

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 3 Term 3



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

Week 3 has passed with much to celebrate. Yesterday's **Zone athletics carnival** coordinated by Mrs Jannene Harnett – THANKS! - and staffed by many at St Pat's was a resounding success, despite the early signs that rain would stop play. Our thanks to Pip White and the band of supportive parents for running the canteen on the day and everyone who baked for the stall. We congratulate all St Pat's students who participated and worked to achieve their personal best.

This week we have celebrated learning through the **3 Way interview** process whereby your children have been able to share their learning, talk about their learning pit moments and name their current goals. I hope all families have taken the opportunity to attend in support of your children and their learning. I thank our students for developing the skill and confidence to talk about learning and our teachers for their dedication toward each child's success.

COSTA GEORGIADIS was an inspiring visitor to St Patrick's on Wednesday. We thank Mr Bakker for organising the visit. Costa taught us many things about gardening, and reinforced the message we have been promoting about waste management and reduction. He told us all about one way he tries to reduce his consumption of single use products - takeaway cutlery, takeaway coffee cups by travelling with his own travel mug and cutlery/straw set. Our students were motivated by his messages. The KG students with the support of 4/5S were the first to plant in the garden. The other junior classes helped construct the lasagna layers.

MATHS We have had the pleasure of a visit from Leonie Anstey and Madonna Pianegonda who are supporting us to improve teaching and learning in mathematics. Teachers have had the opportunity to meet with Leonie and Madonna and learn more about constructing Maths experiences and the use of manipulatives in the classroom. What can you do at home? Card games, Maths talk, kids helping with shopping – calculating, adding, measuring.... Some card games can be found here <https://www.teachstarter.com/blog/nine-nifty-ways-use-pack-cards-classroom/>

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.

Gospel This Sunday the reading from Matthew 17:1-9 is the Transfiguration of the Lord, through the narrative: we, like the early believers, are given a glimpse of Jesus' divinity. I commend to you the reading of this text and reflection on the mystery.

Blessings.
Jo

Live in the present, launch yourself on every wave, find your eternity in each moment. Henry David Thoreau

Dates to Remember

7th – 11th
August
Dance Week
with Aleeta

9th August
P&F Meeting
6pm

11th August
Garden Day

14th – 17th
August
Paper Plane
Competition

14th August
National
Science Week

15th August
Parent
Reading
Workshop
5pm

18th August
Assembly
2/3C

The School
Week
School
Canteen
Monday

Uniform Shop
By
appointment

AP News



Religious Education News

5/6B

Confirmation Reflection

Last Sunday, we did our last sacrament of initiation, Confirmation.

First we did the renewing of our baptismal promises and the laying of hands and then we had the anointing of Chrism and got our certificates. One thing that I took away from the experience of the mass was the homily, where Archbishop Prowse talked to us about seeing things that are happening around us and trying to stop the bad things that we see around us. After we finished in the church, we joined everyone outside the church to celebrate by having cake.

By Zoe Grant

Confirmation Reflection

Last Sunday my Mum, my Dad and I were confirmed. My sponsor was Alyssa's mum. Firstly, we arrived at our classroom to receive our sashes and pins. Then we lined up in our seating order and processed into the church. We renewed our Baptismal promises, had the Laying of Hands and Anointing with Chrism all at the same time. Before church ended we received our certificates and took selfies with the Archbishop. After church we ate cake and then had a BBQ at the beach with Alyssa's family. I felt happy and proud because I had just been confirmed and that I had not forgotten what to say. I learned that the Chrism is an actual oil.

By Milly Balas :)

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies team meet with Danni from St Vincent de Paul this week. The St Patrick's Mini Vinnies team joins teams from Eden, Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay to help support St Vincent de Paul on the Far South Coast.



Sports News

Yesterday, under unpleasant conditions, we managed to complete our Southern Region Athletics Carnival. Our St Pat's children all tried their best and we now have 15 children chosen to represent the Southern Region at the Archdiocese Carnival in Canberra on Tuesday 29th August. Congratulations to Mia Christison who was the senior girl champion. After holding the highest point score trophy for 2 years we finally passed it back to Batemans Bay who were the winning school this year. A big thank you to Pip and Dave White for organising the canteen and to all the parents who helped make it a successful day.



School Office News

Term 3 school fees were sent out last week, fees are due no later than Friday 18th August 2017, unless prior arrangements have been made.

P&F News

TRIVIA NIGHT

Meet the Butcher as MC

Brought to you by
St Patrick's Primary School P&F

Come along for a
night of
fun, laughter, games
and prizes!

- * Raffles
- * Lucky door prize
- * Games

8 to a table or we can
seat you

Bring a plate to share

WHEN
28 August 2017
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

WHERE
Roper Country Club
Tarragoola Lane
TARRAGOOOLA NSW 2530

ADMISSION
\$10 per person payable at
the door on the night

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