

# St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 5 Term 2



## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

**Out and About** Much has been happening this week at St Pat's and with our learners out into the community. Wednesday saw our Year 5/6 students attend an information session at Lumen Christi, and two of the junior classes learning about the dairy industry. Thursday one of the Yr 3/4 classes went to Tathra for a prayer retreat, and today our K's and K/1 have been on a walking excursion to the museum. Learning beyond the school gates is one of our priorities, and this week there has been much joy in being out in the world as learners.

At the meeting of the School Board last week we began our thinking about the celebration of the school's **150 years** of education, that we will celebrate in 2019. We are setting up a steering committee for this planning and are calling for interested people to nominate to be on the committee. The initial meeting is going to be in August. If you would like to help with the thinking and planning of this significant event in the life of St Pat's school please email [office.bega@cq.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.bega@cq.catholic.edu.au) with the header **150 years steering committee**. We will communicate the time and place of the first meeting early in term 3.



**Gospel** This week the Gospel from Matthew 28:16-20 is the ascension of the Lord. The ascension is an integral part of our faith. After Jesus finished his mission on earth he ascends to heaven and yet remains near to us. Jesus says, 'Look I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' We are called to lift our eyes from our worries and anxieties toward Jesus, now with the Father.

**Thank you** for the great support that the community has given to Paula and her family at this most difficult time. Thank you also to the families who are able to assist with catering for Oscar's wake next Wednesday. If you are able to bake would you please return the slip to the school office.

**Enrolments** – Families of children starting school - Kinder 2018 – are encouraged to complete and submit their application form.

Christ With Us,  
Jo

*Do what you believe in and believe in what you do. Nisagatta*

### Dates to Remember

27<sup>th</sup> May  
Girls Night Out  
Bega Thai  
6.30pm

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

2<sup>nd</sup> June  
K/1M Assembly  
2.30  
Movie Night

4<sup>th</sup> June  
Confirmation  
Enrolment  
Mass  
9.30am

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

11<sup>th</sup> June  
Family Mass  
5pm

12<sup>th</sup> June  
Public Holiday

**The School Week**  
School Canteen  
Monday

Uniform Shop  
By appointment

## AP News

### Curriculum

This week Katie Smith from Catholic Education came to our school for two days. Katie is our support officer and she works with us on our Early Learning Initiative in literacy and numeracy. Katie also works with Linda Mallard on learning support and student wellbeing. Katie was impressed with the work teachers have been doing on the 'Learning Pit' and growth mindset, taking photos to share with other schools.

When Katie returns in three weeks, she will be working with K-2 teachers on maths programming, designing assessments and developing tiered assignments (same task at different levels).

Teachers have already been working on maths 'assignments' in class. These are tasks that suit all learners, by having multiple entry points (by changing numbers or materials) and a high ceiling, which means all students become involved in challenging learning. During the working time, teachers ask students questions to guide their strategies and thinking. An example of an assignment for K-2 could be something like this:



Noah saw 16 legs walk by into the ark.  
How many creatures could he have seen?

How many different answers can you find?  
Can you explain how you found out these answers?

### Reminder about uniform

Students need to be now wearing winter uniform. This means boys need to be wearing navy trousers and girls can choose either trousers or stockings with their skirt.

School hats are an on-going issue for some students, who borrow visors because they do not have their own hat (or it is lost). We like our students to be out and active at recess and lunch breaks, which is not possible without a hat. Please check with your child that they have a hat in their bag every day. As the UV rating goes below 3, we will have a period over winter where they do not need to wear a hat.

Students should not be wearing jewellery items such as coloured armbands. We love seeing students with a watch, so please encourage this instead of colourful bands!

### Fidget Spinners

Has your child become more focused at home using a fidget spinner or is it a just a fun toy? Many children are bringing these to school. Please be aware that they are hot property and appeal to those who don't have one. Whilst we endeavour to encourage respect of property and sharing during playtime, one or two have gone missing.

UV Index		5 ways to protect yourself
11+	Extreme	
8,9,10	Very High	
6,7	High	
3,4,5	Moderate	
1,2	Low	

Sun protection is generally not needed unless outside for extended periods

- Slip on sun-protective clothing
- Slip on SPF30+ sunscreen. Reapply every 2 hours
- Slap on a broad brimmed hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on wrap-around sunglasses

## Religious Education News

This week we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Thank you to 3/4L and 4/5S who prepared the Liturgy.



On Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 3/4L went on a retreat to the Church of the Star of the Sea, Tathra. The purpose of the retreat, was to temporarily leave behind the usual distractions to allow relaxation and for an inner change to occur: the ongoing conversion of heart that is critical to deepening faith. Students participated in walking meditation, prayer through music and they created their own mandala.



## **Mission Australia Sleepout**

*A recount from two students:*

*On Friday the 19th we had a sleepout to raise awareness for homeless people. We played a Poverty Game, some people were rich and some weren't. After that we saw that 102,396 people are homeless in Australia. Then we watched a movie, it was called The Pursuit of Happiness. Then we went to bed!*

*Things we learned:*

- *It's uncomfortable and you don't get much sleep*
  - *we are more fortunate*
  - *we woke up a lot because of different noises*
- by Xavier Scott-Pegum and Brodie Irvin*

The students set a goal to raise \$331. Not only did students reach their goal but they raised \$1,444, which will support Mission Australia to house a family of four for a month at one of their crisis centres. St Patrick's staff and students 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 Church

### **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

## **Student Banking**

Kirsty Towell from the CBA will be here Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 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.

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## **P&F PROXY FORM**

### **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

\_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed Nominator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed Secunder)