

# St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 8 Term 3



## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

Term 3 is passing quickly and there is much learning taking place in our classrooms. This week students have been measuring in all kinds of ways, and exploring concepts of lines and shapes. The geoboards have been out, as have the scales & rulers & buckets of sand and water! Across the school the students have indicated that they have often been in the learning zone, and deep in the learning pit. Having a good deal of concrete has enabled other recording of learning to occur. Take a moment to ask your child what they have learned about space/shapes or measurement this week.

Thanks to the P&F parent team led by Anya Alcock for our Father's Day stall last Friday, there was a great selection of gifts for dads and special people and the students enjoyed shopping for dad at school.



Two weeks into their pilgrimage in Spain Mrs Lott and Mrs Franco are 180km into the 790km trek, and they look like they are having a great time.



In the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading this weekend from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13: 8-10 Jesus' message of love is proclaimed to us: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' In recent times a different view point has been circulated that made me stop and think about the rule of love. "Treat others as you would like to be treated," or the *Golden Rule* implies the basic assumption that other people would like to be treated the way that you would like to be treated. The alternative to the Golden Rule is the Platinum Rule: "Treat others the way they want to be treated." I leave this with you for your reflection.

Next week I will be in Goulburn on Monday and Tuesday, meeting with principals from across the diocese to work on our school improvement plan for 2018. It promises to be a valuable time to plan for our school's future.

Christ With Us.  
Jo

*Always be on the lookout for ways to nurture your dreams. Lao Tzu*



Woolworths Earn & Learn is due by the end of the term!

## Dates to Remember

**14<sup>th</sup> September**  
5/6B Class  
Retreat

**Assembly 1/2B**

**15<sup>th</sup> September**  
Beachathon

**19<sup>th</sup> September**  
Japanese  
Show Case  
2-3pm

**20<sup>th</sup> September**  
Vision Awards

**Book Week**  
Parade

**21<sup>st</sup> September**  
5/6F Class  
Retreat

**22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Last day of  
Term  
&  
Global  
Cardboard  
'Box'  
Challenge

## The School Week

School Canteen  
Monday

Uniform Shop  
By appointment

## AP News

This week our Year 3 and 5 students had a go at NAPLAN tests online. The Year 3 test was a combined reading, spelling, grammar and maths test with 38 questions. The Year 5's had the same combined test as well as a writing test.

The internet connection and chrome books passed the test and our Year 5 students were very confident using the online tools and typing – many writing more online than they would with a pencil. Some of our Year 3's had questions and were challenged by the range of online skills needed such as: swipe, move between tabs, enlarge screens, drag and drop boxes and move back and forth in the questions as well as reading the instructions. This was good feedback for us, as we can now look at how we are preparing our students with the technology skills they need for the future.

### DVD ORDERS

DVDs that have been ordered will be sent out next week.

It's not too late to order by QKR app or by sending money in envelope.

### BEACHATHON Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Please return permission note or send permission by eForm on the Skoolbag app.

### UNIFORM NEWS!

Our winter uniform must be worn for the winter season (June, July and August).

Now that it is spring, students may choose to wear pants or shorts/skort.

HATS must be worn for play at recess and lunch. No hat means no playing in the sun.



## Religious Education News

1/2B - We have been learning about how to care for God's world.

Here are our tips:

- Don't leave rubbish on the ground
- Feed the animals
- Water the plants
- Play with your pets
- Be kind to others

By Jayme and Sienna

### First Reconciliation

Information Night- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm

Family Mass and Reconciliation Enrolment - 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am

Family Masses for Reconciliation- 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm.

## Parish News

**THE SAPPHIRE COMMUNITY PANTRY** is looking for volunteers. It aims to provide healthy food and essential items to individuals and families, at low cost or free to alleviate the financial pressures faced by people on limited incomes. The Pantry is a not-for-profit, non-denominational social enterprise, auspiced by the Southern Women's Group, and occupying a space donated by the Salvation Army. Volunteers will be assisting with the day to day running of the Pantry. For more information, please call Christine Welsh on 0438 407 364.

### **Affordable Accommodation in Sydney**

Sisters of Charity Outreach operates a great service for regional NSW residents who need to attend medical appointments and hospital in Sydney. Current room rates are \$60 per night for the twin or double room (max 2 guests) and \$80 per night for either of the two family rooms (max 3 guests). Other guest facilities include a fully equipped kitchen for meal preparation, a dining and lounge area and a spacious outdoor garden. For all bookings - 7 days a week - contact Sonia Fingleton, Accommodation Manager, Chisholm Cottage. Phone: 02 9633 4228.

