Dear families and friends,

A big thank you to all who helped out at our swimming carnival last week. The students’ had a great time, were well mannered and encouraged each other to do their best. As I mentioned at last week’s assembly, it’s great to be “good at sport” but even better to be known as being a “good sport-person”. That is a person who always tries their best, plays fairly and encourages others. A big thank you to the St Patrick’s and wider community for instilling these wonderful attributes into our children. Well done.

On the weekend we had the opportunity to celebrate Mass at Jugiong. What a wonderful welcoming community and such a brilliant church. Thanks to Liz Kelleher and family and friends for assisting Fr Pat. If you would like to come along to Jugiong and celebrate Mass it is held every 2nd Sunday of the month, at 9:00am. Highly recommend it.

As I mentioned last week, “The Year of Mercy” is a reminder for us to practice the art of daily self-reflection. To look inwards and identify moments of inspiration, gratitude, feelings - both positive and negative and ask our God for help; as we look forward to those opportunities that will come to us tomorrow to show the face of Jesus. This practice of daily reflection was championed by St Ignatius of Loyola and is a worthwhile activity for both adults and children. If children get into this habit of mind they will be better placed to understand and communicate motivating factors which influence their actions as well as set goals for future action.

For more information about St Ignatius visit: http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-voices/st-ignatius-loyola

Thank you again to all those parents and friends who are helping out around our school. The children love to see you and as mentioned last week, it’s a great way to see what’s happening in our school and meet teachers and other parents.

In summary, St Patrick’s can be based on 3 foundational pillars; Building Community, Building Capacity and Building and Celebrating Catholic Culture.

Come and join us.

Take care.

Vincent Powell
Principal

Year One sharing their writing - Locky Eccleston, Lilly Cotterill and Juliette Pearce
The Good News

Leadership Liturgy
This Wednesday at 12pm in the Church, our school community will come together to celebrate a Leadership Liturgy where our School Leaders, SRC, Year 6 class, and all of us, will be commissioned in our work as leaders. Please come along to this special celebration. Year 5 will be taking a leading role in the preparation of this liturgy.

Theological Thoughts
What do we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert?
The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent. (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Easter in a Box
This Easter the children will be participating in an ‘Easter in a Box’ activity to create tangible reminders of the Easter journey during Holy Week between 20-27 March. Each child will need a shoebox; so before the boxes from new school shoes are thrown out – please hang onto, send into school and start collecting any other shoeboxes ready for this important event. Many thanks for the ones already coming in.

Project Compassion
Last week the children brought home Project Compassion boxes that families may like to contribute towards the works of Caritas Australia during this period of Lent. Caritas do missionary works throughout the world and it is a practical way families can give alms and make a monetary sacrifice this lent. There is a powerful graph up in the school noticeboard outlining what money can go towards. Visit www.caritas.org.au for more information. Boxes will be collected and sent to Caritas at the end of Term 1.

The Daily Examen
For those of us not sure who/what/how to pray this Lent, try this simple reflection based on St Ignatius of Loyola. It is best done at the end of a day as a reflection and we used it in our Staff meeting last week.

Find a Quiet Place: Prayer requires a certain head space that can take time to achieve. Try to ‘unplug’ from the world, be comfortable and still.

Identify Gratitude: Can you name one moment that you are grateful for today? Remember how you felt in that moment. What are your many blessings?

Ask For Freedom: We long for freedom from the things that often trip us up, distract us, or bias our judgements. The Holy Spirit can help us with this one – to clear our clutter, heighten our senses, live in the moment.

Review Your Day: Recall the events of your day as if you were watching a movie. Notice your feelings and reflect on the moments significant to you. These are the events that God is trying to tell you more about.

Talk With God: Tell God anything on your mind. A thank you? A request? A blessing? The words don’t have to be formal and mechanical. It’s ok if the words come out slowly or disjointed. Our prayer exists to change us, not God.

Finish Your Prayer: It can be helpful to finish with a known prayer such as the Our Father, Hail Mary etc. Or any known prayer that you are familiar with.

Gospel Quiz
Each week I will be posing a question to reflect on based on the scripture readings of the upcoming vigil mass. This week’s question relates to the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil in the desert during the first Lent. What lead Jesus into the desert?

Last week’s question: Simon Peter was a fisherman who caught fish – What did Jesus want him to catch?

Answer: Jesus wanted Simon Peter to catch men.

