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Week 7 Term 3 Newsletter

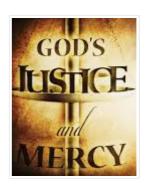
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Living Our Faith Through Social Justice At St Patrick's, we believe that faith is not just something we learn about—it's something we live. One of the most powerful ways our students live out their faith is through acts of social justice. Whether it's supporting local or Catholic charities, or advocating for fairness and inclusion, our children are learning that their actions can reflect the Gospel values of compassion, dignity, and love. These experiences help them understand that faith calls us to serve others, especially those who are vulnerable or in need.



Social justice is deeply rooted in Catholic teaching, reminding us that every person is created in the image of God and deserves respect and care. When children engage in social justice, they begin to see the world through a lens of empathy and responsibility. They learn that their voices matter and that they can be agents of change. These lessons go beyond the classroom—they shape character, build resilience, and foster a sense of purpose. Our students are not only growing academically but also spiritually and morally, guided by the values of justice and mercy.



This commitment to social justice is important not just for our students, but for the world they are growing into. In a time when global challenges can feel overwhelming, our children are learning that small acts of kindness and courage can make a big difference. They are becoming young leaders who understand that living their faith means standing up for what is right, caring for creation, and building a more just and loving society. We are proud of the way our students embody the heart of our Catholic mission—bringing hope, healing, and light to the world around them.



Thank you to the parents supporting their children to participate in the Sudsy Challenge this week, it is great to see many students engaging in this social justice initiative to raise money and awareness of the plight of people 'doing it tough.' A special Well Done!! to Cooper on his sensational fundraising efforts!

Wishing all father's and father figures a Happy Father's Day for Sunday.



Blessings Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL & CLASSROOM SUPPORT

Every Day Counts

Did you know that missing just one day of school a fortnight adds up to four weeks a year? This week, we're highlighting the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Being at school every day helps students stay connected to their learning and their peers. We're celebrating great attendance and talking about how routines and planning can help avoid unnecessary absences. Every day really does count when it comes to learning and wellbeing.

Parent Tip: Try to schedule appointments outside school hours and talk with your child about why being at school matters.

Resource: NSW Education - Attendance Matters



Emma Grant

FROM THE REC & CURRICULUM LEADER

Dates for your Calendar

Class Mass Week 8, 12th September- 1/2Red (Families Welcome)

Father's Day Breakfast

This morning, our school community gathered to honour the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who enrich our lives with their love, wisdom, and quiet strength. Our St Pat's Father's Day Breakfast was a beautiful celebration of connection, appreciation, and shared joy.

To all our fathers and father figures—thank you. You are deeply cherished.



Blessed Carlo Acutis

On September 7, 2025, the Catholic Church will officially canonise Blessed Carlo Acutis, declaring him a saint alongside Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Carlo will become the first millennial saint, a powerful witness to young people everywhere that holiness is not reserved for the past, but is alive and possible today.

Born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Carlo was known for his deep love of the Eucharist and his passion for technology. At just 15 years old, he created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles from around the world, using his digital skills to share the beauty of faith with others. He once said, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven," and lived each day with joyful devotion until his death from leukemia in 2006.

Carlo's canonisation reminds us that sainthood is not about perfection, it's about love, service, and staying close to Jesus. His life encourages our students to embrace their gifts, live with purpose, and know that even in the digital age, faith can flourish.

As a school community, we give thanks for this new saint who speaks the language of our time and inspires us to walk the path of holiness with courage and joy. Over the coming week, students have been invited to explore the inspiring life of Carlo Acutis and discover why he is being canonised as a saint. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about a young person who lived with faith, joy, and purpose in our modern world. Some of the most thoughtful and interesting facts will be shared at morning assembly in Week 9 (There may even be a prize). You might like to spend time reading together with your child at home and reflecting on the ways Carlo's story can inspire us to live with kindness, courage, and love.



Mel Ferris

FROM THE STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS LEADER

5/6G have been learning about charity and being kind to others. Indy said she loves learning about charity. They are also learning about the golden rule, treat others the way you want to be treated.

In English they have been reading the Wizard of Oz and learning about the story.

In Maths they are learning about integers, an example is, on a number line there will be minus' to the left of 0.

In Science they are learning about electrical currents including that lightening is static electricity, but a torch is run on an electrical current.

In History 5/6G have been learning about British colonisation and how they took over the land of the Aboriginal people. They are learning about the Aboriginal people's fight to get their rights back.

Bella

LIBRARY NEWS



Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag, It's packed with hundreds of books from just \$3 to help you on your child's reading journey. Issue 6 orders are due by 10th of September. Did you know that every

purchase you make on Book Club earns our school 15% of the order value in Scholastic Rewards? We use these to purchase more books and educational resources for the school. It all helps!

KEEPING KIDS SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS

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COMMUNITY NEWS



NSW Government's Road Safety Learning Lab resource for parents and drivers – click the link here: Road Safety Experience

Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre has rebranded, and we are now known as *South Coast & Country Community Law*. South Coast & Country Community Law is coming to Bega Valley to provide in person legal appointments for clients.

Eden Where: Eden Community Access Centre

When: Tuesday 9th September 2025, 1:30pm to 3pm

Bega Where: Mackillop Family Services

When: Wednesday 10th September 2025, 9:30am to 2:30pm

Cobargo Where: Cobargo CWA Cottages

When: Thursday 11th September 2025, 9:30am to 11:30am

How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529 to

make an appointment

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