

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 3 Term 1



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

How quickly week 3 has passed with the celebration of our school swimming carnival on Tuesday, and classes now into their learning routines. **Thank you to Mrs Harnett** for her organization of the event and to all the staff and parents who ensured the day was a success. We also thank Mrs Harnett for organizing everything for our swim team to get to Narooma yesterday.

Welcome to two new staff at St Patrick's. **Mr Simon Bateman** is our new Maintenance person. **Mrs Kylie Hotson** is our new office support person on Friday taking responsibility for school fee processes and communications.

Visitors Next week we welcome two visitors to St Patrick's who will support continued improvement in literacy and numeracy for our students. Mrs Madonna Pianegonda from Catholic Education, and Mrs Leonie Anstey, a visiting learning leader will be here on Wednesday and Thursday. I commend to you the Parent Mathematics session being held on Wednesday afternoon at 5.30pm.

Volunteers All parents and carers who would like to volunteer in our school this year will be invited to a volunteer induction session. More information will come soon.

Uniform It is important for the students to be taking pride in wearing their uniform, and this begins with wearing the correct uniform. I will be sending home a note if your child's uniform is not correct. Two items that are in need of attention by some students: SOCKS – boys wear navy blue crew socks, girls wear white socks
SHOES – all children wear full BLACK LEATHER school shoes, this does include the black leather sport school shoe design.

Gospel On Sunday the Gospel is from Matthew 5: 38-48 the emphasis is on loving our enemies. You may take time to reflect on these words from the text.

'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; so that you may be children of your Father in heaven...' The reflection from Gods Word 2017 asks *'Is this possible? In the first place, Jesus himself loved his enemies by forgiving them on the cross.... Jesus taught 'Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'* This perfection has to do with our ability to be like Jesus and to love as he loved. Love transforms us from within.'

Christ With Us.
Jo

Dates to Remember

18/19 February
Bega Show

21 February
PE Swimming
Years 2-6

22 February
Parent Maths
Workshop
5:30-6:30

24 February
Assembly 1/2B
2:30

25 February
P&F Girls Night
6:30

28 February
PE Swimming
Years 2-6

1 March
Ash Wednesday
Mass 12pm

The School Week

School Canteen
Monday

Uniform Shop
Monday 2.45-
3.30

AP News

As a parent or caregiver, you are your child's first mathematics teacher. In fact, you have probably been doing maths together since your child was very young. Counting pictures on a page and singing songs helped your child learn about numbers and counting. Cooking and measuring, building with objects such as blocks and cardboard boxes gives your child experience with measurement, space and shapes.

In class we provide students with investigations, or inquiries, into problems that capture their interest and engage them in problem solving. This allows students to participate using their knowledge and mathematical skills, even when their strategy is different to another's.

To support maths learning you can:

- Talk positively about maths –saying you don't like maths or were no good at maths in High School can send a mixed message. You are unintentionally saying it's okay not to like or understand maths. Be positive and encouraging.
- Promote a 'grow mindset' – encourage persistence when something is challenging is an important maths skill. It's better to say "I can't do it yet" rather than "I can't do it". Watch the video to learn more <https://www.youcubed.org/mindset-boosting-videos/>
- Know what your child is learning about in maths – ask about their day, what they did in maths, how they worked something out. Taking an interest promotes the value of maths.

Come along to our maths workshop next week!

What does
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like?

Maths Workshop for Parents

**When: Wednesday 22 Feb
at 5.30-6.30pm**

Where: 5/6 classrooms

Babysitting provided for children

All parents welcome to come along!

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.

Religious Education News

Meditation "engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire" in prayer (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2708). There are three times during the day we can actively turn our minds over to God's Word in meditation. In the evening, we can have God's Word be the last thing that inhabits our mind. In the morning, we can have God's Word be the first thing to occupy our minds to start the day. Finally, we need a specific time each day to be in God's Word so it can speak to us throughout our day.

What should we focus on in meditation? "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things" (Philippians 4:8, NASB).

The goal of meditation is closer union with Christ. Meditation seeks use of the faculties of the mind to know the Lord, understand his love for us, and to move into deep union with him. Use of the mind "is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ." (Catechism, 2708).

Session on Meditation Bega – Sunday 19th February after 9:30am Mass.

Session on Lectio Divina & Ignatian Bega – Sunday 26th February after 9:30am Mass.

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.

Uniform News

Change of opening hours to the uniform shop. If you cannot make it in on a Monday you send in with your child and items will be have any questions.

shop. It will still be Monday but time will be 2:45-3:30. You can print an order form from the school bag app and sent home. As always contact Nicky or Katrina if you

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

Any offers of assistance in fundraising event organization are greatly appreciated. If you want to know how you can get involved, please contact Kat Hergenhan on 0413 279 084.

Seniors Week Activity at St Pat's



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!!

Sport

Yesterday children travelled to Narooma for the Southern Zone Swimming Carnival. The children were all great representatives for St Patrick's. Danny Swan was named 11 year boy champion. We now have children selected in the 5th Zone team to compete in Boorowa shortly. Congratulations to Kirstyn Thomas, Jasper Kelly, Danny Swan, Jontae Thompson, Brooke Smith, Mia Christison, Abby Christison and Alana Liaropoulos for being selected.



Nest Tuesday 21st February all SP and MP classes will swim. As well as 2/3C and then Year 2 children from 1/2B. The cost is \$3.50 for those without season tickets.



Sam, Jasper and Warwick went to Gundagai for rep cricket trials. We were split into two groups, Sam and Warwick in one group and Jasper in the other. Sam and Warwick went to the nets first whilst Jasper was playing a cricket game. In the nets, Sam and Warwick were only allowed to block or play defensive shots and bowl. We then played a modified game of cricket, where you batted one over and then bowled one over, then fielded for the rest of the game. There were 60 kids at the trials, but they could only choose 11 kids. Jasper missed out by two places, Warwick missed out by four places, but Sam made it in!
By Sam, Warwick and Jasper.