

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 1 Term 3



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

It would be true to say that we have hit the ground running in term 3 with a busy week to set us up for a busy term of learning. Thank you to Mrs Harnett for organising a great **athletics carnival** for our 8-12 year olds yesterday. Despite the cold and wind the day ran smoothly and the students performed well with some outstanding accomplishments and personal best results. Congratulations to all students and especially those who were awarded age champions. Thanks to the teachers, parent volunteers and Lumen Christi students who helped.

For our 5-7 year olds their Thursday included the joy of being entertained at Lumen Christi with the brilliant performance of **Beauty and the Beast**. The children were captivated by the music, singing, dancing and acting and were swept along with the story of Belle and the Beast, so good was the performance that the children expressed feeling across the range from happy to sad to scared and back to happy. Thank you to Lumen Christi staff and students for sharing your talents and for this wonderful opportunity to see a live show.

Sacrament of Confirmation This Sunday many of our year 5 and 6 students will receive the sacrament of confirmation, a special time in their lives. We will welcome our Archbishop Christopher Prowse to the parish for the conferring of this sacrament. We thank Mrs Grant for her organisation, along with Mrs Bateman and Miss Favaloro for their teaching and preparation of the students for this occasion. All families are invited to attend Mass at 9.30 on Sunday to celebrate with and show support for these children in their faith journey.

Working With Children Check For all parents and carers who regularly support school through volunteering in the canteen, classrooms, library and at events please go through the process of applying for a volunteer working with children check. We will then keep a copy of this on file at school so that it is not needed each time you sign in. The link to the application is here, thank you. <https://wwccheck.cyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application>

St Patrick's 150 years We are looking for interested people to join us for planning this auspicious event. The steering committee for our 150 year celebration will have an initial meeting in August. Do you have an interest in history and skill in event management? WE NEED YOU! Please email the office.bega@cq.catholic.edu.au if you can help.

Next week at assembly we will announce the Semester 2 Student Representative Council and present the students with their badges. We look forward to another fruitful semester of student leadership through their work in the SRC.

Dates to Remember

23rd July
Confirmation
Mass 9.30am

26th July
Senior Primary
Zoo Excursion

28th July
3/4L Assembly
2.30

Garden Day

1st-3rd August
Three Way
interviews

2nd August
3/4 Public
Speaking
Moruya

The School Week

School Canteen
Monday

Uniform Shop
By
appointment

The Gospel this week is from Matthew 13:24-43. You can read the full text of the gospel here: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+13%3A+24-43&version=NIV> The reflection on the gospel from God's Word 2017 tells us that 'our task is to think and judge for ourselves how we should live our own lives. By weighing what we see, feel and discern, in the context of community, we are given the chance to choose whether we will let grow in us what is good' Something upon which we can reflect.

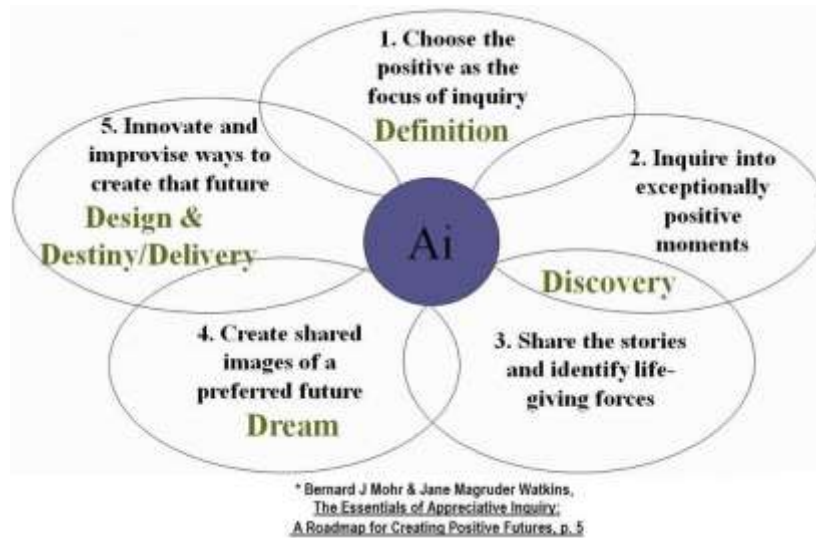
Kind Regards,
Jo

Life is the sum of all of your choices. Albert Camus

AP News

You may have read in the media in recent times about the teaching workload and how there are a number of teachers who are leaving the profession for a range of reasons. Certainly looking after ourselves and supporting each other makes the job manageable and also has a positive impact on our students.