Email: [chisholmcottage@outreach.net.au](mailto:chisholmcottage@outreach.net.au) Learn more about Chisholm Cottage by visiting

<http://www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au/service/chisholm-cottage/>



## P&F News

### BEACH-A-THON

Don't forget that 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!

Don't forget to get your permission slips in!! We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the day with road crossings. If you are able to help out, please contact Kat Hergenhan on 0413 279 084 or [stpatsbegfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stpatsbegfundraising@gmail.com).

### 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!**

### FATHER'S DAY STALL

A huge thank you to Anya Alcock and her team for running the Father's Day Stall last Friday. We hope the kids had a great time choosing gifts for the special guy in their lives and we hope that those guys had an amazing Father's Day!



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

...to create a tasty snack with hummus.

Serves: 6 | Preparation: 5 mins

### Ingredients

- 1 x 420g can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon tahini
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons water, optional
- Vegetable sticks, to serve.



### Method

1. Place chickpeas in a food processor with garlic, cumin, lemon juice, tahini and oil.
2. Blend to a smooth purée. Add a little water if it needs thinning.
3. Serve with vegetable sticks or cut some whole grain pita bread into triangles and bake in the oven until crisp.

For more information visit  
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or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

Eat It To Beat It

## **Merimbula BioBlitz! All families welcome to join!**

On **Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September** from dawn to dark (you are welcome anytime throughout the day), Atlas of Life and From Little Things Parklands will be joining forces to coordinate a family focused BioBlitz of the Merimbula Creek area. Teams will set off from Basecamp at the Merimbula Scout Hall, to survey the flora and wildlife of the area. There will be guided surveys ranging from bird and flora walks to reptile hunts and searches for peacock spiders, waterway surveys and many other specialist activities. Exact times of specific surveys and activities will be released closer to the date.

Families are welcome to come and join in on this fun and educational day. Keep an eye on the From Little Things Parklands Facebook page and the atlas of Life Facebook and Website for more information and updates.

Where will the From Little Things Parklands BioBlitz take place?

The FLTP BioBlitz 2017 will begin at our Basecamp of Merimbula Scout Hall, where there will be lots to see and do - activity boxes from the Australian Museum, an exhibition of the amazing winners of the Atlas photocomp 2016, chances to learn from the experts, the incredible Microbe microscope - bring your feathers and findings to see things at high magnification - and more to see from the Sapphire Coast Science Hub. From there, survey teams will set off to explore the area surrounding the FLTP site, which includes different zones up and down the Merimbula Creek.

What to bring?

- Closed in shoes and sensible clothing
- Cameras, phones or tablets to take pictures
- Kayaks or stand up paddle boards if you are interested in the water surveys
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Water bottle
- Download the NatureMapr App on your smart phone
- A great attitude!

We hope to see you there,

David Barrie From Little Things Parklands project leader



## **Bega Valley Athletics Club - Join now for 2017/2018 Season**

The 2017/18 Little Athletics season, which runs from October to March, will begin next term. Little Athletics is all about fun, fitness and achieving your personal best. Athletes develop running, jumping and throwing skills by participating in training sessions and are eligible to compete in Little Athletics ACT carnivals.

Children who are in the U7 – U17 age group are welcome to join the Bega Valley Athletics Club. As athletics requires a number of coaches, recorders, and people to time and measure, a parent/supervising adult must come with their child to training afternoons. If your child would like to try, they can come along to our first training afternoon on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October before registering.

**Season Starts: 19 October 2017, 5 - 6.30pm**

**Venue: Bega Athletics Field, Bega St.**

**Cost: \$90 for the season (training every Thursday)**

**Registration: <https://registration.resultshq.com.au>**

For more information, email [begavalleyathleticsclub@gmail.com](mailto:begavalleyathleticsclub@gmail.com)



**The Bega Angledale Cricket Club** will be fielding teams in Under 10s, Under 12s and Under 14s in 2017/18. Training is on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm and games are played on Saturday mornings. We play in term 4 2017 and term 1 2018.

We will be holding a season launch at the Bega Golf Club on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September from 5pm and we would love to see all players attend this function. Registration costs for 2017/18 are

- Under 10s - \$75 per player
- Under 12s - \$100 per player
- Under 14s - \$100 per player

Registration includes: A playing shirt, playing equipment, insurance and ground costs.

If your child is interested in playing Cricket in 2017/18 please contact Rod McDonald on 0410 529 517.