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Week 8 Term 2 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

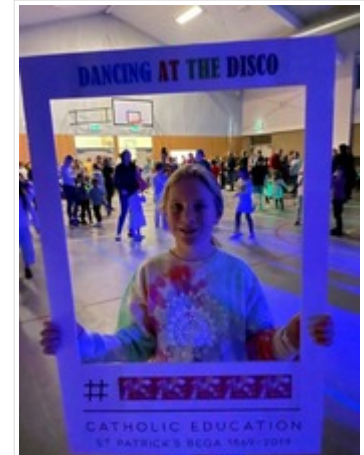
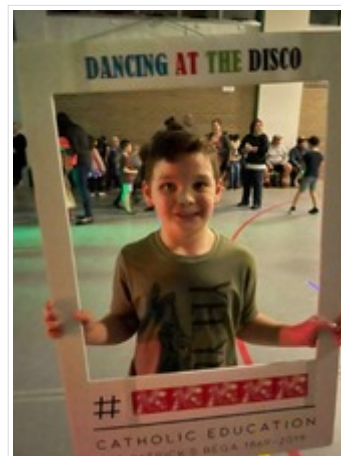
Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly and importantly I want to thank the Fundraising Committee and the troupe of parent volunteers for the fabulous school disco last Friday night! The students had SO much fun, some of them dancing, and some having an energy filled play with their friends! Thank you to our DJ extraordinaire [Mr Adam Twyford](#), and our past student [Kendrick](#) - for the great sound and great lighting.

Thank you to the volunteers: [Zoe Philipzen](#) [Mark Philipzen](#) [Nicole Van Den Berg](#) [Kristy Berrier](#) [Amanda Bastian](#) [Christine Murray](#) [Pam McDonald](#) [Aaron Koellner](#) [Symon Dam](#) [Kat Hergenhan](#) [Helen Kennedy](#) [Antoinette Woods](#) [Carmen Shoveller](#)

And to the Fundraising Committee: [Donna Salway](#) [Roz Kennedy](#) [Tam Prime](#) [Holly Koellner](#) [Jayde Green](#) [Ashley Campbell](#)

THANKS again from the St Pats Kids and Community!





Community Council On Wednesday we held the community council meeting. At that meeting we acknowledged, thanked and farewelled 4 members of the Community Council.

**Thank you Kat Hergenhan for being the Chair for the inaugural Community Council.

**Thank you Antoinette Woods for your role as Secretary and keeping the Community Council organised and on track.

**Thank you Wendy Deighton for your role as Committee Liaison Officer.

**Thank you Sarah Andrews for being the Deputy Treasurer

Thank you to each of these parents for your years of dedicated service to St Pat's including active roles on the P&F and School Board prior to our change to the CC. Thank you for your leadership, time, ideas and expertise. We are so grateful to you!

We look forward to announcing next week the outcome of the election and the new members of the CC.

Wet Weather Who could predict that the 2021 weather was going to be so wet? The good news is that our students are finding fun play break activities when they are indoors, including Just Dance, and when it is between showers, the skipping and handball games are being eagerly enjoyed.



Kinder 2020 Big Steps Program

Enrolment time has been busy and we are now getting ready for the Big Steps Program. During the last week all of our Kinder students for 2022 have received a brown paper package tied up with string with 'A Day in the Life of Kinder' activities. The 5 session Big Steps to school program commences next Friday.

Activity	Date	Participation
Big Steps Package with special 'A Day in the life of Kindergarten' activities.	In the week of Mon 7 th June – the package is available for families.	All interested local children can undertake the activities at home, practising being at school.
Big Steps: COUNT It!	Friday 18th June 9.15-10.30am	All interested local children, regardless of their school choice for 2022 are welcome to come for a 'school experience'. Parents and carers are welcome to stay and enjoy the learning experience if they wish.
Big Steps: READ It!	Friday 23rd July 9.15-10.30am	
Big Steps: MOVE It!	Thursday 12 Aug 9.15-10.30am	
Big Steps: WATCH It!	Wednesday 1 st Sept 12.00-1.00pm Preview St Pat's 2022 Dance Concert	
Big Steps: CREATE It!	Friday 8 th Oct 9.15-10.30am	
KINDERSTART 1	Wednesday 27 th Oct 9.15 - 10.45am Parents are invited to stay for a short presentation about supporting literacy & numeracy development.	For children enrolled at St Patrick's for 2022. Children bring their lunch, snacks, water in their drink bottle and their sun hat.
KINDERSTART 2	Wednesday 3 rd Nov 9.15-10.45 Parents are invited to stay for a short presentation on school readiness from a speech therapist, OT and Physio.	
KINDERSTART 3	Wednesday 10 th Nov 9.15-11.45 Parents are invited to the 'Marketplace' in the hall to hear from our St Pat's student leaders about aspects of school life.	



Blessings for the long weekend.

