



# SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## THIS WEEK:

<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 2) 2:15p.m. School Performance Show 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Principal's Meeting 5:30p.m. Parent Info Evening (Year 1)
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Principal's Meeting No Leadership Meeting 5:30p.m. Parent Info Evening (Year 3)
<b>Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	National Day Against Bullying Principal's Meeting 12:45p.m. Assembly (Year 3) 2:30p.m. Yrs. 3/4 Tag Coaching Clinic 3:00p.m. Yrs. 5/6 Tag Coaching Clinic 5:30p.m. Parent Info Evening (Yr. 5/6)
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Feast Day of St. Patrick Rugby Tag Gala Day 7:00p.m. St. Pat's Games Night
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	St. Pat's Races

## NEXT WEEK:

<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Feast Day of St. Joseph 9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 1) 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting
<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Mar:</b>	Harmony Day 5:30p.m. Parent Info Evening (Year 4)
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar:</b>	INFANTS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 3:45p.m. Leadership Meeting
<b>Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar:</b>	12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 2) 3:45p.m. PSSA Committee Meeting 5:30p.m. Parent Info Evening (Yr. 5/6)
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Feast Day of the Annunciation

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus went up a high mountain with Peter, James and John. As they looked, Jesus changed; his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with Jesus. Then a voice spoke from a shining cloud. The disciples were terrified and threw themselves to

the ground, hiding their faces. When they looked up, Jesus was alone.

(Matt 17: 1-9)

**Transfiguration!** When something is transfigured, it simply means that it is changed. Through living

perfectly the will of his Father, Jesus' body took on the full glory of God. We too are called to follow Jesus and live God's will for us.

**Father, just as you delight in Jesus, we know that you also delight in us. Turn our hearts towards you that we may be more like your son. Amen.**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). It provided us an opportunity to showcase what is done in our school each week by opening our classrooms and inviting the community in to experience teaching and learning as well as other activities held throughout the week.

The students enjoyed sharing this occasion with their parents, grandparents, parishioners and many other members of our local community including Happy Day and Rainbow Pre-schools. Thank you for your support and attendance at these activities. It is greatly appreciated.

## PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual fundraiser for Catholic relief work around the world. Project Compassion is all about hope! Donations to Project Compassion will allow poor communities in the world to

become self-reliant and look forward to a more peaceful and productive future. Project Compassion boxes will be placed in all classrooms, the office and staffroom to encourage our school community to donate some money throughout Lent for those people who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

Our School Captains will also visit each classroom before lunch to collect donations from students. We thank you for your participation and generosity for this very worthy cause during the Lenten season.

## PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS



Congratulations to the children who represented our school at the PSSA Swimming Carnival last Thursday evening. We are extremely proud of their efforts and the team's performance. They all put in a fantastic effort and finished second in both the overall and handicap divisions. Congratulations to Mahaila Denton (pictured) who was awarded the 12/13 Years Girls Age Champion.

Individual results:

### Mahaila Denton: (12/13 Year Girls Age Champion)

- 1<sup>st</sup> 12 Year Girls 50m Freestyle
- 1<sup>st</sup> 12/13 Year Girls 50m Backstroke
- 1<sup>st</sup> 12/13 Year Girls 50m Butterfly
- 1<sup>st</sup> All Age Girls 200m Medley
- 1<sup>st</sup> All Age Girls 100m Freestyle
- 1<sup>st</sup> 12/13 Year Girls 50m Breaststroke

### Tayah Finch:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 Years Girls 50m Freestyle

### Joel Van Kemenade:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 12/13 Year Boys 50m Freestyle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 12/13 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke

Team results:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Boys Relay

(Joel Van Kemenade, Hayden Coombs, Austin Howard & Matthew James)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Girls Relay

(Maggie Crittenden, Tayah Finch, Makenzie Hannan & Lacey-May Finch)

## DIOCESAN WINTER TRIALS



The Diocesan Winter Trials were held in Parkes last Tuesday. Congratulations to Joel Van Kemenade who made it through to the next stage in soccer. Joel will now attend the Polding trials which will be held in Bathurst. Good luck Joel!

## SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SHOW

Yesterday (Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March) the children attended a Performance Show called 'Great Galaxies' in Marcellin Hall. Great Galaxies was a combination of fun, facts and theories about our Earth, past and present and its place in the Solar System.

## DIOCESAN MEETINGS

This week Mr. Rynne will be participating in a Principals Meeting via video conference on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Also this week Miss Armitage, Mrs. Coff, Mrs. Denton, Mrs. Metcalfe and Mr. Rynne will be participating in a workshop facilitated by Lyn Sharratt on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Lyn Sharratt's background includes cumulative experience as a teacher, curriculum consultant, teacher-trainer, public education policy analyst, superintendent of schools, and superintendent of curriculum and instruction – the latter two roles in a district comprised of 197 schools, 8,800 teachers, and 117,000 students. Currently, Lyn is an Associate at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at University of Toronto, where she coordinates the Educational Department cohort in Theory and Policy Studies.

