



ST PATRICK'S BEGA NEWSLETTER

WEEK SIX, TERM 2, 2018

8TH JUNE, 2018

IMPORTANT EVENTS

11th June
Queens Birthday
Holiday

13th June
56B Retreat
12.15pm

P&F Meeting
6pm

15th June
Playgroup
9am

20th June
45M Retreat
12.15pm

25th-27th June
Life Ed

27th June
Mini Vinnies
Nursing home
Visit 12.15-1.15pm

28th June
Athletics Carnival

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

This week I had the opportunity to attend Siloam which is a retreat for Principals in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. One of our reflections was on the Lord's Prayer. We took time to pray and to deepen our understanding of this prayer. The prayer is a series of statements and petitions in which we affirm our relationship with God, with the people around us and with the world in general. It is a statement of faith and it is, as we shall see, a highly challenging and some may consider a 'dangerous' prayer! Let me share with you some thinking, that we considered, about the opening two words of the prayer.

OUR FATHER. The challenge and the danger begins right in those first two words. We address God as Father, the source of life and of everything that we have; we have nothing purely of our own. But God is not just 'Father'; he is 'our' Father. And that includes every single person who lives or has ever lived on this earth; not a single person can be excluded. In addressing God as 'our Father' we are acknowledging that every human person, including myself, is a child of God and therefore we all belong to one huge family where we are all, in a very real way, brothers and sisters to each other.

I encourage you to take time to pray the Lord's Prayer today.

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.*

During our Siloam time we also had time to share the 'good news' of our school communities and to reflect on our values as leaders and the values of our schools. You may find this to be true, as I do, that sometimes others look to our words and actions and perceive our values and priorities rather than asking us to clarify or name these.

As principal at St Patrick's I value highly and promote for our school, QUALITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION for all. When you look to the work that I do, I hope you see and hear this. Therefore, in terms of prioritising the people in our school, my highest priority is your children - the 199 St Patrick's students - and their learning. I endeavour to know each of them and develop a relationship and rapport with them and show them how important they are. My second and close priority is our dedicated and professional staff, each of whom makes St Patrick's who we are. I am so mindful of their wellbeing and their work. And thirdly in the hierarchy of prioritising people in our community, is you the parents and carers. You are indeed important and I/we strive at school to develop strong partnerships with you in the education of your children. I also recognise that there is always room to grow and improve. Your feedback on this is most welcome!

Blessings on the long weekend.

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that it is already halfway through the year. It has been wonderful to learn of the unique qualities of each and every student here at St Patrick's School. I am proud of the accomplishments that I am hearing from the teachers about their students' progress. I am concerned for those students whose home lives are challenging and those that find school challenging for various reasons be they emotional, social, or academic. I feel happiness when I see so many smiling faces each and every day and feel blessed to be a part of these students' lives for the year.

I heard a song by Jason Mraz that summarizes what we want for our students. In the song, he talks about the life ahead, the love ahead and wanting us to 'have it all'.

His music video features middle school students from Richmond, Virginia (his hometown), and the song truly embodies what we want for our students. As our students continue their 2018 journey, may they know the dedication and persistence of our teachers to have their students achieve and strive for excellence in whatever task they undertake. Staff try to nurture respect for others and respect for the environment so that when students leave our school, they will act in a Christian way and bring joy and kindness to those they encounter in their everyday lives. The partnership with teachers, parents and students is such an important one – please help the staff by ensuring students are ready for learning at school – by encouraging them to read every day at home, allowing them opportunities to get plenty of exercise, helping them to socialise with others by getting involved in sports and other extracurricular activities and ensuring they have enough rest before schooldays. Let's work as a team to allow them to 'HAVE IT ALL'. (Please follow the link above or go to -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFkTu8Y1KLs>

Blessings over the long weekend! Enjoy the extra precious time with your family!

Mary-Ann

The uniform shop will not be open Tuesday 12 June. It will be open again on Tuesday 19 June. Qkr orders will still be filled throughout the week.



FROM THE REC

Religious Education in 4/5M

We have been learning about the Sacraments. I enjoyed learning about the parts of the Mass and what happens in these parts. One of the important things I remember from our lessons is that you must make your First Eucharist before you can receive the Body of Christ.

By Isabella

My favourite thing about making my First Eucharist was going up to the altar and listening to Fr Luke's homily in Mass.

By Joseph.



Sleepout

Forty St Patrick's students participated in our sleepout on Friday 1st June to raise awareness of homelessness. Thank you to the parents and staff who volunteered. So far we have raised \$374 of our \$600 in support of Orange Sky Laundry. If you would like to support this wonderful cause donations can be made on our GoFundMe page <https://www.gofundme.com/st-patrick039s-sleepout>

CANTEEN NEWS



Canteen will be open Tuesday 12th June as Monday is a Public Holiday.

The canteen is in need of volunteers. Please contact the school office if you would like to be added to the roster.

Important Changes to your Qkr! App

The Qkr! team have been making some updates to the Qkr! app so it is easier for everyone to use. The new update has just been released and is ready for download.

It's critical that you update to the latest version of the app in the Google Play store or Apple App store. The following versions of the app will no longer be supported after Wednesday, 6 June 2018:

- Android Users: Version 4.9.2 and older versions on Android will no longer be supported. (The current version on Android is 4.9.3)
- iOS users: on 5.3.2 and older versions on iOS will no longer be supported. (The current version on iOS is 5.3.3)

If you download the latest version of the app, you can continue to use all the normal Qkr! features as well as experience some great new functionality.

LIBRARY NEWS



Bookclub orders close Wednesday 13th June.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RED CROSS TEAROOMS



Our school and Parish assist at the tea rooms 4 times a year. We are next rostered on for **Tuesday 16th June 9am-2pm**. If you are able to assist at the tea rooms for a couple of hours with making sandwiches, tea, coffee & serving please contact the school office on 6492 5500. Alternately, if you are able to bake a slice or biscuits please drop them at the school office by 9am on Tuesday 16th June. Your help is very much appreciated.