



# NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10, TERM 1,

5TH APRIL, 2019

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

### TERM 1

#### Week 11

9th April  
Easter Raffle

10th-12th April  
Year 5/6 Canberra  
Excursion

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Please be reminded that **TERM 2 COMMENCES** **FOR ALL STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

Dear Parents,

**Learning Conferences:** The term end is approaching and it has been wonderful that most families have taken the opportunity to attend Student Parent Teacher learning conferences. We are so proud of the children learning to take responsibility for their own learning through setting goals and having regular reading and writing conferences with their class teacher, and then facilitating this learning conversation with you, their parents, and their teacher. This is a very important aspect of our learning agenda and priorities at St Patrick's. We are working to grow the capacity in each child to set and achieve goals in a timely way. We are also focussed toward growing independence in the children so they can accept feedback and respond to this in their daily learning. It is our expectation that learners can then recognise and accept their next steps in learning and move toward achieving these. My gratitude to our amazing teaching and support staff for their dedication to each child in their learning journey



**All school decisions... will be directed towards  
enhancing the learning of the staff and students.**

If you were unable to book a time in this week's schedule please contact your child's teacher to make a time for your child to share their learning with you.

**Year 6 Enrolment to Secondary** We will host a visit from Mr Steve Centra, principal of Lumen Christi Catholic College and a group of students to speak about enrolment and life and learning at Lumen Christi. The visit is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.50am. Enrolment packs will be available at this time which include links to the online enrolment form.

**Opportunities for Women** The Archdiocesan Marriage Family Relationships team sees great value in providing opportunities for women, be they teachers, parents or local parishioners, to relax and connect with each other. There are several opportunities currently on offer in the local Archdiocese for women to connect & reflect. Billeting can be arranged for women from regional areas. For more information see <http://bit.ly/EatConnectPray> or contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au)

We will say a special **THANK YOU** to the individuals and groups who made a significant contribution to the success of the 150 Years celebrations at the beginning of Tuesday's Easter Raffle draw. We will gather at 2.15 for the thank you assembly and follow this with the raffle draw at 2.30.

Enjoy the weekend especially with the sleep in on Sunday morning as we put the clocks back and resume Eastern Standard Time.

Blessings,  
Jo

## How are we meeting the targets?



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



Throughout Term One we have been working towards updating the whole school English and Mathematics Agree Practices. Research indicates that students in schools where common understandings, language and practices are in place are more likely to increase student growth. In previous years significant professional learning has occurred and we are now at the point where decisions about excellence in teaching and learning at Saint Patrick's are being made. As we move forward, the focus will be refining practices across all grades of the school.

Some of the important questions that are addressed in these policies are- what are the essential components of an English and Maths block and how are they structured?

How are all learners catered for in English and Maths?

How are students assessed in English and Maths?

What tools do teachers use to assess students?

The number one gift you can give your children to support them in English is to **read with them, read to them, ask them to read to you, encourage them to read by themselves and be a reader in front of them.**

### NAPLAN

After the NAPLAN practice tests last week I asked the students what they had learnt, one student responded, "I learnt it is important to read over your answers, I changed five of my answers"



Library News

There are a large number of overdue or missing books.  
Overdue notices were sent home Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.  
Please have a scout around and return any finds.

The  
**Mystery**  
of the  
Missing Books



**Easter Colouring Competition:** Students have the opportunity to take part in whole school colouring competition. The Juniors' colouring is related to a book shared during Library time.

Kinder/K1M-shared Hunwick's Egg by Mem Fox- Stage

1/2B & 1/2 R-shared The Best Easter Eggs Ever by Jerry Smath

Middles & Seniors are researching how Easter is celebrated Around the World.

Their competition is to design and colour Easter egg/s on A4 paper

Entries are to be returned to Mrs Platts (Library) by end of recess Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Winners will be announced on Tuesday afternoon at the beginning of the Easter Raffle draw.

Pat Platts Librarian.

## CANTEEN NEWS

The school canteen needs volunteers for next term. The canteen relies on the help of volunteers to be able to serve such an extensive menu. If we do not get volunteers for next term the canteen may close down or run on a VERY reduced menu. If you could please spare time during a Monday, it doesn't have to be all day. Please contact Kylie Hotson on 0425 739 988

## P&F NEWS

### Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle's success relies on the generous donations of prizes. These could be chocolates, bunnies, Easter colouring books, etc.

Please send in something to donate as the more donations, the more prizes we will have to offer.

Raffle tickets were sent home yesterday. \$1 per ticket.

You don't have to sell all the tickets.

Please fill out each ticket with the person's name and your child's class.

Please return the tickets, sold or unsold, and money to the school office by

Friday **5<sup>th</sup> April**

Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday **9<sup>th</sup> April**



### TERM 2

10th May: Mothers' Day Stall (helpers needed)

Trivia Night: TBC

## PARISH NEWS

### Holy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Bega: Mass of the Lords Supper 7pm  
Adoration until 10pm

Bemboka: Mass & Adoration 6pm

### Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

*Stations of the Cross:* Tathra 10am &  
Candelo 10am

*Passion of the Lord & Veneration of the  
cross*

Bemboka 3pm & Bega 3pm

### Holy Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Bega – Solemn Easter Vigil 6pm

Bemboka – Easter vigil 6pm

### Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Tathra 7.45am

Bega 9.30am

Candelo 9.30am

### St Pat's congratulates Sienna

Recently, Sienna qualified to compete in Sydney at Grand Nationals which is the biggest show in Australia and New Zealand.

Sienna came runner up in one class and Grand Champion mini championship (champion of champions).

Sienna was lucky enough to receive a beautiful flower garland.

