

# St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 7 Term 2



## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

**Thank you** to the P&F for the **Movie Night** last Friday night. **MOANA** was a popular choice with many children and parents coming to enjoy a pj and movie in the hall. Thanks to Kat Hergenhan and the team of parents who organised the event! Thanks to Mrs Kite and Mr Bateman for their dedication as staff helping on the night.

**Funding for the Posts for the Noa Jessop Memorial Field** You may have seen or heard the good news that on Monday our local MP The Hon. Andrew Constance made a surprise visit to St Pat's to present us with the great news of a \$4500 grant from the Premier in support of the Student Council initiative to create the Noa Jessop memorial football field on our lower flats. The grant will cover the cost of the posts which are being made locally. We offered our thanks to Mr Constance and our student leaders will send a letter to NSW Premier Ms Berejiklian thanking her for this grant.



**Support for the McMahon / Lee family** On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> June a fundraiser is being held in the community to help raise money for Cooper's family who lost their home in a recent fire. The Event commences at 5pm at the Bega Golf Club with raffles, meat trays and more. There is an entry of \$15 per person. Thank you for all the families who have asked how they can support Cooper's family; this is one way to support.

We are also collecting books for Cooper so that he can rebuild his home library. If you have any quality books for 8+ age range that you would like to donate, or if you would like to purchase a book for Cooper we can help with ideas for authors or titles.

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



**Gospel** On Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday, the gospel reading is from John 3: 16-18. Words that echo in that text, from Jesus to Nicodemus, 'For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' The Holy Trinity is God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God in three divine persons, and united in perfect love.

Christ With Us,  
Jo

## Dates to Remember

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

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

**14<sup>th</sup> June**  
SP Excursion  
Canberra  
6am  
P&F AGM  
6pm

**21<sup>st</sup> June**  
MP Potoroo  
Palace  
10-2pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
SLSF BBQ  
Mass 9.15am  
Assembly  
K/1M 2.30

**The School  
Week**  
School  
Canteen  
Monday

**Uniform  
Shop**  
By  
appointment

## AP News

This week 2/3C had a publishing celebration of the books they have written. Publishing is the final step in the writing process, after the students' draft, revise and edit their work. Some books were funny, some were scary, some were shocking and others were very informative! Each student could read two pages of their book, which left us wondering what would happen next. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents along to listen and give feedback. Copies of the book stay in the class for others to read and then they will go home for the family to read and treasure.



### IDEAS FOR WRITING AT HOME

- Write the shopping list.
- Have a whiteboard of jobs to do.
- Buy a journal or diary with your child to write thoughts, stories, ideas.
- Typing practice on a computer or tablet.
- Cover the dining table in paper and write messages at dinner time.
- Write an email, message (or even a card to post!) to family member.
- Practice writing things like first and last name, address, date of birth and phone number (many children don't know these things and they need to know their date of birth to log into school computers).
- Have a calendar where appointments and special events can be written by all the family.

## Religious Education News

### Religious Education in 2/3C



Jack – I drew the bible to show the start of our parables as if you were actually opening the bible to read the stories.

Ella – We have been learning about Pentecost. Fifty days after Jesus died they had a celebration of Jesus. Jesus' friends didn't come to the celebration.

Caitlyn – We have been learning about parables. I drew the parable of the Good Samaritan, retelling the story.



### Religious Education in 3/4K

On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> June, 3/4K 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.



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

#### Family Masses

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

#### Confirmation Mass

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

### Parish News

**PARISH WEBSITE:** we now have a Parish Website. You can view recent bulletins, download the baptism request form and check on groups and upcoming events. Visit <http://cg.org.au/bega/> or google "St Patrick's Parish Bega"

### P&F News

#### MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday, 2 June 2017 we held our annual movie night, screening 'Moana'. It's was a great evening with lots of families in attendance. Loved seeing everyone in their pyjamas! I was even more excited that the movie ran in its entirety without any malfunctions!!

As with all events we run at St Pat's, they are not possible without the help of volunteers. A HUGE thank you to all that helped in cooking the sausages, making the delicious homemade popcorn and working in the canteen. I think we had just as much fun hanging out together as the kids did watching the movie. Thanks again!

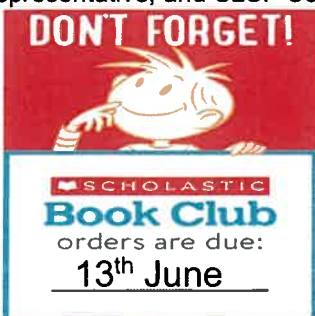
#### ORGANISERS WANTED

We are seeking parents, carers and friends of St Pat's who are interested in assisting in organising the fundraising events for the school. You would be working with our committee to put on the events that the students and families love and support. No experience required and there will be support to help you. Why not grab a friend and join together! If you are interested or would like to find out what is involved, please contact Kat Hergenhan on 0413 279 084.

#### P & F AGM

The 2017 AGM of the St Patrick's P&F will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Red Cross Tea Rooms Help Needed Urgently :- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June if you are able to donate your time for an hour or two please contact Jeanette 64925004. Donations of cakes, slices and biscuits are greatly appreciated.**

## 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

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# Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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## What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

### Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

### Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging\*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

\* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

## NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

## For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



## Frequently asked questions

### **Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?**

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

### **How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?**

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

### **How long is the school readiness test?**

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment\* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

*\* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

### **When will my school participate in the readiness test?**

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

### **How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?**

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

### **Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?**

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.