

St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 9 Term 1



Principal's News

Dear Parents,

3 Way Interviews I have enjoyed speaking with many parents and carers this week after the parent/student/teacher interviews and hearing of the confidence and competence with which our students have been able to share their learning. The children have been taking this responsibility most seriously and it is pleasing that they have been so successful. There are many aspects of learning that have been shared and many achievements of which our children have been proud. No doubt you also have seen and heard about your child's learning goals in literacy, numeracy and across the curriculum. It was also wonderful to hear your gratitude for our wonderful teaching staff and your children for this experience. If you have any feedback either specific or in general about this approach to interviews we would appreciate you communicating this.

This week a **Steering Committee** convened to begin the formal process of planning for our garden and STEM outdoor classroom. Dan Bakker is leading the project, we are grateful for the expertise and commitment of two parents and several members of staff. We are hopeful there will be many interested parents who can offer time and support of the project as it starts to take shape in term 2. Our students are very keen to get started. More information will be shared early next term.



THE ST PAT'S TECHNOLOGY GIVE-AWAY & SALE IS HAPPENING NEXT TUESDAY. TURN THE PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS!

A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel John 11:1-45 the story of Lazarus.

'The episode of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is more than a miraculous event. It is a 'sign' of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from the dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of our faith in God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and life everlasting. This is our faith and our hope. God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit that we may be made alive in Christ. Even now we can experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to change and transform us into persons of faith, hope and love. In what way can you experience the power of Jesus' resurrection at work in your life today?' God's Work 2017

Christ With Us.
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Time ripens all things, no one is born wise. . Miguel de Cervantes.

Dates to Remember

2nd April
Family Mass 5pm

Daylight Savings Ends

6th April
Cross Country

Easter raffle
Drawn 2.30pm

7th April
Vision Awards
9.15

Easter Liturgy 2.10

Last day of Term One

24th April
Staff Development Day

25th April
Anzac Day

26th April
Students Return Term 2

The School Week

School Canteen
Monday

Uniform Shop
Monday 2.45-
3.30

AP News

Passion Projects or Genius Hour are ways our older students are engaging in independent learning on something they love; something they want to know more about; or something they want to teach others about. Across the classes learning has been about many different topics and skills. Some examples are: robotics, coding, architecture and building, projects on space or specific species of animals, and 'how to' videos. Students have been sharing ideas and learning throughout their time working on these projects. Now we are all seeing the finished product, and they are fantastic!

Alexandra – Year 6 'The Wilson Sisters'



Zoe – Year 6 'Trick Riding'



Tyson – Year 5 'How to make a robot draw'



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Zak – Year 5 'The Great Barrier Reef'



Religious Education News



Religious Education in K/1M

K/1M have been learning the Sign of the Cross.

Matilda can say the Sign of the Cross in Italian.

"We made crosses because Jesus died on the cross", explained Robbie and Luke.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017

Parent information night:

Wednesday 24th May, 7:30pm St Patrick's School

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

Sport

Cross Country

The School Cross Country will be held this Thursday 6th April. The races will start and finish at the Bega Show Ground. The older children will run around and through the show ground as well as the Bega Park. 8 years - 1000m, 9 and 10 years - 2000m and 11, 12 and 13 years – 3000m. The 6 and 7 year old children will run a short course within the show ground. Children 8 years and older will be eligible for selection to compete at the Zone Carnival at Wolumla on Tuesday 2nd May.

As the weather has still been very warm, we will hold the event in the morning. We hope to commence at approximately 9.30am with the older children. The Junior Primary children will join us at around 10.30am. Please make sure that your child has everything they require eg: sunscreen, hats, drink bottle. Children with Asthma need to remember their puffers. There will be a drinks station set up around the course. Parents are invited to come along and support their children. If you are attending on the day, please have all cars parked before 9.30am as the course utilises the roads within the show ground.

Swimming

Our swimming has finished for Term 1. Thanks to Sporting Schools we were able to pay for two instructors to assist Mrs Harnett with actual swimming and safety sessions. This alleviated the need for parent helpers. The 6 sessions were very beneficial for the less confident swimmers and it also gave the more capable swimmers a chance to practice and improve their skills. Thanks to Mrs Scott who volunteered her time to help on numerous occasions. Well done Brooke Smith and Jontae Thompson who swam in Sydney last week at the MacKillop Trials. They were not selected in the state squad but both need to be congratulated for making this elite level.

Winter Sports Reps

On Monday a number of children travelled to Canberra to trial for individual winter team sports. Congratulations to Abby and Mia Christison, Brooke Smith and Alex Marks who have all made the girls hockey team. Jasper Kelly and Sam Griffin under 11's rugby league. Brodie Seenan, Halen Kite and Brendan Cooper, boys soccer. These children will all travel back to Canberra on 5th May to represent the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese at the MacKillop Trials. Once again St Pat's has done very well to have this many children selected from a smaller school. Some of the sports have over 60 kids trying out for just a few spots. Well done to all those who were involved including those children who tried out but missed a spot. Also a big thanks to the mums and dads who got the kids there.

Michael Rheinberger Swimming Award

At last Friday's Assembly Jontae Thompson was presented with the Michael Rheinberger Swimming Award. Jontae was nominated by the teachers and senior primary students. He was nominated for his sportsmanship, determination, dedication and team spirit. Well done Jontae.



School Sores

There has been a reported case of school sores. These need antibiotics, they can be found on the face, hands and legs. They are small blisters that turn into a sore which crusts and looks bigger each day. Students need to be away from school for one day after antibiotic treatment starts. This is what they can look like:



Uniform News

***** Winter uniforms are now in stock *****

Changes to How to Order Uniforms

Term 2 we will be trialling a new way for you all to order your children uniforms. We are hoping that this will provide a better service to the school community. The two main differences are:- we will be offering an online option to order and pay and the uniform shop will be open by appointment only.

How to Order Uniforms

- Qkr - Coming soon - this can be down loaded as an App on your phone or to your computer. Please contact the school office on how to do this.
- Sending in an order form that can be obtained from the schoolbag app or the school website. Please make sure your order form is current for 2017. Complete the order form and return to school with payment (Cash or Cheque made payable to St Patricks P&F) and items will be sent home with your child.
- Make an appointment with either Nicky (Ph 0410527108) or Katrina (Ph 0429446812) to come up to school and make your purchases.

As always please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thanks Nicky & Katrina

Parish News

Family mass will be this Sunday night 2nd April at 5pm and the 2nd Rite of reconciliation Tuesday 4th April at 7pm and Easter Sunday 16th April - *Tathra* - 7:45am, *Candelo* - 9:30am, *Bemboka* - 9am.

Palm Sunday Children's Liturgy: The Children will leave the church during the Liturgy of the Word and have their own "Stations of the Cross". Parents/Carers are Welcome!

Computer Sale at School TUESDAY 4th April 2-3.30pm

- 1 Scrap items that need work or to pull apart – desktop computers and a printer that were fried from storm damage, old TV, Mac mini laptops.
- 2 Usable computer parts – 15 ASI monitors, mice, range of keyboards, power cables
- 3 Working computers – 5 MAC desktop computers that will need a system restore



Make a donation
and take what you need.

Items will be displayed on tables
in the COLA.