



ST PATRICK'S BEGA NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3, TERM 1,

15TH FEBRUARY, 2019

IMPORTANT EVENTS

TERM 1

Week 4

Tue 19th Feb
150th Meeting
5pm

Fri 22nd Feb
Chapel Mass
34L, 9.15am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Literacy has been a strong theme at St Patrick's this week with the visiting expert Kaye Lowe supporting teachers and learners in the English classroom. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend Kaye's parent session and for your feedback on the value of the hour of learning. The message from Kaye is about daily positive reading interaction every day with your child. Remember book experiences each day belong to the child. Please ensure your child is choosing the book and holding the book. One challenge that Kaye presented was to STOP RESCUING YOUR CHILD – don't jump in with the word they are stuck on, keep your eyes on the book! We all smiled at this one – knowing this is sometimes pretty hard! More on reading tips from Mrs Perryman in the AP news.

'My Body, My Life' In Week 5 we have the team from Marriage, Family and Relationships coming to St Patrick's to facilitate the 'My Body, My Life' program for our Year 5 and 6 students. A letter to parents has been sent home this week to inform you about the program and about the parent/child session. PLEASE put the time and date (Monday 25th Feb, 6pm) in your diary. In addition to this program we have booked the team to facilitate a 'Wonder of Life!' program for our Year 3 and 4 students on the Monday afternoon. A parent letter has also been sent home this week – please check your child's bag.

Celebrating learners and learning. In Term 4 last year we conducted a survey about our recognition and celebration processes at St Patrick's following a trial year doing things differently. We had low parent response rate. 22% of the parent group took the opportunity to comment. 90% of teaching staff responded formally, all have been involved in collaborative discussion. Teachers took individual student as well as class data to gather student voice.

St Patrick's Evidence from 2018 survey

	Assembly data	Awards data	Vision Award data
Approx 90% Students	63% preferred C.O.L (Celebrations of Learning) 37% preferred assembly	78% preferred awards 22% preferred setting goals	90% want to be recognised as living the vision
90% Staff	100% preferred C.O.L	50% preferred awards 50% preferred goals	100% valued vision, including recognising more than 3 children, and including student voice/nominations.
22% Parents responded	60% preferred C.O.L 40% preferred assembly	58% preferred awards 42% student goals ** Many parents like/want both	36% want to recognise each child as living the vision 64% valued vision awards

Current research is key to our thinking and planning. Our plan for 2019 and into the future is to hold a minimum of two Celebrations of Learning per class per year. We will claim calendar dates and publish these events early to optimise parents attendance. Celebrations of Learning may include publication celebrations, and sometimes these will be stand alone events.

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We are continuing student centred learning goals and merging teacher awards and living the vision into this process. Parents will be invited to class based recognition of learning events up to twice a term.

We will continue to hold our weekly whole school COLA assembly each Monday and will plan for some whole school assemblies throughout the year for specific and special occasions.

Mural Thank you to Mr Dennis Scott (coordinator of the project) and Mrs Chantelle Dixon-Stewart (Aboriginal education support assistant) and to all of our Koori children for working together on the St Patrick's entry into the Bega Show mural display. The children will be recognised tonight at 7pm for their effort and great achievement. If you are at the show this evening please come and watch at this time.

Happy Show Weekend.

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This week we were privileged to have Associate Professor Kaye Lowe at our school to continue to develop best practise in English. Kaye led a parent evening on Monday night that explored how best to support your child as a reader.

For those parents who were unable to attend I wanted to share a few important messages about reading.

1. When reading with your child becomes a chore, stressful or unenjoyable **STOP**.
2. Help your child discover the joy and love of reading.
3. Reading **to your child** is a powerful way of enabling your child to love reading.
4. When a child wants to read the same book over and over again, share in their joy and love of that book, **again**.
5. Reading is more than pronouncing or sounding out the words. It is understanding the text.

When your child comes to a word, he or she does not know, WAIT, then WAIT, then WAIT.

If your child substitutes a word that has a similar meaning, that's fantastic, they are making meaning, they are reading.

Please don't ever cover up the pictures, this is part of the reading process.

