

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



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

It is hard to believe that the end of Term 1 is fast approaching. It is also hard to believe how much I've learnt about Catholic Education; and St Patrick's in particular, in the last nine weeks. I am reminded on a daily basis how lucky I am to be part of this wonderful school and I am ever thankful for the opportunity to be here.

Third Sunday of Lent

Last Sunday was the third Sunday of Lent. The Gospel from John tells the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. She was a lonely woman who was an outcast not only amongst the Jews but also amongst her own people. She came to seek water at a time of day when no-one else would be around. She was fortunate to meet Jesus at the well, someone who accepted her, talked with her, respected her dignity and raised her spirits. Jesus brought this woman 'living water', water which refreshed and healed and she was able to begin again. We too must be open to the 'living water' that others brings into our lives, people who accept us just as we are, who are never judgemental, people who smile at us, who help us, who love us. In our turn, we have to be people who can at all times bring 'living water' into the lives of others. This week try to reach out to those you know who are thirsty for company, acceptance or affirmation. Try to be 'living water' to someone who needs you.

Contacting St Patrick's by Phone

Hopefully all families have received a note indicating that we are currently experiencing difficulty with our phones. If you cannot contact us on 5391 1575 then please ring our mobile number—0419 929 271, as this phone will be at school until our phone problems are resolved.

Inquiry Learning Planning Day

Our thanks to Josie Dickinson and Erin Alexander for taking our senior and junior classes on Wednesday as we worked with Chris Mitchell developing our Inquiry Learning Scope and Sequence.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank-you to those families who have already replied requesting a time-slot for the upcoming Parent—Teacher

CALENDAR

MARCH

Mo 31 Incursion—Street Scene P-2 9:30, 3-6 10:15

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—Dismissal 2:15pm

Mo 21 Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tu 22 First Day Term 2

Fr 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday

We 30 Excursion—Golf Clinic @ Nhill College Yrs3-6
Parent Teacher Interviews 3:20-5:30pm

MAY

Mo 12 Excursion—Nhill Lutheran School

'Noises for Kids' science/music show

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

St. Patrick's Church

Sunday, 30 March — L.L.A. at 10am

LENTEN PRAYER

God, you love me as your own child.

May I bend my life and will toward you so
that I might accept your teaching and
guidance.

I am so grateful for your support in my life,
now and in the eternal life you are preparing
for me.

I beg for your help and Spirit in my life today.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

AMEN

This
week's

GOTCHA!

winner is **Troye McBride.**

Troye was caught using our school rules by
displaying respect.

Meet Phillip and bring the kids along to see and touch our local wildlife!

Phillip's inspiring designs promote self-sufficiency, where indigenous plants and wildlife can flourish and encourage children to reconnect with nature.

FREE EVENT

Sustainable Landscape Designer
PHILLIP JOHNSON
Winner of the 'Best in Show' garden at the 2013 Chelsea International Flower Show

Visiting the Wimmera on Friday 4th April 2014
5pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran School Hall Horsham

Victoria Wimmera CMA
For further information phone Wimmera CMA 5382 1544

Phillip will show you how you can create gardens for the future and work with nature, not against it

Halls Gap Zoo wildlife display

Dinner provided by Oasis Wimmera and Deidre's

RSVP by 31st March to Wimmera CMA 5382 1544

WIMMERA LANDCARE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY TO FATHER NEVILLE WHO CELEBRATES THIS MILESTONE ON SATURDAY

and Harmony who also celebrates his birthday on the weekend

nab AFL Auskick

Where CHAMPIONS Begin

Auskick at Nhill Football Club for 2014

Firstly, registrations and payments can only be done online at:

www.auskick.com.au

Remember, if you register and pay online before the 13th April, you will receive a family pass (2 adults + 2 kids) to an AFL game of your nominated team. This is an incredible bonus and I would encourage all families to take advantage of this by registering on-line ASAP.

Auskick is open to all kindergarten and primary school aged children (4-12 years old), both male and female. It would be great to see more of the grade 4,5 and 6s stay involved in the program as they can set good examples to the younger kids, plus being involved makes them eligible for many goodies, as well as the chance to play in an AFL Little League and grid games.

Training:

Auskick training will be on Sundays. Starting 18th May – 20th July. Official start time of 10:00 a.m finishing at approximately 11:30a.m. The venue will be at the Nhill Sporting Club.

Regards
Damien Crouch & Gavin Dart

interviews. A gentle reminder to those families who have yet to respond that we would like the reply by tomorrow so that interview times can be finalised and provided to parents by the end of term.

Athletics Sports next week

Parents are reminded that the Prep-2 athletics sports will be conducted on Thursday 3 April from 12:30pm and the Year 3-6 sports will be held on Wednesday 2 April from 9:30am. Both events will occur at Nhill College. We hope that all students enjoy these days, especially the chance to interact with students from Nhill College and Nhill Lutheran School.

End-of-Term 1 and Start of Term 2

Term 1 finishes at 2:15pm next Friday, April 4. Students return to school from 9am on **Tuesday 22 April**. There is no school on Friday 25 April due to the ANZAC Day public holiday.

Student Absences

A reminder that it is a legal requirement for parents to explain absences from school. We do not need to know the specific details—sickness, doctor's appointment or family reasons will suffice. Please remember to send in an absent note on the day your child returns to school. Thank-you

PAC Meeting—Tuesday 1 April

PAC will meet for the second time this term on Tuesday, 1 April at 7:30pm. If you have any items to be discussed please contact a member of this committee. A brief report of the meeting will be in next week's newsletter.

Kathryn Bendall—Principal

Please forward entries for the Warracknabeal Annual Vintage Rally Colouring Competition to the school office by next Friday (or post direct to the rally organisers at PO Box 42 Warracknabeal 3393 no later than 7 April).

Nhill & District Sporting Club Inc.
Modified Netball Program 2014
(Primary students)

Students interested in participating in the 2014 Modified Netball Program have received registration forms and an information sheet this week at school.

All intending participants are required to attend the registration evening which will be held on **Thursday, 3 April** from 4–5pm at the netball clubrooms at Davis Park.

Any children wishing to participate in the Modified Program who have not received a form or would like further information can contact Megan Nossack 0434291572 or 53913500 to collect a form.