

# St Patrick's Primary School News

Week 9 Term 2



## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

The **garden project** is starting to take shape with the solid efforts of the students under the tutelage of Mr Bakker on Wednesday and the greater team today. We thank Mr Bakker and the team from Bunnings Bateman's Bay who have shared their garden skill and talent with us to help shape this exciting space.

Great news, we have a **new school website** created by the team at Catholic Education. The main purpose of the website is to share within and importantly beyond the school community information about our school. It is also the best tool for marketing our school in the community. We will continue to plan for some sharing on the website and will be creating class pages. Visit the same web address: [www.stpatsbega.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stpatsbega.nsw.edu.au) for a look.

Next week is **NAIDOC** week. We have several activities planned across the week, you are warmly welcomed to attend these activities, please read the information from Mrs Platts in this newsletter. We will also celebrate the contribution that Mrs Kim Aldridge has made in our community as we farewell Kim from staff.

**SRC** Every week in term 1 and every 2<sup>nd</sup> week in term 2 the school SRC meet to talk about and enact initiatives in the school. The student reps manage the class suggestion boxes, take messages from SRC back to class and talk about ways to make school fun. The SRC also take responsibility for managing the tidy classroom and bagrack awards each week and creating skits for assembly that remind us of school rules and expectations. On Friday lunch time next week we will celebrate the good work of the semester 1 SRC. The class reps will then change for semester 2.



**Prayers** please for Mr Short and his family on the passing of his grandmother. Mr Short will be absent early next week in attendance of the funeral and celebration of his grandmothers life.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. AMEN*

**Gospel** Today we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For your reflection I would like to share a small part of the Gospel from Matthew that reads: *'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'*

Christ With Us,  
Jo

*Time ripens all things; no one is born wise. Miguel De Cervantes*

## Dates to Remember

**25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Family Mass  
5.00pm

**28<sup>th</sup> June**  
Vision Award  
Assembly  
9.00am

MP Rugby  
League Gala  
Day

**29<sup>th</sup> June**  
2/3C Retreat

Jigamy 3/4

School Reports  
sent home

**30<sup>th</sup> June**  
Last Day of  
Term 2

**The School  
Week**  
School  
Canteen  
Monday

Uniform Shop  
By  
appointment

## The Canberra Trip

Last week year 5 and 6 went on an excursion to Canberra, we went to different attractions to do with the subjects that we have been learning about in class. One of my favourite places was Government House where we had a tour of the HUGE house and even got to meet the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove. We saw some of the very old and special furniture and objects including a huge jewellery cabinet that had around 56 different drawers and lots of secret hiding places. The excursion was fun!!! - Zoe Grant

Senior Primary, Year 5 and 6, went to Canberra on an excursion last week. We went to the Australian War Memorial and I liked that the best. I thought it was a great idea to visit there to learn about things that happened years ago and for us to learn things about what the soldiers had to use and put up with. I learnt that the soldiers had a very cramped space and only got a 30 second shower a week! How awful! The excursion was a great adventure! By Brooke Smith

'I loved Skyzone and Questacon, though the Australian War Memorial had to be my favourite. In Skyzone, I felt like I was flying, especially when I jumped from trampoline to trampoline! The foam pits were fun, (especially Foam Pit 3, where you'd sink whenever you'd jump in. The backstory is odd, please don't ask.) and so was Dodge Ball. Questacon was amazing! The many robots and machines were awesome, and I especially liked the robot that moves up and down on the tight rope, and looks like a tricycle. The Australian War Memorial reminded me of my relatives that have gone to war, and the struggle they and other soldiers went through. All the other places were great, too!' -Sophie Rose Mallard

Last week, senior primary went on an excursion to Canberra. We went to several places, but I want to tell you about my favourite. New Parliament House! At New Parliament, we had to line up for a long time before we could go inside. Then we had to go through a metal detector to make sure we didn't have anything dangerous! We went into the foyer, which had so much polished marble! We sat near the waiting area and waited for our tour guides. We were split into two groups, and sent to different parts of the building. We went into a room that was designed to look like the House of Reps. We got to do a roleplay and pretend we were creating a law! Then we had a bit of a tour, then went to see where the action happens! We first went to the viewing chamber of the House of Reps, then the Senate. Our guide explained the different seats, roles and positions. I really enjoyed it! -Tom Kleiss SPB

