

# St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 4 Term 2



## Principal's New

Dear Parents,

**Prayers Please** There are many families in our community needing your thoughts and prayers at this time. Please take a moment to offer a prayer to those who are suffering through grief and loss, illness and injury.

**Enrolling NOW** May and June are the enrolment months at St Patrick's please complete your enrolment forms for Kinder 2018 and leave at the office. Interviews will be in early June.

**Green team** – You will start to see the transformation on the grass near the office into a garden – watch that space (and this space) each week for updates.

**P&F** - more helpers needed! Have you considered how you can contribute to the life of the school and our community? We are always looking for people to offer assistance through participation in the Parents and Friends association. More information is at the end of the newsletter.

**Gospel** This week's gospel is from John 14:15-21 'Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Spirit to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth....' We are called to be people of faith and love. The Spirit of God is a transforming spirit an eternal presence of God with us.

Jo  
*Scatter seeds of kindness as you pass along the way.*

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

## Dates to Remember

19<sup>th</sup> May  
Assembly 5/6B  
2.30pm  
Sleep Out  
Year 3-6  
5.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> May  
Mass 12.30pm  
Confirmation  
Information  
7pm

25<sup>th</sup> May  
Class Retreat  
3/4K

27<sup>th</sup> May  
Girls Night Out  
Bega Thai

28<sup>th</sup> May  
Childrens  
Liturgy 9.30am

4<sup>th</sup> June  
Confirmation  
Enrolment Mass

8<sup>th</sup> June  
3/4L Class  
Retreat

## The School Week

School Canteen  
Monday

Uniform Shop  
By appointment

## AP News

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This week I have been in Canberra for three days for meetings on literacy, numeracy and leadership. It's great to go to days like this to take time to reflect on where to next for our school, but also to be assured that we are well on the right track with the way we teach literacy and numeracy.

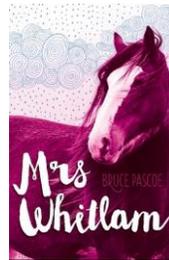
At the literacy day we had a speaker from the Children's Bookshop in Sydney. He took us through some hot reads for kids. Finding the right book, or new series of books that your child can't put down is a great thing to switch on their love for reading.

*"Reading for pleasure is the most important way to advance literacy attainment in children."* National Literacy Trust UK

A picture book set in the future, where insects have become extinct.



A novel for Years 5/6/7/8 about a girl who is given a Clydesdale



Dirty Bertie is a series for early readers with lots of funny (silly) stories



## Religious Education News

### Religious Education in 4/5S

4/5S have been learning about world religions and symbols.

Jack - I researched Islam. The golden rule of Islam is you cannot wish for yourself, you must wish for others.



Xavier: I researched Buddhism. The golden rule of Buddhism is treat others how you want them to treat you.



Jasmin: I researched Hinduism. The golden rule of Hinduism is respect everyone and be nice to others.



## Mission Australia Sleepout

Congratulations to students who are participating in the Mission Australia Sleepout, we have not only reached our target we have exceeded it by raising \$869.00 so far. St Patrick's would like to thank Woolworths for sponsoring the event and supplying the food.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

### Parent information night:

Wednesday 24th May, 7pm St Patrick's School

### Enrolment Mass

Sunday 4th June 9:30am St Patrick's Church

### Family Masses

Sunday 11th, 18th & 25th of June, 5pm St Patrick's Church

### Confirmation Mass

Sunday July 23rd, 9:30am St Patrick's Church

## Library News

There are a large number of overdue or missing books from the library. An overdue list was sent home with the students. Please have a look around and return any books with the list. Also any comment as to what may of happened to the books. Thank you



On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime, join us there!!

Mrs Platts

## Senior Primary Canberra Excursion

Payments for the Senior Primary Canberra Excursion are due now.

## Canberra excursion PACER rebate

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This rebate has already been applied to the cost of the 2017 Canberra excursion.

## School Office News

Thank you to those families who have finalised their Term 2 school fee account. School fees are due no later than Friday 26th May 2017 unless prior arrangements have been made.

## Student Banking

Kirsty Towell from the CBA will be here next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 2.45pm to answer any questions you may have regarding student banking. St Pat's student banking day is **Friday**.

## P&F News

### **P&F AGM 2017**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> June, the P&F will hold their AGM, in the library at 6pm. All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend. At this meeting several office holders are retiring and we ask for your consideration in filling these roles. The previous office holders are available to help you get started. They are:

#### **Secretary:**

This is a fairly straight forward role, but essential. You collect the reports & put together the agenda for the meeting and take the minutes.

#### **Social Committee Coordinator:**

This role coordinates the fundraising and social events of the P&F and can be shared. There are already parents running several recurring events who are happy to continue.

#### **State Level Supporters Fund:**

This role raises money to support families with the cost of children representing the school at the state level in any area (not just sport). These events are run when the fund needs topping up. This role can also be shared. If you are interested in filling any of these roles and would like further information, please contact Tanya 0421 806 471. Please consider joining the fun welcoming team of the P&F. Not only do they provide fun social events for the St Patrick's community but they provide essential services such as the canteen, uniform shop and fundraise for equipment that benefits the learning experience of our children. In the past the P&F money has been spent on: new library books, class and home readers, classroom resources, sports equipment, smart boards, computers, iPads, microscopes & outfitting the hall.

For those unable to attend St Patrick's Parents & Friends AGM please complete the Proxy form attached to this newsletter and return to the school office by 3pm Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **GIRLS' NIGHT OUT**

If you're a lady and looking for a good time please come and join in the fun at this term's Girls' Night Out. Dinner and great conversation is guaranteed on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at the Bega Thai Restaurant (Church St) from 6:30pm! RSVP to Antoinette Woods on 64920067 or [pish\\_nette@hotmail.com](mailto:pish_nette@hotmail.com) by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and remember the venue is BYO. The more the merrier!

## Uniform News

The uniform shop ladies are looking for a third helper. Our uniform shop is run entirely by parent volunteers to keep the cost of the uniform as low as possible. The role includes the selling of the uniforms, filling on-line and paper form orders, the ordering of stock and stock control on an as-needed basis of the parents/carers. It is estimated to be approx. 1hr a week and not necessarily every week. For further information, please contact Nicky 0410 527 108.

## Vegetable Week – The Big Veggie Crunch

### **What is The Big Veggie Crunch?**

Did you know that only 5.4% of Australian children eat enough vegetables?

To encourage students to eat more vegetables, our school will be taking part in The Big Veggie Crunch (as part of Vegetable Week) on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am**.

Schools across NSW will be joining together to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables simultaneously.

#### **What can you do to help?**

- Pack a container of vegetables (**not fruit**) for your child to eat on the day
- Keep serving up the vegetables at home!

## Proxy Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ am unable to attend the 2017 P&F AGM and hereby request  
the secretary or \_\_\_\_\_ to vote on my behalf.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signed)

## Nomination Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position

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