

# ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

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## Term Dates

2016 Term 4	3 Oct to 20 Dec
2017 Term 1	30 Jan to 31 Mar
2017 Term 2	18 Apr to 30 Jun
2017 Term 3	17 Jul to 22 Sep
2017 Term 4	9 Oct to 22 Dec

## Class Times

8:55am	Class time
11am	Recess
11:30am	Class time
1:00pm	Lunch
1:45pm	Class time
3:15pm	Dismissal

## Administration Office Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9am → 3:50pm
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	9am → 1pm

## Dear Parents and Members of St Patrick's School Community,

Welcome back to Term Four. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and were able to relax, despite the weather. We have a jammed pack term prepared with lots of learning activities for all our students.

**Last Sunday's gospel** spoke about Faith. Jesus' disciples had asked him how they could increase their faith. Faith is a gift from God and we are encouraged to pray that our faith will grow and be strong. To be a person of faith is to be a person who serves. There are many ways that we can provide service to others and at this week's assembly the students were encouraged to help others, especially those less fortunate than themselves. Over the next three weeks students in Years 3-5 will have the opportunity to provide a service to the Nhill community by assisting with **Meals on Wheels**. Our students love being involved in this community service and older Nhill residents really enjoy meeting and chatting with our students. Please help your children consider other ways they can provide 'service' to others.

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**—All members of staff journeyed to Halls Gap on Monday to participate in professional learning facilitated by John Meneely, the Assistant Director of CEOB who is responsible for the Religious Education team. John lead us through a self-reflection process that focussed on exploring our relationship with God and our own spirituality. This was a very thought provoking day and your children's teachers may start to include some of John's ideas into their programs throughout this term. One aspect that really 'spoke' to me is the need to be 'cultivate gratitude'; to be optimistic and be grateful for something each day.

**WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH**—Throughout October we are encouraging all students to walk to school, or to the bus stop, or around the oval at lunchtime. The research indicates that today's children often don't undertake enough exercise and Hindmarsh Shire Council has organised some great prizes for the students who walk during October. Each day students who walk to school will receive a ticket and the information gets recorded on the class calendar. At the conclusion of the month Hindmarsh Shire will indicate which tickets have won a prize. They have also organized for Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly to facilitate two lunch time activity sessions during October. They will be at St Patrick's School on Friday 14 and Friday 28 October. Please encourage your children to commit to walking for part of each day in October.

**READING COUNTS—1, 2, 3 ... Read with Me**—Our next Reading Counts session is on Monday, 10 October, 9-10am. Please encourage any parents with pre-school children to join us for a range of literacy activities based on the book "Guess How Much I Love You".

**ABOVE AND BEYOND**—Because of the short week we have decided to not have an Above and Beyond award this week. We will continue with the **DISPLAYING CREATIVE THINKING** focus next week as well. It

## CALENDAR WALK TOSCH L MONTH

Mo 10	Pre-school reading program 9-10am Meals on Wheels
Th 13	Nhill Show—School Closure Day
Fr 14	Walk to School lunch program
Mo 17	Pre-school reading program 9-10am Meals on Wheels
We 19	PAC Meeting 7pm
Fr 21	Meals on Wheels
Mo 24	Pre-school reading program 9-10am
We 26	Kinder Orientation (9-11am)
Th-Fr 27-28	Review
Th 27	Review—Parents' Meeting 2:30pm
Fr 28	Walk to School lunch program
Mo 31	Pre-school reading program 9-10am
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
We 2	Kinder Orientation (9am-1pm)
Mo 7	Pre-school reading program 9-10am
We 9	Kinder Orientation (full day)
Mo 14	Pre-school reading program 9-10am
W-F 16-18	Senior Camp—Victor Harbour SA
Su 20	St Pat's Book Fair @ Rotary Market 10am-1pm
Mo 21	Pre-school reading program 9-10am
Mo 28	Pre-school reading program 9-10am
We 23	PAC Annual General Meeting
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Mo 5	Pre-school reading program 9-10am
We 7	PAC Meeting 7:30pm
Mo 12	Pre-school reading program 9-10am
Tu 13	Thanksgiving Mass 6pm

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St. Patrick's  
Church  
Sundays at  
10:30 a.m.  
9 October  
Mass

## Reading Counts 1, 2, 3 ... read with me

Next Session:  
Monday  
10 October, 9-10am

creating tomorrow's  
bookworms

Attached—  
• Book Club Issue  
7/2016—orders  
due 18 October  
• Walk To School