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LITERACY IN K-2

This week I visited Kindergarten to observe their writing. Goals for students were; writing from left to right, moving down the page, using finger spacing and having a go at listening and writing the sound they hear in words. Wow! How wonderful to see the progress the students are making.





Students in K-2 continue to make sound progress through the InitialLit program. Teachers are regularly tracking student progress and refining their teaching to ensure we are meeting the needs of every student. Today when visiting Mrs Franco's class students were listening for the 'ee' sound in words and filling out the sound boxes to match.



YEAR 1/2 FOCUS; TIPTOE THROUGH OUR WORLD
SUSTAINABILITY; REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

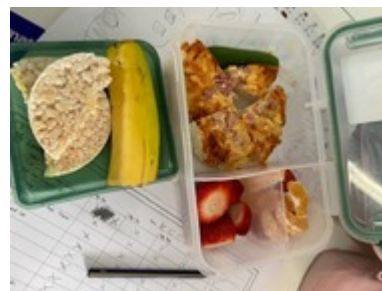
We all need to take responsibility to look after our environment so that it is preserved for future generations.

- How to sustain our environment by reducing, reusing and recycling.
- How long things take to decompose.
- The ethics of sustainability

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How can we leave a tiny footprint on the environment?
- Do we know what we can reuse, reduce and recycle?
- How can we set goals and influence others to look after our environment?

Students in 1/2B have been focusing on building a sustainable future. Over the last few weeks they have been trying to bring food to school that is plastic free. While visiting the classroom earlier this week I noticed some lunchboxes reflecting this.



FROM THE REC AND CLASSROOM
SUPPORT TEACHER

Upcoming events & dates

Confirmation Retreat Day: Tuesday 15th June, Pambula Surf Club

Confirmation Mass: 6pm Thursday 17th June, Bega Church

3/4M Chapel Mass: 9:15am 18th June

Out in the Cold: 3:30-8:00pm Friday 18th June, St Pat's Cola

Thanksgiving Mass: 9:30am Sunday 20th June, Bega Church

Mini Vinnies

This week we had the pleasure of having Matt Wilson from St Vincent De Paul visit St Pat's to meet with the Mini Vinnies team, facilitate activities and help raise awareness of homelessness as part of the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Out in The Cold

Our Out in the Cold event will be held on Friday 18th June. The afternoon will begin at 3:30pm with guest speakers and activities. The event's aim is to raise awareness about homelessness. Students are asked to bring along cans of soup or a blanket to donate.

After our guest speakers finish we will have a lite dinner and more activities. Students will be collected by 8pm - you do not need to stay for the whole afternoon/evening.

Please RSVP to the event via the paper form sent home today or the form on Skoolbag.



Vinnies Winter Appeal

Vinnies
good works

 Strength and support Your support helps dedicated volunteers to work with people living in poverty, and provide assistance when life is tough.	 Clothing and essentials Together we can provide basic essentials such as blankets, clothes and toiletries to resolve dignity in times of need.	 Food in tough times Your donation can provide money for groceries, reducing hunger and removing a major stress for families.	 Help when bills are due You can help us provide financial support with household expenses to families who are struggling to make ends meet.	 A place to rest and recoup Your donation enables us to help people like Jenny and her family find a safe place to sleep when they have nowhere else to go.
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LIVES CAN CHANGE WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO HELP. PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TODAY.



WELLBEING @ ST PAT'S

PERSERVERANCE

I sit here taking deep breaths as I begin typing this article for the newsletter after it has been deleted. Welcome to my world. Great a real life opportunity to practise PERSERVERANCE. The character strength of Perseverance is not giving up when things get tricky. At St Pat's, all learning asks that our students persevere. Students persevere when learning something new, when they listen to others both inside and outside of the classroom. On the climbing frame, I am constantly being invited to look at the latest trick whether it is hanging upside down without holding on or just climbing to the highest point. It is so rewarding as a young child to show an adult how they have mastered a new skill. Their smile is their signature of being proud.



Challenge: Be aware this week of where in your life you are persisting.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Alicia Spicer

Wellbeing

SPORT

Congratulations go to Arly Schrader who was in Sydney this week representing the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese at the Mackillop selection trials. Arly's performance saw her place mid field in a strong race with over 60 participants from all over the state. Well done Arly.

We also have two boys selected in the Canberra Goulburn Rugby Union side. Nate Irvin and Clay Hoyland travelled to Canberra recently

to trial for this team and they were successful. Their next game is in Forbes (we hope they don't return with any mice in their luggage.) Congratulations also goes to these boys and we wish you luck for the next level.

Just a reminder that our athletics carnival is being held at the Bega Athletics Field on Wednesday 23rd June. All children attending have received a permission note, this should be returned to their class teacher ASAP. The 8 year old year 2 children who will be attending have received a note.



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will be open for orders on Tuesday 15 June.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEK 7 ANSWER:

There is no instances of the letter 'e' in this paragraph, despite the fact that it is the most commonly used letter in the English language.

WEEK 8:

What can you hold in your left hand, but not in your right?