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Week 1 Term 1 Newsletter

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,



**Welcome back** to all our families to what we hope is an auspicious year - 2022, and a year of fabulous learning for all at St Pat's!

A special warm St Pat's welcome to our new students.

In Kindergarten we welcome Louis, William, Wyatt, Maicey, Rivarni, Dakota, Ava, Lincoln, Alexandra, Logan, Charlie, Ariella, Levi, Harry, Hamish, Arianna, Joel, McKenzie, Aaliyah, Mackenzie, Charlotte, Matthew, Olivia and Levi. Here they are jumping into Kinder!



Across the school we welcome Jackson (Year 1), Sofia (Year 3), Amelia (Year 4), Mia (Year 4), Ally (Year 5) and Izabella (Year 5) and their

families. We look forward to you quickly becoming part of our school family.



### Parent Information

We were planning to begin 2022 with a Parent Information Night next week to welcome everyone back, share the school goals for the year, and for the teachers to speak with you about teaching and learning in their year levels. We now are moving to plan b, see Mrs Sheahan's AP messages for more information. We look forward to the time when we can organise community events and welcome all parents and carers back on site!



### School Start and Finish Times

8.30am - Supervision begins. Please do not drop your child at school before 8.30. If you require an earlier drop off for a particular day or reason, please contact me.

3.10pm - pick up time for Cohort 1 and siblings. (KY, 12R, 12G, 23Y)

3.13pm bell - pick up time for Cohort 2&3. (34R, 34G, 45Y, 56R, 56G)

### Covid-19

We begin 2022 with similar protocols to the end of last year. Thank you for being vigilant and watching for signs of illness and keeping your children home if they even have mild symptoms. Thank you for following the NSW Health protocols of RA testing twice per week, together we work for the health and safety of all.

**Mrs Morrow**

Thank you for kind and loving messages you have sent for Mrs Morrow, thank you for continuing to pray for her at this time. Friends of Mrs Morrow have organised support through gofundme you may wish to support in this way. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helping-harmony-family-support-fundraiser?qid=6f3a430cbbd65654199f8cf28c26e403>



### Staffing - Two current positions

Do you know someone with a certificate in Youth Work or Pastoral Care? We are recruiting for a one year position of Student Welfare Worker (5hrs per week). Interested applicants can email me an expression of interest.

Do you know someone handy with tools and all round maintenance jobs? We continue to seek a School Maintenance Person. The position has been advertised for a while, although it has currently closed. We look forward to finding the right person! (there is flexibility in the hours from one day per week up to approx 15 hrs per week). If you know someone who might be right for the job, please get them to email me an expression of interest and we can add them to the next recruitment process. Thanks.



Blessings on a restful and safe weekend.

Jo

### STUDENT NEWS

#### Champion riders

Congratulations to two St Pat's students who represented St Pat's at the Berry Interschool Equestrian Championships in the holidays, we are so proud of the girls and their fabulous achievements.



Sienna Jessop

Overall champion Year 4

Champion primary hack rider

Champion primary hunter hack

1st in all 6 showriding classes (open division)

1st Cross country hunter jump 65cm

1st show hunter handler

1st show hunter hack

3rd Grand Prix jumping

3x 1sts and 1x 3rd in sporting novelties

Overall highest top score -Supreme Primary Rider - for all primary school aged children!

Isabella Clifton-Collins

Champion year 2  
Champion primary sporting  
Reserve champion primary flat work rider.  
Placed in 3 out of 4 jumps  
Winner Hunter hack and many more placings!

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome to 2022. I have enjoyed visiting classrooms this week as students settle into their new learning environment and come to understand the routines and structures of their new class. The classes are all learning about what it means to be a St Pat's Kid, focussing on our school rules and vision.

As we welcome new students across the school, I have been assessing each one via PAT Maths, Spelling and Reading tests. This information will give teachers extra insights into our new students when planning and programming.

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



At St Pat's we are passionate about engaging with our school community and throughout the year aim to provide opportunities to share information about the great learning in our school as well as celebrate our students' successes.

Tuesday February 8th, we had scheduled as an early opportunity for us to meet together in the school hall, introduce families to our wonderful staff and share our hopes and dreams for learning in our St Pat's community for 2022. Unfortunately, due to current Health Regulations we are unable to gather together as a community so we invite you to a Virtual Parent Information Night. We invite parents to grab a tea/coffee and make time to sit down with your child/children and view the information about our school on the Seesaw platform.

