

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 2 Term 1



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

The voice from the sky.... Over the school holidays we had the school PA system installed. Initial reactions from the students were quite diverse! The good news is that we now have a way to communicate quickly and effectively across the school both indoor and outdoor.

Today we had our **Opening School Mass** with the commissioning of the Year 6 student leaders. Thank you to our Year 5/6 teachers for coordinating this Mass. Congratulations to our Year 6 students who are already showing us the great example of leadership that they are aspiring to be in 2017. A special congratulations to our school and house captains and vice captains:

St Patrick's School

Our School Captains – Zoe Grant & Sam Griffin

Our School Vice Captains – Brooke Smith & Brendan Cooper

Penola House

Captains – Emily Leahy & Warwick Bateman

Vice Captains – Riley Johnstone & Sam Tomlinson

Tenison House

Captains – Mia Christison & Halen Kite

Vice Captains – Alex Marks & Lachlan Giles

MacKillop House

Captains – Milly Balas & Brodie Seenan

Vice Captains – Tahlia Hotson & Steven Monck

Staff Commissioning Mass Our staff will be commissioned for their work in 2017 during the 9.30am parish Mass at St Patrick's church this Sunday 12th February. All families are encouraged to come. We will have morning tea after Mass.

With thanks to the Bega Valley Shire Council we have attained funding to host two 'Your Story / My Story' mornings during **Seniors Week**. We invite all senior citizens who have a past or present connection with St Patrick's Primary School and Parish to come along on Friday 3rd March and Friday 10th March from 10-11am to enjoy reading and story sharing with the students. The sharing time will be followed by a muffin morning tea on each day. Please Come!!



Christ With Us.
Jo

Dates to Remember

14 February
School Swimming
Carnival Year 3-6
Special part day
carnival K-2

15 February
Kinder Best Start
Assessments - no
school for Kinder
students

1 March
Ash Wednesday
Mass 12pm

5 March
Parish Family
Mass 5pm

17 March
St Patrick's Day
Mass 12.30

17 March
St Patrick's Day
Disco 6.00pm

The School Week

School Canteen
Monday

Uniform Shop
Monday 2.30-
3.00

AP News

Today every family will receive a paper copy of the calendar for Term 1. Most events will be on this calendar. Any changes or additions throughout the term, will be found in 'events' in the Skoolbag app or in the weekly newsletter.



This term we have two special parent workshops, presented by guest speakers. The first workshop, on maths, will give you an understanding of how children learn maths skills and develop problem solving strategies. This will be held in the Year 5/6 rooms on the 22 February at 5.30pm. Baby sitting will be provided while you attend the workshop.

The second workshop will be presented by Prof Kaye Lowe on reading. Many parents have attended this session in previous years and have found it extremely helpful to support their child with reading. This year we would like to encourage Dads to attend. Blokes and books – what a great way to get our boys engaged in reading! Mums and grandparents are welcome to attend also. This will take place on Monday 20 March at 5.30pm.

Need to know what's happening in your child's class?

In these first few weeks each class teacher will be making contact with you to find out your email address. This will be one way that teachers can contact you about specific class information, by sending out a group email. It is also a great way to drop a line if you have any minor concerns or questions. Teachers are more than happy for you to make an appointment if you need to discuss things in person.

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3/4 L	Julie.Lott@cg.catholic.edu.au
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Red Cross Tea Rooms

The Catholic Ladies will be the hosts at the **Red Cross Tearooms** on 21st February from 10am-2pm. If you are able to assist with baking a slice or some biscuits we would be appreciative. 3-4 people baking goes a long way to assist with catering a lovely morning tea on the day. Thanks in advance for your help. Please phone Elise in our office if you can help.

Sport News

Next Tuesday 14 February the whole **School Swimming Carnival** will take place. All the children from Senior Primary, Middle Primary and 8-year-old Junior Primary (children who have nominated) will walk to the pool for a **9.30am** start. As the pool is closed to the public the cost of the carnival day is **\$4. Season Ticket holders do not pay.** Children with season tickets need to inform their teacher. Senior and middle primary children (also JP 8-year-old one lappers) will be allowed to buy from the pool canteen. Please don't send large amounts of money. A \$3 limit should be adequate.

On Carnival day the children will be able to wear t-shirts or tops in their house colours.

