



ST PATRICK'S BEGA NEWSLETTER

WEEK ONE, TERM 3, 2018

27TH JULY, 2018

IMPORTANT EVENTS

30th July
Catholic Education
Week

1st August
150th Meeting
4.30pm

2nd August
Zone Athletics
Carnival

3rd August
Camp Quality
Puppets

7th August
Year 3/4
Public Speaking
Finals at Maruya

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to Astrid (Year 5) and Mahala (Kinder), new students in our community this term. Our staff began the term on Monday with a focused spirituality day on the theme of 'Discovering Horizons.' The day was focused on "an exploration of the 'question' as the catalyst for the Christian spiritual journey." Mr Shane Dwyer from the National Centre for Evangelisation, an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, led our journey on the day. It was a day well spent and a great start for staff as we begin the new term.

Staff Professional Learning On Tuesday and Wednesday Dr Diana Boswell, an educational and clinical psychologist from Canberra, visited St Patrick's to lead staff learning in the space of supporting all students to engage in school life and learning. Diana has a background working with children with diagnosed conditions and those who have had adverse childhood experiences. We spent time looking at the 'able, willing and ready' strategy as a springboard for supporting learners.

Parent Learning As we continue to grow opportunities for parent learning and education, we were lucky that on Tuesday night Dr Boswell was open to giving a presentation to parents on the themes of:

- The developing child: brain and learning.
- The experience expectant brain - what are the right (optimal) experiences and what is the right time.
- Parenthood: being responsive to the growth needs of our child.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this presentation. We are making a video of Di's talk and will put it together with her PowerPoint slides and make this available for all families, hopefully in the coming week.

Learning Conferences Next week you will have the opportunity to book an appointment for the student parent teacher learning conferences to be held in Week 3 and 4 of term.

FOGO Filming Next week on Friday 3rd August we will host a film crew from Council focusing on their new Food Organics Garden Organics program. Students from the school green teams and a few others from across the school have been (randomly) selected to be part of this filming.

Kindergarten 2019 Mrs Grant and I have been enjoying meeting our prospective kindergarten 2019 students and their families at recent interviews. Tomorrow we will meet some more of these families and students. If your child is ready for school in 2019, please contact the office for an enrolment pack and to make an interview time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The first week of Term 3 has been full of joyful learning.

Supporting Learning at Home

St Patrick's fosters a community of life long learners and promotes teachers working alongside families.

Kaye Lowe's website offers advice and strategies for parents to support their children's learning at home. Parents are encouraged to watch the videos which explain strategies to use at home for reading. Here is the link: <https://www.read4success.com.au/untitled-c20ew>

Leonie Anstey's website offers parents resources for number games to support Mathematics learning at home. Here is the link: <http://leoneansteyconsulting.com.au/resources/>

Kinder students celebrated 100 Days of school on Tuesday 24th August. The 27 students participate in party games and ate cupcakes to celebrate their learning journey.



FROM THE REC

New Horizons

Shane Dwyer the Director of the National Centre for Evangelization facilitated a spirituality day for staff to start the term. The day focused on 'New Horizons' and explored the 'question' as the catalyst for the Christian spiritual journey. One of the important messages from the day was that it's not about the answers. The catalyst for spiritual growth is the question – most often God's question to us. It is through this questioning that a journey is created. This journey is the most important aspect of spiritual growth rather than the end point.

Religious Education in KG

This term KG will be exploring the question 'who is Jesus?'. Students will listen and respond to stories of and about Jesus in the Gospels that tell of Jesus' life as a Jew, his mother Mary, his friends and family.

Lunchtime meditation

Mrs Grant started lunch time meditation in Week 1. These sessions focus on mindfulness.

Pyjama Day

Mini Vinnies would like to thank all the students at St Pat's for their participation in the Pyjama Day to support Vinnies Winter Appeal. Over 200 tins of winter dinner food have been donated.





School fees were sent home this week, thank you to those families who continue to pay their school fees by the due date or regular payments towards their school fee accounts. For the school to maintain its financial commitments it is important that all school fees are paid in full by the 15th December 2018.

75% of school fees are sent to the Catholic Education Office the remaining 25% are left to cover the running of the school. This is for things such as phone and electricity accounts, stationary, employing a cleaner/ maintenance person and any cost other than teachers' salaries. This means if 85% of parents pay, we are only left with 10% to run the school. We apply for grants where possible and utilise fund raising from the P & F to buy items such as computers, books and new equipment.

As you would be aware there **are** a number of ways you can pay your school fees. **You can pay** weekly, fortnightly or monthly using BPAY, QKR, Direct Debit or Centrepay. Please contact the school office if you require help in setting any of these options up or if you are experiencing difficulty making regular payments towards your school fee account.



St Pats is offering each student a *hot chocolate* of a Monday morning before school, during the winter months. If your child/ren would like a hot chocolate, please supply your child/ren with a reusable plastic cup.



SPORTS NEWS

The Zone athletics carnival will be held next Thursday 2nd August. Thank you to the families that have returned their permission notes. Students who are yet to return their notes please do so ASAP. We are still seeking helpers for the canteen. Please contact the school office if you are able to help with the cooking and selling at the canteen on Thursday.

Michael Rheinberger

Our Michael Rheinberger award for athletics was presented yesterday. The winner of this prestigious award was Brodie Irvin. Brodie received this award for his dedication to sport, his determination, team spirit and good sportsmanship. Well done Brodie!

