



St Patrick's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 6 Term 2

Monday, 29 May 2017

Dear Families and Friends,

There is no area more important to our children, than the home our children share with us. It's not the size nor the material comforts our home provides, it's the nurturing environment that really matters. Home is a place of great opportunity for emerging young people for it is in the home, amongst family, that value systems can be established and God's love can be experienced through the love that family members express to one another; mistakes can be made without the fear of ridicule and with the real expectation of true compassion and forgiveness.

Make Time for Your children

It's often difficult for parents and their children to get together for a family meal, let alone spend quality time together. But there is probably nothing your children would like more. Children who aren't getting the attention they want from their parents often act out or misbehave because they're sure to be noticed that way.

Many parents find it rewarding to schedule together time with their children. Create a "special night" each week to be together and let your children help decide how to spend the time. Look for other ways to connect — put a note or something special in your kid's lunchbox.

Don't feel guilty if you're a working parent. It is the many little things you do — making popcorn, playing cards, window shopping, going to the park — that your children will remember.

Be a Good Role Model

Young kids learn a lot about how to act by watching their parents. The younger they are, the more cues they take from you. Before you lash out or blow your top in front of your child, think about this: Is that how you want your child to behave when angry? Be aware that you're constantly being watched by your children. Studies have shown that children who hit usually have a role model for aggression at home. Model the traits you wish to see in your kids: respect, friendliness, honesty, kindness, tolerance. Exhibit unselfish behaviour. Do things for other people without expecting a reward. Express thanks and offer compliments. Above all, treat your children the way you expect other people to treat you.

Make Communication a Priority

You can't expect children to do everything simply because you, as a parent, "say so." They want and deserve explanations as much as adults do. If we don't take time to explain, kids will begin to wonder about our values and motives and whether they have any basis. Parents who reason with their kids allow them to understand and learn in a nonjudgmental way. Make your expectations clear. If there is a problem, describe it, express your feelings, and invite your child to work on a solution with you. Be sure to include consequences. Make suggestions and offer choices. Be open to your child's suggestions as well. Negotiate. Children who participate in decisions are more motivated to carry them out.

Teaching your child Emotional Literacy

It's no secret that children often have trouble expressing emotion. When a child feels something they don't know how to express, it's likely they'll act out. Teaching emotional literacy is one of the most important things we can do to help ensure a child's sense of wellbeing and future success. Emotional literacy helps foster self-regulation, it leads to better physical and mental health, and studies have shown that emotionally literate children perform better in school.

In summary, Emotional Literacy brings the following benefits:

- Promotes self-awareness and positive self-esteem (I know, understand and accept myself and my needs).
- Fosters self-control (I choose how I will respond to my emotions).
- Develops resilience and optimism (I see the positive side in every situation, good and bad alike).
- Facilitates healthy communication with others and the appropriate expression of desires and needs. (I express myself clearly and respectfully).
- Promotes empathetic understanding towards others which helps prevent bullying and other destructive behaviours (I understand how others are feeling).

For more information and fun activities to teach emotion intelligence, visit the following web sites:

Imagination soup – *Reading Writing and Learning*

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2015/07/23/emotional-intelligence-activities-kids/>

About Parenting

<http://kidsactivities.about.com/od/LifeSkills/a/Activities-To-Increase-Emotional-Vocabulary.htm>

Supportive Playgroups

Supportive Playgroups begin this Friday and we are looking forward to working with the parents and pre –school children in a supportive playgroup. This playgroup focuses on engaging families in their children’s learning. Topics this week include - *Talking together and Reading together.*

Confirmation

Our Confirmation program commences this week beginning with a parent Information evening at 6:00pm tonight and the students’ 1st session tomorrow at 3:30pm. Both sessions will be held at our school. I’m looking forward to discussing the sacrament with the parents tonight and working with the candidates as they prepare for confirmation.

2018 Enrolments

Currently we are in the process of accepting enrolments for 2018. If you know of any parents considering St Patrick’s, please invite them to contact us for further information or encourage them join Supportive Playgroups or the Little learners program. Thank you.

Have a good week.



FAITH LEARN LEAD

REC News

1/2 Liturgy

Thank you Mrs Howe, Ms Marley and Years 1 and 2 for the beautiful Liturgy you prepared and shared with the school on Friday.

Confirmation 2017

Confirmation preparation will begin this week. The parent information night will be tonight Monday the 29th of May 6:00pm in room 4 at the school. The first afternoon session for candidates will begin tomorrow, Tuesday 30 May, 3:30pm – 4:30pm in room 4 at the school.

The continuation of one's path of Christian initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation is the receiving of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. It strengthens us so that we can bear witness to Christ. It is freely deciding to be a member of the Church and being Christian.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- 02/06- Mass led by the SRC (FRIDAY 12pm).
- 03/06- Mass Presentation of Confirmation Candidates (Saturday 6pm)
- 09/06- Liturgy led by Years 5 and 6 (FRIDAY 12pm).
- 16/06- Mass led by Years 3 and 4 (FRIDAY 12pm).
- 17/06- Mass Confirmation (Saturday 6pm)
- 23/06- Liturgy led by Years 1 and 2 (FRIDAY 12pm).
- 30/06- End of term Mass led by Staff (FRIDAY 12pm).

Thoughts/ Questions / Reflection for the week:



God Bless,
Mrs Flanagan
REC

The Piety Stall at St Patrick's Church will be operating after Mass in the lead up to Confirmation. Goods for sale include Crosses, Rosary Beads, Books, Cards, Statues, Medals and Holy Cards.

