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Week 1 Term 2 Newsletter

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is great to be back at school even though school looks and feels a little different. It is great to connect with our teachers who have worked tirelessly through the holiday to ensure learning for each of their students continues, and that students have the opportunity to make progress. We have a small group of students here this week and next. Our teachers who can be on site are on a supervision roster, I am thankful to them for their presence here whilst still managing all the remote learners. We thank the families who are able to continue to supervise their children at home for remote learning. We are yet to finalise the stages of the transition to school plan for all of our students and will communicate hopefully next week what that plan will look like at St Patrick's.



Perhaps you have been seeing on social media some lovely images, quotes and messages of optimism and hope at this covid-19 time. I have been inspired when people share more of the beauty in their world – that they now have time to notice; some of the new patterns of behaviour that are helping them to appreciate family time; some of the creative ways to support

one another when we're feeling down; and some of the simple joys that are occurring each day. It has made me stop and take account of the 'world that was' and the 'world that is' toward the 'world that will be.'

Whilst not Covid inspired, and not related to our physically distanced world, this extract from the writing of the late American writer and journalist, Emma Bombeck; written after she had been diagnosed with cancer, did lead me to similar thinking of those social media posts and the opportunity to find hope and joy in our current situation. She wrote:

*"If I had my life over:*

*I would have talked less and listened more.*

*I would have invited friends over even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.*

*I would have eaten popcorn in the 'good' living room.*

*I would have taken time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.*

*I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about the grass stains.*

*Instead of wishing away months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realised that the wonderment growing inside me, was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.*

*When my kids kissed me impetuously, I never would have said, 'Later; now go and wash up for dinner'.*

*There would have been more 'I love you's', more 'I'm sorry'.*

*But mostly, given another shot at life I would seize every minute – live it – and never give it back."*

I hope that there are experiences, people, opportunities, and even words like these that help us all to make the most of each moment and be filled with gratitude and hope. As adults our attitude and approach will certainly make a difference to our children and their experience now, and their memories of this time in the future. We know they learn more from what we do than what we say, and their radars will be very alert at this time. Don't forget to enjoy time with your children, get lots of

sunshine and outdoor time, turn off the news and turn on the family time, play a board game, do a puzzle, bake a cake..... just do some memory making things together.

As people of faith and people of hope, let's look for the blessings!

Jo

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



# 3524!

Welcome to remote learning at St Pat's. Why am I beginning with this number? There have been 3,524 learning posts on See Saw since we started our remote learning journey. That's a lot of learning experiences that your children have engaged in. This data is then broken down to the number of posts from each class and then further to the number of individual posts from students. All classes have at least 200 posts, some classes have up to 400, with one class having over 600 posts.

At the beginning of the year we shared our three goals

All students make measurable progress in literacy and numeracy.

All students access quality learning to meet individual needs.

All students will have improved student engagement and learning outcomes.

This data is particularly useful in tracking these goals. See Saw has the capacity to file student work in one place, keeping a record of the student's level of engagement. Teachers have been closely monitoring the level of engagement for all students. Your support at home is vital in engaging your student in their learning. If you are concerned about your child's level of engagement please contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss how this can be addressed.

Caz Perryman

## FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Dear Students,

Olivia here! How are you going? I am going great by the way. I am getting used to home learning and I am glad I will be seeing you all soon.

In term 1 St Patricks Primary have been learning about Kindness. One of our three school pillars is about kindness; Look After each Other. Looking after each other is a gesture of kindness. While we are learning from home with our family we still need to incorporate kindness into our daily life like we do at school. Maybe you offer to clear away the dishes at meal times, help siblings with their learning or even just leave Mum or Dad alone while they talk on the phone or do their work.

We shouldn't do kind things because we expect the person to repay us. We should do kind things to make someone's day!

We can learn from our elders or even Jesus, God and all the saints in our hearts. These people did kind things everyday to everyone.

And I quote;

"KINDNESS IS A LANGUAGE WHICH THE DEAF CAN HEAR AND THE BLIND CAN SEE"

- Mark Twain

Think of some kind things you can do today and make someone's day!

Your school captain,

Olivia

## PARISH NEWS

Mass will be streamed on Sunday at 9:30 from St Patrick's

Please click on the below Mass Link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_IP75FT2djL7Oowe5WUrhQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_IP75FT2djL7Oowe5WUrhQ)

This Sunday at 2pm Cobargo will host the Annual Marian Procession. Instead of travelling to Cobargo we will be 'Zoomin' in.

Below is the link to the 'Zoom' meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88967206535?pwd=MXhidDc3VjRwMevOEVGTIZ3eGQ1QT09>

Meeting ID: 889 6720 6535 Password: 029270

Peace - Fr Luke