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Week 2 Term 1 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Today at Mass we commissioned our Year 6 leaders for 2025. The Year 5/6 teachers have been encouraging all Year 6 students to accept leadership roles and responsibilities and we look forward to presenting other leaders when they are chosen.

St Patrick's School 2025		
School Captains	Savannah Nguyen	Archie Sly
School Vice Captains	Isabella Clifton-Collins	Kye Aldridge
Penola House Captains	William Nicholson	Jayden Constance
Tenison House Captains	Caitlyn Andrews	Levi Dale
MacKillop House Captains	Sofia Warne	Toby Shoveller
Indigenous Leaders	Conor Herbert-Scott	Cohen Stewart
Student Voice & Communications Leader	Bella Koellner	
Social Justice Leader	Trinity Lichtenberg	



In our ongoing commitment to fostering our culture of learning, during the year we focus on the St Patrick's school pillar: **Look into Thinking**. This pillar is crucial in developing our students' intellectual abilities and problem-solving skills. Here are some attributes of thinking we cultivate:

- **Growth Mindset:** We promote a growth mindset, encouraging students to embrace challenges and view mistakes as opportunities for learning.
- **Thinking Skills:** We encourage students to analyse, evaluate, and synthesize information to make well-informed decisions.
- **Reflective Practices:** We encourage students to reflect on their learning experiences and to retrieve past learning from long term memory.
- **Problem-Solving:** We develop problem-solving skills through real-world challenges and collaborative projects.
- **Metacognition:** We teach students to be aware of their own thinking processes and strategies to enhance their learning, knowledge growth and deep understanding.



- **Mindfulness and Focus:** We incorporate mindfulness practices and Christian meditation to help students improve focus.

By focusing on these aspects during throughout each day in Direct Instruction lessons and teaching and learning across the curriculum, we work to develop our St Patrick's students ability to think with depth and clarity. We work alongside you, as your child's primary educators, preparing them for a lifetime of learning and intellectual growth.

Blessings

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL & CLASSROOM SUPPORT

Year 6 & Kinder Buddies

This week, our Year 6 students had a heartwarming visit with their Kinder buddies! The older students guided their younger friends through fun activities, shared stories, and built lasting friendships. It was a delightful experience for everyone involved, fostering a sense of community and mentorship within our school.

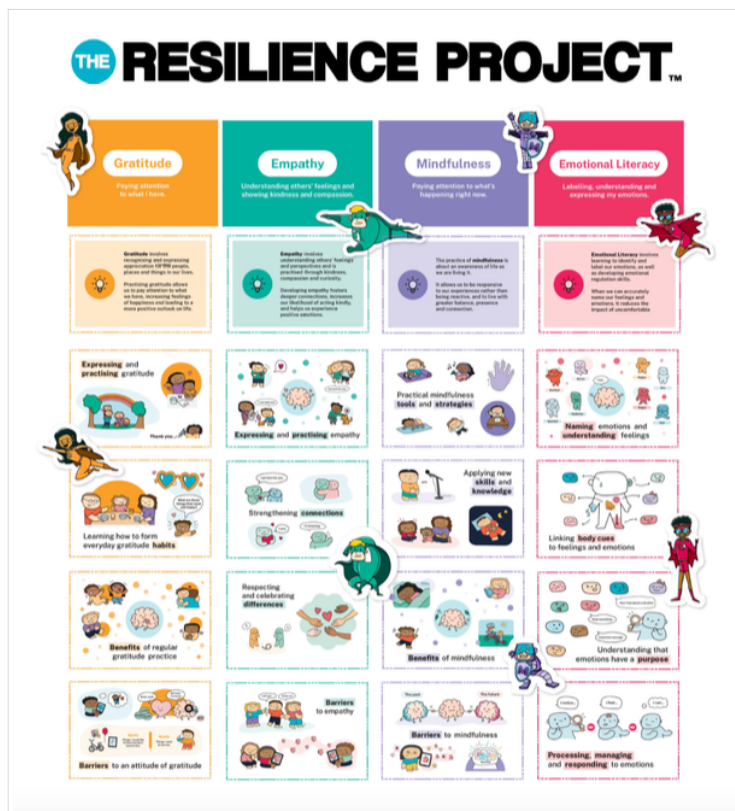


The Resilience Project

We are thrilled to announce the implementation of The Resilience Project as part of our PDH program. This initiative focuses on building emotional resilience, gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness in our students. Through engaging activities and lessons, we aim to equip our students with the tools they need to navigate life's challenges with confidence and positivity.

