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Week 7 Term 4 Newsletter

What is your favourite quote about reading?

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

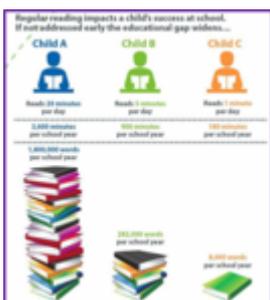
Literacy: Our school journey in developing literacy for all students has had a strong focus on rich literature, and the development of libraries in every classroom. In recent weeks a number of our teachers have undertaken the intense 2 day training for teaching the *Initialit* program. Initialit is a synthetic phonic program. Synthetic phonics along with rich literature supports strong literacy development. As part of our Catholic Education Canberra and Goulburn system wide Catalyst program we are implementing Initialit in the K-2 classrooms at St Patrick's in 2021. We have taken a step forward by beginning the program with our Kinder students in Term 4 this year.

Reading: Our school expectation for homework is that each child reads each day. Please schedule time with your child to help them meet this expectation. It is very beneficial for children to have 3 reading experiences as they develop their reading skill.

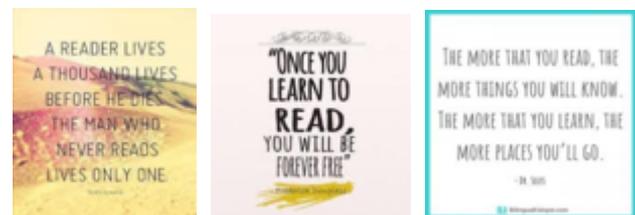
1 – Read to self

2 – Read to another

3 – Be read to.



What is your favourite book? Take some time to tell your children what you like to read!



A piece of advice that I believe is worth repeating is that for children to grow a positive attitude about reading they need to see people valuing - and engaging in reading. Seeing role models engaging purposefully in reading is really positive and powerful. Families can do something simple like scheduling a reading time (eg. once per week) where everyone is engaged in reading. Maybe this weekend there will be time to relax and read?

Blessings

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This year there will be **no teacher comments** on Semester Two reports.

Parent teacher interviews **are essential** for you to hear and understand your child/children's,

- work habits and social skills
- progress in RE, English and Maths
- next steps in English and Maths.

You will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Information you need to know

- due to Covid 19 restrictions, all parent teacher interviews will be via phone

- if you have not signed up to an interview [you can expect a phone call](#) from your child's teacher requesting an interview
- all parent teacher interviews will be booked online via the School Interviews website
- parent teacher interviews are from Monday 7 Dec to Tuesday 15 Dec
- to book a time log on to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

- click on to 
- enter the event code Event code: **xfa3n**
- follow the prompts to make a booking

Teachers will not send confirmation of your booking, once you have booked on line, you are booked in.

CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

Although Covid times have created many challenges for us, technology creates many solutions too. In the coming weeks all parents can expect all students to share their Celebration of Learning via See Saw.

What a wonderful opportunity for you to see the amazing learning that your child has been engaged in at school. These snap shots are just a springboard, I can honestly say from experience. once you get them started, take a seat because children just want to share. Do you remember as a child saying "Mum, look at me, watch this" There is nothing more endearing than a child wanting the attention of their parent.

My son is 24 and to this day he will ring and say " Mum, guess what I got 85% for my assignment, pretty cool hey" translated, mum, look at me, I love you and still desire your affirmation.

Our students, your children are precious and only children for a little while, treasure every moment.

Caz Perryman

Proud Mum of Jordan

REC NEWS

Kinder Orientation

This week we had our last Kinder Orientation. Students participated in a morning circle, made a green sheep and received a St Pat's Prayer Book.



Christmas Hampers

Thank you to the families who have donated to the Christmas hampers, they are starting to fill up! Any further donations can be brought to the school office.



150th Pavers

We are placing a second order of 150th pavers. If you did not purchase a paver last year or would like to purchase another paver please go to Skoolbag for the order form.

STUDENT NEWS

Drink Bottles

It is imperative that your child brings a drink bottle to school each day. Due to recent Covid-19 restrictions there are no bubblers available and the students must provide their own drink bottle.



School Uniforms – Hats

Please ensure that your child brings their hat to school, as they are required to wear a hat to play outside. Hats can be purchased on Qkr!

IN LOVING MEMORY

Richard Cock, a past maintenance employee of St Pats, passed away Wednesday 25th November.

He is loved and remembered by teachers and students.

Eternal Rest

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



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FLING Physical Theatre presents their first live show for 2020, *The Suitcase!* Featuring YFLING and FLUX Creators this show is a free event for the Bega Valley Community.

Two performances only, SAT 28 NOV, 5pm and 6:30pm @ the Bega Recreation Ground. This is an outdoor, COVID-Safe event > Bookings Essential go to www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au

The Suitcase is an engaging show set inside an airport, this show reminds us that sometimes life is about the journey, not the destination...