

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 5 Term 3



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

Yesterday was the official opening of the **Noa Flats Football Field** and the ribbon was cut and the first official game was played. It was an auspicious occasion, albeit a little windy! We were honoured with the presence of Noa's family, his parents and sister, his grandparents and aunts and uncles. Mrs Shannon Whitford represented The Hon. Andrew Constance and officiated on the day. The school captains were presented with 2 soccer and 2 footballs from Mr Constance, and the Melbourne Storm ball was used for the exhibition game.

You are in for a treat next Wednesday as St Pat's goes '**Out of this World**' at our concert! The rehearsals are going well and all our little stars are starting to shine even more brightly! We look forward to a crowd at both the matinee 12.00 midday and the night show. If you haven't purchased tickets please send in your money, \$5.00 per ticket asap.

Satisfaction surveys of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Diocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about their school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals can not be identified.

The surveys will be launched via email on August 21 and close on September 1, 2017 using the email addresses supplied to the school. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey on August 21, you can access and complete the survey at the following link.

<https://www.research.net/r/stpatricksbegaparent2017>

Parent WWCC Thank you to the parent volunteers who have brought their volunteer WWCC to the office. All parents and carers who are regular volunteers in our school are asked to apply for a volunteer Working With Children Check and to bring a copy of this for the school.

150 years: The first meeting for the steering committee for our 150 year celebration will be held on Monday 28th August at 4.00pm in the school library. Thank you to the people who have signed up, any other interested parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Mrs McPherson whose grandbaby was born this week!

Christ With Us.
Jo

All of life is a journey: which paths we take, what we look back on, and what we look forward to is up to us .

Dates to Remember

21st August
Book Week

23rd August
School Concert
12pm & 7pm

24th August
Bega Library Book Week Visits

24th August
4/5S Bournda Excursion

26th August
Trivia Night Bega Golf Club 6pm

29th August
Archdiocesan Athletics

30th August
Garden Day

The School Week

School Canteen Monday

Uniform Shop By appointment

AP News



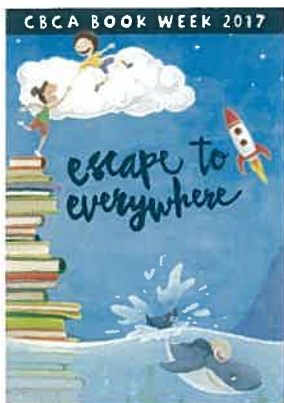
In 2018, NSW schools may move to doing NAPLAN online. There are three reasons for moving online: quicker turn-around time of results; tailored test that give more accurate results; and it's more engaging for the kids! Before NAPLAN goes online, schools need to do some trial tests with the students in Year 3 and 5, to see how our devices and internet handle this system.

This week I attended NAPLAN online training to learn about how to administer NAPLAN online trials. It was interesting to learn that the tests are somewhat intuitive and as children answer questions, the test gives questions suited to their level of challenge. For example, they may complete ten questions and get five correct, so it will ask the next ten within an easier range. If they got those ten all correct, then the next ten would be much harder (Disclaimer: This is not exactly how it works but my interpretation of the information given!).

In Week 8 our current Year 3 and 5 students will have a go at two tests – reading and maths. If you would like to know more, there is a video on this link <http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

And if you want to try one of the online sample test, you can go to <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

BOOKWEEK ACTIVITIES



Next week is the official week of book week, where the winners for different categories in children's books are announced. On Thursday 24th classes will visit the Bega Library for activities on the nominated books or learn about borrowing.

We have decided to postpone our school book week activities until Week 10 this term (18th – 22nd September). During Week 10, we will have a range of activities in library lessons, as well as a dress-up parade, a whole school publishing celebration and other activities. **Please note that the school calendar dress-up day for Friday 25th August has been cancelled and moved to Week 10.**

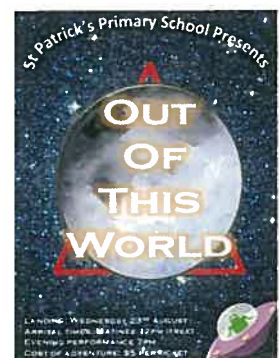
CONCERT – NEXT WEEK!

