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Week 9 Term 1 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for making time to come to school for a parent teacher interview this week. It has been great to see so many parents making time to speak with your child's class teacher about Term 1, engagement and progress in learning. If you were unable to make an appointment this week, please email your child's teacher and they will work with you to book a mutually convenient time for a face to face or phone interview.



Cold Days Happy Play



Year 6 Leadership

We were able to present Monique with her leadership badge at a morning assembly this week. Thank you for accepting responsibility as an Indigenous Leader at St Pat's Monique. We look forward to you working alongside Will with our Aboriginal Education Workers, Brytan Aldridge and Chantelle Dixon and leading initiatives and learning.



Celebrating Learning



2023 Enrolments

Thank you to the families who have already completed an enrolment form online. If your (next) child is beginning Kindergarten in 2023, or you know a family whose child is commencing next year, the enrolment form can be completed online. The official enrolling period commences in the first weeks of Term 2, and the interviews will be April-June. <https://enrolments.stpatsbega.nsw.edu.au/nsw-schools/start>

Blessings on a joyful last weekend of Term 1. Next weekend begins the term break!

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CAMP COOBA

Our Year 5/6 students are getting very excited to be heading off on camp to Cooba Sport and Education Centre, Berridale next week. The students will participate in outdoor pursuits and team building activities; Assault course (water based), Leap of Faith, Bikes, Team manoeuvres, Low ropes, Initiative Tabloid and Bush Games. Parents/Carers will be dropping students off at 7.45am Wednesday and we will return at 3.45pm Friday. We thank the teachers and support staff who are generously giving up their time to attend the camp; Mrs Ferris, Mrs Carracher, Miss Rees, Mr Forbes, Mr Aldridge and Mrs Sheahan.



Uniform Policy

As the weather started to change these last few days, I would like to remind families about our Term 2/3 and Winter uniform policy. For the duration of Term 2 and 3 students can wear their winter uniform everyday, if they wish. Our policy is that EVERY STUDENT will wear their winter uniform for the months of Winter - June, July, August. The tangible difference between Summer and Winter uniform is that in Winter all students have navy blue legs. They are to wear the navy blue school trousers, or navy blue tights with the skort. Orders for winter uniform are available from the uniform shop with orders on Qkr!



Director's visit

Next Monday, Ross Fox, the Director of Catholic Education Canberra and Goulburn will be visiting St Patrick's. Ross will meet with our Leadership Team and take a tour of the school. We look forward to showcasing some of the excellent learning and teaching in our school.



A NEW SONG AT ASSEMBLY

PARENTS AND CARERS; COME AND JOIN US AT OUR MORNING ASSEMBLY; TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS

The St Pat's students have been learning a new song and its movements at our daily assemblies. The song has a Christ centred theme "Every move I make" and gives students an opportunity to join together as a school community and begin the day in a positive, Christ like way. We thank the Year 6 students who are leading our community in the learning of the movements to go with the song.



FROM THE REC AND SUPPORT TEACHER

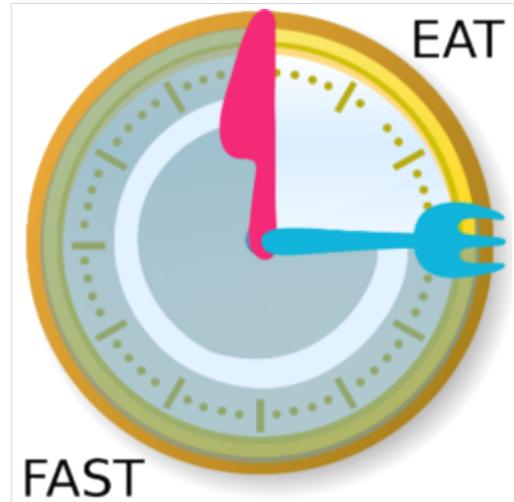
Lent

St Pat's students have been focusing on Lent in Religious Education.

Fasting during Lent

During Lent, people are encouraged to fast. Fasting is the wilful refrainment from eating and sometimes drinking. The purpose of fasting is to make reparation for any wrongdoing but also to draw our attention to God, from whom all good things come. As well as food and drink, people can fast from certain activities such as watching TV or gaming.

Reflect on something that you can fast from during Lent. You may choose to do this for the whole six weeks of Lent or intermittently.



Ways to Pray - The Confiteor

The Confiteor is one of the prayers that can be said during the Penitential Act at the beginning of the Mass. It is also used in the Lutheran Church at the beginning of Divine Service and by some in the Anglican Church. It is an opportunity to seek God's forgiveness for past sins. Lent is a time when we are asked to reflect on our behaviour and ask God's forgiveness.



Let us Pray

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
[All strike their breast three times]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country



This Tuesday 5th April the school cross country will be held. The day will commence at 9.30 with the start and finish in Bega Park. The senior and middle primary children will return to school at recess and the Junior Primary children will commence their races in the park at midday. As this is a school event it is expected that all children will participate unless they have a note from a parent/guardian.

Parents are welcome to come along and support your children. The weather can be unpredictable at this time of year so make sure your child is prepared with sunscreen and hat or warmer clothing. Runners must provide their own drink bottle. Asthmatics should have their puffers and carry it with them during the race.

All children will need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday. Senior and middle primary children's sport day will be this Monday when they will walk the cross country course.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Community Council Fundraising Committee Easter Egg Raffle

- Tickets now available on Qkr!
- \$1 per ticket
- Major prize per class plus smaller prizes
- Prize winners will be drawn at Assembly on Tues 5 April



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform Shop Update

Get ready for those chilly Term 2 wintry days with our winter uniform items. We have all your child's winter items now in store and ready for you to order. You can order on Qkr! throughout the easter holidays or at the start of Term 2. If you would like to come in for a fitting with your child, appointments are a must. Simply email us at stpats.uniform@gmail.com to schedule a time. During term we fill orders on Wednesdays 9am-10am and Fridays 9am - 10am.

Uniform Shop is also now stocking Rain Jackets for all these rainy days! You can order on Qkr! now for \$21.05. They come in Dark Navy in sizes 4 - 16 and Adult Small, Medium and Large. These jackets feature a concealed hood in the collar, a handy interior pouch, and they tuck away into a self-contained bag.





**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
AT THE LIBRARY**
11th - 22nd April 2022

The Autumn school holidays are just around the corner and the library has once again put together a fun program of events and workshops to keep the kids busy.

- Lego challenge
- Make your own kaleidoscope
- Pet portrait painting workshop
- Special storytimes
- Graphic novel workshop
- Mindfulness & mandalas
- Make your own kamishibai japanese storytelling box

To see all of our school holiday events visit the library website

book online @
www.begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au



FREE FISHING FUN FOR 8 - 14 YEAR OLDS.

Spencer Park Main Street Merimbula, NSW 2548

[Want to learn how to fish your local waters?](#)

Then come along to the hands-on free fishing workshops at Merimbula on the 11th and 12th of April 2022.

Bookings essential through this link [Eventbrite Fishing Event](#). Limited tickets available.

The day includes sessions on how to rig up, cast and have a go fishing. It will also include great tips on how to be a responsible fisher and you will get a chance to ask local experts all the information you need to get started fishing in your local area. All equipment is supplied.

Bookings are essential as places are limited. As a COVID precaution, each child participating MUST have a responsible adult in attendance to assist with practical fishing (min. 1 parent per family group).

NSW DPI Fishing workshops are run with the assistance of Fishcare Volunteers supported with funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts.