

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 4 Term 1



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

This week we have enjoyed a visit from Leonie Anstey and Madonna Pianegonda who will be guiding our continued school improvement in numeracy development for all students, with a focus on numeracy in K-2. Whilst here, Leonie and Madonna were welcomed into all classrooms and were able to see and hear Mathematics in action. Our staff enjoyed the opportunity of a second staff meeting to continue their learning as Maths teachers. It was also great to see so many parents at the evening session learning about how to make the most of opportunities for Maths thinking and conversation in the classroom. The card games we learned encouraged not only Maths language and thinking but some competitive spirit as well. If you were unable to make the session I am happy to show you the card games that you and your child can enjoy



St Patrick's parents getting hands-on with maths games for home.

Next week I am in Bowral for a Principal Conference and retreat from Wednesday until Friday, Mrs Kite will be Acting Principal in my stead.

This Sunday our **Gospel** is from Matthew 6:24-34 the reading has a powerful message about what is important in life and ends with the text *'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'* The reflection in God's Word 2017 encourages 'By transcending material cravings, we raise the bar of perfection to reach higher goals. Jesus encourages us to define our core identity by transcending beyond the material to the spiritual realm.'

Prayers This week our prayers continue to be with Mrs Kim Aldridge and her family at the loss of her nephew Laurence. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Christ With Us.
Jo

Dates to Remember

25 February
P&F Girls Night
6:30

28 February
PE Swimming
Years 2-6

1 March
Ash Wednesday
Mass 12pm
&
School Board
6pm

3 March
Seniors Morning
Tea 10-11am

5 March
Family Mass 5pm

7 March
PE Swimming
Years 2-6

10 March
Seniors Morning
Tea 10-11am

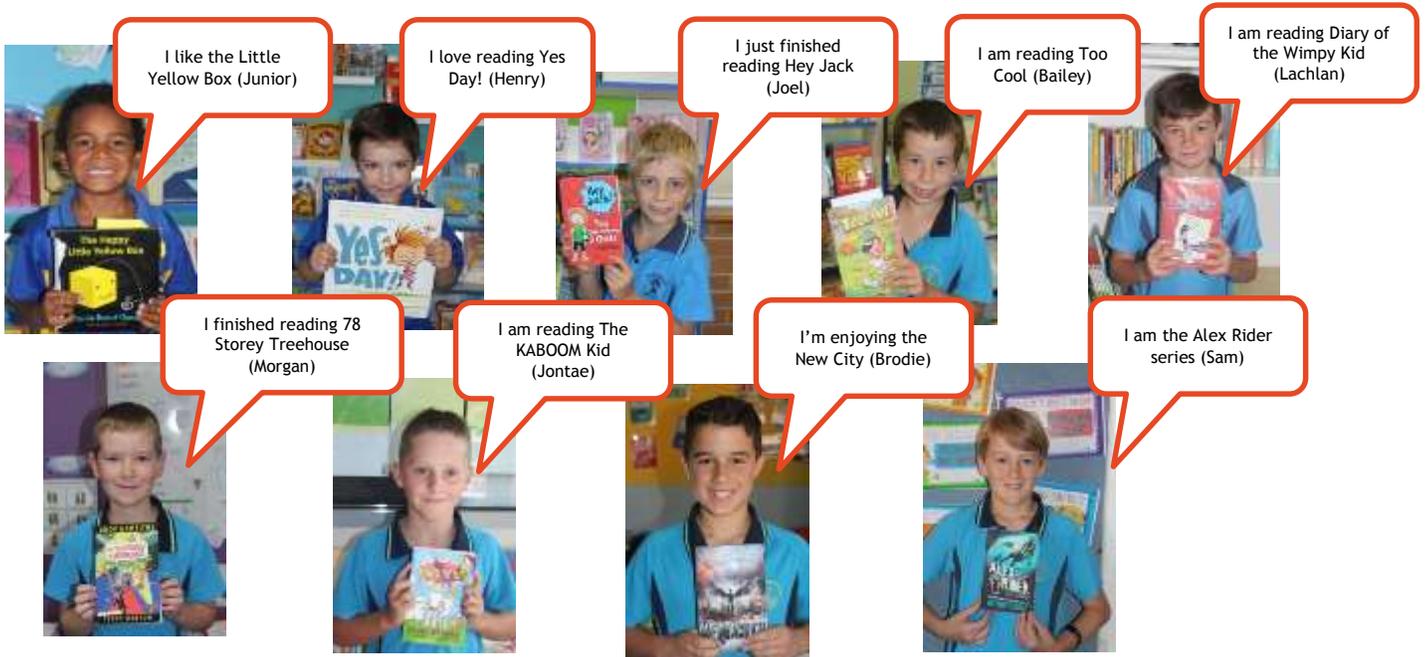
The School Week

School Canteen
Monday

Uniform Shop
Monday 2.45-
3.30

AP News

What are you currently reading? Here are some boys from each class in the school.



Sport News



Congratulations to our swimming champions! **12 year Champions** – Brooke Smith, Mia Christison and Halen Kite; **11 year Champions** – Isabel Dibley and Danny Swan; **Junior Champions** – Kirstyn Thomas and Jontae Thompson.

