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Week 1 Term 1 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school in 2025! As a Catholic Community we celebrate 2025 as The Jubilee Year of Hope.

"Everyone knows what it is to hope," said Pope Francis. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope."

Welcome to our Kindergarten students

Meeval, Patrick, Callie, Flynn, Lilah, Kylan, Gabby, Saskia, Max, Byron, Alijah, Merin, Hallie, Serah, Arlo, Jax and Evie.

for the start of your adventure in 'big school.'

Welcome back Ms Rees from your wonderful 'around Australia' trip we look forward to hearing of all the adventures.

In 2025 strong **Communication** remains a core goal. We know that open communication between school and home is essential for our students' success. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Together, we can ensure that every child thrives academically, socially, and spiritually.

We celebrate Mr (Bob) Weston on his achievement as Senior Citizen of the Year in the Bega Valley. We thank Bob for his commitment to our community of learners through his enduring dedication to weekly reading support at school.



Community Council - We need you! A big thank you to Mrs Ricquel Morgan for her work as the Treasurer of the Community Council. Ricquel is stepping down from this role so we are looking for a treasurer and some new members of the council. Your involvement in school activities is so important. We encourage you to participate in our events, volunteer opportunities, and parent-teacher meetings. Your engagement makes a significant difference in our school community, and your child's educational journey.

St Patrick's Primary

School Community Council

2025

We Want You!

We are looking for a few more members to join our Community Council.

We meet once per term.

Our meetings are an hour in duration.

We talk about engaging and growing support and inclusivity in our school.

We talk about raising funds for school projects.

We are super friendly.

We want you! Please contact one of us to find out more or to say yes!

Our Chairperson Tam Prime dtprime@bigpond.com

Our Principal Jo Scott-Pegum jo.scottpegum@cg.catholic.edu.au

Our Assistant Principal Emma Grant emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au

Thank you!



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School Community COUNCIL

As a member of our School Community Council you will become part of a network of parents and carers across the school that work together with the Principal to build a supportive and inclusive school community. You will be able to contribute to our school and our fundraising and community building activities in a way that suits you.

For some families this may be regular participation in activities, initiatives and events across the school year; for others it may be a dedicated focus on one particular event or a role about which they are truly passionate.

Whatever your contribution, we value your time, your efforts, your wisdom and your support as we work together to make our school the best it can be for our students, our families and our staff.

Our School Community Council will be in contact with you in the weeks ahead regarding opportunities for participation in the life of our school in 2024.

We look forward to getting to know you and your family.

When you enrol your child in a Catholic school, your child doesn't just join our school.

Your family joins our school community.



Blessings

Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL & CLASSROOM SUPPORT

Welcome to a New Year!

Welcome back to another exciting school year at St. Patrick's! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for a year filled with learning and growth.



A few tips to support a successful 2025:

Attendance

We emphasise the importance of regular attendance. Every day counts towards your child's education, so let's aim for excellent attendance this year. Consistent attendance not only supports academic success but also fosters a sense of community and belonging.

Healthy Lunch Box Ideas

- Fresh fruits and vegetables: Encourage your child to enjoy a variety of colourful produce.
- Whole grain sandwiches: Opt for whole grain bread with lean proteins and plenty of veggies.
- Yogurt and cheese: These provide essential calcium and protein.

Water: Hydration is key for concentration and overall health.

Establish a Consistent Routine

- Set regular bedtimes and wake-up times. Consistency helps children feel secure and supports better sleep habits.
- Create a morning routine: Start the day with a healthy breakfast and some physical activity to boost energy and focus.
- Manage and Limit Screen Time

- Set clear boundaries: Define specific times for screen use, such as after homework or chores are completed.
- Encourage Screen-Free Activities: Promote hobbies like reading, sports, or arts and crafts to balance screen time.
- Use Technology Wisely: Choose educational apps and programs that support learning and development.

FROM THE REC

A Prayer for the beginning of the year

Heavenly Father,

As we embark on this new school year, we ask for Your guidance and blessings. Grant us the wisdom to learn and grow, the courage to face new challenges, and the compassion to support one another. May our hearts be filled with Your love and our minds with Your light.

Bless our teachers, support staff, students, and families, and help us to create a community of faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Dates for your Calendar

Friday 14th February- Opening Mass 9:15am (During this mass, our Year 6 leaders will be named and presented with their badges)

Dates for Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

Parent Information night- Wednesday 26th Feb, 6:00pm

Family Mass- Sunday 4th May, 9:30am

Retreat- Friday 6th June, 9:15-2:30pm

Confirmation- Sunday 8th June, 9:30am

Please contact Bega Parish for enrolment details



Icy Pole Friday

Each Friday during Term One, we will be selling icy poles at lunch break to raise money for Caritas 'Project Compassion'. Students can bring 60 cents on the day to purchase an icy-pole.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Please see information on Cryptosporidiosis on link below:

[Cryptosporidiosis fact sheet](#)