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Week 6 Term 4 Newsletter

FROM PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we have taken time to remember our wonderful, well loved and dearly missed **Mr Bennett**. Our focus was on his passion - Music. Whilst Covid restrictions have limited the experience, we worked to find a way to be joyful that we were blessed to have Mr Bennett as our music teacher. Watching the 2021 concert *with a difference* was a highlight of the musical experience.

On the theme of remembering, yesterday was **Remembrance Day**. As a school community, and with our country, we paused for one minute of silent reflection. In classes our students spent time learning why we pause and reflect on the 11th of the 11th. Thank you to students in 45B for sharing the poetry they have written, a small selection is shared here.

Remembrance Day Sophie

As we remember the soldiers we have lost

We remember the freedom they have given us.

In Flanders Field the poppies grow.

They will always be remembered.

Today we have a minute silence to remember what they have done for us.

Today we wear a red poppy on this Remembrance Day.



REMEMBRANCE DAY Claire

Remembering lives of soldiers

Enemies we've fought

Memories we hold

Ever in our memories

Many lives lost

Bombs firing across fields

Red poppies to symbolise their blood

Allies standing together

No sleep without fear

Countries fought

Ever fearing in horror



REMEMBRANCE DAY Isaac

We pay respect to the soldiers that sacrificed their lives for us.

All soldiers are in our memories forever.

Red is the colour of their blood that they bled and the colour of poppies.

Lest we forget

Countries have allies, countries have enemies.

We pay respect to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us.

We stand in silence for 1 minute and listen to the bugle.

Lest we forget.



Kinderstart

On Wednesday the cloudy start could not disguise the sunshine and smiles of our 2022 Kinder students who could finally come back on site for their first of three Kinderstart mornings. We were delighted with the happy energy and the readiness skills our newest St Pat's kids demonstrated. We can't wait to see them all again next Wednesday. We thank our Year 5 students for their leadership and support as buddies! Well done Year 5 - you are really getting ready for your leading roles in 2021.



We look forward to our Year 5 Christian Leadership Day next Friday to continue the preparation of our students for their leading roles next year.

Respectful Language is more than having manners

We continue to have high expectations of students following the Respect, Share, Grow school rule and to live the daily expectation of our school pillar Look After Each Other. We have been working to refine our statement on respectful language at St Patrick's, this of course means more than using manners at school, it is about our words and gestures and intentions of every interaction with others. We are currently looking at programs in support of furthering our teaching of respect at school. We look forward to your contribution and to continuing to grow parent / school partnership in this endeavour.

Blessings on an enjoyable family weekend. Have fun in the rain!

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SOUTHERN REGION PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

We wish the following students good luck as they present their speeches next Tuesday and Wednesday via MS Teams in the Southern Region Public Speaking Competition. These students are to be congratulated for challenging themselves to grow in this area.

Alexia Spitzer, Lincoln Thompson, Alice Wiley, Eloise Deighton, Sophie Stroud, Imogen Murray, Rowan Leiper, Zoe Hayden Price

The benefits of learning to speak confidently in public at the youngest possible age can pay huge dividends across all areas of our lives as we get older:

- It can be a great self-esteem booster
- Help us to influence and persuade others more effectively
- Help us to think critically and creative

- Help us make new social connections
- Help us to significantly enhance our personal relationships
- Help us to just be more comfortable with people
- Public speaking can help us to inspire people and even change the world.
- The world really does open up to us when we know how to get our point across and speak with impact.

CONFIDENCE **EMPOWERMENT**
LEADERSHIP **ROLE MODEL**
CLARITY **CHANGE AGENT**
BETTER LISTENING SKILLS
IMPROVED READING & WRITING SKILLS
GAIN EFFECTIVE **POSSIBLE**
PRESENTATION **PROMOTION**
SKILLS **SOCIAL MOBILITY**
DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL
POTENTIAL **CONNECTION**

The benefits of public speaking 

YEAR 6 LEADERS 2022

Our present Year 5 students will participate in a Leadership 2022 day on Friday 19th November. The students will work alongside their 2022 teachers to build on their leadership skills and develop character strengths necessary to lead our school.

The students demonstrated this first step by welcoming our Kinder 2022 students during their orientation. Year 5 students were allocated a buddy for the day and greeted the children, warmly welcoming them to St. Pat's Bega. They demonstrated a pride on our school and transitioned the Kinders into their classroom.





This week we filmed each class performing their dance.

As part of our Music Day for Mr Bennett classes watched the dance video and had popcorn!

Here are some of our staff and students rocking music t-shirts and vests as did Mr Bennett!

FROM THE REC AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT TEACHER

Religious Education

Upcoming Events

No further Chapel Masses this term.

Retreats:

Week 7 - Thursday 18th 4/5B & Friday 19th 2/3L

Friday 19th November - Year 5 Christian Leadership Day

Ways To Pray - Prayer of Peace

As we focus on prayer this term remember to take time to pray as a family.

Say a prayer of peace today-

O Lord, my God,

grant us your peace;

Give us that peace of being at rest,

that sabbath peace,

the peace which knows no end.

St Augustine

You may also like to listen to the hymn- [Prayer for Peace](#) Choose a word or phrase from this hymn to pray about.

Catholic Mission

We are pleased to announce that we raised \$556.00 from our Trash and Treasure sale. We thank you for your support.

Dance Concert



Over the coming weeks we will be working on hard copies of the Dance Concert Video to send home.

OFFICE NEWS



Thank
you!

THANK YOU to the families who have already finalised their 2021 fees.

A friendly reminder, Term 4 fees are now overdue.

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.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEK 5 ANSWER:

A dinner plate

WEEK 6:

What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?