

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



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

FEAST OF PENTECOST

Last Sunday the Church celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. The word Pentecost means fiftieth day from Passover, or the fiftieth day from Easter. It is often referred to as the 'birthday of the Church' because the gift of God's spirit was given to the disciples.

After the death of Jesus, the disciples went into hiding, too afraid to speak about the Good News that Jesus had shared with them. When the Spirit came on the day of Pentecost they experienced a dramatic transformation. It was as if they suddenly began to understand the significance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. They were no longer scared to share Jesus' message and they began to speak openly about the Good News. Many people were inspired by what they said and began to follow the teachings of Jesus.

We pray that we will listen to the teachings of Jesus and allow his word to transform our lives.

ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD

Many thanks to the McBride family for providing a Junior and Senior trophy for this new award. Students were reminded today of the criteria for this award and the first presentations should occur next week to two students who have gone 'above and beyond' what is expected of them in their normal activities at school. See elsewhere in the newsletter for a copy of the criteria for these awards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit to Nhill and District Kindergarten—Next Wednesday students and staff will visit the Kindergarten to read books to the Kinder students. We will travel by bus driven by either Mrs Salt or Mrs Bendall.

Winter Lightning Premierships—Next Tuesday the senior students will be involved in football and netball as part of the Winter Lightning Premierships. The day is being organised by Nhill College and students will travel to the College in private cars. We will combine with students from St Mary's Warracknabeal and the Nhill Lutheran School to field these two teams. Students will need to dress warmly and have

CALENDAR

JUNE

Tu 17 Winter Lightning Premierships @ Nhill College
We 18 Excursion—Nhill Kindergarten
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

St. Patrick's Church

Sunday, 15 June — L.L.A. at 10am

POSTIE FASHIONS PAC FUNDRAISING EVENT

Where: St Patrick's School Hall
When: Thursday 19 June
Time: 7 p.m.
Hostess: Mary-Anne Lovera
RSVP: Tuesday 17 June
to either Mary-Anne or the school.

Come and enjoy a fun evening viewing
the latest Postie fashions and raise
money for St Patrick's at the same time.

This week's **GOTCHA!**
winner is Mia Braybrook.
Mia was caught using our school rules by
displaying responsibility.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD

This award aims to promote and acknowledge positive qualities and attributes among our students.

Each week, where possible, an award will be given to a student in each class. The presentation of the weekly award will be based upon outstanding contribution in one, or more, of the following categories. It is a call to 'go beyond the expected' and will acknowledge students who work hard to better themselves.

- Pursuit of Academic excellence
- Sporting excellence and sportsmanship
- Sainly traits - compassion, kindness, respectfulness, responsibility, friendship, hope, support, inspiration, enthusiasm, making a positive difference
- Leadership
- Creativity
- Showing Initiative
- Caring for our environment
- Hard work

The staff of St Patrick's school will be observing all our students and noting students who demonstrate the following characteristics above and beyond what is expected for their age and level of development.

- Determination, even when faced with obstacles or difficulties
- Continuous effort
- Ongoing commitment
- Continuously striving for academic improvement
- Continuously striving for sporting improvement
- Leadership including support for younger students
- A positive impact on the school community
- Inventiveness and ingenuity
- Creativity
- Commitment to personal development
- The development and nurturing of positive relationships
- Willingness to be positive and co-operative in all areas of school
- Contributions to developing and implementing new ideas which will benefit the wider school community
- Involvement with the wider community particularly in relation to issues of social justice

enough food and water to last the day. If the forecast is for rain then an change of clothes is recommended as well. Miss Chaston will be with the netballers for the whole day and Mrs Bendall will be with the footballers for part of the day. Staff from St Mary's and the Lutheran School will supervise the boys when Mrs Bendall is back at St Patrick's taking the junior students for Chinese and Physical Education.

LAST DAY OF TERM TWO

Sorry if I'm harping but another reminder that St Patrick's students finish Term Two at 3.15pm on Wednesday 25 June. Staff will be attending a two day 'Small Schools Conference' on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 June at Murtoa. The main focus of the conference is student assessment.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Yesterday teaching staff worked with Chris Mitchell (Ballarat consultant) analysing the results of Literacy and Numeracy testing that had recently been conducted. Each student's performance was reviewed and areas for future focus were identified. This was an invaluable day for our staff as it has informed our planning for improving student outcomes based upon the data we have collected so far this year.

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