At the end of last term and next week, the staff are working with Eileen Reckord on staff wellbeing. The process we are using is called 'Appreciative Inquiry', and it is a positive way to develop the best outcomes for change. It can be used for any workplace and any topic. The purpose of this process is to explore and evaluate our current staff wellbeing program and to create and design future initiatives to further enhance the quality of our work environment. Our inquiry is: 'A view to creating a dynamic, vibrant, happy, supportive, radical, stimulating, world-class work environment where staff are treasured and flourish personally and professionally.' If we can achieve some of the ideas already developed, then we will be the place that every teacher would want to work!



Religious Education News

The Social Justice Leaders are forming a Mini Vinnies group this term. Mini Vinnies is about doing good work in the community, but it is also about young people meeting to talk, to share ideas, concerns, to have fun and to support each other. The Vinnies model of 'See, Think, Do' is a great way to get young people thinking and talking about their spirituality – connecting their beliefs and values with service activities and issues in their community can help to make their faith real, meaningful and relevant.

The group will be made up of volunteers from Kindergarten to Year 6 and will meet once a week. Danni from Bega's St Vincent de Paul will be coming to our meeting in Week 3 to support the group's establishment.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

Confirmation Mass: Sunday July 23rd, 9:30am St Patrick's Church

Sport News

Good luck to Brooke Smith and Alex Marks who will be traveling to Sydney this weekend to participate in 3 days of hockey at the State Championships. The 2 girls were selected in the Mackillop team. They will be playing on proper surfaces, against elite players which will be a great experience for both girls. Well done and we wish you both good luck, we are all proud of your achievements.

Carnival

In very windy conditions yesterday we were able to run our school athletics carnival. Tenison was the winning house. Our age champions are:-

Juniors: Kirra Seenan, Lachlan Marks
11 years: Sam Griffin, Ayesha Twyford
Senior: Mia Christison, Brodie Seenan

Congratulations to these 6 children. We now have quite a few children going on to the zone carnival which will be held here in Bega. These children have been given a permission note which needs to be returned to school with appropriate money ASAP.



Parish News

PARISH WEBSITE: we now have a Parish Website. You can view recent bulletins, download the baptism request form and check on groups and upcoming events. Visit <http://cg.org.au/bega/> or google "St Patrick's Parish Bega"

P&F News

TERM 3 EVENTS

This term we have three events that we will be holding:

- Trivia Night (Saturday, 26 August 2017)
- Father's Day Stall (Friday, 1 September 2017)
- Beach-a-thon (Friday, 15 September 2017)

TRIVIA NIGHT

We will be holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, 26 August 2017, at Bega Golf Club! This super fun night will be open to the public, so we are hoping to draw a big crowd and make it a fantastic night.

Matt 'The Butcher' Christison of River Cottage fame will be our MC for the night so you know it's going to be a night full of laughs. There will be games with prizes between rounds as well as a raffle.

Entry is \$10 per person with 8 people to a table. Bookings can be made by emailing stpatsbegafundraising@gmail.com or by calling 02 6492 5500.

If you own a business or know a business that might be interested in donating items or vouchers for prizes and raffles, please contact Kat Hergenhan on 0413 279 084.



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!!

It's back and better than ever, we will be starting our next block of very popular

Kids Boxing Classes

The classes will commence next week and run for 9 weeks. This term we will be running two separate classes Tuesday 3.30pm for student's in years 1,2,3,4 & Thursday 3.30pm a more skilled boxing class for student's in years 5 & 6. If you are interested in your son or daughter being part of this fun program, please don't hesitate to call us on 6492 3773 to secure a place as there is a limited number of places available.