



# ST PATRICK'S BEGA NEWSLETTER

WEEK SEVEN, TERM 2, 2018

15TH JUNE, 2018

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

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

29th June

Playgroup

9am

4/5M

Celebration of  
Learning

2nd July

KG

Celebration of

Learning 2.30pm

3rd July

K/1M

Celebration of

Learning 2.30pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

**P&F** I offer the thanks of the school to the 2017-2018 P&F executive led by President Kate Leiper for the work they have done in support of building community and raising money for our school. At the AGM this week the 2018-2019 executive were elected. We are thankful to the following parents for nominating for positions on the P&F:

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| President:               | Donna Salway     |
| Vice President:          | Wendy Deighton   |
| Secretary:               | Antoinette Woods |
| Treasurer:               | Sarah Andrews    |
| Assistant Treasurer:     | Michelle Taylor  |
| Board Representative:    | Roz Kennedy      |
| Fundraising Coordinator: | Tam Prime        |
| Uniform Coordinator:     | Nicky Bateman    |

Please take time to read the letter from Donna Salway, that is attached to this newsletter, welcoming all parents and carers to participate in the life of the school through involvement in the P&F. Further information about the P&F meeting will be in next week's newsletter.

**Class Allocation Policy:** The School Board recently endorsed the Class Allocation Policy for St Pat's. This policy names the considerations that are addressed and procedures that are followed during term 4 of each school year when we work toward creating class groupings for the following year. Please take time to read this policy that is attached to the newsletter, and is available on our Skoolbag app.

**Reading:** This week I have been thrilled to hear the continuing good news story of the progress of our students in their reading. Each day our staff have been sharing the success stories of students moving up levels, including multiple levels in their reading since they were last assessed. I really enjoy hearing the children setting their personal goals around improving reading and comprehension.

Reading in the home is a vital element in developing the attributes of lifelong reading enjoyment and reading stamina. One way families can make reading important is by setting aside a time each week where everyone in the family is reading at the same time for example, after breakfast on Sunday, everyone goes to the lounge room with the reading material of their choice (newspaper, magazine, book...) for family reading time.

**Counselling at St Pat's:** We continue to await the employment of the new school counsellor for St Patrick's. CatholicCare was hopeful that there would be an almost seamless transition from Katie Hedgcock to the new counsellor; however filling the position has so far been unsuccessful. We are currently looking at options and will let you know when we have a new counsellor.

**Uniform:** Please ensure your children are wearing correct school uniform. In winter boys wear long navy pants (no shorts) and girls wear navy pants or navy tights with their skorts. All children **MUST** wear full black leather shoes with their day (regular) uniform.

Blessings,  
Jo

*You are today where your thoughts have brought you.  
You will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you.*

James Lane Allen

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Students in K – 2/3C have all been given their login names and passwords for Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress. Thank you to all the parents for sending the \$10 for their child for this valuable resource. Please find the note attached to Skoolbag if you did not yet receive this note.



Parents can track their children's progress on the site and have conversations with their children about the various activities. Please encourage your children to work through the 'lesson' component of the site.

We encourage those parents with younger children to begin the process of reading with your children and building the love of reading at an early age. It will help them so much even before they begin their school journey.

If any children in other classes would like to have a subscription to Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress, please let me know and we will organise it for them. The activities/books can be used for students up to 13 years of age.

Happy weekend!

Mary-Ann

## FROM THE REC

Religious Education in 5/6L

We are researching Australian Christians who have done well in their lives; impacting on others. Mora Kelly is one of the people we are researching. She adopted children and supports the care of children.

*By Angus*

We went on Retreat to the Candelo Church in Week 6. I enjoyed the reflection time where we could choose to write a prayer or create a prayer with art.

*By Kirstyn*

## OFFICE NEWS



St Patricks is now enrolling for 2019; please contact the office for an enrolment pack.

## SCHOOL SORES

We have had another report of school sores in the school.

- Impetigo (school sores) is a highly contagious type of skin infection caused by Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria.
- The infection is characterised by inflamed blisters that pop, weep and form crusts.
- Treatment options include antibiotic cream, ointment or antibiotics.
- A child with impetigo should be kept home from school until appropriate treatment has begun and the sores on exposed areas are covered with a waterproof dressing and where necessary a crepe bandage.
- Practise good personal hygiene.