Penola – Green, Tenison – Red, MacKillop – Yellow. All races will be one lap. After these events there will be across the pool races for the less confident children. Points, and ribbons will be awarded for all these events.

The **Junior Primary and Kinder children** will join us around 11am for some novelty events. They do not need to bring any money for pool entry as this will be covered by the school. The Junior Primary children will have recess before they come to the pool and then return to school for lunch. They will have a frozen fruit juice treat when they return to school. Please ensure your child has everything they need e.g. Towel, swimmers, underwear, money, sunscreen, hat, drink and recess and lunch for the older children. Parents are invited to come along and support your children. Time keepers will be needed for the one lap events. Please help out if you can.

Religious Education News

This term in Religious Education we are focusing on prayer and meditation. Jesus prayed regularly and taught others how to pray. Prayer involves talking and listening to God, either alone or gathered as community. Meditative prayer uses silence and stillness to assist believers to listen and talk to God. Pope Francis has spoken about prayer on many occasions highlighting that Jesus has one wish and that is for us to pray every day for the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to Jesus. Pope Francis said "Prayer brings you forward in hope and when things get dark, there needs to be more prayer! Then, there will be more hope,". Pope Francis asks us to question ourselves: are we open to the Holy Spirit, do I pray to him to enlighten me, to make me more sensitive to the things of God? "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us" (John 5:14).

School Office News

School Fee Statements have been sent home with your child today.

School Banking

On Monday 20th February we will be having a visit from the Commonwealth Bank school banking mascot. School banking will re commence on Friday 24th February.



P&F News



We are looking for a parent to be our **2017 Working Bee Coordinator**. Do you have the ability to rally the volunteers once a term to keep our school looking good? If you think you could help us in this important volunteer role please contact Elise at the school office on 6492 5500. Thanks! It takes everyone in the community doing their bit to keep our school looking good and being safe for our kids.

Ladies' Night Out

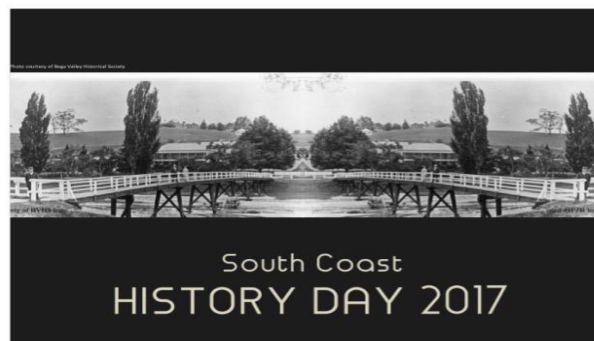
Our first Ladies' Night Out for 2017 will be held on Saturday, 25 February 2017 at The Commercial Hotel, Bega at 6.30 pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other St Patrick's ladies and come together for a great night out filled with laughs. Don't be scared! Bring a friend and have an unforgettable night out. RSVP to Kat Hergenhan on 0413 279 084 or at katrina_hergenhan@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!

2017 Fundraising Events

As the fundraising coordinator, I am very excited with all the fundraising activities we are planning for 2017! Your old favourites are back:

- Disco
- Easter Raffle
- Mother's Day Stall
- Movie Night
- Father's Day Stall
- Beach-a-thon

After the success of the inaugural Rainbow Run last year, we are pleased to announce that it will be making a return this year! The new event this year that I can now reveal is an art auction. Watch this space for more information as it comes to hand. As with all of our fundraising events, they are not possible without the generous support of our St Patrick's families. I am always looking for volunteers regardless of how much or how little time you are able to offer. Any offers are greatly appreciated. If you want to know how you can get involved with any of these events, please contact Kat Hergenhan on 0413 279 084.



Join us for one complete day focusing on significant events that influenced the history of the NSW South Coast

From pre-European settlement to the influence of the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s sea-changers and tree-changers, you'll be amazed at how exciting, interesting [and relatively unknown] much of our local history is.

Sessions include keynote speaker Dr Glenn Mitchell (Senior Lecturer in History, University of Wollongong) and a suite of the region's influential writers, academics and historians.

Just \$15.00 per person including lunch, morning/afternoon tea + FREE South Coast history book

Saturday 25th February
9.30am to 4.30pm
University of Wollongong
Bega Campus

Advance bookings essential
Limited places available

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