



ST PATRICK'S BEGA NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2, TERM 1,

8TH FEBRUARY, 2019

IMPORTANT EVENTS

TERM 1

Week 3

Mon 11th Feb
Kaye Lowe
K-6

Tue 12th Feb
Senior/Middle
Primary
Swimming Carnival

Kaye Lowe
K-2

Thur 14th Feb
Zone Swimming
Narooma

Fri 15th Feb
Chapel Mass 45L
9.15am

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

SRC This week we had our first **SRC** meeting for the term. Congratulations to the class representatives who are on the Student Representative Council joining our School Captains and Vice Captains in Term 1. The SRC will receive their badges at our 1pm COLA assembly on Monday.

56B – Olivia	45L – Koby	34F – Lily	12R - Henry
56G – Kai	34L – Jayme	12B – Jacob	

Return and Earn – Did you know we have been collecting our flavoured milk bottles and popper boxes after recess and lunch to process through the Return and Earn station? We began this next step in our sustainability program in Term 4 last year. SRC reps will be occasionally invited to walk with me to return the containers. The money will purchase items for the school canteen.

Kaye Lowe – Our visiting English expert Kaye Lowe will be at St Patrick's next Monday and Tuesday supporting our teachers in planning for rich literacy experiences in the English classroom. Kaye will spend most of this visit with the teachers in the early years classrooms.



At 3.30-4.30 next Monday 11th February Kaye will present a parent session assisting parents with strategies to support your child as a reader and writer. Please come! Child minding will be available for the hour in the Kindergarten classroom.

Keeping the literacy focus strong next week we have an author visit! Jackie French a prolific and popular Australian author will be at St Patrick's on Friday afternoon from 2.00-3.00pm. Parents are most welcome to attend!

Student Phones at School – It is preferable that students do not bring phones to school. If you need your child to have a phone for communicating with you beyond the school day eg: regarding pick up and drop off arrangements, there is a school protocol we will follow. At St Patrick's we will adopt all NSW government reforms regarding mobile devices in schools, as they are named throughout 2019.

St Pat's PHONE PROTOCOL



1. Parents inform the Class Teacher and Principal that they would like their child to have a phone, and the reason for the child bringing a phone to school.
2. **ALL** phones will be handed in to the class teacher at the beginning of the day. They will be stored by the teacher during the day.
3. At end of day bell time the teacher will hand the phone back to the student. The phone will be zipped up in the child's school bag.
4. Clear guidelines for each student will be made regarding process for students to make or receive a phone call prior to school commencing or after school has concluded.
5. At no time will a student have their phone out at school or in the proximity of other students without supervision and permission. Students will not take photos, videos, play games etc. on their phone (this applies in all areas including bus/home lines)

I ask for your continued prayers for all members of our school community especially those who are undergoing medical treatment. Thank you for the ways in which you, the members of our St Patrick's community, rally around those in need.

And finally some great news: Amy (in Year 12B) finished her chemotherapy in January and is in remission!! This is so wonderful. Thank you for all your prayers for her health and wellbeing!



Blessings for the week ahead. Jo

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Throughout the week I have been able to ask students “What are you learning?” Responses from students can range from what they are *doing* to what they are *learning*. There is a difference in the two responses that is worth noting. A child can more easily articulate what they are doing because of the physicality of the experience. To articulate the learning can be more of a challenge. To enable students to access what it is they are learning, teachers make explicit the student’s learning or targets. Much like ourselves, students are more likely to reach a target when they know exactly what it is.

For example: We are going to be learning about commas.
 You will be able to tell me what a comma is used for in writing.

This explicit instruction enables students to target their thinking. Students will be reading with attention to the commas and begin to postulate their understanding. When students share their thinking, the teachers can then teach to where students are at.

What’s That

During a literacy block I was working with a student who was writing. I asked the student what their complication was, the response was, “what’s that?” We discussed that a complication was a problem in the story. After finishing our conversation about the problem of the story I congratulated the student on asking the question. When students ask questions like these, teachers celebrate because they are inquiring. When students inquire, rather than the teacher asking, the learner is invested in the learning and the capacity to learn is much higher.

Caz Perryman

REC NEWS

56G: In class we have been learning about values and attitudes and how they can show on other people and how they can be used in different ways. We also learnt about the story of Saul or St Paul. He used to sin to the Christians because he was a Jew until God spoke to him and changed his life.



Sacrament Dates for 2019

Confirmation Information Session: Wednesday 31st July, 5:30pm

Confirmation: Thursday 12th September, 7pm

Reconciliation Information Session: Wednesday 16th October, 5:30pm

Reconciliation: Thursday 14th November, 6:30pm



150th Anniversary – Help Needed

St Pat’s are seeking willing families to help promote our 150th Celebrations. If you are able to help with the mailbox drop of flyers please visit the front office and highlight the street on the map you are able to do. Please take a bunch of flyers and then return any that are not used.

YEAR 5 & 6 NEWS



Canberra Excursion Years 5 and 6

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

SPORT NEWS

Swimming Carnival 2019

Our Swimming Carnival will take place this Tuesday 12th February. All the children from Senior Primary, Middle Primary and 8 year old Junior Primary (children who have been nominated) will walk to the pool for a **9.30am** start. All races will be one lap (except for the 100m free.) There will be activities throughout the carnival for the less confident children to participate in to earn House points.



Parents are invited to come along and support their children. Time keepers will be needed for the one lap events. Please help out if you can.

The Junior Primary and Kinder children will have their fun swimming day in Term 4.

As the pool is closed to the public the cost of the carnival day is **\$4. Season Ticket holders do not pay.**

The children will be allowed to buy from the pool canteen. A \$2 limit is requested.

On carnival day the children will be able to wear t-shirts or tops in their house colours.

Penola – **Green**, Tenison – **Red**, MacKillop – **Yellow**.

Please ensure your child has everything they need eg; towel, swimmers, underwear, money, sunscreen, hat, drink and recess.

Ribbons and age champions will be presented in the COLA at a short assembly at 2.50pm on Thursday afternoon.



School fees were emailed out this week. Thank you to families who have already made a financial contribution to these fees.

As you may be aware there is a number of ways you can pay your school fees; weekly, fortnightly, monthly, by using BPAY, QKR, Direct Debit (see the office for a form) or Centrepay. Unfortunately, we **cannot** accept cash payments at the school office.

Please contact the school office if you require help in setting any of these payments up, or if you are having difficulty making payment towards your school fees.

CANTEEN NEWS

I am urgently needing volunteers especially for this Monday. If you cannot spend the day in canteen and only have some spare time that would be very much appreciated. Please contact Kylie on 0425 739 988.