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Week 3 Term 2 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

The Beachathon was a wonderful day of community, fitness, fundraising and fun! Our students showed stamina with either the jog or the walk of the track. Thanks to the BVSC for helping us navigate the current footpath works area.

A BIG



* To our St Pat's staff &

* Tam Prime and Ricquel Morgan and the wonderful team of parent helpers

for making the day such a success.

Thank you to all the sponsors of the event for the amazing prize pool! Prizes will be drawn next Monday.

BehaveAbility We welcomed Ian Luscombe back to St Pat's today for a review on our positive behaviour strategies in action. It was great to get a glowing report from Ian about our students behaviours for learning and play at school.

Staffing For personal and health reasons Ms Grainger has resigned from her part time teaching position. Ms Kaye will work alongside Ms Reid as the 12R teachers for the remainder of the 2024 year.

Welcome to Mr George Aldridge as our second Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW) at St Patrick's. Mr Aldridge will work each Thursday and Friday supporting our indigenous students, commencing next week. Mrs Stewart will continue her work in this role each Monday and Tuesday.

Considering a Teaching Career If you have an undergraduate degree and are considering becoming a teacher, the NEXUS program might be for you! Please read the information about the Master of Teaching (Primary) program being offered by La Trobe University.



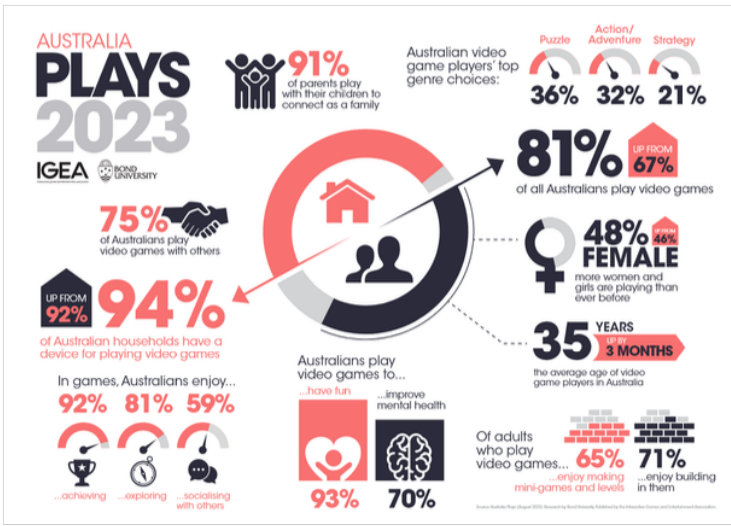
Blessings,

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL & CLASSROOM SUPPORT

Screen Time & Video Games

Coming back from the school holidays many students have been talking about the video games they engaged with. Please ensure you support your child/ren to choose age appropriate games.



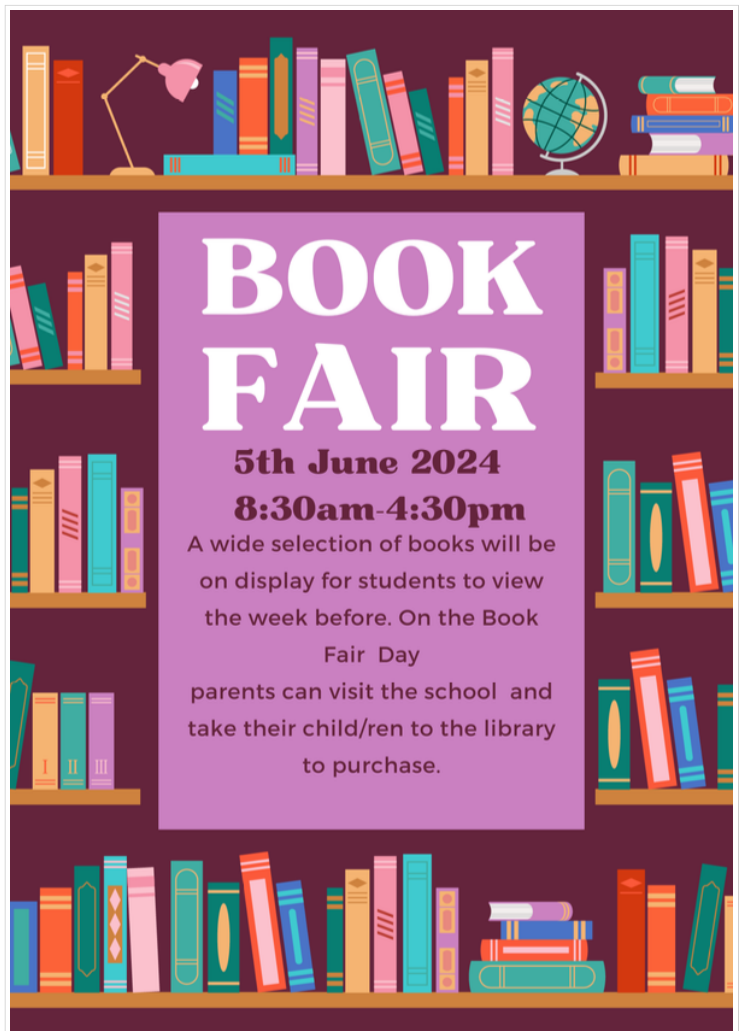
Here are two websites with helpful tips for how you can encourage healthy and safe use of video games:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/entertainment-technology/gaming-gambling/video-games-apps>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/gaming#:~:text=Stay%20involved,who%20they%20are%20communicating%20with.>

Upcoming Events

Please save the date for these two events.



FROM THE REC & CURRICULUM LEADER

Dates for your Calendar

Friday 24th May- Our Lady Help of Christians Mass, 9:15am (Families Welcome)

Pentecost

On Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. On Friday, Mini Vinnies students held a school Liturgy for Pentecost. Below are some activities that you may like to do at home with your families.

- Attend Sunday Mass
- Teach your children a prayer to the Holy Spirit
- Light thirteen candles at dinner sometime this week to represent the descent of the Holy Spirit on the twelve apostles and Mary.
- Talk about the Holy Spirit.
- Read the Bible.
- Learn a phrase or word in several different languages



SPORT NEWS

Last Friday Archie, Will N and Jayden C travelled to Canberra to play for the Canberra Goulburn Under 11's Rugby League team. Their competition came from Parramatta, Sydney City, Wollongong and Wagga /Albury.

The fact that our Archdiocese covers such a large area means students are unable to train together as a team. The boys tried their hardest often being asked to fill in, in positions other than their preferred choice. From all reports the competition fielded players who were comparatively giants, particularly the Sydney sides. Girls are allowed to play at this level, and two girls were selected in the MacKillop side. One of our St Pat's kids, Will, was also selected which is an amazing accolade. At the end of the possible V probables game Will was battered, bruised and bleeding but grinning from ear to ear with the excitement of being picked! His next games will be trials for selection in the NSW team. Well done Will!

OFFICE NEWS

Thank you to the families who have paid their Term 2 school fees.

Term 2 fees are due 24 May 2024, except for those with approved payment plans in place.

Please contact the Office Manager, Cathy Smith on cathy.smith@cg.catholic.edu.au, if you would like to set up a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment plan for your school fees.

If at any time your family is experiencing financial hardship, or if your family is in need of other support, please contact the school to organise an appointment for a confidential meeting with our Principal, Jo Scott-Pegum to discuss how the school can help support your family. Please remember that if we don't know your circumstances, we are not in a position to provide assistance. Applications for fee concessions are managed by the Principal in a confidential and sensitive manner.