

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



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

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Last Sunday the Church celebrated Christ's Ascension into heaven. The Ascension is an important feast as it is about Jesus' triumph and glorification. It is a feast of hope as Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us in heaven. Before he ascends he tells the disciples not just to stand idly waiting for his return but to go out and preach his good news to all people in all nations. Jesus calls on all of us to live by his commandments and treat others as we wish to be treated. There is a message in this for all of us.



SCHOOL SHOES / SHOES FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

With the wet weather (hopefully) upon us it is of concern that some students are wearing canvas shoes to school. When they go to play outside at recess their shoes, and thus their feet, are getting very wet because of the overnight dew. Shoes must be worn for safety reasons when at school so if you need to replace your child/ren's shoes please avoid buying canvas shoes, especially for use during winter. Where possible staff also request that students wear sand shoes/sneakers for PE classes which are timetabled on Tuesdays. Slip on shoes are very unsafe when doing running, jumping and other physical activity.

PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I've spent the last two days in Ballarat at a 'colloquium' where the focus was Performance and Development Culture. This was a chance for principals from across the Ballarat Diocese to gather and reflect on how we can improve the performance and development of our schools, and how this is linked to improved student outcomes. A number of diocesan schools made presentations about their improvement journeys and certainly gave us a lot to contemplate.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

At our 27 May meeting PAC members discussed issues relating to Integrity in the Service of the Church, PAC guidelines, as well as receiving reports from the Principal; Social Justice, Fundraising and Grounds sub-committees. Our next meeting is scheduled

CALENDAR

JUNE

Mo 9 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tu 17 Winter Lightning Premierships @ Nhill College
Tu 24 PAC Meeting 7:30pm
We 25 Last Day Term 2—Dismissal 3:15pm
Th/Fr26/27 School Closure—Small Schools Conference

JULY

Mo 14 First Day Term 3
Mo 28 School Closure—RE PD
Tu 29 PAC Meeting 7pm

AUGUST

Th/Fr14/15 School Closure—Northern Zone Conference

SEPTEMBER

Tu 2 PAC Meeting
Fr 19 Last Day Term 3

OCTOBER

Mo 6 First Day Term 4
Tu 28 PAC Meeting

NOVEMBER

Tu 25 PAC Annual General Meeting

DECEMBER

Tu 2 PAC Meeting

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—

Our Diocesan Community

St. Patrick's Church
Sunday, 8 June — Mass at 9am



This week's **GOTCHA!**
winner is **Cooper Dickinson.**
Cooper was caught using our school rules by displaying respect and responsibility.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2014 weekend dates : 13-15 June, 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings:

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SCHOOL VISION

As a Catholic Christian community, we will nurture the children as they learn together to respond to the Gospel in their daily lives and explore their emerging role in Australian society.

SCHOOL MISSION

Therefore, inspired by the Gospels, we will

Be a community inspired by Catholic faith and tradition in today's world.

Offer engaging, contemporary education in keeping with Catholic tradition.

Provide a safe and caring environment that nurtures the individual development of each child as they work to fulfill their potential.

Provide and maintain a safe, secure and engaging environment supported by a professional staff and committed community.

Be a community that lives what it believes by promoting responsible citizenship and supporting caring relationships between our school, the home and wider community.

for 24 June and parents who wish to have issues raised should contact a parent representative (Peter Harris, Lisa Braybrook, Mary-Anne Lovera, Fern Alden or Bianca Meek) or the school so that the issue can be included on the agenda.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS—20 June

Semester One student reports will be sent home with students on Friday 20 June. While no formal Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for this time of the year parents are encouraged to request an interview with your child/ren's teacher if you have questions about their report/s.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 17 June—Winter Lightning Premiership

All students in Years 3 to 6 will be involved in either football or netball at Nhill College on 17 June. We have entered a combined team with Nhill Lutheran School and St Mary's Warracknabeal for both football and netball. Students will need to have a change of warm clothes and plenty to eat for the day. Further details will be sent home next week.

Thursday 26 & Friday 27 June—Small School's Conference

A reminder that St Patrick's students finish Term 2 on Wednesday 25 June at 3.15pm. Staff will be attending two days of professional development in Murtoa where the focus will be on improving student outcomes and how this can best be achieved in small schools.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

The latest creation to appear in our library from this much loved children's story is the 'Tin Man'. As can be seen from the accompanying photo the junior students have had a lot of fun creating this character. We await the arrival of the lion with much anticipation and once again thank Mrs Dickinson and the Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students for making this story 'come to life' in our library.

As always if you have any queries about what is happening at St Patrick's School please contact us on 5391 1575.

Kathryn Bendall, Principal

Reminders:

- No school on Monday due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday.
- Nhill College have a school closure day next Wednesday, 11 June. All school buses will operate as usual ***EXCEPT PROPODOLLAH***. Harris family—please make alternative arrangements for that day.