundation:** 9:00 - 10:30 on November 13th, 20th and 27th.

**Yr6:** 2:00 - 3:30 on November 13th and 20th at the College.

Tuesday December 12th will be Moving Up Day where our new students will be here all day and the Year 6 students will spend the whole day at the College.

## Surveys

If you have not yet completed the School Engagement Survey, please do so at your earliest convenience. They are really important for the future planning of our school. Thanks.

## Last Day of 2023

**The last day of the school year for students will be Friday the 15th of December at 3:20**

**The office will close on Wednesday the 20th of December.**

**SAKG**



## 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.**