

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Members of St Patrick's School Community, **JUNIOR EXCURSION TO VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

On Monday afternoon the junior class walked to the Nhill Visitor Information Centre to ask questions about why people visit Nhill, and also why people live here. Mrs Pat Beacom was the volunteer who spoke to the students about why Nhill is special and what there is to see and do in the town. The students had prepared questions to ask Mrs Beacom and she was very happy to answer them. We thank her for helping our students gain an insight into what is special about Nhill which is part of our Geography themed Inquiry unit study titled "Where in the world is Nhill?"

JUNIOR DAY EXCURSION TO LITTLE DESERT NATURE LODGE

Tomorrow the Junior Class will be travelling to the Little Desert Nature Lodge, leaving school at 9.15am and will return to school at approximately 9.00pm. Please ring the school mobile (0419929271) on Friday night to confirm our time of return. Students should wear warm clothes e.g. track pants, windcheater, a coat and comfortable walking shoes or gum boots. Please do not bring lollies, iPads, iPods, electronic game devices, or money. Students will need to bring healthy snacks for morning and afternoon tea, a packed lunch and a large water bottle. The evening meal will be spaghetti bolognese and rainbow mousse which should cater for our students tastes.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

This coming Monday, 28 July, is a school closure day to enable staff to attend a Religious Education Professional Development day in Horsham. Thursday 14 and Friday 15 August are also closure days so staff can attend the Northern Zone Conference in Swan Hill. These two days are devoted to providing staff with information about current trends in education, especially in the Ballarat Diocese. We will gather with colleagues from across the Northern part of the Diocese and we are looking forward to the presentations and workshops that have been planned.

ABOVE and BEYOND AWARDEES

This week the Junior Above and Beyond award winner is **Heath Braybook**. Heath has been very respectful and has

CALENDAR

JULY

Fri 25 Junior excursion—Little Desert Lodge

Mo 28 School Closure—RE PD

Tu 29 PAC Meeting 7pm

We 30 Nhill College Production Visit 2:15pm

AUGUST

Fr 1 Kinder Transition Visit 9:30-11, 11:30-1

EMA Closing Date New Applications 2nd Instalment

Th/Fr14/15 School Closure—Nthrn Zone Conference

Mo-Fr18-22 Book Week

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

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday Closed

Tuesday 9am-3:30pm

Wednesday 9am-3:30pm

Thursday 9am-3:30pm

ATTACHED—

Bookclub



Don't forget!
Book Club
orders
are due:
Wed, 30 July

St. Patrick's Church
Sunday, 27 July — Mass at 9am

Above & Beyond



This week's **GOTCHA!**

winner is **Tasha Engelbrecht**.

Tasha was caught using our school rules by displaying respect.

Which
 one is a weed
 and which is a flower?
 Who is a sinner and who is a saint?
 Are we each?
 Fond Father
 you wait for us
 in patience and kindness as we,
 with your help,
 work with our weeds.
 Thank you for your tolerance.
 Make us patient.

been a great role model over the last week. He is working very hard on his reading and all his work in the classroom. The senior Above and Beyond award winner this week is **James Harris** for his consistent effort and positive attitude in all that he is doing. He is a great ambassador for our school and a fabulous role model for the younger students. He often has the role of mentoring younger students in the yard and during Physical Education lessons and he is to be congratulated on the way he fulfils this role.

SENIOR CLASS GOAL SETTING

Each student in the senior class has met with Mrs Bendall to discuss their Semester One report and what they achieved. They then set goals they would like to achieve in Semester Two. Once this process is finalised a copy of each student's individual goals will be sent home so parents can discuss these goals with their children. This process aims to help students accept greater responsibility for their learning and provide a regular reminder to students about what they want to achieve throughout the semester.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Your children should have brought their school photos home yesterday. I had a quick look through these and was very happy with the quality and production of the photos. Any feedback from parents is always welcome.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION VISIT—Friday 1 August

We look forward to the 2014 Kinder children visiting our school next Friday, 1 August. The children will come in two groups and our students will lead them through a number of different activities during their visit. There will also be a short presentation to the kinder parents to explain the ethos and the benefits of attending St. Patrick's school. If you are available next Friday and would like to visit the school for either, or both, of the kindergarten visits then please feel free to join us. The first group will come between 9:30 and 11am and the second group will attend between 11:30 and 1pm.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Our Senior students will again assist St. Patrick's Parish in the delivery of Meals on Wheels to older members of the community in the coming weeks. Each student will be rostered on to accompany Mrs Bendall in this important part of our community service. Each student will be absent from the school for approximately half an hour when it is their turn to help. The benefits of this activity to both the students and the members of the Nhill community are enormous and well worthwhile.

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

Note: some families indicated their interest in a CD of 2013 photos. This CD is now ready to collect, cost \$10.

A little play on words

Q. I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. What am I?

Q. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

Q. What type of cheese is made backwards?

Answers at bottom of page.

GRAFT ITEMS

The Junior class would love the following items for art, craft or projects -

- Cardboard boxes
- Containers

Any items you feel could be used for art, craft or projects.



JUNIOR GOLF

Junior Golf will recommence this Friday July 25th at 4.00pm and will be held on the last Friday of each month until further notice.

Equipment is provided if required. Enquiries Peter Clohesy 5391 2111



Dear God
 Help me with my
 "Hattitude"!
 Amen