Class Merit Award Recipients Week 5 of Term 2



Kindergarten - Abigail Bock - insightful daily writing.

Year 1/2 - Charlie Hindmarsh - great participation in all class activities.

Year 3/4 - Finlay Bock - his inquiring mind in Science.

Year 5/6 - Ruby Bower - for her consistent application to her learning and her community service effort.

Wildcat Award Recipients Week 5 of Term 2



Responsible Jack Patyon, Amy Cotterill, Abigail Bock, Abbey Flanagan, Don Cotterill & Mychaela Hackett.

Respectful Abigail Bock, Charlotte McDonnell, Lachlan Morgan, Flynn Leane, Nate Tozer & Peter Reardon

Safe Montanna Manns, Riley Manns & Abbey Flanagan x 2

All parents are kindly invited to a Fundraising Meeting
Wednesday 31st May at 1pm at the school in Room 4.

Items to be discussed:

Music Trivia Night

Parent Dinner

Sleep-out night

Please contact Carolyn Reardon 0408 441 056 or calreardon@bigpond.com

This
Wednesday

SPORTS WRAP UP

Mortimer Shield

Last Thursday the Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to Tumut to play League Tag. In the first game we played McAuley and beat them 40-0. Our second game was against Tumut Public School and we won 16-0. Our third game was against South Gundagai combined schools and we won 24-0. Then we played against Gundagai Public school and drew with them 8-8. It was a great game but overall it was the first try scorer and so they won. We would like to say thank you to Mrs Flanagan and Mr Flanagan and all the parents that drove us there.

By Lilly Bartlett and Abbey Flanagan

Last Thursday Years 5/6 and some Year 4 boys travelled to Tumut to play rugby league. Our first game was against Tumut PS and we lost 4-8. It was a good game but in the second half Tumut got around us to score their winning try. In the second game we were up against Gundagai PS. We played very well but lost 6-18. We then played another game against McAuley we won 4-0. We had a great fun day and we would like to thank Mr Powell and the Year 4 boys - we really needed you.

By Tom Scott and Jack Kingwill

Western Region Athletics Friday 2nd June

Please return your permission notes to school as soon as possible.

High Jump practice will take place during lunchtime on Wednesdays. Please bring a change of clothes.

Child Protection

As per the Department of Education and Communities Policies, we would like to remind you that all **parents, caregivers or volunteers who assist in the school in any capacity must have completed a Working With Children Check.** THERE IS NO COST FOR VOLUNTEERS. Please log on <https://wwccheck.ccp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application> at your earliest convenience.

Happy birthday to the following people who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Tessa Crowe celebrated on Saturday, 27 May

Jack Paton celebrated on Saturday, 27 May

Our very best wishes to you on your special day!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, 29 May -	Confirmation Parent Evening 6pm
Tuesday, 30 May -	Science ICAS Competition 1st Student Session Confirmation 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday, 31 -	Musica Viva whole school performance 9am
Friday, 2 June -	WR Athletics West Wyalong Supportive playgroups 9 - 10.30am
Monday, 5 June -	Rugby Union Trials Yass
Tuesday, 6 June -	2nd student session confirmation 3.30 - 4.30pm
Friday, 9 June -	Supportive Playgroups 9 - 10.30am
Monday, 12 June -	Public Holiday
Tuesday, 13 June -	English ICAS Competition 3rd Student Session Confirmation 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday, 14 June -	Spelling ICAS Competition
Friday, 16 June -	NSW CPS Cross Country Confirmation gathering day - all students Semester 1 reports home Supportive Playgroups 9.00 - 10.30am
Saturday, 17 June -	Confirmation 6pm
Monday, 19 June -	Student Counsellor
Wednesday, 21 June -	Aspirations Young
Thursday, 22 June -	Robotics whole school workshops Community Council meeting.
Friday, 23 June -	Supportive playgroups 9.00 - 10.30am

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 2 June: Doug McDonnell & Vince Powell **Friday 9 June:** Tim Jones & Craig Hargreaves

Friday, 16 June: Sharon McCarthy & Jess Nugent **Friday 23 June:** Scott Wilson & Dave Scott

RADIO 2.15pm	ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER	TUCKSHOP ROSTER	CUPCAKE MONDAY
<p>Wednesday, 31 May Brianna Crossley Riley Manns</p> <p>Wednesday 7 June Ruby Bower Mychaela Hackett</p> <p>Wednesday 14 June Ruby Wilson Harriet Kingwill</p>	<p>Saturday, 3 June Lilly Bartlett Benny Bartlett</p> <p>Saturday, 10 June Harriet Kingwill Jack Kingwill</p> <p>PRAYER & MASS TIMES</p> <p>Friday, 2 June Mass 12pm Church</p>	<p>NO TUCKSHOP THIS WEEK</p>	<p>5 June Jess Nugent Sharon McCarthy</p> <p>12 June Lisa Peterson Rebecca Gaskin</p> <p>19 June Emma Peterson Lisa Ryan</p>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

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3 days

Monday July 3rd - Wednesday July 5th

9.00am - 10.00am.....Kindergarten to Year 2

10.00am - 11.00am.....Year 3 to Year 4

11.00pm - 12.00pm.....Year 5 to Year 6

(Limited numbers per class so bookings essential)

COST = \$45



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