

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 6 Term 2



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

Thank you This week I have again witnessed the love and care of a true community as the staff and families of our school reached out with hearts and hands to support the Franco-Mathewson family. We were overwhelmed with your help with baking, set up, serving and a myriad of other small and large roles that were played out over the last 10 days and especially on Wednesday. Thank you.

150
YEARS

If you would like to help with the thinking and planning of our 150 years – 2019 - please email office.bega@cg.catholic.edu.au with the header **150 years steering committee**.

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

Gospel On Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost. *'The Feast of Pentecost is the commemoration of the descending, indwelling and transforming act of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit, whom he termed as the Advocate, the Helper, the Teacher and the Comforter. This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. ...the Holy Spirit brings people of all times, races and nations together under his wing. The Holy Spirit binds everyone together in perfect unity.'* God's Word 2017 Daily Reflections



Movie Night - I look forward to enjoying MOANA with you all tonight at the P&F's movie night – 6pm in the school hall!

Going home with the newsletter this week is a letter from our director Ross Fox regarding federal government funding. I commend this reading to you for your consideration of action in support of Catholic schools.

Further in this newsletter please take note of the information regarding Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability that will take place in August.

Christ With Us,
Jo

Dates to Remember

2nd June
K/1M
Assembly
2.30
Movie Night
6pm

4th June
Confirmation
Enrolment
Mass
9.30am

8th June
3/4L Class
Retreat

11th June
Family Mass
5pm

12th June
Public Holiday

13th June
SP Excursion
Canberra
6am

14th June
MP Potoroo
Palace

**The School
Week**
School
Canteen
Monday

Uniform Shop
By
appointment

Depression, Anxiety, Cyberbullying, Drugs, Alcohol...
Some of the challenges faced by today's parents.



"It's never been more challenging for parents to raise happy, healthy and resilient children.

Like never before, parents need to be informed with clear, fact-based information on the many challenges faced by today's youth. Topics such as youth anxiety, depression, self-harm, drug and alcohol use, cyberbullying and many others need clear explanation and guidance. SchoolTV is a new ongoing resource that is now available to our parents. Each edition will address a major topic with expert interviews, fact sheets, parent quiz, recommended apps, books and much more.

SchoolTV aggregates information from many great resources such as BeyondBlue and ReachOut, amongst others. SchoolTV provides a single stream of independent factual information that saves parents time and confusion of searching online across multiple sites for information.

You can access the SchoolTV archive here: <http://stpatsbega.nsw.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>"

AP News

What's been happening in Maths this week? Mrs Banks' 1/2 class have been learning about time. For some children an analogue clock was a new thing and for others telling the time, such as quarter past and half past was already mastered. There's always more to learn when telling the time, such as comparing digital and analogue times, reading the time to the minute, understanding 24-hour time and performing calculations with time and timetables.

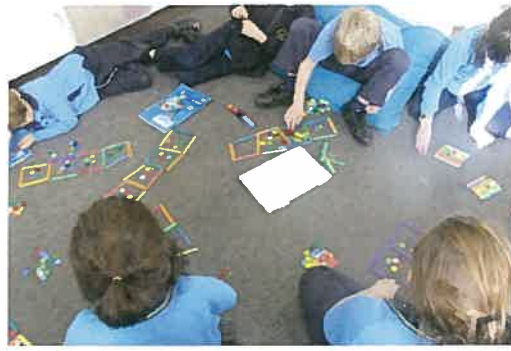
How can you support reading the time at home? Having an analogue clock at home or buying your child an analogue watch helps familiarise them with the features and numbers on a clock. Knowing things like the hour hand, minute hand, each number counts by five minutes, and working out how many minutes past or to the hour it is. When your child asks 'How long until?' or 'What time is it?', asks them to try and work out the minutes.



In Mrs Carracher's 2/3 class, they have been learning about fractions. What is half? What is one quarter? What is a fraction of a shape and what is a fraction of a group? There were two problems that I saw the class working on, that stretched their thinking...

Half the fish in a tank are blue. How many fish are in the tank? How many different answers can you find?

What is a quarter of 16? If there were 16 cows and 4 paddocks, how would you work it out?



KG and K/1M's Excursion

On Friday 26th May, KG and K/1M went on an excursion to Bega Pioneer's Museum as part of their Integrated Studies Unit 'Journeys and Discoveries'. Students were amazed by all the different artifacts on display in the Museum. Students are investigating a chosen artifact this week.



Religious Education News

Religious Education in 3/4K - We wrote letters to Pope Francis.



On the 24th of May we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady Help of Chrstians. We wrote about the Feast Day.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

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 8th 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

The 2017 AGM of the St Patrick's P&F will be held on Wednesday 14th June at 6pm in the school library. The Agenda will be: Prayer; Apologies; Previous Minutes; Positions declared vacant and nominations called; and Reports – President, Principal, Treasurer, and Canteen.

