



St Patrick's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 10 Term 1

Monday, 3 April 2017

Dear Families and Friends,

As we draw near to the end of the term I would like to thank parents for the great support you have given to our school. From working bees, sport carnivals, transporting our students, assisting in the classrooms, canteen, street stalls, fundraising and family mass. We value your support as do the children. As I have said before, we are better together.

Catholic Education Future Direction Survey

Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn are asking parents and teachers to complete a survey that will assist in developing its Strategic Priorities for 2018 to 2020. This strategic planning process will help Catholic Education identify its strengths and areas for improvement, and how it should respond to the opportunities and challenges on its horizon. You are encouraged to complete the confidential survey, which is accessed via" <https://tinyurl.com/mc9kypm> The survey should take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. The survey is confidential, and individual responses will not be identified. It closes at 11.59pm on Tuesday 18 April.

Contacting the school

Parents if you wish to get a message to your child regarding bus information or afterschool care, please ensure you contact the school **before** 3:00pm. This will give us time to get to the classrooms and pass on your message.

Holy Week

I wish all families a safe and Happy Easter break. This time of year is a great opportunity to set apart time for ourselves, our family and God. It is a time to reconnect with and appreciate all of life's gifts that nourish and enrich us. If we are to grow and be "fully human" Holy Week and Easter offer an opportunity to turn inwardly and reflect on our lives.

I would imagine that this is what Jesus Christ meant when he said, "I have come so that you may have life and live it to the fullest". May the joy of the risen Christ be with us all as we strive to live well!

This Sunday all denominations are welcome to join a 'Walk with the Cross' starting at the carpark of Hungry Jack's at 8.30 and finishing at Carberry Park for a church service at 10.00am led by Baptist Church Pastor Steve Maynard.

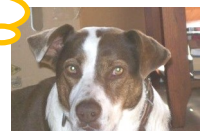
Enjoy the Easter break and I hope to see you at the ANZAC Day March.

FAITH LEARN LEAD



"The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it".

Peter Pan



Clay's thought for the week

REC News

Year 5 Liturgy

Thank you, Year 5 for the liturgy last week where we celebrated The Annunciation. The singing was vibrant and infectious, children were heard singing the songs on their walk back up the hill to school.

Love Your Neighbour / Project Compassion

Please continue to contribute to this project as it helps make a difference to those in poverty, promoting justice and upholding dignity. Each classroom has a Project Compassion box for any contributions students wish to make. I will be asking for the boxes to be handed in at the start of next term.

The Stations of the Cross

This **THURSDAY 6th April**, we will be staging The Stations of the Cross here at the school. The whole school will participate in the 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. Please come along and bring a friend.

Weekly Mass / Liturgy Term 2

Starting next term, Mass and Liturgy will be celebrated on **FRIDAYS at 12 noon**.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

06/04- Stations of the Cross (12pm) at the school.

Thoughts/ Questions / Reflection for the week: Holy Week

Holy Week is the week preceding Easter and the final week of Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Week includes Holy Thursday (also known as Maundy Thursday) and Good Friday, which, together with Holy Saturday, are known as the Triduum.

During Holy Week, we commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday in reparation for the sins of mankind, and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe. Even though Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it is also a time of joy as we acknowledge God's goodness of sending His Son to die for our salvation.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday spending time with our loved ones.
God Bless,

Mrs Flanagan
REC



EASTER TIMETABLE

Thursday, 6 April -	5.45pm Mass & 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday, 13 April -	6.00pm Mass
Good Friday, 14 April -	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Communion
Saturday, 15 April -	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday, 16 April -	8.00am Mass Gundagai 10.00am Mass Jugiong



Jugiong Writer's Festival Winners

Congratulations to all of our students on their great entries in the Jugiong Writer's Festival. The judges were in high praise of all entries and were very pleased with the high standard displayed.

The following students received awards:

Short Story Year 2:

Winner: The Friendly Wolf by Juliet Pearce

Poem Entries Year 5/6

Winner: Shadows Dance by Ruby Wilson

Highly Commended: Faith by Mychaela Hackett

Into Nothingness by Peter Reardon



St Pat's Cross Country

A huge and very heartfelt thank you to all of the helpers at our cross country. From measuring the track, manning checkpoints, packing away equipment, returning items we borrowed and cheering our children on!

A huge thanks must also go to the Cootamundra-Gundagai council and the R.T.A. for the loan of witches hats, Mr Harpley and Mr Arget for delivering them to the grounds and Mr Howe for the much needed tarps to sit on. And of course our wonderful staff and children. The sportsmanship and enthusiasm was exceptional.



Age Champions

Everyone has helped make our 2017 cross country a great success.

If you have any feedback....positive or negative regarding the new course, we would love to hear from you. Please email the school with any suggestions or comments.

Once again...THANK YOU!!!!

