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Week 2 Term 4 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thanks to Tam for the organising and to the team of helpers last Friday including Ricquel, Wendy and Quynh! We really appreciate your volunteering to make experiences like the Beachathon not only possible, but really fun and memorable for our students. Your energy, time, and enthusiasm are appreciated!



This past week, I have had the opportunity to spend three days in Canberra attending a series of Principal meetings. A key part of the visit involved strategic planning with fellow Southern Region principals, where we looked ahead to 2026 and beyond. These discussions centred on regional priorities, leadership development, and how we can collectively support student growth, wellbeing and learning.

I had the privilege of attending the Canberra and Goulburn Catholic Leaders' Day, a gathering of all principals from our Archdiocese. The day was centred on deepening our shared commitment to Catholic values and exploring long-term strategic directions for our schools. Through prayer, reflection, and rich dialogue, we considered how our faith-based leadership can continue to shape vibrant, inclusive learning communities.

Another highlight was engaging with representatives from the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). This session provided clarity around the expectations of the NSW curriculum and the upcoming changes that will impact teaching and learning. We explored ways to ensure our school remains

aligned with best practices and continues to deliver high-quality education that meets the needs of every student.

Overall, the time in Canberra was wonderful for collaboration, forward-thinking leadership, and staying connected to the broader educational community. I look forward to bringing these insights back to our St Pat's school community and continuing the conversation with staff, students, and families as we plan for St Pat's strong and successful future.

See you in Week 3. Blessings!
Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL & CLASSROOM SUPPORT

Week 2: The Power of Routine in Learning

This week, we're focusing on the importance of routines in both learning and wellbeing. In our classrooms, routines help students feel safe, confident, and ready to learn. Through Direct Instruction, students know what to expect and how to succeed, with regular review and practice built into every lesson.

We're also introducing the concept of **Gratitude** from The Resilience Project. Students are learning to notice and appreciate the good things in their day, which helps build a positive mindset. At home, you might like to start a "gratitude jar" where family members can add notes about things they're thankful for.

Here are a few pictures of visuals in classrooms that support our strong routines.



FROM THE REC & CURRICULUM LEADER

Dates for your calendar

Week 3 Class Mass, Friday 31st October 9:15am - KY (Families Welcome)

Year 5 Leadership Retreat – Tuesday 4th November

Information and permissions will be shared via Compass early next week.

Day for Daniel

Today, our school proudly participated in Day for Daniel, with students and staff wearing red to raise awareness for child safety. The vibrant display of red shirts across the playground and classrooms was a powerful visual reminder of our shared commitment to keeping children safe. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day so meaningful!



Saint Carlo Acutis

Well done to Levi, who was one of our students who won a prize at assembly this week for his thoughtful and interesting facts that he shared about St. Carlo Acutis.



FROM THE STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS LEADER



Our Kindergarten students have been very busy and enthusiastic as we start this term! In Religion, they have been exploring the life journey of Jesus, learning about his kindness and the important lessons he taught. During English, the children have started to write their own imaginative stories. In Maths they are developing number skills by solving simple equations like $5+3=8$. Over in Visual Arts they have been bringing out their inner artists by painting self portraits! They have also been spending time in the library, discovering the joy of reading new and interesting stories.

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SPORTS NEWS

K-2 Athletics Carnival



COMMUNITY NEWS

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