The Positions on the P&F are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Canteen Coordinator/s, Social Committee Coordinator/s, Uniform Coordinator/s, School Board representative, Parish Board representative, and SLSF Coordinator/s.



Library News

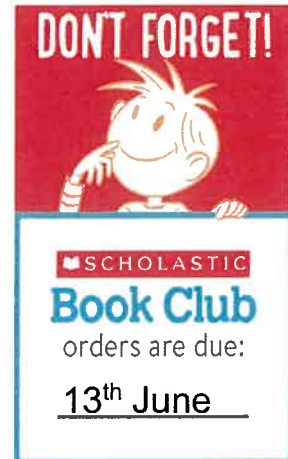
Thank you to your response to the missing books search. A great number have been returned. Even some we didn't know were missing. ☺ ☺

The week students had the opportunity to take home a Book Club Order Form, please ensure you pick the books with your children. Orders are to be returned by Tuesday 13th June. Keep munching on those books together- they open up a whole new world.
Enjoy.

Patricia Platts Librarian.

Book Club

Levelled and curated by our experts, Book Club provides frequent access to age-appropriate choices at affordable prices!



Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation journey. NRW is held from 27 May to 3 June each year. Preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May, NRW is bookended by two key events in Australia's history, which provide strong symbols for reconciliation:

- **27 May 1967** – the referendum that saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the census. This year is the **50 Year Anniversary of 1967 Referendum**: a significant step towards reconciliation in Australia.
- **3 June 1992** – the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights or Native Title. It is also **25 Year Anniversary of the Mabo Decision**: This significant step in reconciliation saw Eddie Mabo challenge the Australian legal system in recognising the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of their land. The result of this case saw the high court pass down the fact that Terra Nullius (Land belonging to no one) should never have been applied to Australia.

This National Reconciliation Week (NRW), we reflect on these two significant anniversaries in our nation's reconciliation journey—we look to take the next steps together in our reconciliation story. Adapted from

http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Teaching-and-Learning_FINAL.pdf

Pat Platts.





30 May 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware of recent media reports regarding changes to federal school funding arrangements, and their potential impact on Catholic schools.

The package proposed by the Federal Government is a 10-year funding model, which if passed would see significant changes to how Catholic schools are funded in NSW.

Catholic schools across NSW recently received a letter from Minister Birmingham with information about each school's funding over the next 10 years. The NSW Department of Education has advised schools "should not rely on these figures". As Director of Catholic education I also confirm that these figures do not reflect funding for Catholic schools. If funding was delivered as detailed in the Minister's letter Catholic schools elsewhere would likely experience significant funding cuts and large fee increases.

The government is pursuing a funding model that will negatively impact Catholic schools across NSW in the next 10 years. The policy increases the expected fee in every Catholic primary school. The ramifications will be felt over time as funding will not increase at the same rate as government schools and will likely be out of step with rising costs. The government policy does not value students at Catholic schools the same as students at government schools.

Students at Catholic schools deserve the same resources as the students and teachers in nearby government schools. Catholic education is asking for fair funding for all children and families including those in Catholic schools.

If this plan is delivered Catholic education will take every available step to keep fees as low and affordable as possible. Quality learning and teaching in every Catholic school with affordable fees will remain our priority.

Catholic school communities across the Archdiocese are making contact with political leaders to ensure they understand the real needs of Catholic school communities. Strong representations will continue to seek the reversal of this decision to safeguard Catholic schools into the future.

How You Can Help

Call or write to your political leaders and ask why your tax payer dollars are going to increased funding for government and independent schools while funding is not increasing in the same way for our school.

Write to your paper and call on political leaders to reverse these funding cuts and provide fair funding for your child that covers rising costs.

Your actions will help to secure fair funding into the future.

Your MP contact details are:

1. Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham - Minister for Education & Training

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2. Mrs Ann Sudmalis MP – Federal Member for Gilmore

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3. Hon Angus Taylor MP – Federal Member for Hume

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4. Hon Michael McCormack MP – Federal Member for Riverina

Ph: (02) 6277 7610

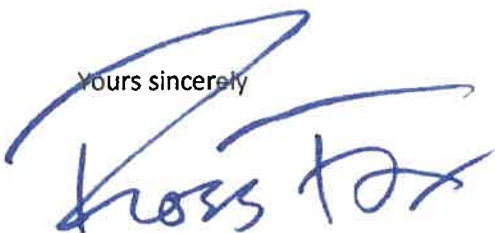
Email: michael.mccormack.mp@aph.gov.au

5. Mr Mark Coulton MP – Federal Member for Parkes

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Yours sincerely



Ross Fox
Director

2017 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear Parents and carers

Catholic schools along with government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child's principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at:

<http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/>

Yours sincerely

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity