



ST PATRICK'S BEGA NEWSLETTER

WEEK ONE, TERM 1, 2018

2ND FEBRUARY 2018

IMPORTANT EVENTS

9th February
Opening School
Mass 5/6B
12:15 – 1:15pm

14 February
Ash Wednesday
Mass
12:00 – 1:00pm

P&F Meeting
6:00 – 7:00pm

15th February
Classroom Visit
Fr Luke 4/5M
2:00 – 3:00pm

16th February
Chapel Mass
4/5M
9:15 – 10:15am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK A warm St Patrick's welcome to the 2018 school year for our 200 students and their families. In particular we welcome our new families to St Pat's and look forward to sharing life and learning with you into the future. Our eight classes have begun in a very positive way this week with a strong focus on developing their ways of working as learning communities.



Our new students include 27 excited and engaged learners in Kindergarten and 10 students across the grades. We welcome in Kinder: **George, Savannah, Joshua, Ruby, Angus, Lucy, Avah, Alice, Rowan, Nathaniel, Alexander, Hannah, Abbie, Leo, Isabella, Sienna, Lucas, Eleanor, Isabella, Flynn, Elizabeth, Jacob, Connor, Aidan, Charlotte, Arly, and Belle**, and across the school: **Lily, Tanaya, Tamika, Riley, Claire, Daniel, Thomas, Lincoln, Pia & Brooke.**

NEW STAFF We welcome Mrs Mary-Ann Fraser, Assistant Principal (acting) and Mrs Therese Lunghusen, Year 5/6L teacher, and Mrs Rose McNoe to the full time teaching team.

CELEBRATING LEARNING This year our focus on learners and learning and student engagement will see some great changes to a few school routines including assemblies. We are changing the way we recognise learners for their achievements and the ways we celebrate learning as individuals and class communities. This means our assembly plan is changing format, and class/student awards are being reshaped too. As the plan is finalised we will communicate this with you via the newsletter and **Skoolbag**. If you are not yet connected to St Pat's Bega via Skoolbag please download the app to keep up to date with school news. First thing that you need to know: **We are trialling a change to Monday assembly time from 9am to 1.05pm.**

Home School Communication One way that teachers and parents can communicate quickly and easily is by email. Could you please provide the school, and your children's teachers with your current email address as soon as possible to ensure you get up to date information.

Maintenance A huge thank you to our school maintenance man Simon Bateman for the fabulous refurbishment of the school canteen. The canteen was reduced to a 'clean slate' and now has new paint, new lino, new stainless steel benches and sinks and a lovely big stove / oven. THANK you Simon for your hardwork the results are outstanding.

Volunteers All regular volunteers in the school need to apply for a Volunteer Working With Children Check. On your first day of volunteering would you please bring your WWCC number, or a printout of the page that verifies your WWCC to the office for filing. All volunteers need to attend a short and important volunteer induction session, many families attended last year. As new volunteers are seeking to support us at St Pat's school we will plan the next session. Thank you.

Blessings upon our joint journey of learning and growing community this year,

Jo

Our Lord is great, all-powerful, his wisdom beyond all telling. Sunday's Psalm 147: 5



Earlier this week the school community was sadly informed that Patricia Johnston, the 1st lay teacher at St Patricks Bega passed away on January 26th 2018. She is now in God's hands.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A big 'hello' to the St Patrick's Community!

It is wonderful to see how well the students are settling into their new classrooms and their learning. I am looking forward to my year in Bega and in working in partnership with you and the rest of staff to help your child grow academically, spiritually and socially.

An important part of my role this year will be to support the teachers and students in curriculum, with a particular focus on literacy and numeracy K-2. I will be coming into all classrooms and look forward to the fun that will be had in them!

