

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Members of St Pat's School Community,

Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher, and principal, know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Please Note: Students returning to school after an absence MUST provide a note from home which explains the reason for their absence.

Welcome Mrs Salt

On Wednesday morning the whole school welcomed Mrs Salt back after her wedding on Saturday. Students were very excited to listen to her 'show and tell' which included photos of her wedding, as well as her jewellery, shoes and veil. Lauren is certainly looking relaxed after her 'short break' although she admitted that she did spend some time contemplating what the Prep, Year 1 and 2 students were doing during her absence.

Athletic Sports

All students are busy practising for the upcoming Athletics Sports. A reminder to any parents who can assist with the running of these sports at Nhill College to contact the school **tomorrow** so that we can let the organisers know, otherwise events will have to be culled

CALENDAR

MARCH

We 19 School Nurse (Prep students)

APRIL

Tu 1 PAC Meeting 7:30pm
We 2 Athletics—Yr 3-6 @ Nhill College 9:30am
Th 3 Athletics—Yr P-2 @ Nhill College 12:30pm
Fr 4 Last Day Term 1
Mo 21 Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tu 22 First Day Term 2
Fr 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday

MAY

Tu 13 PAC Meeting 7:30pm
Th 29 School Photos

JUNE

Mo 9 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tu 24 PAC Meeting 7:30pm
Fr 27 Last Day Term 2

2014 TERM DATES

Term 1 28 January to 4 April
Term 2 22 April to 27 June
Term 3 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 6 October to 19 December

CLASS TIMES

9am Class time
11am Recess
11:30am Class time
1:00pm Lunch
1:45pm Class time
3:15pm Dismissal

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday Closed
Tuesday 9am-3:30pm
Wednesday 9am-3:30pm
Thursday 9am-3:30pm
Friday 10am-1pm

ATTACHED—

- Colouring competition

St. Patrick's Church

Sunday, 16 March — L.L.A. at 10am

Lenten Prayer

God of wisdom and compassion,
you gave us the example of Jesus,
your Son, who shows us the way,
to live the life you desire,
Give us the courage to do what Jesus did:
to reach out to someone with patience,
without judgement,
and with the sensitivity needed to heal,
the wounds and struggles of our time,
Grant this through Christ,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
holy and mighty God,
forever and ever.

Amen.

This week's

GOTCHA!

winner is **Tiannah Henry.**

Tiannah was caught using our school rules by displaying respect.

Homework Program

"An after school supported learning program"

Come and learn more about a **NEW and FREE** homework program for Primary & Secondary school students to be established in Nhill.

Meet the Coordinator, the volunteer tutors and get more information on how the program will be run once a week during School Terms.

DATE: Wednesday March 19th 2014

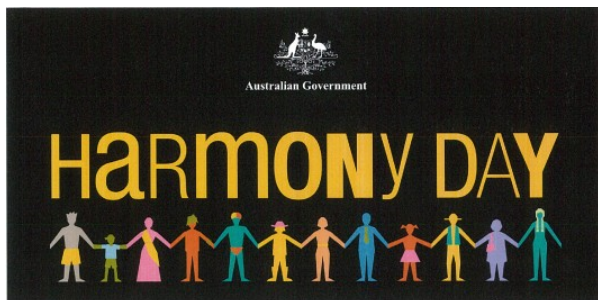
TIME: 4.00 – 6.00pm

VENUE: Nhill Neighbourhood House 80
McPherson Street, Nhill

For more information and to RSVP contact:
Robyn Murphy— WDA 5381 6504 or
Maggie Bridgewater —0428 891 370
Nhill Neighbourhood House—53912196



This Information Session is supported by funding from the Australian Government/Department of Social Services under the Settlement Grants Program funding program



The Nhill Neighbourhood House invites you to celebrate the rich cultural diversity within the Nhill and district community.

TUESDAY 18th MARCH

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

NHILL UNITING CHURCH HALL

VICTORIA ST, NHILL.

Stories, Songs, Dancing and Games from different countries, followed by an International supper.

For further information please contact
Nhill Neighbourhood House 5391 2196



NIRBA Basketball Tops & Deposit Refund

To return your shirt and get your bond refunded please see Leonie at the Nhill Free Press office
Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm
or contact 0437285035

from the existing program.

Birchip Cropping Group Function

Thanks to Mary-Anne Lovera and Bianca Meek for organising the catering for this fund-raiser yesterday, and to all those who provided food or assisted with the set-up and pack-up.

By all accounts the participants were very happy with the food and service provided and the function went very well.

Senior class learning environment

It has been very pleasing to see the students respond positively to the work done with them last week. The learning environment has improved as students are generally being more respectful and responsible. It is important for parents to realise that when consequences are given to students for inappropriate behaviour they are not broadcast widely and other students are often unaware of the consequence that has been applied. This is in line with privacy considerations for everyone at St Patrick's.

Items of Worth at school

Students often bring precious items to school which is fabulous until they get broken or go missing. St Patrick's cannot take responsibility for such items when brought to school. Parents are encouraged to check their child/ren's bags each morning before they leave for school so that precious items are not brought to school without parents being aware of it.

Kathryn Bendall—Principal

Premier's Active April

Premier's Active April challenges all Victorians to get **more active, more often** and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.

Use the new online Activity Tracker to log your daily activity and track your progress throughout the month. Plus, you can create and join teams, compare the progress of team members, discover events near you and win awesome prizes!

It's **fun**, it's **free** and just by registering every participant gets*:

- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- 10 free YMCA passes
- One free child pass to National Sports Museum and MCG Tour
- One free child pass to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- One hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- A chance to win some great prizes including our major registration prize of a sports pack valued at \$10,000 including 2014 Toyota AFL Grand Final tickets, bikes and sporting equipment
- A chance to win Rebel Sport vouchers and coaching clinics at your school with high-profile athletes

Register today at activeapril.vic.gov.au.

47th Annual Vintage Rally, Wheatlands Warracknabeal—19-21 April 2014

Colouring Competition—entries due 7 April Entry form attached.

6 years & under // 7 & 8 years // 9 & 10 years // 11 years & over

Construction with Boxes Competition using recycled materials to make a tractor or truck. Bring entries to the museum during the rally or deliver to Warracknabeal Library prior to 17 April during library opening hours.