## ST. PAT'S VIRTUAL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH FROM 6.00PM

LOCATE YOUR CHILD'S CLASS VIA THE SEESAW PLATFORM AND WATCH;

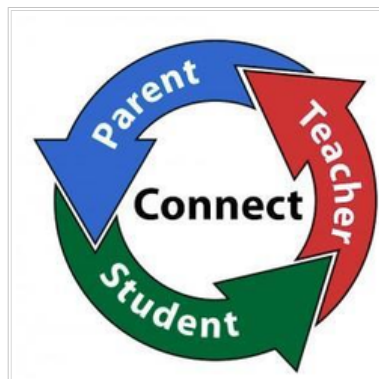
- A WELCOME TO ST PAT'S VIDEO FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
- A GREETING VIDEO FROM YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER/S WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEARNING HAPPENING IN THE CLASS THIS TERM
- INTRODUCTION VIDEOS FROM OUR SPECIALIST TEACHERS. EACH GIVING AN OUTLINE OF THE

LEARNING HAPPENING THIS TERM IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SPANISH, LIBRARY AND MUSIC (K-2/3)

## THE OVERVIEW OF LEARNING FOR THE TERM UPLOADED AS A DOCUMENT

The videos will remain on Seesaw for two weeks and we will also upload them and the Term Overviews to our St Pat's Website.

### Connecting and engaging with community



As part of our endeavour to promote communication between home and school, build community spirit and to assist new families joining our school community, at least one Parent Class Contact is assigned to each class group. We would like you to consider volunteering to be a Parent Class Contact for 2022

During Term 1, the Parent Class Contact/s will coordinate a class social event for families to get together out of school and do something fun. The Parent Class Contact will also support the welcoming of new families throughout the year, assisting them in getting to know other families and to feel part of the school community. This is another means of uniting the school and enhancing the quality of relationships within the school between teachers, parents/ carers and the students.

In the next few weeks, the school will seek permission to share the parent/carer contact information (email) with Parent Class Contacts.

Please email me if you have any queries or questions regarding this important role or would like to volunteer to be a Parent Class contact [val.sheahan@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:val.sheahan@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Looking forward to a wonderful 2022 of learning.

Val

## FROM THE REC AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT TEACHER

Religious Education

Our scripture theme for 2022 is we are all created in the image and likeness of God -

"So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them" Genesis 1:27

Religious Education this term will focus on Identity and what it means to be part of the St Patrick's community and parish.

### Sacramental Program

In Term 1 Year 3 and 4 students will be preparing for Reconciliation. These students will then also prepare for First Eucharist in Term 3.

Students in Year 3 & 4 have received an information note today which outlines these sacraments.

### Dates for your Diary

Virtual Formation Session – Link to video will be emailed to parents to view

Enrolment Mass – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 9:30am

Family Masses – 13<sup>th</sup> March 5:00pm & 4<sup>th</sup> September 5:00pm

Retreat – TBC

Sacrament Dates – Reconciliation Liturgy 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March

First Eucharist Mass 14<sup>th</sup> September 6pm

Thanksgiving Masses – Reconciliation 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9:30am

First Eucharist 18<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am

Thank you for your understanding that dates and arrangements may change due to the ongoing changes with COVID circumstances and restrictions. We will endeavor to keep you update with these changes as soon as known.

If you have any queries about the Sacramental Program, please email me at [emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au) or contact me on 64925500. Alternatively you can contact Tanya Tomlinson the Parish Secretary at [bega@cg.org.au](mailto:bega@cg.org.au) or on 64921058 on Tuesday or Thursday between 9:30-2:30pm.

### **Student Support - Toast Club**

St Pat's will be offering the Toast Breakfast Club again this year thanks to the generous support of Woolworths Bega.

The club will offer toast for students who may not have time for breakfast in the morning before school, who have travelled to school or need that top up before beginning learning.

If you would like your child to be part of this club, please send an email to [emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au)

## LIBRARY NEWS

[https://stpatsbega.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/2618/book\\_club\\_instructions.pdf](https://stpatsbega.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2618/book_club_instructions.pdf)

Orders for Book Club Issue 1 are due Friday 11th February.

Steph