

# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

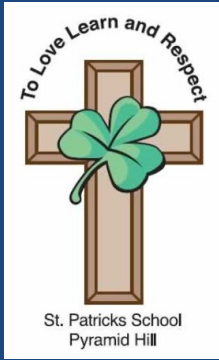
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### "Education For All"



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

### TALAARAWAN

#### APRIL

15th: First Day Term 2  
19th: SAKG  
22nd: Food Share. Playgroup  
25th: ANZAC Day holiday  
29th: Start of Catholic Education Week  
30th: Sandhurst Arts on Show rehearsal

#### MAY

1st: Visit to Pre-School.  
3rd: Year 5/6 Student Conference SAKG  
9th: Winter Sports - Boort  
10th: Working Bee. SAKG  
14th - 16th: School Review  
20th: Food Share

**St. Patrick's Primary School is committed to child safety.**

**We believe all children have the right to feel safe and to be safe.**

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2. I hope that each and every one of you found some time to rest, relax and recuperate after what was a very busy start to the year. This term promises to be just as busy and exciting with a number of events and activities scheduled throughout the next few months.

One of the first things happening this term is a change over of our digital platform. For many years, most schools in the Sandhurst Diocese have mainly relied on the Google suite of applications for educators and students. There will be a switch happening across the Diocese this year from Google to Microsoft 365. Our change-over will occur at the end of this week. We will be getting support from the Catholic Education Office to ensure that the change is a smooth process and that we have the knowledge and skills to help the students become efficient and effective users of the new technology. This change will also result in new devices for the students and staff when our current lease expires later in the year.

Another important process that we will engage in this term is a School Review. Every few years, schools undergo a review process to gauge what things are working well and what things could be improved upon. A three person panel will work with us for 3 days from May 14th to 16th. They will use the School Improvement Tool (SIT) developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). In the next couple of weeks I will be inviting some parents to be part of this process.

Most of you would be familiar with SIMON. SIMON is our Learning and School Administration platform. It is used, among other things, for our roll marking, report configuring and generation, report writing and student information. There are other aspects of SIMON that we have not made use of yet that will be introduced throughout the next few months. The first of these is PAM. PAM stands for Parent Access Module and it allows for you to have consistent and updated information about how your child's academic progress is going. It also can be used for permission and excursion forms so that we can move away from our reliance on sending home hard copies. PAM can also be used for contacting the school if your child is ill or will be away from school. The other aspect of SIMON that we are looking at is SIMON Everywhere. This is an app based version of PAM that has all the features of PAM but can be used straight from your phone. We are hoping that the introduction of these extra features will improve our ability to communicate more effectively between school and home.

Have a great week

John

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



## ANZAC Day

Thursday the 25th of April is ANZAC Day. Our student leaders will represent the school at the Pyramid Hill service at the Memorial Hall. This is a public holiday so no school.



## Sandhurst Arts on Show

On the 12th of September, our students will be performing in Echuca as part of the Sandhurst Arts on Show. We will be performing a song and a dance by ourselves, another song with Our Lady of the Sacred Heart school from Elmore, and a massed choir performance with all the other schools. A3 Performing Arts will be conducting our first rehearsal here at school on the 30th April.

## Working Bee

At our last Parent Engagement Forum, it was decided that it was time for a working bee at school. There are no big jobs that are required, but lots of little ones to keep the school tidy, well maintained and safe. The details are as follows:

**Date: Friday 10th of May**

**When: From 4pm - 6pm**

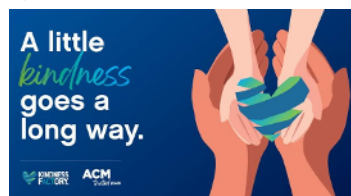
**Come for as little or as long as you're able.**

**We hope you can make it :)**

## Student Conference

Every year, the Year 5 and 6 students from the Northern Plains cluster of Catholic Schools, come together for a student conference. This year's conference will be held at St. Mary's school in Echuca on Friday 3rd May. The keynote speaker for this event will be Kath Koschel, founder and director of "The Kindness Factory". Other activities on the day will focus on Resilience, Proactivity and awareness of self through Dance.

Could parents of our Year 5/6 students please complete the attached permission form and return it by the end of this week.



## Harmony Day



## OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR - MARCH & APRIL

10th April - Leiza

19th April - Jace

28th May - Louise



## Tagalog

Magandang araw sa lahat.

I hope you all had a wonderful vacation during the school holidays. As we start Term 2, I am happy to reconnect with all of you.

This term, we will be focusing on crafting a story plot and script for the Languages Film Festival. Additionally, we will start preparing for our upcoming Filipino Day event scheduled for the month of June.

Wishing you all a week filled with joy and excitement as we embark on these new activities together.

**Mary Anne Domingo**

Language Assistant

## Play Group

Don't forget that Playgroup runs every Monday morning from 10:00 - 12:00 in the school library. This group, organised through Loddon Shire, continues to grow and is a great way to meet other families in our community with young children. For more information contact the school or Kinsley Mowat on 54510200

## Visit to Pre-School

On Wednesday the 1st of May, we will be visiting the Pre-School. This is their Bush Kinder Day so it should be a lot of fun. More details will come home closer to the event.

## Winter Sports Day Boort

Our Winter Sports Day in Boort will be happening on Thursday the 9th of May. This will involve our Year 3-6 students who will participate in sports including Football, Netball, Soccer, Newcombe (Volleyball), Tee Ball and Minkey (Hockey).



## Hot Shots Tennis

On the last Wednesday of last term, the 27th of March, our Year 5&6 students travelled to Boort for the Calder Hot Shots Tennis Day. Our students joined with students from Pyramid Hill College to compete against students from other schools in the district. Congratulations to our team for finishing in 3rd place!

**SAKG**



## 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.

Click on the following link to access the activity:

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

## What's Happening in the Classroom?

Welcome to Week 1 of Term Two.

We have some new friends in our classroom this Term. The children will be super excited to name them. We will let you know once we have voted on the best names for our 'fintastic' new friends.



**Literacy: F-6** This Term there will be a strong focus on spelling and writing. The senior students will be learning about the correct sentence structure and the importance of grammar and punctuation. The F-2 students will be exploring features of procedural texts and building on their letter sound knowledge. We will continue with our reading goals of reaching 50 and 75 nights of reading. The children will also receive their prize from the reading box when they complete their reading milestones.

**Numeracy:** F-2 students will be building on their understanding of place value through counting and grouping numbers. The 3-6 students will be working on addition and subtraction facts to develop their mental computation strategies.

**Religion:** Over the next two weeks we will learn about ANZAC DAY and commemorate the generations of sacrifice made by men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.

**Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships:** Our topic for the next four weeks is 'Positive Coping'. The students will learn about ways to manage and take responsibility for intense emotions such as frustration and anger.

**Inquiry:** Physical Science- MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

Pushing and pulling, and floating and sinking - how are they related? In our Inquiry unit this term the students will learn about the forces of push and pull and how they work in our world.

**YEAR F-2:** What are the effects of force on the world around us?

**YEAR 3-6:** How forces impact our world?

**Sport:** Our topic for the next four weeks will be developing AFL footy skills.

Chris and Louise

## Hot Shots Tennis



## 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.