Here is some information about myself:

I was the Assistant Principal of St Patrick's School Cooma last semester and have had many roles in my teaching career – K – 10 Curriculum Coordinator, Acting K-6 Coordinator, class teacher K-10, Librarian, Learning Support teacher and Music teacher. I am very passionate about student learning and want to develop children's awareness of the special gifts and talents that God has given them and to extend their positive attitude about themselves as learners.

Open communication between school and home is an essential element for the wellbeing of your child. Please make your child's teacher the first contact if there are any issues or information that needs to be shared about your child. I have an 'open door' policy, so if you would like to have a chat to me, please make an appointment with the office or call in. I look forward to meeting you all.

A theme for this year is 'Discovering New Horizons'. Let's travel down this 'road of discovery' for 2018 and have a great time in the process!



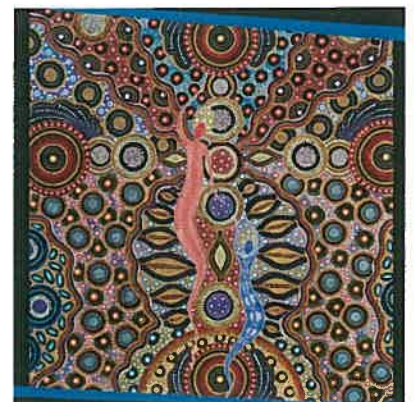
Best wishes for a wonderful Term 1.

Mary-Ann Fraser
Assistant Principal

FROM THE REC

2018 is the Year of Youth. Embracing the Year of Youth Catholic Education Week will focus on Discovering New Horizons. The scripture for the focus is: "Learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me" ~ Doctrine & Covenants 19:23

The Year of Youth will focus on the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the local Church and society. The Year of Youth aims to provide opportunities for youth to learn about, study, internalise and apply the principles taught in the scripture. The Year of Youth image is titled Christ our Joy and was painted by artist, Amunda Gorey in Alice Springs.



OFFICE NEWS

2018 School Fees

Term 1 school fees will be sent home next week, please keep an eye out for them in your child's school bag. School fees can be paid by BPAY (details will be on your child's school fee statement), direct debit, QKR app, Centrepay or cheque, unfortunately cash payments cannot be accepted. Please contact the office on 64925500 if you have any further questions.

Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') is a mobile payments app which enables consumers to order and pay for school fees, excursions, uniforms and event tickets directly from their smart device.

Qkr! accepts all major credit and debit cards accepted by the school (Visa and MasterCard) and you can register more than one card within the app. The Qkr! app is available from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

SPORTS NEWS

This term sport for year 2 through to year 6 will be swimming. We have employed the pool instructors through sporting schools to help with our sessions. All children have been given a permission "to walk to the pool" note which needs to be returned before next Tuesday's swimming. Year one and Kinder children will however attend the School Swimming Carnival which will be held on Monday 19th February. (more about this later) These children will have their swimming in term 4 when they attend their intensive swimming sessions. KG, K1/M and 1/2B will have their sport on Thursday's this term. Please note year 2 children in 1/2B will also have swimming on Tuesday's.

This year time trials to select a team for the Zone Carnival will be held this Tuesday during our swimming sessions. Those children (in their class groups) who wish to try out will have their times recorded and a squad will be chosen from these times. Children not seeking selection will have their swimming session as normal.

Pool entry is \$3 for those without a season ticket. Please make sure your child has everything they need. All children should be encouraged to wear a rash shirt.

SCHOOL BANKING



School Banking will be deposited on Friday's.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a lunch box is here!

The task of packing a healthy school lunch is now easier with the launch of our exciting new Healthy Lunch Box website healthylunchbox.com.au

The new website shows how easy it can be to pack a healthy lunch box that your kids will love.



It features an interactive lunch box builder that enables you to plan your kids' lunches on your phone, desktop or tablet - it's quick, easy and the kids will love helping too!

Healthy recipes and tips on adding more fruit and veg to lunch boxes will help set your child on a path of lifelong healthy eating to reduce their cancer risk.

Visit healthylunchbox.com.au for recipes & information you can trust.

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