St Pat's Street Stall

Thank you to all of those families and friends that donated cooking, prizes and their time to make our street stall a success. \$100 club winners were Jason Crane & Charlie Hourn. Our first prize in the raffle went to Steve Rose, 2nd prize to Peter & Sheila Murray and 3rd prize to Ruth & Tony Quine.

The street stall added \$ 1,435.50 to our fundraising efforts for Term 1.

Thank you to Leanne McDonnell for organising the stall.

ANZAC Day - Tuesday 25 April

Students and staff will gather outside the entrance to Lott's Family Hotel at 10.15 for a march off time of 10.30. The wreath laying process will commence at 11.00am.

Children are to be dressed in their full summer uniform with sports jumper and hat. If the weather turns very cold we will announce via email and face book a change to that direction.

We look forward to seeing as many of the children present as possible.



Independent Competitions.

We are calling for expressions of interest for external competitions to be conducted at school in 2017. These competitions are independent skills-based assessment that recognises and rewards student achievement and provides parents with rich diagnostic reports. These competitions are a great opportunity for children to practice sitting for external tests and further extending your child's knowledge in key subject areas. Notes for these went home last week in school bags.

Competition	Sitting date	Cost	Open to
ICAS Science	30 May	\$9.90	Years 3-6
ICAS Spelling	14 June	\$13.20	Years 2-6
Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank	27 July	\$6.50	Years 3-6
ICAS English	1 August	\$9.90	Years 2-6

Tumut Junior Rugby Union Bullants Club are looking for new girls to join our VIVA 7s comp, U10, U13, U16, Southern Inland Rugby Comp, fun, fast and non contact, training Friday 5:30-6:30pm currently at Tumut hockey fields (until daylight saving is over then at Tumut JRUC ground Jarrah Rd), games every 2nd Sunday once comp starts in May, we have coaches for all 3 teams, come and have a go. \$60 for season includes shirt, socks & bag.

Great club fun and family team environment, Any questions please visit website

www.tumutbullants.com.au or give me a call 0427 282 745 or email

sroche@graincorp.com.au,

Sarah Roche U13 VIVA 7s Coach.



Class Merit Award Recipients Week 9 of Term 1



Kindergarten - **Amy Cotterill** - attentive listening and always trying hard to do her best.

Year 1/2 - **Mia Naughton** - using great mathematical language when describing 3D shapes.

Year 3/4 - **Flynn Garraway** - for doing a great job with his Inquiry Quest on the Duck's Beak.

Year 5/6 - **Hugh Graham** - for his enthusiastic attitude to learning about perimeter and area.

Wildcat Award Recipients Week 9 of Term 1



Responsible Jessica McDonnell, Tessa Crowe & Lachlan Morgan.

Respectful Jack Peterson & Brody Bourne.

Safe Eli Flanagan & Gracie Peterson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 6 April - Stations of the Cross 12pm on the school oval.

Friday, 7 April - Last day of Term 1

Friday, 14 April - Good Friday

Saturday, 15 April - Easter Saturday

Sunday, 16 April - Easter Sunday

Monday, 17 April - Easter Monday

Monday, 24 April - Staff PD

Tuesday, 25 April - ANZAC DAY Students march and captains lay a wreath.

Wednesday, 26 April - Students return for Term 2

Friday, 28 April - Athletics Carnival - HELPERS REQUIRED ****

Thursday, 4 May - WR Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday, 9 May - Student Counsellor

Tuesday - Thursday 9 - 11 May - NAPLAN Years 3 & 5

Thursday, 11 May - Community Council Meeting 6pm

Friday, 12 May - Mother's Day morning tea.

SRC disco 2 - 3pm in the hall

Monday, 15 May - Netball Cup Young



Wednesday, 17 May - Canberra Goulburn Cross Country

ROSTERS

Meat Raffle Roster: If you are unable to do your shift please contact Lauren Gailey on 0412 802 069 or laurentickner@hotmail.com Please feel free to still put your name down to assist with the roster.

Friday 28 April: Scott Wilson & Dave Scott Friday 5 May: Renee Lindley & Mark Peterson

Friday 12 May: Jeremy Pearce & Pete Gailey Friday 19 May: Chris McDonnell & John Morgan

RADIO 2.15pm	ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER	TUCKSHOP ROSTER		CUPCAKE MONDAY
Wednesday, 5 April Harriet Kingwill Fletcher Dean	Saturday, 8 April Jack Kingwill Benny Bartlett	Friday, 7 April Simone Jones Leanne McDonnell 	Madeline Ryan Kate Graham 	Term 2 Roster coming home tomorrow
	Saturday, 15 April Harriet Kingwill Isaac Pearce			
	PRAYER & MASS TIMES	Thursday, 6 April 12pm Stations of the Cross School Oval		