



# ST PATRICK'S BEGA NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1, TERM 1,

1ST FEBRUARY, 2019

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

TERM 1

Week 2

Tue 5th Feb  
Middle & Senior  
Primary Swimming

150th Meeting  
5pm

Fri 8th Feb  
Chapel Mass  
56G 9.15am

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

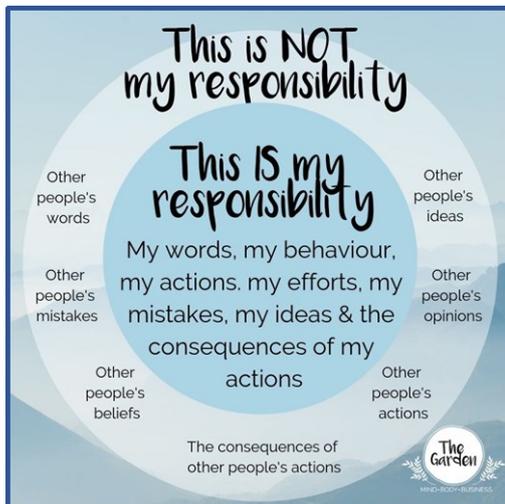
Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2019! This year is going to be a wonderful year for St Patrick's as we celebrate 150 years of Catholic Education in the Bega Valley. The month of March in particular is going to be busy with the specific focus of our celebration over the days of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. *We are still looking for people to tell us a little about their experience as learners at St Patrick's and some of the key memories of being a student here. If you are willing to have a short conversation with Mrs Grant about this we would be most appreciative!*

Welcome Mrs Perryman to the role of Assistant Principal, Mrs Kite to Classroom Support Teacher, Mr Gaymer to classroom teaching in 56G, Miss Rees to full time teaching in 12B, and to Mrs Lynda Wylie as a co-teacher in 34L. Welcome back to all other staff! We note the beginning of a new chapter for our Year 6 students, today at Mass they were presented with their badges of leadership including our captains and vice captains – we know they are going to lead by example what it means to be a St Pat's student.

A special welcome to all of our new Kindergarten students: **Lailah, Skylah, Caitlyn, Parvathy, Rithika, Cameron, Liam, Levi, Aiden, Conor, Lilly, Trinity, Kayden, Savannah, Tyrone, Zackery, Toby, Ella, Cohen, Jhett, Kayleb, Kye, Isabella, Jayden, Tayla, Bella, William, Liam, Archie, Emmett and Tadhg.** And to our other new students across the school: **Erik, Alisha, Isobel, Brooke, Tyrell, Deakin and Phebe.** We hope your first days and weeks are happy and that you quickly feel a part of our community of learners.

For all new parents and carers please feel welcome to make contact with your child's teacher to check in about their early days and their learning, this is best done through an email request asking for a meeting. If you would like to meet with myself or a member of the leadership team to talk about your child at St Pat's please phone the office to organise a time p:64925500.



At the beginning of the year we are each called to be active and responsive members of our school community: parents, students and teachers alike. Our students have been reminded of our school vision and pillars, and our school rules based on Respect, Responsibility and Safety.

This infographic is useful in thinking about what our responsibilities are and are not.

May our year together be blessed as we learn and grow, and may our individual strengths and gifts and talents shine as we continue to build the St Patrick's Catholic School community.

Blessings on 2019

*Jo Scott-Pegum*

Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right. Pope Francis

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I am delighted to be joining the St Patrick's community and look forward to journeying with you and your families over the coming years.

As you are aware our core business is Catholic Education, with a strong focus on English and Mathematics. My role at St Patrick's is multi-faceted with facilitating learning at the core. Learning with our students, learning with our teachers and learning with the first educators of our students; the parents and carers. You play an important part in the Education of your children and this newsletter is one source for you to become familiar with the processes, language and teaching practises we are currently applying in classrooms. So I encourage you to **watch this space** and utilise some of the language and processes I outline to support you at home.

