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Week 5 Term 1 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

At assembly this week we were able to present Sienna with her Under 11years Age Champion Swimming trophy. We thank Sienna for being patient awaiting her award. Sienna tied for this champion title with her friend and swimming rival Eva. I once again congratulate the full cohort of swimming age champions!



The Michael Rheinberger Award for Swimming was presented at the same assembly. The nominees this year were Arly, Charlie, Drew, Will H-S, Caitlyn, Nate, Will N and Levi D. The award was presented to Nate for demonstrating many of the attributes of Michael Rheinberger including passion for sport (swimming), persistence, courage, determination and sportsmanship. Congratulations Nate!



Learning at St Pat's

It was great to talk with some more of our students who have been recognised for demonstrating multiple attributes of St Pat's kids. We love acknowledging the great behaviours for learning and engagement under the three school pillars: Look Into Thinking; Look Ahead to the Future, and Look After Each Other. When students bring their learning journal we are able to further commend their great work with the pillar stickers. (Apologies to Matthew that you weren't photographed with your journal!)



numeracy) for Years 3 and 5. As this is intended to practice participation, the questions are not equivalent to NAPLAN testing in May, and no results are available from the Practice Tests.



Writing Professional Learning

Our teachers have been participating in a CE endorsed Writing Professional Learning opportunity this term which focusses on implementing the Hochman Method, an explicit set of evidence-based strategies for teaching expository writing. The method builds from sentences to compositions and is embedded in curricula across all content areas and grade levels. The Writing Revolution envisions a day when all students acquire well-developed writing skills and the ability to think critically so that they have the opportunity to succeed.



Principles of The Writing Revolution

- Students need explicit instruction in writing, beginning in the early years.
- Sentences are the building blocks of all writing.
- When embedded into the content learning areas of the curriculum, writing instruction is a powerful teaching tool.
- The content of the curriculum should drive the writing activities.
- Grammar is best taught in the context of student writing.
- The two most important phases of the writing process are planning and revising.

Next week

Ian Luscombe will be at St Patrick's for two days next week, Tuesday and Wednesday. We look forward to Ian supporting us toward our aspiration of every student fully engaged in learning and general school life 100% of the time. Ian will walk alongside the leadership team and the teaching and support staff and through coaching support our learning. For new families to St Pat's, Ian is the founder of BehaveAbility with whom we have been working for 18months in support of positive behaviours for learning.



I will be in Bowral next week with the principals from our Archdiocese and our system leaders. This is an annual conference that has two purposes; Catholic Leaders' Day and the Principals' retreat. Mrs Sheahan will be leading the school in my absence.

Blessings on your weekend. Perhaps the rain will have abated and the flood levels dropped!

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, and 5 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy during May. Our school will participate in NAPLAN Practice Tests in Weeks 8 and 9, which are designed to give students, teachers and systems an opportunity to practice administering and participating in the online testing environment. The practice tests consist of a Writing Test for Years 5, and an Omnibus Test (a combination of reading, conventions of language and

FROM THE REC AND CLASSROOM SUPPORT TEACHER

Sacramental Program

Dear Parents,

Due to some changes in our local parish and to ensure students are enabled to experience spiritual growth in the Sacramental Program we have decided to postpone the celebration of First Reconciliation.

St Patrick's students will still prepare for the Sacrament in Religious Education this Term.

We would like to reschedule the Sacramental Celebration for First Reconciliation to June. We will confirm dates as soon as possible.



Wednesday marked the start of Lent. We celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Liturgy.

Kinder began the week with a visit to the Church, their questions were endless as they began the learning journey about Lent.

During Lent we will support Project Compassion. To find out more you can visit the Caritas website: <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/>

During Lent there are several ways you can pray as a family. Here is a Lent Calendar with daily focuses [Lent Calendar 2022](#) Listen to some of our St Pat's kids talking about Lent:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/GI9iG7LG3IE?showinfo=1&rel=0>

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/ufvmeAUOIR8?showinfo=1&rel=0>



Classroom Support

Next week we have three members of the Catholic Education Well-Being and Diversity Team visiting St Pat's. They will be visiting classrooms to work with teachers to ensure all our learners are successful.

OFFICE NEWS

Thank you to the families who have paid their term 1 fees.

Term 1 fees are due 16 March 2022, except those with direct debit arrangements.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Day: **Monday, 14 March 2022**

2022 school photos are ready to order **now** through the Compass Portal.

It's as simple as opening your compass app and clicking on the photo links.

Ordering is quick and easy!

COMPASS ATTENDANCE

Every Friday parents of students with any unexplained absences will receive a notification via email to use the Compass app to add an explanation for these absences.

The easiest way to do this is to click on the three lines on the top left-hand side and open in a web browser. You will then see a green notification box in the top right. Click on this to add the explanation.

Please ensure you provide an explanation for each absence within 7 days so our records can be finalised. Any unexplained after the 7 days will remain as unexplained.

If there are any discrepancies, please email or phone the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bega Minor Rugby League

Bega Minor Rugby League are looking for children keen to play in the U8 tackle team (Born year 2014) and U10 Tackle (2012) for the 2022 season. Knowledgeable Coaches appointed. Games begin at the end of April. To join the team go to playrugbyleague.com.au or email the club begamr18@gmail.com

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**PLAY  WITH
BEGA BOMBERS**

REGO - COME & TRY DAY

**MIXED JUNIORS
YOUTH BOYS/GIRLS
WOMEN & MEN**

**Sunday March 13th 11am - 1pm
Roy Howard Oval**

**Free BBQ, Games, Lots of Fun!
Auskickers Welcome**



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