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Week 7 Term 4 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

With outdoor excursions now being allowed, one of the joys this week was being able to reinstate the excursion for Year 2/3 to Bournda that had been planned for earlier in the year and postponed until restrictions eased. The students and their teachers had a fabulous day of learning and engagement and the staff at Bournda commended them on their behaviour, attitude and engagement. Thank you 2/3 for representing our school with pride out in the community. Thank you to Mrs Lott, Mrs Wiley and Brytan Aldridge (AEW) for a great day, and Mrs Sheahan for your organisation of the excursion.



On Wednesday we had the 2nd Kinderstart program for our 2022 Kinders. Thank you to Mrs Banks for organising a fun and engaging morning for the children. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Banks will be the Kindergarten teacher at St Patrick's in 2022, and Mrs McPherson will be working one day per week in Kinder. We sent the children home with a pack of shoelaces and a cardboard shoe cut out, and we are wondering how their mums, dads and carers are going with teaching how to tie shoelaces! Do your children know how to tie laces? This skill can usually be learned by the age of 5 or 6, whilst velcro is a great invention, knowing how to tie laces is a great skill to have.



Today our Year 5 students engaged in learning and collaborating during their Christian Leadership Day. We welcomed Tony Nassar to the team. During the day the students learned about their own strengths and gifts and about the attributes of leaders. Thank you to Mrs Ferris and Miss Rees for leading the day. We are delighted to announce that these teachers are the Year 5/6 teachers for 2022. Ms Alicia Jenkins will be the co-teacher with Mrs Ferris.



We look forward to announcing the teaching team for 2022 at the end of next week.

Blessings on a restful weekend with your family.

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next Monday November 22nd parents will have an opportunity to book in for **Parent Teacher Interviews** with their child's classroom teacher to discuss the Semester report and their child's progress this Semester.

- Parent Teacher interviews will occur in **Week 10; Monday December 6th until Friday December 10th.**
- Semester Reports will be available to parents on **Friday December 3rd** via Compass. More information to follow.

LET'S LOOK AT ALL THE LEARNING HAPPENING AT ST PAT'S THIS WEEK

YEAR 2/3L EXCURSION TO BOURNDA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

The teachers, as well as Luke and Jules at Bournda praised the Year 2/3 students for their exemplary behaviour, respect, following the rules and team work while at Bournda. Students became scientists when participating in dip netting in Bournda Lagoon and classifying the many invertebrates they found. "We found out that goannas can be camouflaged. We found many tiny little animals in the lagoon. The ball tossing was lots of fun." Bailey Evans Taylor



Bournda teachers also organised highly engaging team challenges including the Holey Pipe game. They were grateful to have a class out there, the first for quite some time. So smiles all around!!

KINDERSTART NUMBER 2

Our 2022 Kindergarten students attended St Pat's on Wednesday for the second of three engaging and fun sessions to assist with their transition to St. Pat's next year. Our Year 5 leaders were again meeting, greeting and farewelling our 2022 Kinders.

LEARNING IN THE GARDEN

Some of our St Pat's students worked with Mr Dan Bakker in our school garden this week, clearing, weeding, mulching and replanting.



No further Chapel Masses this term.

Retreats:

Week 8 - Thursday 24th 1/2B & Friday 25th 1/2F

Creativity Under Construction

This week 4/5B & 2/3L participated in a class retreat which focused on pray.

Students were given opportunities to express themselves creatively, explore the three worlds of the text and explore different forms of prayer including Lectio Divina.



When you pray as a family remember this:

Prayer is not always about the words we say, but rather about how deeply we can listen. Sometimes in life we are faced with challenges, we feel like we are lost, or do not have direction. Prayer can provide an opportunity to listen to the still small voice of God.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

This year we will be supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal again. For the remainder of the term you will find hampers in the front office foyer. If your family is able, they can donate the following no perishable foods to go in the hampers:

- Cake mixes
- Christmas puddings
- Pasta, rice, noodles
- Canned food
- Biscuits and chips
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap

*No chocolates please.

FROM THE REC AND CLASSROOM
SUPPORT TEACHER

Religious Education

Upcoming Events

These hampers ensure the less fortunate have food for the Christmas period.

Preparing for 2022

As we approach the end of another school year, in the coming weeks I will be touching base with parents of students on Personalised Plans to implement a transition plan for 2022.

BACK TO SCHOOL

A PARENT'S GUIDE



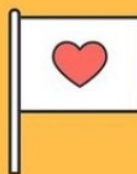
STAY CALM

If you are anxious about the start of the school year, your child will be too. Instead, assure them that no matter who their teacher is –or what class their friends are in- it's gonna be all right.



TEAM UP WITH THE TEACHER

Your child's teacher is your best ally in ensuring your child has a successful year. Communicate your needs respectfully and trust that the teacher has everyone's best interests at heart. Working as a team will always be best for the child.



MAKE NEW (PARENT) FRIENDS

The best way to survive a new school year is to make friends with the parents of the children in your child's class. You'll automatically have a common bond. Plus you can take turns doing the morning coffee run and remind each other of upcoming PD days!



VOLUNTEER

The best way to understand the culture of a school is to get involved. If you have a concern - work to be part of the solution by volunteering in the classroom or coming to parent council meetings. Your contribution is valued and important.



ENJOY EVERY MOMENT

The fact that your child is growing up before your very eyes can be a scary thought for any parent. Assume this will be the best year possible and it likely will!

For more tips [CLICK](#) to read [MORE!](#)

OFFICE NEWS

School Fees are now overdue.

Thank you to the families who have already finalised their 2021 fees.

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.

For families needing assistance the school will be in contact by phone or email in support of setting up an effective payment plan.

JUST FOR FUN

WEEK 6 ANSWER:

Short

WEEK 7:

What breaks when you say it?