



# NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5, TERM 1,

1ST MARCH, 2019

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### TERM 1

#### Week 6

Mon 4th March  
Archdiocese  
Swimming  
Narooma

Tue 5th March  
Swimming

Shrove Tuesday

Wed 6th March  
Ash Wednesday  
Mass 12.15pm

Fri 8th March  
Chapel Mass  
12B 9.15am

#### Week 7

Mon 11th March  
School Photo Day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent Involvement and Participation in the life of the school:** Lately a few notes and requests have gone to families asking for your presence and participation and volunteering at school events. It is true that many hands make light work. At the time of enrolment all families are asked to consider their personal contribution as a volunteer for school and P&F events – and generally we have a resounding 'YES!' from parents saying they would love to be involved.



Please consider coming tomorrow for the school working bee from 9.00am even 30minutes of help will make a difference – and your children can come and help too!



Please put your name on the roster to support St Patrick's 150<sup>th</sup> celebration days. This is your school, we want everyone to be involved! If you come and say 'I can help' we will say 'thanks!' and give you a job!

**Supporting Families in Need:** Thank you to the parents and members of the community who come and inform us when one of our school families are in need. We always make contact with these families and try to work out the ways the school can support them. Do you know someone who is currently in need of prayers or other support? Is your family in need of prayers or support? Please come and see us: your child's teacher or Mrs Perryman or myself. We try to always be a community who supports one another.

**Explaining Absences:** Occasionally your child will be away from school for various reasons, but generally due to ill health. The school is required to keep a record of all absences so it is important for you to complete a written explanation of the absence. This can be done by signed note to the teacher, a completed 'pink slip,' or on Skoolbag. Thank you for attending to this.

**150** Have you been waiting until closer to the date to bring in artefacts or memorabilia for the museum we are creating in the hall for our sesquicentenary celebrations? If you have some items for the museum display would you please email me to let me know that we can expect this! Thank you.

Blessings for a restful weekend.

Jo

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### What's are the targets?

The Annual School Improvement Plan has three major targets for your children. You will see these symbols in the newsletter or any correspondence from the school that is working towards these targets.



All students **make** growth in  
Literacy- writing, spelling, grammar and punctua-  
tion.  
Numeracy- number.



All students **show** growth on the Learning Progressions



All teachers **embrace** a school wide approach to teaching and learning.

LCCC IMMERSION. Everyone is most welcome to listen to the experiences of those Lumen Christi students who recently spent two weeks with the Franciscan Sisters of St Anthony in the Philippines. Monday 11th March from 1-1.40pm in the College library. Any queries to Antoinette Woods on 0401948921.

## REC NEWS

### 34F

34F have been learning about the history of St Pats 150 years:

- The Sisters of Charity came in the 1950's.
- How the school has changed
- The Nuns that lived in the Convent.
- John Mangan started the evening school in 1869.

### Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Mini Vinnies will be selling pancakes at Recess to support Project Compassion. Students can purchase a pancake with maple syrup for \$1.

## IMPORTANT NEWS

### Upcoming Special Events in 2019

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 15-17<sup>th</sup> March

Mother's Day Breakfast & Liturgy 10<sup>th</sup> May

Father's Day Breakfast & Liturgy 30<sup>th</sup> August

Grandparents Day 25<sup>th</sup> October

### World Day of Prayer

A group of students represented St Patrick's at the World Day of Prayer Service held at the Salvation Army Church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.



*Celebrating*  
**150**  
Years of Catholic Education in Bega  
1869-2019



## BOARD REPORT

Much of the recent Board meeting involved discussing ways that we can enhance community spirit at St Pats.

Some opportunities include;

- The Working Bee this Saturday (starts at 9am).
- 150th Street March and Fun on the Flats - (volunteers desperately needed).
- Shared understanding of the annual improvement goals.
- Learning through inquiry in RE.
- Focus on success and wellbeing of each student.
- Teacher capacity and collaboration that leads to student progression in literacy and numeracy.
- Ways to support student, parent and staff wellbeing - (suggestions welcome).
- Social nights like the Girls' Night Out (Sat 31st March, Club Bega).

Changing to a Community Council (proposal to replace Board/P&F mid-term 2) which will encourage involvement in subcommittees.

The budget was endorsed and the audit from the accountant once again commended Elise and the Finance team. Thank you to all families for paying fees and ensuring that we can provide resources, experiences and update the learning environment.

Architects have provided concept designs for new toilets which will hopefully begin shortly after the 150th.

The Board will meet again in Term 2, before the change to a Community Council structure. If you have an issue you would like discussed, please contact any of the Board members: Jo Scott-Pegum, Caz Perryman, Donna Salway, Nicky Bateman, Roz Kennedy, Fr Luke or myself, Antoinette Woods (0401 948 921 or [pish\\_nette@hotmail.com](mailto:pish_nette@hotmail.com))



## OFFICE NEWS

### School Photos

School photo envelopes were sent home last week. A discount applies for families with 3 or more children. Sibling Photo order forms are available from the school office.

### School Fees Due Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to families who have paid their school fees, please contact the office if you have not received your school fee invoice.

## P&F NEWS

### TERM 1

- 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations, 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a BBQ & Traditional Games on the Flats on Saturday.
- Volunteers are needed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March for Men Alive weekend, see Fr Luke for details.
- 30<sup>th</sup> March is a Girls' Night Out at Club Bega 6:30. RSVP Antoinette 0401948921. (Men also welcome).
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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.