Last week senior primary went on an excursion to Canberra for 3 days. I liked the Deep Space Complex, though the War Memorial was my personal favourite. I liked when we went in the D-Zone (Discovery Zone). There was a helicopter that was real but they took out the engine and propeller motors. They had all the real buttons and controls that you could play with. There was also a trench with fake guns and clothes. Then we went to the wall of remembrance, the lady told us a story about two brothers from Australia who volunteered to fight in war, and one of them died and so they buried him with his hands over his heart. Then his brother said he would remember exactly how the place looked so after war he could dig him up and take him home. But after war he went to get him he didn't find him. Then years later, some local people were farming and they found him and his great-great- granddaughter put her hand up to say that it was her great-great grandpa (from DNA testing). - Sakchham

### Assistant Principal News

Last week I went on the Year 5/6 excursion to Canberra and this week I went with Year 3/4 to Potaroo Palace. It's so interesting to hear the questions our kids ask, showing their thinking and how they try to connect what they know to new learning. Asking questions is the way we wonder about the world and also how we move to solving problems. Children who are four or five years old are great at asking 'why' questions...Why does it get frosty? Why do I have to?

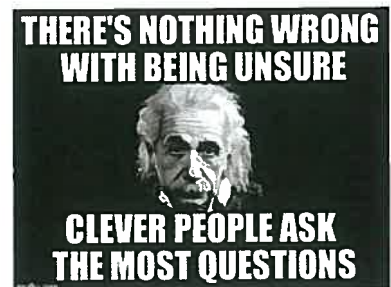
As they get older, kids become more interested in different things and their questions become quite specific... How does the water come out of the shower? Are there more grains of sand than stars in the universe? How did they build that dam wall?

Your child's courage to ask questions and your willingness to answer them, matter

a great deal. You are helping your child to expand their view of the world, and to accumulate knowledge that will eventually make the world a better place to live in. And just like science shows us through inventions like the telephone, the cures of many cancers - in order to find answers, we must first ask the right questions.

So next time your child asks a question, you can answer them, or if you don't know say, "Good question, why do you think this happened?"

One of our senior students asked a question at the Space Centre in Canberra that could not be answered because scientists haven't work it out yet. Maybe they will be the one who discovers how Saturn's rings were formed.





**VISION AWARDS – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> will now start at 9am, not 9.15am as previously mentioned, due to NAIDOC week activities.**

### Religious Education News

K/1M have been learning about Jesus' Miracles.



### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2017**

#### **Family Masses**

25th of June, 5pm St Patrick's Church

#### **Retreat**

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>, St Patrick's Primary School

#### **Confirmation Mass**

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

### P&F News

The next P&F meeting will be 9<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm, everyone is welcome.

**Zone Athletics** are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017.

Dear Mums, Dads, Carers and Grandparents, Zone 2017 is fast approaching. I will need help with 5 tables. Last year was great, but I had very little help which made the day very stressful. The mums who did volunteer on the day had to work, but gave their time in the morning and it was **very appreciated**. Zone promotes our athletic students which work hard to win and achieve.

We have 5 tables that will need to be staffed (all day) they are:-

- 3 Hot food tables – serving sausage sizzle, hot dogs, rissole rolls and cups of hot soup.
- Cashier/s for hot food & drinks.
- Cake/lolly/chocolate & chips table.

If you can volunteer during the day that would be **fantastic**. Please remember, a few parents can't do it alone but with many we can really make it an enjoyable day for the children and parents (from the other schools attending) and raise money for St Patrick's. Kinder/Junior school mums and dads – I encourage you to help out, some of you will be running this in the future. Please feel free to ring or text me on 0407 412 865 or email [philippawhite1@hotmail.com](mailto:philippawhite1@hotmail.com) to volunteer your much needed time. With thanks, Pip

### Reminder

Families of Year 6 students attending Bega High in 2018 are asked to return their enrolment forms to Bega High School ASAP.

### Two Sheds Workshop - Woodworking for women and children from 9 years of age.

Has your child ever been interested in wood work? Have you noticed they are good with working with their hands or would you like them to learn a new skill that will last throughout their entire life? Then these classes are perfect. We teach kids from 9 years of age and up basic wood working skills, how to use hand tools, how to measure up their work and complete a project. They learn patience and get a huge sense of achievement when they finish their project. We currently have openings on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm till 5pm.

If you are interested please email Jo at [jo@twoshedsworkshop.com.au](mailto:jo@twoshedsworkshop.com.au)

Price is \$150 for 6 weeks which includes all materials. We would love to see you there. Alternatively if you are a mother and would like to learn skills with wood working we offer classes for you as well. Please don't hesitate to talk to Jo about that as well.



# Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash

## Tactical public awareness campaign



## About

NSW has the largest metropolitan bus fleet in Australia. More than 3850 buses operate in the Sydney area, while another 1000 buses service the Newcastle, Wollongong and Blue Mountains areas. In addition, in NSW there are thousands of buses that travel every day transporting students on country roads.