One of our goals for 2019 is to use a conceptual inquiry approach to learning for all students. James Nottingham was the designer of "Challenging Learning," which is a process that takes students through this type of approach, it is more commonly known as "The Learning Pit." At St Patrick's we believe this approach is best practise. The Learning Challenge guides students in the development of critical, creative, caring and collaborative thinking. It is a model that provides learners with a language to think and talk about learning. The following clip will give you an insight into the Learning Pit. <https://vimeo.com/128462566>

We would be grateful of your support in this approach to learning and the following are a few ways that you could compliment this process at home;

when your child asks a question, refrain from telling them the answer, respond by asking "What do you think?"

when a child replies to a question with "I don't know" invite them to consider "what would you say if you did know?"

when your child comes home from school rather than asking "What did you learn at school today?" consider the concept of improvement. You could share something you felt you improved in and ask them what they felt they improved in.

use the concept of wondering; what are you wondering when you listen to .....; what are you wondering when you see .....

In the last three days I have spent time becoming part of the student's learning experiences. Each week I will endeavour to share a joyful moment of learning. This week, I'll call my experience

**"Sign Language"** I was working with a student who was finding it difficult to talk to me, very understandable as I am a very new face in the school. The child began to communicate with me through signs, we promptly learnt how to sign the child's name in Auslan and quickly the barrier dissipated. With a smile and considerable enthusiasm, the child shared the new knowledge with the classroom teacher.

Peace be with you  
Caz Perryman

## REC NEWS

Religious Education Week 1

Today as a whole school we celebrated the Opening Mass for 2019 where the Year 6 leaders participated in a Commissioning Ceremony.



## School Fees for 2019

Fee	1 <sup>st</sup> Child		2 <sup>nd</sup> Child		3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	
	100%	50%*	100%	50%*	100%	50%*
<b>CEO TUITION FEE per term</b>	\$308.00	\$154.00	N/A		N/A	
<b>SCHOOL RESOURCE FEE per term.</b> Per Family	\$262		N/A		N/A	
<b>STUDENT RESOURCE FEE per term.</b> Per student	\$90		\$90		\$90	
<b>TOTAL PER TERM</b>	\$660.00	\$505.82	\$750.00	\$596.00	\$840.00	\$686.00

\*50% discount on CE Tuition Fee only applies if you have a student attending Lumen Christi Catholic College. School fees can be paid via QKR, Centrepay using Reference No. 555069314V or BPAY (BPAY details will be printed on your school fee statement that will be emailed to you next week). School fees are due 4 weeks from the date of issue. If at any time fees create financial concern for you, please contact the school office to discuss payment options.

## SPORT NEWS

Swimming will commence this coming **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** for Middle Primary and Senior Primary. Pool entry is \$3 if you do not hold an annual pool pass. Junior Primary children have their swimming in 4<sup>th</sup> Term. This Tuesday the children who wish to try out for the Narooma Regional Swimming Carnival will have a chance to record times in events they wish to go in. Children who aren't trailing will work with the instructors. Please make sure your child has everything necessary to swim. Swimming is part of the school curriculum and it is expected that all children will participate unless they have a note from their parents or carers. If your child is in Year 2, is turning 8 this year and can swim 50 metres, email or phone Jannene Harnett.

Our school swimming carnival will be held the following week on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. There will be more about this in next weeks newsletter.

## UNIFORM NEWS

Welcome to the 2019 school year. Information for new families, and a reminder for existing families on who your uniform co-ordinators are and how to order uniforms;

### Co-ordinators

Roz – ph. 0408 887160,

Katrina – ph. 0429 446812,

Nicky – ph. 0410527108

**How to contact us:** Phone or text us on one of the above numbers. Email – [stpats.uniform@gmail.com](mailto:stpats.uniform@gmail.com)

### How to order

Qkr – Order and pay through the Qkr app. Co-ordinators will check orders twice a week and send items home with your child.

Order Form – complete an order form found on the skoolbag app or website and return to school with payment (Cash or cheque) order will be filled and sent home with your child.

Uniform Shop – Come visit us in the uniform shop, open every Tuesday (school term) 9am – 10am. In the uniform shop we can only accept cash or cheque payments

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. The uniform co-ordinators are volunteers so please take this into account when trying to contact us

## CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will be open this Monday. I am urgently needing volunteers especially for the next 2 Mondays. If you cannot spend the day in canteen and only have some spare time between 11 – 1.30 or in-between it would really help me out. Please contact Kylie on 0425 739 988.