

# St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 2 Term 3



## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

**New staff welcome** This week we welcome 2 new staff to St Patrick's. Mrs Jackie Wheele will be working in our support team as a learning support assistant, and Mr Bob Deighton is our new school cleaner.

**Sporting Schools** we have been lucky to attract further funding through sporting schools and this term it is being spent assisting with athletic development. We will have an athletic coach coming to school to support Mrs Harnett in the training of the children going to zone, and also supporting the skill development of all students in athletics.

**Sporting grant** Thanks to Mrs Prime for locating some funding that may support families of 12+ year olds going to state or national championships. Please go to this site to check your eligibility to apply: [http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/grants\\_and\\_funding/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions)

**Lost and Found** The found property trolley has been groaning under the weight of all the lunch boxes, drink bottles, jumpers and sundry items. Next week we will be sending all the unclaimed clothing items to the uniform second hand stores or St Vinnies. Please remind your child to check the trolley for anything you believe is missing from their wardrobe. PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS. If you have items that have had previous owners, please overwrite with your child's name.

**Excursions** Thank you to the parents who have made enquiries about the excursion plan this year. All classes will be attending an excursion in semester 1 and semester 2, as well as the possibility of attending local walking excursions to the library, art gallery or council etc. Through the planning phase each teacher makes decisions, including with the learners, about the best location for an excursion to enhance their curriculum learning pathway. In the year when we have staged and cross-staged classes, this will sometimes mean that children in the same grade have different excursions.

**150 Years** Thank you to those who have indicated interest, we are hoping for a few further interested parents and members of the school community to participate in the steering committee for our 150 year celebration in 2019. Please let us know if you are interested.

**Sunday's Gospel** Today I would like to share one verse from Sunday's Gospel from Matthew 13:44-52 for your reading and reflection; *'the kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'* The parable is calling us to newness, to sacrifice what we are for what we can become.

**COSTA GEORGIADIS is coming to St Patrick's next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 9-11am. Come and hear from the gardening guru himself!**

Blessings. Jo

*It is not what you look at that matters, It's what you see.* Henry David Thoreau

## Dates to Remember

**1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
**Three Way**  
**Interviews**

**2nd August**  
**3/4 Public**  
**Speaking**  
**Moruya**

**Costa**  
**Georgiadis**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
**Zone Athletics**  
**Bega**

**4th August**  
**Souperheroes**  
**Day**

**5/6 Public**  
**Speaking**  
**Cooma**

**6<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Family Mass**  
**5pm**

**7<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Dance Week**  
**with Aleeta**

**The School**  
**Week**  
**School Canteen**  
**Monday**

**Uniform Shop**  
**By**  
**appointment**

## Found Property



**FOUND!**  
Towels,  
Swimmers,  
Non uniform jumpers,  
trousers & jackets,  
Lunch boxes,  
Drink bottles  
Please claim them!



## AP News

**Staff Wellbeing Plan** – On Wednesday evening staff gathered for our second session on staff wellbeing. There were four proposals put forward to the leadership team that all had great merit. They were on flexibility in learning for our students; creating a collaborative space for staff to gather and work together; social events for staff (we love these!); and ways to have more time and be time efficient. We have decided to develop two areas this year - the collaborative space and ways to allow more time on what is important in school and personal life.

## Religious Education News

### Confirmation

Congratulations to all the candidates who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Thank you to Mrs Bateman, Miss Favalaro and the parents and families of the candidates for their support in preparing these candidates for the sacrament.



*Emerson Armstrong  
Paul Pearce  
Alyssa Dangers  
Oscar Heffernan  
Warwick Bateman  
Melissa Balas  
Madeleine White  
Robert Burman*

*Nicole Bateman  
Zoe Grant  
Paige Kidd  
Tahlia Hotson  
Ivan Balas  
Michelle Zuvela  
Kirstyn Thomas*

*Alexandra Zuvela  
Evie Heffernan  
Thomas Kleiss  
Georgia Taylor  
Steven Monck  
Lachlan Giles  
Aminiasi Gauniqio*

*Jasper Kelly  
Sam Griffin  
Dexter Rix  
Ashley Watson  
Brooke Smith  
Halen Kite  
Amelia Balas*

*Zac Alcock  
Owen White  
Alana Liaropoulos  
Brendan Cooper  
Riley Cochrane-Irving  
Ayesha Twyford  
Sam Tomlinson*

### Religious Education in KG

This week KG have been learning about the Golden Rule.

What is the Golden Rule?

Eli E – The Golden rule is respect, treat others how you want them to treat you.

Drew - You can show respect by helping others.

We are creating a big book which includes digital photos of the class living out the Golden Rule.

### Mini Vinnies

Mini Vinnies have organised a **Superheroes Day** to assist Vinnies with donations of food for the less fortunate.

**When:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

**What to do:** Dress up as your favorite superhero or wear your uniform and one superhero accessory. Bring a can of soup as a donation for the needy in our community.



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



# Golden Hearts

A Gathering for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

**Dates:** Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> and again Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10 - 12 noon

**Venue:** CWA Hall, Church Street Bega

**Other:** Tea and Coffee and Light morning tea will be provided

**Details:**

- ❖ PlayAbility is hosting 2 relaxed morning tea gatherings during August
- ❖ Children are welcome to attend as playgroup facilitators will be available
- ❖ Grandparents are welcome to attend one or both of these sessions

PlayAbility acknowledges the challenges that grandparent's raising their grandchildren are facing, and would like to investigate the opportunity for a regular gathering. These two relaxed morning sessions will be used to gather community interest and identify areas of support needed, while also allowing those experiencing similar challenges and stories a chance to come together and share their experiences.

During these two sessions we would like to get a feel for what our Golden Hearts - grandparents raising grandchildren - in our local area are looking for in relation to an ongoing support service.

**RSVP and/or for further details:** Karyn Thomas 0427 498 457

*"We wish to extend our respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work, the Elders past and present."*

Bega Valley Shire  
**library**



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