



Week 1 Term 4 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday the teaching and support staff at St Patrick's engaged in a full day of professional learning led by the internationally renowned James Nottingham. The learning was from James' *Challenging Learning* work and was specifically on the theme of Feedback for learning. We looked at a 7 steps of Feedback process and the role of feedback as advice that supports learners to progress. We looked at the purpose and place of teachers giving praise v's giving advice. It was a very productive day from which members of our staff have already taken next steps by immediately focussing on using the language of advice to help students be successful.



New pick up routines: Thank you for the immediate positive steps in using the Gipps Street gate for afternoon pick up of your children. We are thankful to the police from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command for their review to support our school. The changes that have been made are for the priority of student safety.

Thank you for

- Using the lights to cross Gipps Street when collecting your children
- Not standing on the road whilst waiting for your child
- Choosing your pick up time in support of flowing traffic. I recommend parents considering approaching pick up in a staggered way. Parents who choose to arrive 5-10min after the school bell have a very quick turn around to collect their children.



Communicating with Staff at St Patrick's: Thank you for understanding that along with student wellbeing and welfare,

teacher wellbeing and welfare is of great importance for our school. To support work / life balance we will be taking steps to manage email expectations between home and school. We will ask you to respect that your child's teacher will work hard to reply to your email within 24 hours. We are also managing the times that are reasonable for email communication. We believe that it is very reasonable to expect emails between the hours of 8am and 5pm. There may be an occasional exception to this at the discretion of the teacher and the urgency of any particular situation.

Next week you will see this email disclaimer on St Patrick's Staff emails:

In recognising work-life balance for our teachers, St Patrick's staff may not respond to emails between 5.00 pm and 8 am during the week and not at all on weekends. Our aim is to reply to parent emails within 24hours. We thank you for your support of our endeavour to promote a healthy work-life balance for our staff.

Community Council Open Meeting: In week 3 on Term 4 - Wednesday 28th October there will be an open meeting of the Community Council. The meeting will be held by ZOOM as we are not permitted to host meetings at school at present. The ZOOM link will be sent out in the days prior to the meeting.

Two topics around which we would like parent feedback are:

1. **Class Parent Contacts and Parent Engagement in school life**

2. Sharing learning between home and school to celebrate learning at St Pat's

Please put the date in your calendar if you would like to contribute your ideas to the discussion.

In our indigenous garden the flowers are out!



Blessings

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

BEING A ST PAT'S KID

A significant focus for this term is **BEING A ST PAT'S KID** and what that means. Put very simply to be a St Pat's Kid, students

Respect, Share, Grow

Be Safe, Be Happy

LOOK, LISTEN, LEARN

These are our three school rules. It is unashamedly our goal for all students to follow these three rules every day. We do know that our students are learning how to demonstrate these behaviours and therefore explicit teaching, positive reinforcement and modelling are important features of our action towards this goal.

Although there is no end point to this goal, celebrating success is important. In Week Six we hope to take all students to Tathra for:

a walk from Lions Park, Mogareeka to the playground,

a play on the equipment,

a frolic in the sand and of course

an ice block.

Please talk to your child each day about how they demonstrated being a St Pat's Kid at school. The ability to attend the day will be significantly compromised if students engage in any physical violence, any swearing and any provocation of other students. These behaviours are considered very serious and do not demonstrate being a St Pat's Kid.

I look forward to talking with each student throughout the term to ask them to articulate the demonstration of Being a St Pat's Kid.

Caz Perryman



REC NEWS

Today we raised \$130 for Mission Month by wearing crazy socks.



LIBRARY NEWS

St Pat's is celebrating 2020 Book Week!

Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character Thursday the 22nd.



There will be a covid safe parade that morning in the hall, giving those who are fancy dressed the chance to share with their peers.

Students are encouraged to bring along uniform items to change into, should their costume prove difficult or impractical to wear all day.

56K NEWS



Year 5/6K reflections on 'Saltwater' Julian Lennon

What is the message Julian Lennon is promoting through his song 'Saltwater?'

- *To tell people no to disrespect the earth and not to pollute.* Deakin, Lexie
- *The message is that we have such a beautiful world but people keep deliberately lighting fires and ruining the world.* Georgina
- *To take care of the one and only earth.* Brodie, Oliver
- *That we should be more kind to the earth.* Ruby, Hannah

- *Enjoy the world while you still can, stop killing the world.* Daniel, Jay
- *Respect the earth or there will be consequences big or small.* Maddie, Sienna.
- *The message is to take care of the planet.* Kendrick, Riley

What are some of the images that were used that were powerful to you?

- *Pictures of the earth like waterfalls and people picking up rubbish to help protect the earth.* Tiah, Kirra
- *The mask and the trees and the dumping around the world.* Mitch, Cooper, Amelie.
- *People looking at nature and a man with a mask on.* Falyn, Devlin.

Why do people write songs?

- *They enjoy singing, passion.* Jaxson, Kai
- *To stop pollution and havoc.* Sean, Braydan, Jeremy
- *Because they enjoy it or because they want money or popularity.* Tiah, Kirra
- *Because they enjoy it or want to get a message out.* Ruby, Hannah

ORIENTATION

ORIENTATION DAYS FOR LUMEN CHRISTI

A REMINDER to all students who have enrolled at Lumen Christi Catholic College for 2021.

YEAR 7 2021

Wednesday, 18 November 2020 – 9:00am to 3:25pm

Students wear their primary sports uniform and runners. Bring pencil case, recess, lunch, drink & hat.

SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR 2021

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at: <https://transport.nsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>