The Resilience Project will be integrated into our curriculum through weekly sessions, where students will participate in activities designed to enhance their emotional well-being. We believe that fostering these skills is crucial for their overall development and success, both in and out of the classroom.

Here is a short video about the program: <https://vimeo.com/833220866/7272b8bdf>



NAPLAN Withdrawals and Exceptions

As we approach the NAPLAN testing period, we would like to inform families about the options for withdrawals and exceptions. NAPLAN is an important assessment, but we understand that it may not be suitable for every student.

Withdrawals: Parents or guardians may choose to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing for various reasons. If you are considering this option, please contact me to discuss your child's specific needs and the process involved.

Exceptions: Students on Personalised Plans may be eligible for exceptions from NAPLAN testing. I will be reaching out to families of these students next week to provide more information and discuss individual circumstances.

If you would like to book a time to speak to me, please email emma.grant@cg.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE REC & CURRICULUM LEADER

Dates for your Calendar

Wednesday 5th March- Ash Wednesday Mass (Time TBC)

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



NAPLAN 2025 Parent and Carer Information

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2025 will take place from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school’s learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/publicdemonstration-site>) is available for you to see the format of the online tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan>) and the NAP website (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child’s teacher.

Learning at St Pat's

At St Pat's, we believe in the power of making every minute count. Our Direct Instruction programs are designed to captivate and engage students, ensuring that each minute is filled with impactful, interactive learning experiences.



What a great start to 2025 Sport@St Pat's. Whilst Tuesday wasn't ideal weather, we made it work as best we could! Unfortunately, we didn't get to have our fun activities for our less confident swimmers, but they did get a dip in the learners pool. It was great to see so many of our younger swimmers having a go and some even getting ribbons.

Twenty five of our St Pat's kids will now compete in Narooma for selection in the Southern Region Swimming Team! We wish them well for next week.

Congratulations to our age champions who are

Juniors - Ava Gowing and Austin Lay

11 years - Mia Gowing and Henry Philipzen

Seniors - Isabella Clifton Collins and Liam Campbell

There was excitement in the COLA when the winning team was announced as MacKillop hasn't won for quite a few years.

Congratulations MacKillop! Thanks also to those parents who came along to support your children and those who helped with the time keeping.



CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN 2025

- A friendly reminder to update your child's class on Qkr! to reflect your child's 2025 class.
- Please make sure your orders are in by the 9am cut off time.
- To order a chicken burger, go to 'build my burger'

Canteen helpers needed, please contact our canteen manager Nicole Collins nicole.collins1@cg.catholic.edu.au if you are able to help even for an hour.

Muffins available next week:

- White Chocolate & Raspberry
- White Chocolate & Blueberry

SPORTS NEWS



COMMUNITY NEWS

FLING Community Engagement Program // Find your moving body with FLING in 2025

Our 2025 Community Engagement Program begins this week
Secure your place for the summer class block!

FLING's Community Engagement Program is a welcoming space to find creativity in movement, build new physical skills, be brave, develop resilience and learn to work in a team.

Our program is led by FLING's team of professional artists and educators, mentored by young artists from FLING Company.

A joyful program for your young person to thrive.

There are classes for all ages and abilities from 3yrs - adult in Parkour, Contemporary and Creative Dance, Ballet and Jazz.

Join us at FLING Studio, Bega or Bermagui Community Hall.

Don't miss the fun at FLING - find out more via our website:

www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au/community-dance-classes

A FREE community event as part of the OCEAN GUARDIANS program
RSVP via Facebook

SAPPHIRE COAST MARINE EXPO

When
Sunday 23 February
10am to 2pm

Where
Tathra Beach Eco Camp
5 Andy Poole Dr, Tathra

What
Hands-on activities
Film screenings
Market stalls
Marine workshops
Live Music!

Why
Protect our ocean
Learn practical skills
Gain knowledge
Meet like-minded people

COME GET INSPIRED

All welcome, family friendly!
Don't forget to bring your own sun protection and water!

TATHRA BEACH eco camp

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GIRLS, GRAB A FRIEND AND COME AND PLAY!

WE NEED GIRLS IN THE FOLLOWING AGES:

- 8-9 YEARS
- 10-12 YEARS
- 13-15 YEARS
- LADIES (15 YEARS+)

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM 2025

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