



St Patrick's Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Week 9 Term 1

Monday, 27 March 2017

Dear Families and Friends,

Over the weekend our parish and wider community had the opportunity to meet Archbishop Prowse and attend a community consultation following mass. I would like to thank Archbishop Prowse for his active listening to our community concerns and sound advice given to the Gundagai community in his Homily. Archbishop Prowse urged the Gundagai community to build bridges of *reconciliation, acceptance, tolerance, social justice, truth and hope* and used the imagery of the Gundagai bridges to reinforce his message. He asked our community to reach out in an ecumenical manner and be "bridge builders" once again. He also spoke of the harming community effects of gossip and untruths being spread and finished his homily with the words, "Stop the Gossip – build bridges of truth and hope!" Thank you Archbishop Prowse. Let's put his words into action.

MORE GREAT PARENT / STUDENT SUPPORT WEB SITES

I am often asked by parents about what reading strategies are best to move their children forward. One site that has some great advice based on best teacher practice is Read4Success, hosted by Professor Kaye Lowe. Here is a link to her portal and I recommend the great Reading resource videos that are available from the web site.

[Read4Success](#)

[NAPLAN Activities](#)

Parents, if you require any information about this assessment and ideas on assisting your child prepare for NAPLAN than visit this [link](#).

As we approach our National Assessment Period students may wish to prepare by interacting with some of the following web links:

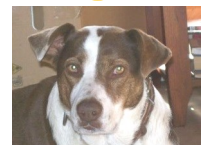
- [Cool Australia](#)
- [Excel Test Zone](#)
- [NAP Assessment Program](#)
- [Queensland NAPLAN Activities](#)
- [Mathletics](#)

Have a great week



FAITH LEARN LEAD

Listening is the first step
to understanding.
Empathy is the second.



Clay's thought for
the week

REC News

Year 3 and 4 Liturgy

Thank you, Mrs Wilson, and Years 3 and 4 for your liturgy last week which we celebrated at school. The singing was beautiful and the liturgy was meaningful and reverent.

Archbishop Prowse Visit

On Friday, last week, Archbishop Prowse and Father Sijo visited the school.

It was a lovely informal gathering where the children had an opportunity to ask Archbishop Prowse questions. The children asked a range of questions that impressed Archbishop Prowse and enabled them to get to know him and his role better.

Saturday Night Mass

Thank you to the families who were able to attend Saturday nights Mass which was led by Archbishop Prowse. A big thank you and congratulations to the children who sang and played musical instruments. Sarah Scott (flute), Tom Scott (ukulele) and Ollie Gailey (organ).

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.

The Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday 5th April, we will be staging The Stations of the Cross at school. The whole school will participate in the 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

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:

29/03- Liturgy led by Years 5 and 6
05/04- Stations of the Cross (12pm).

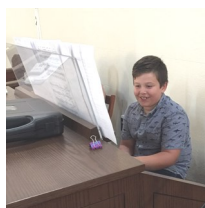
Thoughts/ Questions / Reflection for the week:

What are the Stations of the Cross and what can we learn from them?

The Stations of the Cross is the narration of the final hours in the life of Jesus on earth. It provides spiritual conviction and application to our lives. It is a stark reminder of the humble manner in which Jesus was willing to sacrifice his life on earth in order to provide a path to salvation for us. Jesus taught us how to live by the way he died.

God Bless,

Mrs Flanagan
REC



Tomorrow is our **Cross Country Carnival**. Please ensure your child is dressed in their sports uniform with sunscreen applied and have packed a water bottle and their asthma puffer and spacer if necessary. **There will be no sport Thursday.**

We are looking forward to an enjoyable carnival and thank parents and carers in advance for your support. Ribbons and medals will be handed out at Friday's assembly.

St Pat's Street Stall - Thursday March 30 & Friday March 31

Thank you for sending back your street stall volunteer notes. We are still looking to fill Thursday afternoon from 12 - 3pm. We currently have no one at all for this time slot.

We look forward to receiving lots of your yummy cooking which always makes such a wonderful addition to our street stall. Cooking may be dropped off at the stall or can be delivered to the front office.



WINTER TRIALS

Today Fletcher Dean & Lochie Wilson trialed for the Rugby League Archdiocesan Football with Lochie making it into the team. Brylee Cotterill and Harriet Kingwill trialed for the Archdiocesan Netball. Both girls were successful in making their team. Congratulations to all four students for a wonderful effort and for representing their school proudly. Thank you to the mums who transported them.



TENNIS COACHING

K – YR 3 @ 3:30pm TO 4:15pm
YR 4 – YR 6 @ 4:15pm TO 5:00PM
6 Weeks @ \$45 per child.
Starting: 1st May 2017 (term 2)
Names to Louise on 69441355
(during office hours 9am - 5pm)

Meat Raffle - Calling for meat raffle volunteers!

We currently only have 11 volunteers (thank you to those 11!) but need more so that these people are not giving up their time every month. Please email or phone Lauren Gailey on 0412 802 069 or laurentickner@hotmail.com to put your name down for the meat raffle.

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 8 of Term 1**



Kindergarten - Charlotte McDonnell - always working with enthusiasm and effort.

Year 1/2 - Jess McDonnell - thoughtful and reflective responses to questions.

Year 3/4 - Maggie Peterson - careful listening, providing own insights and mature work habits.

Year 5/6 - Fletcher Dean - for his great enthusiasm and participation at Aspirations.

**Wildcat Award Recipients
Week 8 of Term 1**



Responsible William Gaskin, Finlay Bock & James Reardon

Respectful Lilly McDonnell & Jess McDonnell

Safe

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

Ellie McDonnell celebrated on Sunday 19 March
Jezanna Winchester celebrated on Sunday 19 March
Lilly Bartlett celebrated on Sunday 26 March

Our very best wishes to you on your special day!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 28 March - St Patrick's Cross Country

Fire Safety Talk from 2pm

Wednesday, 29 March - Year 6 visit Uralba

Thursday, 30 March - Year 5 visit Gundagai Preschool

Thursday 30 & Friday 31 March - Street Stall

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

ROSTERS

RADIO 2.15pm	ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER	TUCKSHOP ROSTER		CUPCAKE MONDAY
<p>Wednesday, 29 March Harriet & Jack Kingwill</p> <p>Wednesday, 5 April Brylee Cotterill Fletcher Dean</p>	<p>Saturday, 1 April William Naughton Henry Hindmarsh</p> <p>Saturday, 8 April Jack Kingwill Benny Bartlett</p>	<p>Friday, 31 March Renee Lindley Sarah Graham</p> <p>Friday, 7 April Jacki Fairall Leanne McDonnell</p>	<p>Jodie Crossley Michelle McDonnell</p> <p>Madeline Ryan Kate Graham</p>	<p>27 March Leanne McDonnell Kellie Crane</p> <p>3 April Margaret Kingwill Lauren Gailey</p>
	<p>PRAYER & MASS TIMES</p>			
	<p>Wednesday, 29 March 4th week of Lent Liturgy</p>	