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Week 2 Term 1 Newsletter

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Patrick's staff were commissioned in their work in education last Sunday at the Parish Mass. Fr Alex Osborne called on the parish to pray for all who work in education and in particular all who work at St Patrick's school. I ask you to pray for the staff of St Patrick's as we work together in the education of all St Pat's students.



Today, at a special cohort Mass, we commissioned our Year 6 students as leaders of the school. They are called to live and lead our school vision, pillars and rules in their words and actions each day. We look forward to the commencement of the student parliament in coming weeks where each student leader can take their roles into practical weekly activities to continue to enhance our student voice and action in community.



### St Patrick's School 2022

**School Captains** – Lily Salway & Nate Irvin

**School Vice Captains** – Eloise Deighton & Will Herbert-Scott

#### Penola House

**Captains** – Jasmine Lewington & Luke Bateman

**Vice Captains** – Claire Breust & Connor Sunderland

#### Tenison House

**Captains** – Claire Clarke & Isaac Andrews

**Vice Captains** – Isabella Walker

#### MacKillop House

**Captains** – Jayme Campbell & Charlie Johnson

**Vice Captains** – Abbey Collins & Logan Creek

#### Peer Mediation Leaders

Cooper Dale & Jasmine Green (+ First Aid)

#### Indigenous Leaders

Monique Canavan & Will Herbert-Scott

#### Minister for Diversity

Alice Wiley

#### Ministers for the Environment

Tomas Aylmer & Blake Taylor

#### Ministers for Social Justice

Ruben Bailey Roberts & Adam Martin

The first day of Year 3-6 swimming went very well this week. Thanks to Mrs Harnett for the organisation and the pool staff for the great teaching. We hope all students attending swimming in Term 1 will be able to set and achieve a personal swimming goal. Please talk with your child about swimming and a goal for improvement. We look forward to the Year 3-6 swimming carnival next week.



Thank you to our teaching staff for their welcome videos that were presented on the SeeSaw platform in lieu of our planned Parent Information Night this week. Please take time to view the short messages from your child's teachers and to read the term overview and classroom timetable that have been provided. Welcome messages from myself, Mrs Sheahan and Mrs Grant are linked in our school website, please take a minute to view these short clips. <https://stpatsbega.nsw.edu.au/meet-our-teachers>



The St Pat's Kids Journals have arrived and are already being put to great use! When we recognise the behaviours for learning and engagement - at both daily assembly, in the classrooms and around the school students are receiving St Pat's Kids stickers to put in their journal.



Have an enjoyable weekend.

Blessings

Jo

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS VISITS OUR SCHOOL

The Questacon Science Circus is a major outreach program from Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre in Canberra. A Science Circus experience is an exciting and interactive presentation covering aspects of science in everyday life. A Science Circus experience is designed to stimulate and challenge students to explore science and technology for themselves and is an ideal basis for follow-on activities.



### NEW BINS AT ST PATS

St Pat's is working towards a sustainable, environmentally aware community. This year all areas of the school have been introduced to our new bin system; encouraging all students to sort and categorise our rubbish to reduce landfill.



## FROM THE REC AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT TEACHER

### Upcoming Dates:

18/2 - Chapel Mass 3/4R 9:15am

25/2 - Chapel Mass 3/4G 9:15am

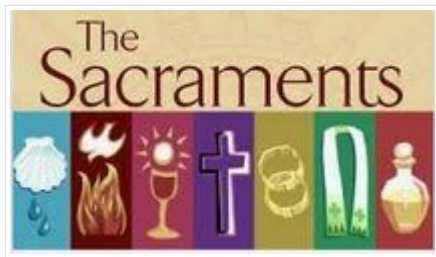
27/2 - Sacramental Program Enrolment Mass 9:30am



### Sacramental Program

Thank you to the families who have completed their enrolment forms and returned their permission notes for the Sacramental Program.

Students who are baptised in the Catholic Church can participate in the St Patrick's Parish Sacramental program. If your child is yet to be baptised and you would like to discuss our baptism program please touch base with either the parish @ [bega@cg.org.au](mailto:bega@cg.org.au) or [emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au)



### 5/6 Mass & Commissioning of Leaders

Today we celebrated the commissioning of our 2022 leaders.

You can view the video at: <https://youtu.be/5UlhUrilw6s>

### Transitioning Back to School

The past two weeks I have been working closely with families to ensure all students have a successful transition back to school. If you are finding the mornings extra challenging here are some tips and resources: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/going-to-school/preparing/starting-primary-school/5-back-to-school-preparation-tips-for-parents>

Please reach out should you need support from the school @ [emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au)

**Back to school tips for parents**

## PARISH NEWS

You're invited to a Cuppa after Mass to welcome Fr Alex.

Bega – 9:30am Sunday 13th February - Morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.

Candelo - 6:00pm Saturday 19th February - Please bring finger food, slice etc

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