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION



The teachers will conduct a Parent Information session about the curriculum and expectations for their class during the next two weeks. **These sessions are for parents only** and will be held in your child's classroom. Dates for sessions to be held are listed below and they will commence at 5:30p.m.

Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March:	Year 1	Room 8
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March:	Year 3	Room 1
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March:	Year 5/6	Room 4
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March:	Year 4	Room 2
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March:	Year 2	Room 7

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

This Week: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March Hosts: Year 3  
Next Week: Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March Hosts: Year 2

## ST PAT'S RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets need to be collected from businesses this Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to assist, please contact the Office.

All St. Pat's raffle tickets sent home must be returned to school, sold or unsold by Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

## YEARS 3-6 LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY



Students selected in Years 3-6 will be participating in the Primary School League Tag Gala Day this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, which is being run by NSW Country Rugby League and being held at the Alma Oval.

Students will be travelling to the Alma Oval via bus at 9.00a.m. sharp and returning to school prior to 3.30p.m. Students will need to wear their blue sports shirt and shorts. Students will also be required to have their school hat as well.

There will be canteen facilities available for food and drinks.

All students in Years 3-6 will participate in a League Tag Coaching Clinic on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at the school.

The coaching clinics will be held at the following times:

2:30p.m. Year 3 & 4

3:00p.m. Years 5 & 6

## NATIONAL DAY FOR ACTION AGAINST BULLYING



The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and the whole community to take a stand together against bullying and violence. This day provides a focus for schools who want to say **Bullying. No way!** and to strengthen their everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Sacred Heart will be participating in this day of action on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March** due to the League Tag Gala Day being held on the Friday.

## FEAST DAY OF ST. PATRICK



This **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March** we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Patrick. To help celebrate this day we are giving the children the opportunity to wear something **GREEN**. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and appropriate shoes for Friday Sport, including a hat for recess and lunch time.

## ST PAT'S HELPERS NEEDED

A number of notes have been sent home urgently seeking helpers for the St. Pat's Games Night and Races. I urge all families to make a special effort to assist in any way possible. It would be great if you could enlist the help of family and friends. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office (80 885777) to assist in any way.



## FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH

Next **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March** we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- St Joseph was the spouse of the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus.
- He is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers and immigrants.
- Joseph was by birth of the royal family of David, although he was poor and lived as a humble carpenter
- When Herod decreed that babies should be killed, an angel told Joseph in a dream to flee with the Child and His Mother into Egypt
- After the death of King Herod the family returned to Nazareth in Israel.
- Joseph was present on the visit to Jerusalem when Jesus was 12.
- None of the Gospels mention Joseph as present at any event during Jesus' adult ministry, so it is believed that he died before Jesus was thirty.
- In Christian art Joseph is normally associated with the colours black or green; this is similar to his wife's association with blue.

## PEDALS PLAYGROUP

In conjunction with Centacare, we have set up a playgroup at the school which will operate every second Tuesday from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. PEDAL stands for Play, Explore, Discover And Learn. The PEDAL playgroup is open to all families with children aged 0-5. Parents are encouraged to join in their child's play and need to provide a piece of fruit for a shared fruit platter at morning tea. Our next session will be held on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March**.

## K-2 NOVELTY SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The Infants (Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2) Novelty Carnival will be held on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.

This carnival will be held at the Broken Hill Regional Aquatics Centre commencing at 9:30a.m.

**School will be as usual for Year 3 to Year 6 students on this day.**

Students will be required to be dropped off at the pool before 9:30a.m. and picked up at 1:30p.m. Parents are welcome to stay and assist with the carnival.

## SUPERVISION OF YOUNGER SIBLINGS

When collecting your child from school at the end of the day, younger siblings need to be supervised at all times. I ask that these children do not play on the play equipment or play with the bark in the gardens. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Enrolments are now being accepted for the Sacrament of Confirmation for all those desiring the Christian faith. For children in Year 3 and upwards (in Term 2). Please phone the **Bishop's House** (80873198) to enrol your

child/children or for more information of dates etc.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable week!

Trevor Rynne  
PRINCIPAL

## **SHPPS PLAYGROUP**

Next Playgroup – Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March  
10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.



### **HELPING WITH READING AT HOME**

#### **Part 2**

Following is a list of ways in which parents can encourage the development of the skills needed by children in order for them to become good readers. This week is a list of activities that can be used with **pre-school and Kindergarten children.**

- **LEARN THE ALPHABET**

Play alphabet games. Sing the alphabet song to help your child learn letters as you play with alphabet books, blocks and magnetic letters. Use A-B-C dot-to-dot and letter-play workbooks, games and puzzles that are available at most toy stores. Use computer software such as *Reader Rabbit*.

Make writing materials available to your child and encourage their use. Help your child learn how to write his/her name and other important words or phrases. Help your child learn to write more and more letters.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. Apostle of Ireland, born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland, 17 March, 461. Along with St. Nicholas and St. Valentine, the secular world shares our love of these saints. This is also a day when everyone's Irish. There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story. Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies. As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him. During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family. He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick. Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message. Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserninus, and Fiaac, (all later canonized as well). Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first church. **Why a shamrock?** Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time. **In His Footsteps:** Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.