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Week 5 Term 2 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

National Volunteer Week Yesterday we celebrated with some of the volunteers who generously give their time to our school to support student learning and engagement, to raise funds, to run the uniform shop, to help in the canteen and more. We acknowledge many volunteers were unable to attend the morning tea and we wish to say thank you to you for the gift of your time and expertise to St Pat's community. We really appreciate your support!







Housing Crisis We have become aware that the housing shortage is impacting families in our school. Recently Fr Luke held a community conversation about housing in the Valley to discuss what our parish can do to support families in need. St Vincent de Paul also work in this space. If you have any ideas about how to support families for whom leases may be ending with no rental to move to, both Fr Luke and I would appreciate you sharing. We hope and pray all our families, and all in our community that they are able to find safe and comfortable accommodation.



Community Council Do you know a mum or dad who would like to contribute to the school through participation on the Community Council. We have several vacancies to fill and nominations are open now. We hope that the membership of

the Community Council continues to well represent the whole diverse parent and school population. Nominate someone now!

In the garden this week Mr Bakker, and several keen green teams of students across the day, harvested, weeded, mulched and planted. We look forward to a bumper crop of winter greens in coming months.



Relief Teachers At present we are experiencing a relief teacher shortage. We work hard to book early and to pre-empt the need for relief teachers however on occasion there is no relief teacher available. Mrs Grant, Mrs Sheahan and I sometimes share the teaching responsibilities of the class or specialist lessons. Sometimes we prepare learning and the children learn in other classrooms. This week I enjoyed teaching several classes during their library lessons. When in Year 3/4 classrooms yesterday it was pleasing to see the level of engagement, the collaboration of the students in their pairs and groups, and their determination to research and learn. Toward the end of one of the lessons a group of students indicated that

they had completed the research and they asked if they could split up and each go to support other groups in their dialogue and work. So pleasing to see the attributes of learning growing so strongly!



Joy is being found by our Kindergarten students every day as they continue to grow their skills as readers and writers. I often visit them, and they often visit me to share learning. I also have other students visit during learning time and sometimes for quiet playtime supervision.



Reporting Semester 1 Please read the information about Semester reporting and end of term parent teacher conversations.

Prayers Thank you for your prayers and support of Mrs Banks and her family at the sad time of the loss of her father Bill.

Blessings,

Jo

https://stpatsbega.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1984/reporting_sem_1.pdf

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Visitor in 1/2B

Over the last 2 weeks Juie Banks and 1/2B have had Melody Flavell working alongside them. Melody is a second year primary teaching student who has been engaged in her placement with 1/2B. Working alongside a highly experienced teacher, Melody has had opportunity to observe, reflect on and build her understanding of teaching and learning. Melody will return later in the year. Today I had opportunity to observe the students working with Melody and engaging in christian meditation, using the word 'maranatha' to assist them in being calm and centred.



CrossFit program

St Pat's offer a wide range of programs to our students to build confidence, self esteem and resilience. With the generous support of St Vincent de Paul Bega, St Pat's will be able to give students opportunity to engage in a CrossFit program over the course of 5 weeks. We believe students will gain increased self confidence through participating in this physical activity as well as see improvements in balance, flexibility and posture.

Journey of Hope

Students in Year 1-4 have been participating in the Journey of Hope program weekly. The Learning objectives of the program are;

1. To support children in understanding and normalising emotions
2. To support children in developing positive strategies to deal with these emotions
3. To build on the innate strengths of children their families, schools and communities to further develop coping strategies
4. To instil a sense of hope, empowering children to feel more in control over stressors.

FROM THE REC AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT TEACHER

Upcoming events & dates

- 1st Family Mass & Formation: 4:30pm- 6pm Sunday 23rd May
- 2nd Family Mass & Formation 4:30pm- 6pm Sunday 6th June
- Student Retreat Day: Tuesday 15th June, Pambula Surf Club
- Confirmation Mass: 6pm Thursday 17th June, Bega Church
- Thanksgiving Mass: 9:30am Sunday 19th June, Bega Church

Laudato Si'

3/4R students have been researching and creating photos during their Sustainability lessons. Their project is to create habitats of African animals with a specific focus on the conservation status of different animals. Students are using resources from around the school and scraps of paper that have been reused.



Marriage & Family Sunday 30th May, St Christopher's, Manuka
St Patrick's Primary School families are warmly invited to participate in Archdiocesan events taking place at St Christopher's Manuka on Sunday 30th May to celebrate

Marriage and Family Sunday and to launch *the Year Amoris Laetitia Family* announced by Pope Francis which will be celebrated in the Archdiocese until June 2022.

On Sunday 30th May you can participate in:

- Marriage & Family Sunday Mass with the Archbishop, 11am at St Christopher's Cathedral or watch via <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>
- A Marriage & Family Expo 12-1pm in the Haydon Hall, behind the Cathedral, including a free lunch and a launch by the Archbishop of *the Year Amoris Laetitia Family*

Register here for the Expo, Launch & free lunch 12-1pm <http://bit.ly/mfsregistration>



WELLBEING @ ST PAT'S

EMPOWERED PROGRAM

Drumming and feeling your heart respond was explored during Empowered this week. When you drum in a drum circle the beat calls for a response. All Empowered students drummed their names and the towns where they live creating a unique rhythm. As we drummed together our hearts responded in and through the language of vibration.



Mindfulness Challenge: What vibration do you send into the world... through your thoughts, words and actions?

Enjoy
Alicia Spicer
Wellbeing

OFFICE NEWS



Thank you to the families who have paid their Term 2 School fees.

School fees are due next Friday 28 May, except those with direct debit arrangements.

Payment can be made via Qkr!, Direct Debit, Centrepay or Bpay.

If you would like to set up weekly or fortnightly direct debit payments, please contact the office via email on office.bega@cg.catholic.edu.au

If at any time your family is experiencing financial hardship due to Covid-19 or any other reason or your family is in need of other support, please contact the school to make a time for a confidential meeting with our Principal, Jo Scott-Pegum to discuss how the school can help support your family.

SPORTS NEWS

Next Tuesday three of our students will travel to Canberra to compete in the Archdiocese Cross Country. Arly Schrader, Blake V and Lincoln Thompson have been selected as part of the Southern Region Cross Country team. Good luck to these three students we know you will do your best and represent St Pat's with pride.



JUST FOR FUN

Week 4 Answer:

SMILE

Week 5:

**What word Begins and
ends with an "E", But
only has one letter?**

Please submit your feedback by Monday 7 June 2021



COMMUNITY NEWS

To all students, staff and support networks,

Bega Valley Shire Council would like to hear your feedback on the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan for 2021-2025.

Disability Inclusion Action Plans (DIAPs) are one way the governments and organisations can reduce and remove barriers for people with disabilities, and encourage a more accessible and inclusive community.

This DIAP outlines the intentions and specific actions that Bega Valley Shire Council will take to remove barriers to access to government information, services and employment, as well as to foster the promotion of the rights of people with disability.

The resources required to make these changes are huge-change will be a gradual process.

You can let us know your thoughts and read the full DIAP or easy read version at https://begavalley.nsw.gov.au/cp_themes/default/page.asp?p=DOC-CPI-20-81-54

Our survey can also be completed using the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DIAP-Easy-Read-Survey>

Your views will be considered in the context of Council's role, responsibilities, budget and operations, whether an idea you might have has been raised as a priority by others, and what may be possible in the timeframe.