If you would like further clarification on how to help your child with reading at home please see your child's classroom teacher as your first port of call. For further information on Kaye Lowe please see her web site <https://www.read4success.com.au/>

IMPORTANT NEWS

Upcoming Special Events in 2019

150th Anniversary 15-17th March

Mother's Day Breakfast & Liturgy 10th May

Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy 30th August

Grandparents Day 25th October



MAINTENANCE NEWS

The school has excess older classroom chairs, tables and metal filing cabinets that we no longer require. If you would like any of these items for a donation towards St Pats, please contact Simon on 0410 527 110.



P&F NEWS

TERM 1

- 15th Celebrations, 15th-17th March. There will be a BBQ & Traditional Games on the Flats on Saturday.
- Volunteers are needed on the 23rd and 24th March for Men Alive weekend, see Fr Luke for details.
- 30th March is a Girls' Night Out at Club Bega 6:30. RSVP Antoinette 0401948921. (Men also welcome).
- 5th April: Easter Raffle tickets and money need to be returned.
- 8th April: Raffle prizes wrapped into prize packs.
- 9th April: Easter Raffle drawn.

TERM 2

- 10th May: Mothers' Day Stall (helpers needed).
- Trivia Night TBC.

CANTEEN MENU 2019

Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps:

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo:	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad:	\$4.00
Cheese:	\$2.00
Ham:	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese:	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato:	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese	
& Pineapple:	\$4.00
Ham & Salad:	\$4.00
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo:	\$4.00
Salad:	\$3.50

**Please ask for toasted if required.
For GF Sandwiches please add 50 cents.**

Salad Box:

Salad Box:	\$4.00
Salad Box with cold meat	\$4.50
(Salad box contains lettuce, tomato, cucumber, corn, carrot and snap peas with dressing sachet).	
Fruit Salad Box:	\$4.00
Seasonal Fruit	

Burgers

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo:	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken:	\$4.00
Veggie Burger:	\$4.00

HotFood:

Meat Pie:	\$4.00
Potato Pie:	\$4.00
Party Pie:	\$0.80
Chicken Nugget:	\$0.50
Dino' Nugget:	\$0.50
Sausage Roll:	\$3.50
Lasagne:	\$3.50
Mac & Cheese:	\$3.50
Fried Rice (GF):	\$3.50
Pizza (Ham & P/Apple):	\$3.00

Drinks:

Chocolate Milk:	\$2.00
Strawberry Milk:	\$2.00
Poppers:	\$1.50
(Apple, ABC, Orange or Tropical)	

Recess Treats:

Red Rock Honey Soy chips:	\$1.00
Red Rock Sea Salt chips:	\$1.00
Mamee Rice Sticks (GF):	\$1.00
Popcorn (GF):	\$1.00
Chocolate Paddle Pop:	\$1.50
Rainbow Paddle Pop:	\$1.50
Quelch Sticks:	\$0.50
Muffins:	\$0.50

Extras:

Tomato Sauce:	\$0.30
Soy Sauce:	\$0.30
Brown Paper Bag:	\$0.30

Please note that we cannot put ice-blocks or ice creams into lunch order bags. Due to OH&S we cannot fill plastic bags with lunch orders.

When ordering through Qkr, please remember to bring in your lunch bag or purchase a brown paper bag for .30c at the time of ordering.

Please note that we need more parent helpers for Mondays. It is a fun filled day!



I just wanted to take the opportunity to welcome all our new and returning parents to another year at St Patrick's. I also wish to extend a big welcome, on behalf of the P&F, to Caz Perryman our new Deputy Principal and all the new teachers joining the St Patrick's staff. I welcome back all returning teachers and know that our children's education is in capable hands.

Well, it is already shaping up to be an exciting year packed with events and opportunities for you as parent's to become involved in the School.

Our first big event for the year is the 150th Year Celebrations in March. As part of those celebrations the P&F will be holding "Fun on the Flats" involving fun "olden" style games and a BBQ. We will be seeking parents to volunteer some time to help with the games and the BBQ. A note will be coming out shortly seeking volunteers, please be generous with your time, even if you can only spare an hour.

Later this Term, there will also be a "Girl's Night Out". Husbands are also welcome to attend this event. It will be held at Club Bega on 30th March, so please note it in your diaries. Lastly keep an eye out for the Easter egg raffle.

Should you have any questions or would like further information on how you can become involved with the P&F, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0439 538 746 or ssalway@bigpond.com
Regards,

Donna Salway

President P&F