



# SACRED HEART PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## THIS WEEK:

<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 10a.m. Mass: Confirmation Session 4
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>Anthony Morgan (CEO) at SHPPS</b> 9:10a.m. School Mass (Year 1) 3:45p.m Staff Meeting
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>Feast Day of St. Patrick</b> 8am Athletics/Reading Eggs Wkshp. 10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 3:45p.m. Guitar Music Lessons
<b>Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>Feast Day of St. Joseph</b> 12:45p.m Assembly (Host: Year 5/6M) 3:45p.m. PSSA Committee Meeting
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Action against Bullying & Violence Polding Swimming Trials @ SOPA

## NEXT WEEK:

<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 10a.m. Mass: Confirmation Rehearsal
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar:</b>	No School Mass 3:45p.m Staff Meeting
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	10:00a.m. PEDALS Playgroup 3:45p.m. Guitar Music Lessons
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b> Leading Mathematics Workshop
<b>Thur 26<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Leading Mathematics Workshop 12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 1)
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	7:00p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
Communities of Faith,  
Knowledge and Service

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. Thank you for your support and attendance at these activities. It is greatly appreciated.



Armaan (Year 1) with his mum during our Open Classrooms session for Catholic Schools Week.

## CHROMEBOOK LAUNCH

Last week as part of our Catholic Schools Week celebrations we were fortunate to have our Director of Catholic Education, Mr. Anthony Morgan, visit our school on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March** to launch our Chromebooks. Mr. Morgan presented a Chromebook to our SRC members and the teachers then distributed them to all other students. The students were excited to receive their Chromebook and are looking forward to using them as part of their learning throughout the year.



School Captains Thomas Kennedy and Piper Dwyer with Director of Catholic Education Anthony Morgan at the launch of the new 'Chromebooks'

## ST. PAT'S WEEKEND

Last weekend was an extremely busy time for our school community. Firstly, I would like to



acknowledge and thank the students, staff, parents and friends of our school community for your wonderful support and assistance with the raffle, Games Night, gates and Food Stalls at St. Pats. It was a great success and everything ran extremely well

over the weekend.

Firstly, many thanks to the parents who gave up their valuable time to distribute and collect St. Pat's Raffle tickets from businesses around Broken Hill. We are also very grateful to all families who were able to help sell or purchase the St. Pat's Raffle tickets. The response from the school in the selling of these tickets was fantastic. This was an enormous task and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

On Friday night approximately 20 parents, teachers, friends and regular helpers worked as Table Crews on the Gaming Tables. Again, I would like to thank everyone who was so generous with their time. The commitment of these volunteers is greatly appreciated as many of these people backed up again on Saturday and Sunday to help out. The St. Pat's Club donates the proceeds from this event to the school and I would like to acknowledge and thank the St. Pat's Club for their generous support.

I would also like to thank all parents and their families for their organisation and preparations for Race Day with various stalls. The planning and organisation of these stalls ensured that things ran smoothly and efficiently. Organisation for this day commenced many weeks before race day and we appreciate all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to prepare and organise people for the gates, drinks stalls, chip stall as well as the food court.

I would like to thank everyone who was able to help out and assist in so many ways by setting up, manning the gates, ordering and preparing food, cooking food, serving and cleaning up afterwards. The involvement of parents, students, staff, friends and parishioners of our school community who assisted in so many ways was outstanding. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone. All money raised by the food stalls at the races goes towards purchasing valuable resources for our students.

Again, thanks to everyone for your support and assistance over a very busy and hectic weekend.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember to keep families of our school and parish community in your thoughts and prayers throughout the next few weeks, especially those who may have members of their family suffering from serious illness or sickness.

### 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 are 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.

### FEAST DAY OF ST. PATRICK



Yesterday (Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March) we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Patrick by wearing green clothes.

### 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 Benignus, Auxilius, Iserinus, and Fiacac, (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, travelling 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.

## DIOCESAN MEETINGS

Over the next two weeks a number of our staff will be participating in a number of workshops/meetings organised by our Catholic Education Office.

This week (**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**) Miss Buddle and Mrs. Coff participated in a Mathletics/Reading Eggs Training workshop. More information about these two online programs will be sent home soon to parents.

Next week, Mrs. Coff and myself will participate in a Leading Mathematics: Teaching and Learning workshop in Forbes. This workshop is being facilitated by Dr Ann Gervasoni from Monash University on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March** and **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**.

## FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH

Tomorrow (**Thursday, 19<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.

## ASSEMBLIES

This week: **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** (Hosts: Year 5/6M)

Next week: **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March** (Hosts: Year 1)

## ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

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 which will be held this **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 7:00p.m. in the Cathedral. A rehearsal will take place this **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March** after the 10:00a.m. in the Cathedral.



It is important that the children attend this rehearsal session with a parent and/or sponsor.

## SCHOOL MASS

There will be no School Mass this **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in all schools. Participation by schools and students is voluntary. The challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. If your child would like to enter the challenge then you are required to complete the permission form sent home today and return the form back to school no later than **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**.

## MUSIC GUITAR LESSONS



Lessons for children who have enrolled in the guitar sessions will continue this week. The guitar lessons will be held on Tuesdays. Lessons will be held after school in the Library.

## PEDALS PLAYGROUP

In conjunction with Centacare, we have set up a

playgroup at the school which will operate every 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, 24<sup>th</sup> March** and will be facilitated by Centacare.

### EMERGENCY FORMS

Emergency forms have been distributed to families. It is important that these forms are completed so we have access to current information in regards to contact numbers and medical issues related to your child. Parents with more than one child must complete a form for each child.

Enjoy your week!

Trevor Rynne  
PRINCIPAL

### PHOTOS FROM INFANTS SWIMMING CARNIVAL



**Rainbow Preschool  
Movie  
Sat 28th & Sun 29th March  
2015  
11.00am show  
All Tickets \$10.00  
(kids Under 2yrs free)  
Pre-Purchase tickets from  
RAINBOW PRESCHOOL  
OFFICE  
or SILVER CITY CINEMA  
on the day.**