Crashes involving buses often result in more severe outcomes to other road users due to their size and mass, and because due to their size and weight, they take more time to stop.

The Centre for Road Safety is committed to improving safety around buses. We are implementing a tactical school bus safety campaign comprising radio and social media which targets motorists and parents.

## The issue

We are seeking to highlight for parent and carers the need to always supervise their children and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road and also about the need not to call their children across the road.

We are seeking to highlight for drivers the laws around bus flashing lights. Lights flash on the front and back of a bus when the bus is picking up or setting down school children. A 40km/h speed limit applies when bus lights flash.

# Partner Toolkit – Creative Assets

## Be Bus Aware

All information relating to the 'Be Bus Aware' Slow down to 40 campaigns is available on [Be Bus Aware](http://bebusaware.com.au) website.

## Bus 'flashing lights' animation

A bus flashing lights animation will be available on the [Be Bus Aware](http://bebusaware.com.au) website. You can share this on social network, in newsletters or embed in in your websites.



Additional bus safety animations are available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPIrBFtpVE>

### Facebook posts

A series of bus safety Facebook posts will commence on 25 June 2017 targeting NSW drivers, parents and carers. The content will be posted on the [NSW Road Safety](#) Facebook page. Please feel free to share these posts across your own Facebook pages. If you craft your own posts about the campaign/bus flashing lights, please use the campaign hashtag #BeBusAware or road safety campaign hashtag #TowardsZero.

### Animated GIF

An animated GIF has been developed showing bus flashing lights. This will be published on our Facebook page and available to share.



### Safety Town

Safety Town, our road safety website for primary school students; teachers; and families; contains information for families around driving safely around buses and getting their children to and from the bus stop safely.





## Our Languages Matter

2-9 JULY 2017

### 2017 National NAIDOC Theme -Our Languages Matter

**The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages will be the focus of national celebrations marking NAIDOC Week 2017.**

The 2017 theme - *Our Languages Matter* - aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

Some 250 distinct Indigenous language groups covered the continent at first (significant) European contact in the late eighteenth century. Most of these languages would have had several dialects, so that the total number of named varieties would have run to many hundreds.

Today only around 120 of those languages are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Elders pass on.

National NAIDOC Committee Co-Chair Anne Martin said languages are the breath of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the theme will raise awareness of the status and importance of Indigenous languages across the country.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait languages are not just a means of communication, they express knowledge about everything: law, geography, history, family and human relationships, philosophy, religion, anatomy, childcare, health, caring for country, astronomy, biology and food.

"Each language is associated with an area of land and has a deep spiritual significance and it is through their own languages, that Indigenous nations maintain their connection with their ancestors, land and law," Ms Martin said.

Committee Co-Chair Benjamin Mitchell hopes that the theme will shine a spotlight on the programs and community groups working to preserve, revitalise or record Indigenous languages, and encourage all Australians to notice the use of Indigenous languages in their community.

"There is currently a wave of activity, with people in many communities working to learn more about their language, and to ensure they are passed on to the next generation before it is too late.' Mr Mitchell said.

"Nationally, many place names for our suburbs, rivers, mountains and parks are Indigenous language words. Noticing

and paying attention to these words will generate greater appreciation and respect for the significance of language among all Australians.

"The preservation and revitalisation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages - the original languages of this nation - is the preservation of priceless treasure, not just for Indigenous peoples, but for everyone."



The host city for the 2017 National NAIDOC Awards is Cairns, Queensland.

<http://www.naidoc.org.au/2017-national-naidoc-theme>



You're welcome to attend at any stage throughout the week.

# NAIDOC Celebrations 2017 at St. Patrick's



**Our Languages Matter**

**2-9 JULY 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Opening Ceremony (COLA)</b>  <b>9:00</b> Welcome to country, Flag raising, introduction to NAIDOC.                  Special Guest Ryan Lonesborough</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>09:15-12:15</b> Dance and Language with Warren Foster- Wallaga Dancers.                  09:15-Kinder                  09:45 K/1M                  10:15 1/2B &amp;2/3C                  11:00-11:35 RECESS                  11:35-12:15 Senior Primary</p>

<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>9:15-2:00 Jigamy</b>                  Koori students +Yr 3/4                  Mrs Platts, Mrs McNoe, Mrs Kambouridis, Mrs Mallard, Miss Russell</p>	
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>9:15 Mass</b>                  10:30-11:00                  11:35-12:15                  12:15-12:55</p>	<p><b>12:55 Closing Ceremony (COLA)</b></p>