On Wednesday 23rd we have our whole school dance concert. Concert times are 12pm (free) and 7pm (\$5 per adult ticket). Tickets can be purchased on the night and doors open at 6.30pm.

We are having a full dress rehearsal on Monday 21st. Please ensure your child has their items they need on Monday, in a bag with their name. The bag helps when they get changed, putting their uniform in while they do the dance. They will take home the costume on Wednesday afternoon to get dressed at home before the night time concert.



Special request – if you have some sunglasses or 3D glasses, we would like every child to have some for our finale dance. Please write your child's name or initials on the sunnies so they don't get mixed up.



Religious Education News

Religion in 3/4L

What have you been learning about in Religious Education?

Angus – Jesus washes his disciples' feet.

Reggie – We went to the chapel for Mass.

Hugo – We have been learning about the Assumption of Mary. We have been reading bible stories.

Morgan & Luchia – We celebrated the feast of the Assumption on Tuesday the 15th August.

Luchia – We have learned about bishops, Dioceses and priests.

Isabella – We learned the Aboriginal Our Father. We also learned about different ways of praying.

Parish News

INTRODUCING THE LIVING WORD Receive a daily Gospel Reflections from the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn straight to your inbox. To sign up to this free service visit www.cgatholic.org.au/subscribe-to-gospel-reflection/ or follow the link from the parish website.

Parish Website:<http://cg.org.au/bega/>

School Board Report

At the recent Board meeting we welcomed Candice Hoskins as Parent Representative and Donna Salway as Secretary - thank you for committing to this opportunity to support the school community in this way.

A summary of the meeting is as follows:

- Discussions around school-home communication focused on the success of Skoolbag and the role of Facebook particularly with consideration of privacy and cyber safety issues. **Email is the best means of communicating with staff.**
- **The new St Patrick's website is up** and running thanks to support from CE (Catholic Education)
- Parents have expressed interest in parent workshops on how to support children with literacy, numeracy, resilience, wellbeing and cybersafety. It was proposed to have **one parent workshop a term** with the dates advertised well ahead of time and child minding offered. These may be offered as a matinee and evening session in recognition of people's busy lives.
- **The Homework Policy**, based on current research, was approved after staff consultation and will be sent to all families in the near future. Other policies are on CE's Complispace Portal as well as our new website.
- **We are looking for people who may be interested in applying for one or more of the many Funding Grant opportunities available. If you know someone who would be interested, please contact Jo who has details on a range of ways that the school can receive financial assistance for projects.**
- Review of the Annual Improvement plan 2017 with a view to consider inclusions for the 2018 plan.
- Congratulations to all 36 people who made their Confirmation recently - may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you towards a life inspired by love.

Thank you to the P&F for organising the Beachathon and Trivia Night (**just a reminder that the upcoming Trivia Night is for adults only** - future events will consider possibilities for the provision of childminding)

The Board meets once a term. For more information, feel free to contact any members - Jo, Mary, Julie B, Mel O'Reilly, Nicky Bateman, Donna Salway, Candice Hoskins, Fr Michael or myself.

Antoinette Woods

P&F News

TRIVIA NIGHT

We still have tables available for the Trivia Night on Saturday, 26 August 2017 at Bega Golf Club! This super fun night will be open to the public so we are hoping to draw a big crowd and make it a fantastic night. Please note that this event is aimed towards adults so is not suitable for children to attend. Entry is \$10 per person with 8 people to a table. Bookings can be made by emailing stpatsbegafundraising@gmail.com or by calling 02 6492 5500. We have some amazing prizes up for grabs in our raffle including a \$350 photography session with Narelle Hutchinson Photography, 4 x tickets to see Anh Do live in Bega with transfers to and from the show, as well as many more exciting prizes. If you own a business or know of a business that might be interested in donating items or vouchers for prizes and raffles, please contact Kat Hergenhan on 0413 279 084.

