

# St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 10 Term 2



## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

We certainly have been keeping learners engaged and learning until the last hour with a busy day today and the week that has passed. The Vision Award assembly saw many students recognized for their learning and achievement, as well as the way in which they are building relationships, and thus building our school community each day. I commend these students on their achievements!

Our **NAIDOC** week celebrations have been a great highlight and we thank Mrs Platts for her planning and dedication in this regard. Today's Mass was a beautiful and prayerful celebration. We have been spoiled with learning opportunities this week, visitors sharing dance and culture at school, and Year 3/4 students attending an excursion to Jigamy farm yesterday. I would like to thank Will for his Acknowledgement of Country at both Monday morning assembly and the Vision Assembly.

Also this week the Year 3 & 4 students had the privilege of attending the **football gala day**, and competed well on the day, our thanks to Mrs Harnett for continuing to plan for sporting activities for our students.

Yesterday the **Semester 1 Student Achievement Reports** were sent home. I thank our teachers for their knowledge of each student and their learning journey. This week the teachers have had meetings with Mrs Kite and I sharing the evidence of learning that they have gathered from each child in order to make judgements about learning. It is apparent that our classrooms are busy places of learning. **PLEASE STORE YOUR CHILD'S REPORT IN A SAFE PLACE** you may like to scan and save a copy in an electronic file in the event you misplace the paper copy.

**Garden Project** You may have seen the garden project taking shape on the top grass last and this week, a lot has occurred in a short space of time. Thanks to Mr Bakker for his planning and organisation, thanks to Mrs Tomlinson & Mr Scott-Pegum who have given days of their time, and a special thanks to our student **GREEN TEAM** and many other students for their labour in the shaping of this space.

Today we have advertised in the local paper and this weekend in the parish bulletin for a **school cleaner** 20 hours per fortnight (2hrs per day across the school week). We thank Mr Twyford for his dedication to this role for the past year.

**Gospel** This week in Matthew 13:44-52 one key verse that I would quote for you is '*The kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off in his joy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.*' We are challenged to reflect on the calling of God's kingdom and our values and to embrace what we can become with God's grace.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for your support in Semester 1 – 2017. Thank you for your partnership with the school in the education of your child. Thank you for the ways in which you have been able to provide help or volunteer in the school. Everything that you do walking with us on the journey of learning with your child helps to grow not only your child but our greater community. May you have some special times with your children during their holiday.

Christ With Us, Jo

## Dates to Remember

**2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Family Mass  
5pm

**17<sup>th</sup> July**  
Staff  
Development  
Day

**18<sup>th</sup> July**  
Students return  
Term 3

**20<sup>th</sup> July**  
School  
Athletics  
Carnival

**21<sup>st</sup> July**  
Confirmation  
Retreat

**23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
Confirmation  
Mass 9.30am

**The School  
Week**  
School Canteen  
Monday

**Uniform Shop**  
By  
appointment

## Religious Education News

### 5/6F

Over the past two weeks we have been researching information about Saints. I now know that a Saint is a person who has been recognised in the Catholic Church as being Holy. They are caring, help others less fortunate, try to live a life like Jesus and have performed miracles. There are over 10,000 recognised Saints. Saints can only be recognised after they have been deceased for at least 5 years.

The Saint I have chosen for my Confirmation is St Adele, who became a nun after her husband passed away. She established a convent in Germany where she was a loving and caring leader. In my research it says Saint Adele reminds us that we need to always stay alert and open to God's plans for us. By Maddie White

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

#### Retreat

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am St Patrick's Primary School

#### Confirmation Mass

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am St Patrick's Church

### Administration Notes – Additional copies of Student School Reports

Term 2 School Reports were sent home this week. Where families are separated and require an additional copy of their child's school report please contact the school office.

### Parish News

Family Mass this Sunday at 5pm

**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

#### TRIVIA NIGHT

This year we were hoping to hold an Art Auction fundraiser but unfortunately it was not feasible to do so. In its place we are excited to announce that we will be holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, 26 August 2017 at Bega Golf Club! Keep an eye out early next term for the details. 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. If you would like to be involved in helping put this event together, please contact Kat.

#### Wood Raffle

We would like to thank the Griffin family for donating a trailer of wood for the Noa Jessop memorial football posts raffle. This raffle raised \$870.00. Congratulations to the Christison family for winning the wood raffle. We would like to thank the SRC for their hard work and planning of this fundraiser.





**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

29 June 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues in Catholic education,

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the cause of fair funding for Catholic schools by contacting our political leaders in recent months. It is evident that many MPs and Senators have heard the heartfelt concerns arising from the impact of the Turnbull Government's changes to funding for Catholic schools. It is disappointing that the Government has created uncertainty for Catholic Schools.

Parents and carers in particular have clearly expressed the high value they place on choice in school education and want to see fair funding that supports choice as a real option for families. Working with parents, Catholic education will continue to seek fair funding that meets the long-term needs of all students at Catholic schools.

The many voices speaking up for Catholic schools have forced the Turnbull government to amend its funding policy.

The last minute changes did not solve the long-term problems in the funding model for Catholic schools. Catholic schools will benefit from one year of additional funding for systemic schools while a review takes place. In the ACT additional funding has been won that guarantees funding levels for the next four years.

A review of the Socio Economic Status (SES) measure will be conducted in the next twelve months. This measure is based on ABS data and is the most significant determinant of commonwealth funding for Catholic schools.

Catholic education will participate in the review with the hope that it will deliver fair funding that recognises the needs of students across Catholic schools. Catholic schools want to continue to provide a holistic education with low fees. As a result of the additional funding won for Catholic schools, fee increases should be no more than normally expected for the next four years. To this end I invite parents who may have been concerned by fee increases in 2018 to enrol your child in a Catholic school if you have not yet done so.

In NSW the government's website has suggested funding increases in coming years. I understand that the funding increases will likely depend on funding cuts and school closures elsewhere in NSW. Over the next few months I will be holding meetings with school communities to discuss what these changes mean for Catholic schools and what we can do together to secure long term fair funding.

Unfortunately the funding challenges to Catholic education are not over. We have secured a temporary stay only. The unfairness for low fee non-government schools, including Catholic schools continues. Our collective advocacy as parents, caregivers and school leaders, will have the most compelling impact on decision makers.

I look forward to hearing your views and ideas on these opportunities and challenges for Catholic education in Canberra and the Goulburn. Thank you again for your support.

Good wishes

Ross Fox  
Director