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"Education For All"



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,

Welcome back to School.

I sincerely hope that you all had an opportunity for some sort of break over the Christmas Season and were able to spend some lovely family time together.

As always, we seem to have hit the ground running with lots and lots of activities on the calendar already. The first of these is Swimming Lessons. Our swimming program started today and will continue for 4 weeks, occurring every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until the end of February.

This Thursday we have our Beginning of Year School Mass. Mass will start at 5:30 in the Church and will be followed by a Pizza Dinner back at the school. The Pizza will be supplied but please BYO drinks.

Next Week we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. On Shrove Tuesday we will be selling pancakes at the Neighbourhood House as our first and major fundraiser for Caritas. Caritas is an international Catholic Aid Agency that works with some of the world's poorest people. As in past years, we will have a number of fundraisers during 1st Term to raise money for this charity. Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of Lent and this will be marked with a special Mass at the school.

As you are all aware, we have 2 new teachers this year in Louise and Chris. We welcome them into our community and will officially recognise them, along with our student leaders, during Mass on Thursday evening.

As you can see, it's a busy start to the school year, so please keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events and activities and, as always, if you have any questions or wonderings, please contact us at school.

Have a great week

John

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FEBRUARY

5/6/7th: Swimming 2:00-3:15

8th: Start of Year Mass

9th: SAKG

12/13/14th: Swimming 2:00-3:15

13th: Shrove Tuesday

14th: Ash Wednesday

15th: Louise and Chris Professional Learning - Bianca in

16th: Louise and Chris Professional Learning - Jean in

19/20/21st: Swimming 2:00-3:15

23rd: Swimming Sports - All day

26/27/28th: Swimming 2:00 - 3:15

MARCH

8th: Pupil Free Day - Staff Spirituality 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.

Behold, I make all things new. Rev 21:5



Notes From School

An envelope containing a number of notes and forms came home last week.

Unfortunately, paperwork is a part of life, but it does help us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child.

Thank-you to all those who have already completed, signed and returned their forms.

If you have not yet done so, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Shrove Tuesday

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday. Also known as Pancake Tuesday or Mardi Gras, this day is the day before Ash Wednesday.

Traditionally, this was the day that Christians would empty out their cupboards of all their fattening foods in readiness for Lent, the season of fasting.

We will mark this day with 2 events. Firstly, we will hold a small liturgy at school for the Burning of the Palms. The ashes from these palms will be used at our Ash Wednesday Mass. Then we'll head up to the Neighbourhood House to make and sell pancakes.



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Start of Year Mass

Our Start of Year Mass is this Thursday,

8th February at 5:30, followed by a Pizza tea.

This is our first chance to gather as a whole community, celebrate the start of the year, and meet our new families and staff.

Pizza will be supplied but we ask that each family BYO drinks.

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at this event.



Ash Wednesday Mass

We will be celebrating Mass on Ash Wednesday at school next week but we are yet to confirm an exact time with Fr. Dean.

Details will be sent home later this week.

Our Learners



OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - FEBRUARY & MARCH

3rd February - Jean

26th March - Thomas

Tagalog

Welcome to a new year and a fresh start!

Are you prepared for the exciting new lessons and experiences that await us in our Filipino class? Get ready for an amazing beginning as we dive into our Filipino lessons this year. We eagerly anticipate your active participation to kick-start the year with joy.

Let us make this year the best one!

Mary Anne Domingo

Swimming Program

Swimming Lessons started today.

Please remember that children will need their bathers, towel, goggles (if they have them), rash vest (or similar) and sunscreen every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday throughout February.

We will walk to the pool and the children will need to be picked up from the pool at 3:15pm.

Also note that even though our Swimming Sports are on Friday the 23rd, lessons will continue for 1 more week after the sports.



Chaplain's Chat

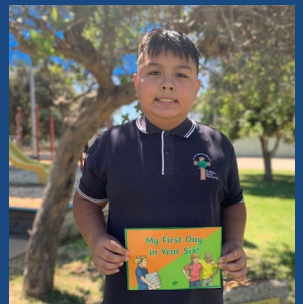
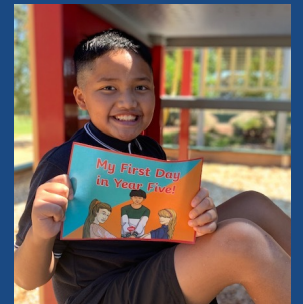
How beautiful it is on a new day ! When we wake up and see the stunning sun rise. Every year brings us new opportunities, new encounters, new friendships, new adventures. This year at St Patrick's we are embarking on a new season of change, new teachers to bless our learners, staff and the community. Each brings new understanding, care, talents and abilities to enrich our school. Like a new morning every day creates many new things..... God never changes , He is with us through every change. May he continue to grow us at St Patrick's in 2024, like a new sunrise that is bright, beautiful and catches our attention!

God bless

Leiza.



Our Learners



Syllable Awareness

Syllable awareness is the skill of hearing the sounds within words and recognising that words can be broken into syllables or word parts. The skill requires counting, tapping, blending (e.g. kan-ga-roo = kangaroo) or segmenting words into their word parts.

wordwall.net/resource/28385711

What's Happening in the Classroom?

Welcome Back to School for 2024. It has been a wonderful beginning at St Patrick's Primary School. We were delighted to receive such a warm welcome from the students and already feel like part of the School Community.

This Term is a busy one with lots of events taking place. Our Swimming Program begins today along with Mass this Thursday. We can't wait to meet you at our first School Mass of the year and join you afterwards for some yummy pizza!

In Literacy, the students have shared their interests through letter writing and artwork. They have described their holiday adventures through recount writing, which will be the Writing focus for the next few weeks. In Reading this Term every student will be taking books home each night. The students have been given their Reading Diary today. Please see the letter attached in their Reading Bag.

In Numeracy, the students have demonstrated their understanding of Place Value through a variety of games and collaborative tasks. We will continue to build on our Place Value knowledge through counting and breaking up larger numbers into smaller parts.

Through team building tasks we have explored our Inquiry topic of 'Building a Collaborative Classroom to support each other.' The students have enjoyed tasks such as designing the tallest Marshmallow Tower, Blowing Bubble Challenge and the Longest Minties Wrapper.

In Religion we are learning about the history of our School and Church with a particular focus on Mary MacKillop and the sisters of St Joseph. Through prayer the students are learning about the different ways they can talk and pray to God.

Lastly, we would like to welcome our fabulous Prep students Jazz and Catriona. They have made a wonderful start to their school journey and have loved learning and playing with their new friends.

Thank you and have a wonderful week! Kind regards, Chris & Louise.

Foundation Learners



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.