SWIMMING LESSONS are on Tuesday for all students in Years 2 to Year 6. Please pack swimming gear and bring \$3 for pool entry.

Religious Education News



Religious Education in 5/6S Evie Heffernan explained 5/6S have been creating picture prayers. She said "I drew a picture but also included some words".



Ayesha Twyfold said "This year I am going overseas. I drew crosses because travelling overseas reminds me of my family and traveling for a family funeral".

Kinder Excursion



On Friday 17th February Kinder set off to the Bega Park for an excursion. Whilst at the park Kinder students participated in a Taste Challenge, using their senses to predict what they were going to taste. The Taste challenge involved a guest Speaker from Bega cheese and a taste of three different cheeses. We would like to thank Phil and the Bega Cheese team.



Learning Support

What if my child CAN read but won't?

We see many articles written about children who struggle to read, but few about children who do have the ability, but simply don't! I have had personal experience on this topic – a child who picked up the mechanics of reading at a young age, then simply lost interest. So what do you do?

Stress Less!

At first I pushed the home readers, but this caused nothing but stress on both ends. When I acknowledged the fact that my child was bored with the readers I was forcing upon him, I let him choose what he wanted to read. Often this was not a book. It could be footy cards, basketball magazines, online articles about his favourites sporting stars... anything that kept him engaged and interested. He was finally reading because he wanted to, not because I was making him. It was his choice and he was reading for pleasure, which is what we want for all children. In short, letting children be in control of their own reading material at home causes one less obstacle and conflict when it comes to reading.

This applies to ALL readers

Reading at home should not be a chore for anyone. If your child is struggling to read, make it an enjoyable experience by letting them choose the story (or whatever it may be) and read it to them. This is still part of learning to read as you are modelling reading behaviour. Discuss the pictures, see if they know any of the words, but don't push it. The actual mechanics of reading is only one aspect. Make silly voices, laugh together, make it fun! Before you know it, you'll both look forward to reading time at home!

Linda Mallard
Classroom Support Teacher

Parish News

Children's liturgy this weekend. All welcome to Come along and join in.



ASH WEDNESAY

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH

Bega 12 noon School Mass & 5.30 Mass

Tathra 9am Mass

Candelo 7pm Liturgy

Bemboka 5pm Mass

All Welcome

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!!

P & F News

School Disco - St Patrick's Day

We are holding our annual school disco on Friday, 17 March 2017 from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm in the school hall. Our theme this year is St Patrick's Day so we hope to see you all there in your green outfits!

There will be a hairspray stall and temporary tattoo stall to get you even more into the St Patrick's Day theme with green hairspray and shamrock temporary tattoos. To have your hair sprayed or to get a tattoo with cost \$1 each.

We will be running a canteen that will serve sausage sandwiches (the sausages are gluten-free and gluten-free bread will be available), chips, killer pythons, fruit juice poppers and bottled water. We will also be selling glow sticks from the canteen as well.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the canteen and the stalls. A note will be sent home for you to nominate which stall you would like to help out in. We hope to get enough volunteers so you will only be needed for a 30 minute period. You can't miss out on the opportunity to burn up the dance floor yourself!!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kat Hergenhan on 0413 279 084 or email Katrina_hergenhan@hotmail.com.

Buses Zone Belmore Street

Please be aware the allocated bus zone on Belmore street can not be parked in until after 9.30am.

Community News

Squash Club

The Bega Junior Squash Club runs a graded squash competition on Friday nights at the Bega Country Club. We are aiming to run two 10 week competitions during 2017. We would like to invite all of St Patrick's pupils to join our inclusive Club. We cater for all standards from absolute beginners to budding champions. Grading for the upcoming season is being held next Friday, February 24th, at 6.00pm. Participants require non-marking sports shoes and a squash racket. The Club provides balls and safety goggles. Any interested parties should e-mail john@tarramotors.com.au

Tennis Club

Bega Hot Shots Junior Tennis has started up after school on Tuesdays at the Bega Tennis courts, Carp Street Bega. This is a Tennis Australia sanctioned program and all are welcome. There are three levels from beginners upwards. Sandra Bunce and Paul Warren will be on court with the children and a senior club member will be supervising. The costs are \$10 for sub junior club membership and \$50 per player for the seven remaining sessions this term. Registration is at the courts from 3:30 this Tuesday.

Bega Tathra Mini Soccer Fun Day!

Come along to Tathra Beach Country Club on Saturday 4th March from 10am – 12pm for a kick around and \$2 sausage sizzle. Welcome to new players wanting to give soccer a try and returning players excited about warming up for the fast approaching season. Bega Tathra Mini Soccer is for school children aged 4-12 yrs. Contact Kathryn 0422586983 Find us on Facebook: Bega-Tathra mini soccer.

Bega Junior Rugby League 2017

Registrations are now open online at Playnrl.com for boys and girls from 5-16
1st Child \$90 2nd \$80 3rd \$70
Experienced Coaches appointed in all grades

New this year is Junior Girls League Tag 9 to 12 years

Training Starting soon for Most Grades view Bega Minor League Facebook Page for dates and times
For further Rego details contact David Armstrong 0412 623140