Craig Ferguson
Religious Education Coordinator

Kindergarten - Wednesday Rest Days
This Wednesday will be the last of our rest days for our Kindergarten children. Their first full week with us will be next Week 5 commencing 22 February.
Swimming Carnival 2016

Thank you all, students, teachers, staff, parents and grandparents for your help and support in the smooth running of the swimming carnival.
Congratulations to all swimmers on the day for your participation and cheering. It was a wonderful carnival atmosphere.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Age Champions for 2016:

Junior Girl Champion: Abbey Flanagan
Junior Girl Runner up: Lilly Bartlett

11 Yr Girl Champion: Brianna Crossley
11 Yr Girl Runner up: Chloe Fallon

Senior Girl Champion: Grace Fiddes
Senior Girl Runner up: Summer Vandereeckt

Junior Boy Champion: William Murphy.
Junior Boy Runner up: High Graham

11 Yr Boy Champion: Jack Kelleher
11 Yr Boy Runner up: Peter Reardon

Senior Boy Champion: Xavier Graham
Senior Boy Runner up: Ryan Fairall and Edward Murphy

The winning House was DONOVAN.

This Thursday, 18 February Mr Powell and Mrs Flanagan will be travelling with our representatives to Temora for the Western Region Swimming Carnival. We wish everyone luck.

Please ensure all notes and the nomination fee of $8.00 is handed in to the office tomorrow 16 February.
Students not going to Temora will have swimming as normal for sport.

Thank you again everyone.
Mrs Flanagan

Cricket Trials - Gundagai Friday, 12 February

Last Friday over 60 boys from across Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese trialled for Cricket at the Gundagai ovals under the discerning eye of Mr Ferguson and Riverina Development Office for NSW Cricket, Mr Luke Olsen. It was a very hot day and the boys played a modified game and net session. Thomas Ferguson and George Harpley gained selection in the Canberra Goulburn Cricket team to take on Wagga in Gundagai on Tuesday, 8 March. Chloe Fallon, Grace Fiddes and Sally Scott will go straight through to the MacKillop competition as there were not enough girls to warrant a trial.

Many thanks to Mr Luke Olsen and for the parents support on the day.
Happy birthday to the following student who celebrates their birthday this week.

Sunday, 14 February - Henry Hindmarsh

Our very best wishes to you all on your special day!

Class Merit Award Recipients
Week 3 of Term 1.

Kindergarten - Hugh Ryan - wonderful classwork and effort in all areas.

Year 1 - Locky Eccleston - listening carefully and respectfully to discussions and completing work to a high standard.

Year 2 - Asher Jones - her maturing attitude to school life.

Year 3/4 - Sebastian Garraway - a maturing attitude toward his school work.

- William Murphy - showing a quick recall with maths work.

Year 5/6 - Thomas Ferguson - for his great work ethic and impressive mathematical thinking and understanding.

- Peter Reardon - a wonderful effort with his 1st home learning task.

Wildcat Award Recipients
Week 3 of Term 1.

Responsible Ryan Fairall, Thomas Ferguson, Jake Bower and William Naughton.

Respectful

Safe

St. Patrick’s Phone Directories
If you have not already collected your local telephone directory they are available from the following outlets for $10.
Gundagai Newsagency, Gundagai Real Estate, and the Coolac Store.

Rosters

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George Harpley & Jack Kingwill | Friday, 19 February
Michelle Scott Wendy Percival |
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Belinda Hindmarsh Tanya Ginty |
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Cakes
Lisa Peterson Tracy Murphy

Cookies
Sarah Graham Jane Bourne

Cakes
Sharon McCarthy Bev Bower

Cookies
Gemma Crowe Donna Scott

Please note cake cooks are required to bake 3 dozen cupcakes or 2 slab cakes and cookie cooks are to provide 1 batch of the recipe handed out.

Walk Together in Faith and Knowledge

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 17 February - Kindergarten rest day
Thursday, 18 February - Community Council Meeting 7.00pm
          WR Swimming Carnival - Temora
Wednesday, 24 February - NRL Gala Day
Tuesday, 1 March - Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival - TBA
Monday, 7 March - Winter Trials
Friday, 25 March - Good Friday
Saturday, 26 March - Easter Saturday
Sunday, 27 March - Easter Sunday
Monday, 28 March - Easter Monday

Gundagai Dental Clinic
Gary Barutzki our Mouthguard Technician will be in Gundagai on Thursday, 25 February.

He will come to the St. Patrick’s School and take Mouthguard impressions for those players who require
on for sport this year.

Impressions will be taken after lunch time on Thursday, 25 February. If you wish for your child to have a
Mouthguard made, please call the school office and we will send home a form that will need to be
returned to school with your money by Thursday, 25 February.

Those people who have private health insurance may call in to the Dental Clinic before the 25th and
claim from their health fund.

Any enquiries please call Dental Clinic on 6944 1126

Gundagai - Adelong JRL Come Try Day
Wednesday, 24 February