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Week 8 Term 4 Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 30th January 2020

School Commences - Students return to school

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9th - 13th December

JP Swimming

Friday 13th December

Rainbow Run 3.30pm

Monday 16th December

Step up Classes 9-11am

Tuesday 17th December

Year 6 Graduation mass 6pm

Year 6 Graduation Dinner 7.15pm

Wednesday 18th December

Year 6 Magic Mountain

K-Year 5 Bega pool 9.15am - 1.30pm

Last day of term

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to announce the current plan for classroom teaching staff for 2020.

Kinder M	Mrs Rose McNoe
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Kinder KM	Ms Zara Kaye (in Semester 1 whilst the class teachers are on leave) Mrs Deb McPherson & Mrs Emma Kettle
Year 1/2B	Mrs Julie Banks & Mrs Janelle Wiley
Year 1/2R	Ms Lacey Rees
Year 2/3R	Mr Brendon Reynolds
Year 3/4L	Mrs Julie Lott & Mrs Margie Carracher
Year 3/4F	Mrs Paula Franco-Mathewson & Mrs Catherine Coman
Year 5/6B	Mrs Leanne Bateman & Mrs Janelle Wiley
Year 5/6K	Mrs Mary Kite

Thank you for speaking with the class teachers and making appointments with me regarding information to support your child as a learner into 2020 and for following our Class Allocation Policy. We are working to create the best class groupings that we can, your information will be considered carefully. We have not finalised the classroom plan for the year and will communicate this when it is decided.

At the Community Council meeting on Wednesday night we looked at the plan for the refurbished senior playground.



We also looked at the exterior design drawings of the new toilet block.



Happy weekend.  
Jo

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### COMMUNICATION

2020 will see some exciting new projects in our school. These include, new playground installations, the toilet upgrade and a large group of new Kindies and their families joining our St Patrick's community.

At the open meeting on Wednesday night, the Community Council discussed these successes as well as the importance of communication: not just through newsletters, skoolbag and between parents/caregivers and teachers, but also with our children.

The Community Council also discussed wellbeing, learning and play. We talked about parent knowledge and perceptions as well as school data that celebrates the success of the Empowered and the Boys and Girls Wellbeing programs.

Being involved in the new model Community Council has allowed me to observe, understand and contribute to the wonderful community that is St Patrick's. However, *we need you!* Every family and student have a voice and it is only when we start these conversations that we can truly work together to grow and support our whole community.

Looking forward to starting lots of conversations in 2020!

Tamara



## RE NEWS

On Monday Mrs Grant visited Lumen Christi to present Appreciation Certificates to all the students involved in the St Pat's Class Retreats. St Pat's students provided the student ministers with feedback after the retreats. Here are some of the highlights and concepts they found interesting:

- Cooking with biscuits
- Learning about caring for the environment
- Statistics about pollution
- The population of homeless is the biggest in the Bega Valley

The Class Retreats theme of social justice lead students to many wonderings and fostered a generous culture of giving. This was evident at today's Giving Mass where the school presented their Christmas Hampers to St Vincent de Paul representatives.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Parent Article

Thinking about screen time over the holidays? This article provides some good food for thought

'I made my screen addicted kids go cold turkey...'

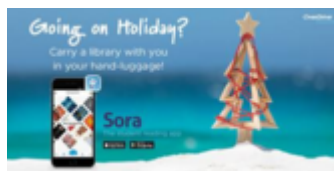
<https://www.todayparent.com/family/parenting/i-made-my-screen-addicted-kids-go-cold-turkey-heres-what-happened/>

### Donated Goods Needed

**Cubby House Toys** – our new cubby needs some imaginative play toys! Do you have any toys you no longer use in good condition? Things like kitchen utensils and toy food, outdoor table and chairs, baby dolls and equipment.

**Music iPods** – we are in need of some used ipod nanos, which are the small music playing device. They are great for listening to calming music without the distraction of other apps.

Please see Mary Kite if you have goods to donate (check first, just in case many people have items to donate) – mary.kite@cg.catholic.edu.au



## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Go to Qkr to book online ASAP

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER**

**Tuesday December 17 at 7.15pm**

Following the Graduation Mass & Awards Ceremony our wonderful Fundraising Committee warmly invites our Year 6 students, their families and teachers to a delicious smorgasbord meal in the hall

**\$15 per head**

Includes lasagne, sliced meats, potato bake, frittata, garden salad, coleslaw and bread rolls  
~ Drinks available as extras ~ NO BYO ~

Tickets are available to purchase on QKR! (under Community Council Events) until Tuesday December 10

Enquiries can be to Wendy Deighton on 0429 649 221

Your ACEN Overdrive and Sora eBook/audiobook online system is accessible to you with your CE network login over the school holidays 24/7.

The ACEN OverDrive website is located at <http://acen.lib.overdrive.com> or by searching in the Apple store or Google Play for the OverDrive app. (link). When asked to search for a library, click to search by 'Name', not location, and then search for 'ACEN'.

### Sora Link

Sora is the student-friendly App that links to the same Overdrive database of titles.

Visit <https://soraapp.com> in your web browser, or download the free Sora app from the Apple and Google Play stores on a mobile device.



## LIBRARY NEWS



### LOST BOOKS:

Congratulations to all those who have returned lost books.

Please continue the search as there are still over 300 books missing 😞

Have a restful and enjoyable holiday. Take your Library with you –see Sora app.

Or enjoy a book or 2.



Thank you 😊😊

[Holiday Reading: Overdrive/Sora eBooks](#)

## CANTEEN NEWS

Please note that the canteen will only be serving limited recess on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December (LUNCH IS NOT AVAILABLE). As a recess treat we will be serving Fried Rice for \$1. Qkr is not available for ordering, so please have your child bring in a small amount of money for this day.

### Lunch Bags

Remember that your re-usable lunch bag holds food

so please empty and wipe clean internally and externally

with a damp cloth after each use, as you would a lunch box.

You can print out a name and class tag for free from the stickybeaks website, this clearly identifies your lunch bag.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

BEGA COMMUNITY  
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT  
November 25, 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are putting together a Combined School's Children's Choir for the Bega Community Carols being held on Sunday December 8th. Please see information on poster below.

We would welcome any primary, high school or home school children to sing in the choir. REHEARSALS There will be one rehearsals held

on Monday December 2nd 7pm – 8pm This rehearsal will be held at Bega District Band Hall, Canning Street, Bega.

ACCOMPANIMENT Accompaniment will be by the Bega District Brass Band and the choir will be conducted by Candy McVeity.

COSTUME Dark pants or skirt. Christmas t-shirt or red or green t-shirt. Santa hat or antlers. Please contact Candy McVeity via email if your child would Like to sing in the choir or if require any further information. [candy@roxygen.com.au](mailto:candy@roxygen.com.au) Kind regards Candy McVeity – Conductor Bega Brass Band & John Watkins – on behalf of the Bega Chamber of Commerce.



Two Sheds Workshop Woodwork for Kids Bega  
Pre Xmas holiday workshops for girls and boys ages 7 and up.

Friday 20 & Saturday 21

Make holiday decorations, funky critters or a present for someone special. Using tools and timber - fun fun fun.

Go to [www.twoshedsworkshop.com.au](http://www.twoshedsworkshop.com.au) to book.

We take Service NSW Creative Kids Vouchers if you haven't already used them (they don't carry over to next year!) email [jo@twoshedsworkshop.com.au](mailto:jo@twoshedsworkshop.com.au) to book using the vouchers.