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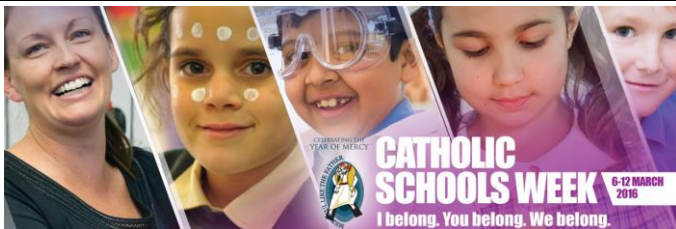
THIS WEEK:

Sun 13th Mar:	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
Mon 14th Feb:	<i>No School Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting</i>
Wed 16th Mar:	<i>Sharing Our Story In-service Jane Cotter @ SHPPS 3:45p.m. Leadership Meeting 7:15p.m. Parent Group Meeting</i>
Thur 17th Mar:	<i>Feast Day of St. Patrick 12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 2/3)</i>
Fri 18th Mar:	<i>St. Pat's Games Night</i>
Sat 19th Mar:	<i>Feast Day of St. Joseph St. Pat's Races</i>

NEXT WEEK: HOLY WEEK

Sun 20th Mar:	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Mon 21st Mar:	<i>No School Mass 3:45p.m. Staff Meeting</i>
Wed 23rd Mar:	<i>Infants Swimming Carnival 3:45p.m Leadership Meeting</i>
Thur 24th Mar:	<i>Holy Thursday 12:45p.m. Assembly (Hosts: Year 2)</i>
Fri 25th Mar:	<i>Good Friday</i>

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 the Happy Day and Rainbow Pre-schools. Thank you for your support and attendance at these activities. It is greatly appreciated.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Some Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught sinning. They wanted to stone her as the Law stated. But Jesus bent down and began writing on

the ground with his finger, "If anyone has not sinned, let them be the first to throw a stone." And they all left one by one. (John 8: 1-11)

Anger: The vicious anger of her accusers is disarmed by the wisdom of Jesus. Yet his compassion also challenges her to reform her own sinful ways.

Lenten tasks for this week:

Transformed anger. Consciously hand your anger over to Jesus.

Self-control. Choose an unhealthy habit and give it up for today.

Practise kindness. Do three kind deeds today.

Compassion. Refrain from judging others today. Pray for compassion.

Father in Heaven, your love calls us to life. Change our anger to kindness and teach us self-control.

Amen.

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 Mr. Jeffery and those who may have members of their family suffering from serious illness or sickness.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Children in Year 3 and above who have been baptised Catholics are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.



The Enrolment Mass to commence preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, 1st May at 10:00a.m.** in the Cathedral Mass. The Sacrament of Confirmation

will take place at **10:00a.m.** in the Cathedral on **Sunday, 12th June.**

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office (80873198) to enroll their child/children for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Joel Van Kemenade (Year 5) who has been selected to represent our Diocesan Soccer team at the Polding trials. The trials will take place next term in Bathurst.

SCHOOL MASSES

There will be no School Masses for the next two weeks.

SHARING OUR STORY WORKSHOP

Today (**Wednesday, 16th March**) Miss Armitage, Mr. Moran and Miss Pressley participated in a 'Sharing Our Story' workshop. This was facilitated by Miss Therese Newell from our Catholic Education Office.

PARENT GROUP MEETING



Our next Parent Group meeting is scheduled tonight (**Wednesday, 16th March**) at **7:15p.m.** in the **Admin Meeting Room**. All families are welcome to attend.

FEAST DAY OF ST. PATRICK



This **Thursday, 17th 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 enclosed shoes, including a hat for recess and lunch time.

ASSEMBLIES

This Week: Thursday, 17th March (Hosts: Yr. 2/3)

Next Week: Thursday, 24th March (Hosts: Yr. 2)

ST PAT'S HELPERS NEEDED

We still require helpers for St Pats. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year.

We **urgently require helpers** to assist with the Food Stalls at the races on Saturday.

We also require a number of parents to pick up St. Pat's Raffle tickets that have been distributed to businesses around Broken Hill. These tickets need to be collected on **Thursday, 17th March**.

St. Pat's Raffle tickets sent home need to be returned sold or unsold, with the correct money to school by **Thursday, 17th March** at the latest. Many thanks to families who have already sold and returned their tickets.

Any assistance you can give 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.

HOLY WEEK

With Easter fast approaching a number of children will be participating in the celebration of Parish Masses during Holy Week. Holy Week is a special time in the Church's year.

On **Holy Thursday, 24th March** at **7:00p.m.** in the Cathedral, we will celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. During this Mass, Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples is commemorated. Just as Jesus washed his disciples' feet, Fr. Nick will wash the feet of representatives from our Parish including two students from Year 6. Also during this Mass, all students attending this Mass from our school will take up the school's Project Compassion Box containing all the donations the students have made during the weeks of Lent. It would be appreciated if all students attending this Mass **wear their full summer uniform**. This money will be sent to Caritas Australia to assist those in need of food, shelter, water and clothing. Many thanks to all the students for their generosity in making donations throughout Lent towards Project Compassion this year.

Holy Week is still the season of Lent. Students will learn about the events of Holy Week in the topics covered in Sharing Our Story. It is not appropriate or the responsibility of the school to provide the Easter Triduum for the students and their families during Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil are to be celebrated in the parish church with the parish community on the appropriate day. Parents and their child/children are encouraged to participate in these parish celebrations. Schools are requested not to ritualise the Easter Triduum but may pray and enact the Stations of the Cross.

Therefore, it is not appropriate to hold Easter Parades or Easter Raffles during Holy Week. These activities are to be held after the celebration of the Easter Triduum during the Easter season.

An invitation is extended to all families to attend the Masses and ceremonies throughout Holy Week.

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, 22nd March**.

K-2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The Infants (Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2) Novelty Carnival has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, 23rd 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.

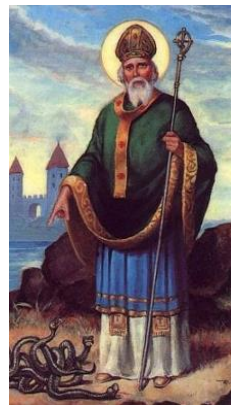
Enjoy your week!

Trevor Rynne
PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



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 Britain 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 Britain, 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.