## RED CROSS TEA ROOMS TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

If you can help at the Tea rooms on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June or assist with a donation of cooking please contact the school office 6492 5500.

## MSP PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS

Orders for special group photos will close Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to the families who have ordered through the QkR app this seems to be working well.

We are in need of volunteers. If you can help on a Monday please complete the slip below. Alternately leave your name with the school office and Kylie will contact you.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am available to volunteer in the school canteen.

Weekly

Fortnightly

Monthly

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## A Message from the P&F President

My name is Donna Salway and I am writing to you now as the recently elected President of the Parents and Friends Association (P&F). I am honoured to be assuming this role and, at the outset, wish to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of my predecessor, Mrs Kate Leiper and all the Executive Committee for 2017/2018 year.

I wish to take the opportunity to introduce you all to the newly elected P&F Executive Committee:

**President:** Donna Salway;  
**Vice President:** Wendy Deighton;  
**Secretary:** Antoinette Woods;  
**Treasurer:** Sarah Andrews;  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Michelle Taylor;  
**Social/Fundraising Coordinator:** Tamalaine Prime;  
**Uniform Coordinator:** Nicky Bateman;  
**School Board Representative:** Roz Kennedy;

**There is a current vacancy in the role of Working Bee Coordinator and I am seeking a parent to volunteer to fulfil this important role. Don't be shy. You will be given plenty of support and your contributions to the school will make a big difference in the lives of our students.**

For those of you that don't know, the P&F is the key parent group in the school and has a key role in developing the community of parents, students and staff. It provides a forum for parents to:

- Provide input on parent priorities and suggest ideas;
- Work closely with the Principal and staff;
- Raise money for resources for the school community;
- Provide support for school programs, eg Gross Motor Program, working bees;
- Provide opportunities for social interaction and for parents to form supportive networks;

The P&F is open to all parents and guardians of students of the school. Becoming involved with P&F meetings is a great way to keep informed, to contribute your thoughts to the quality education of our children and to make new friends.

Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. By attending P&F meetings you will gain a clear understanding of how the school operates as well as having the opportunity to share in the school's decision-making process.

The P&F Meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month during school terms, running from 6.00pm to 7.00pm, depending on the topics sometimes just a little longer! Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&F is invaluable. So, I encourage you to come along, listen and make a comment but, most of all, be involved.

Finally, I am proud of being elected as the current P&F President. It is an honour to serve in this role and I look forward to catching up with you at one of our P&F meetings and to work with you to help ensure our school continues to provide a great educational experience for our children.

Should you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me on [ssalway@bigpond.com](mailto:ssalway@bigpond.com)

Regards,

Donna Salway



## **Class Allocation Policy**

Creating class groupings is a collaborative process involving class teachers, specialist staff and the school leadership team.

### **Implementation and Procedures**

St Patrick's consists of staged and multi-staged classes. Each year class combinations change.

When creating balanced class lists for the following year many factors are taken into consideration:

- Gender
- Common names
- Special educational needs
- Behaviour
- Learning needs
- Cognitive ability
- Social dynamics
- Religion (ensuring a balance especially in sacramental classes)
- Medical needs

Parental requests based on educational concerns will be considered.

The following will guide the school's placement of students in class groups:

- Every child will be placed in the best grouping to enhance learning and social development.
- Parents who wish to discuss particular concerns regarding class placement should make an appointment to meet with the principal. All meetings must be held by Friday of Week 6 Term 4. (2018 Date: 23rd November 2018)
- Concerns raised by parents will be considered during the process however no definite guarantees can be given.
- Class teachers will create class groupings collaboratively and may use an online program eg: Class Creator.
- The Principal amends and confirms the lists with classroom support teacher and leadership team.
- The lists are then checked by class teachers. The lists are then confirmed.
- Students are advised of their class and teacher during the Step Up session held in the last week of Term 4.
- Students will be given a letter of introduction from their teacher at Step Up. Letters will be posted to any students not at school.
- Throughout the process the Principal reserves the right to make final professional decisions regarding placement of students.