BEACH-A-THON

Our annual Beach-a-thon is on Friday 15 September 2017. The Beach-a-thon is a fantastic day out at the beach for all. The day begins with a bus ride from school to the Lions Park at Mogareeka. From there, the children run, hop, skip, jump or walk their way to the Dragon Park at Tathra. The rest of the day is filled with fun activities on the beach, including sand castle building. Included in the day will be a sausage sizzle lunch followed by a zooper dooper. At 2 pm, the children will leave Tathra on the bus and return to school. The children will be travelling to Tathra and back by a bus. **There is no charge for the bus.** If parents are transporting their child to and from Tathra, you are more than welcome to stay with us for the day. For this fundraising activity, students can seek donations from family and friends to sponsor them to make their way from Mogareeka to the Dragon Park. There are lots of prizes available for their fundraising efforts!

PRIZES

1ST PRIZE: KID'S KAYAK INCLUDING LIFEVEST KINDLY DONATED BY OUTBACK TO OCEAN

2ND PRIZE: WAHU BEACH PACK

3RD PRIZE: BEACH TOWEL AND DRINK BOTTLE

For every \$10 raised, you will receive a ticket in the draw for the above prizes!

MOVIE & POPCORN AFTERNOON

For the class that raises the most money!

CUPCAKES AND ICY POLES

For the class that returns their money first!

MONEY MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2017 TO ENTER THE DRAW

After School Boot Camp for Kids



Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

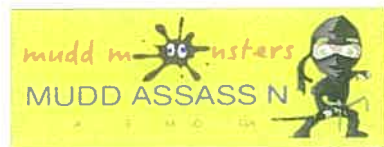
Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter, while increasing your health and fitness! Run by qualified Personal Trainers from United Fitness Studio. There has already been a huge response and at this stage there may be a second class running. Depending on numbers, there may be a K- Year 3 class and a Year 4-6 class. If your child is interested in attending, please go to our Skoolbag App and fill out the relevant form. Alternatively, call our office on 64925500. We will send home permission and payment information once numbers have been finalised on Monday.

When: Wednesday afternoons 3:20-4:20

Where: St. Patrick's School Hall

Cost: \$50 for 5 sessions

Linda Mallard
Classroom Support Teacher



11th November 2017

School/Sporting Club
Fundraising Incentive

Mudd Monsters obstacle Park will give the school/sports club \$5 from every general admission Ticket sold under their team name before Sept 30.

General Admission \$55
Kids 5-12Yrs \$10
Teenager 13-17Yrs \$15

Enquiries Michelle Walker
0488 305 376



Bega Fun Run

Kids Dash

9.45am

Sunday 29 Oct 2017

Bega Recreation Ground
Entry Fees Apply

www.begafunrun.com.au

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

26 August 2017

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

WHERE

Bega Country Club

Tarraganda Lane

TARRAGANDA NSW 2550

ADMISSION

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

BOOKINGS

stpatsbegafundraising@
gmail.com

02 6492 5500

"Be The Light of Christ"

Community Mental Health Forum with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Suicide and mental health continue to have significant impact on our community. As such, we need to work together as a community to do what we can to address these issues, to assist those in need and to prevent any further tragic deaths.

On Thursday, September 14 commencing at 6:00pm, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, a highly regarded adolescent psychologist with extensive experience in the field of adolescent mental health, will be speaking at Sapphire Club, Merimbula.

Dr Carr-Gregg will deliver a key note address to assist us in better understanding mental health. He will then conduct a workshop where those present will get an opportunity to discuss the issues and build on their understanding of mental health.

It is envisaged that we will have a wide range of people in attendance who will be able to share their knowledge and experience with regard to mental health. Invitations have been forwarded to all local schools, health services, community groups and most importantly, parents and students of the respective schools.

Our young people need our support. As a community, we are responsible for ensuring that this support is provided. Therefore, it is imperative that we join forces to see what can be done to improve the mental health of our young people. What can we do to build the resilience of our children? What can we do to improve the services offered to better manage mental health? How can we as a community better support the families experiencing the pressures associated with youth mental health? One death by suicide is one too many.

As the saying goes... ***'It takes a whole village to raise a child.'*** We, the members of that village, need to put our heads together to see what we can do to help our kids enjoy life and to reach their vast potential. Anything less is not good enough.

Club Sapphire offers a child minding service, please contact the Club for availability and further information. Light refreshments will be available.

Please RSVP by either phoning the College 6495 8888 or email lccc@cg.catholic.edu.au.

We thank Club Sapphire for their support of this most important event.

Yours sincerely



Steve Centra
Principal