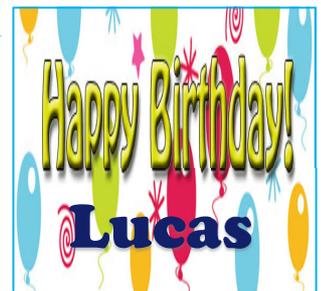
This week's

**GOTCHA!**

winner is **Thar Shue**  
who was caught using  
our school rules by  
displaying responsibility.  
Nominated by Charlotte

## GRATITUDE

—EX—  
TURNS WHAT WE HAVE INTO ENOUGH



## Dimboola Little Athletics Club

Who : boys and girls age 6-15years  
When : every Wednesday starting at 5pm  
Where : front oval Dimboola Secondary College  
Contact: Karen Hunter 0427891233 or  
Shari Porter 0427842324

"like" us on Facebook for up to date information

OUR  
VISION

St. Patrick's School is a Child-safe school. 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.

# classroom news

## JUNIOR CLASS NEWS from Miss Farquharson

It has been a short week to start the term but the students have begun the final term of the year very eager to continue their learning. It has been wonderful to hear about the student's holidays during Writing as they have been writing their recounts. To further improve their writing, the students have been including complex sentences in their work by using conjunctions to join two simple sentences. The students' recounts are sounding amazing and the quality of work is fantastic. In Integrated Studies, we have begun out work on a Biological Science unit. The students will explore the question "What's living in our backyard?" throughout the term and will investigate life cycles, types of plants and animals and how people effect them.

## SENIOR CLASS NEWS from Miss Anson

This week in Literacy, the seniors are very excited to be writing a recount about their holidays. I have been enjoying hearing about all the wonderful activities they have participated in during the holidays. We are reading 'The Bean Bonanza' for our shared reading text which relates to our new Integrated Studies main focus of Biological Science. The Bean Bonanza talks about how to care for and grow plants. Our vocabulary words this week are 'biology', 'fertiliser', 'conditions', 'observe' and 'nutrients'. In Numeracy, the seniors are revisiting and covering new learning in the topic of place value. The students have been learning how to order, interpret and compare numbers up to 5 and 6 digits and how to order, interpret and compare numbers in decimal form. The students have also been rounding numbers and partitioning numbers.

In Integrated Studies, the senior students are learning about biological sciences. They have begun this topic by watching some of David Attenborough's work and taking in all the different types of life on our planet. They have also been listening to different sounds within the environment and identifying whether they are classified as living or non-living.

## WORLDWIDE 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.

**2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 11-13 Nov.**

*Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.*

*Accommodation and all meals provided.*

Information/Bookings: Marianne & Marcel 03 97330997  
vicbookings@vwme.org.au [www.vwme.org.au](http://www.vwme.org.au)

involves asking questions to clarify what is required, considering different points of view, wondering how others might feel about something, using imagination to dream and think of other ideas and answers to problems, considering the consequences of behaviour and actions and their impact on others and considering different possibilities to questions and problems. Stay tuned for the winners of the award in next week's newsletter.

**FOOTY TIPPING RESULTS**—Some people participated in a Footy Tipping competition throughout the AFL season. We apologise for not including the result of this competition last term. For the second year in a row the competition was won by Emma Dickinson. Congratulations Emma and congratulations to all Bulldogs supporters as well.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**—All students in the Senior class will be participating in the delivery of Meals on Wheels over the coming two weeks. Mrs Bendall will be driving two students to the hospital and then to deliver the meals on 7, 10, 17 and 21 October.

**VIETNAM VETERANS BIKE RIDE**—On Friday 21 October students and staff will walk down to the corner of Leahy and Victoria Streets to cheer on a group of Vietnam veterans who are cycling through the area. These cyclists will be staying in Nhill for two days and the public are invited to meet them at the following events on the Friday. From 11:00am a meet and greet followed by a BBQ lunch and then afternoon tea at the Soldiers Memorial lounge from 3:00pm. People are also invited to join the veterans for a meal at the Union Hotel from 6:00pm (at your own cost) followed by a talk from one of the veterans on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. To book for this event please contact Henry Berry on 53911501 or 0423664106. The veterans will leave our town at 5am on Sunday 23 October to continue their journey.

**SCHOOL REVIEW**—Please consider whether you are available to meet with the School Review panel at 2:30pm on Thursday 27 October for 30-45 minutes. The panel members wish to speak to parents and ascertain your views of St Patrick's School.

**SENIOR CLASS CAMP**—Miss Anson is finalising the details of the Senior class camp. It will be held from Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 November. Students will be visiting Victor Harbour, in South Australia and the focus of the camp will be activities relating to our Integrated Studies focus of Biological Science. Once the paperwork is finalised we will send it home to families to complete and return.

**BOOK STALL AT ROTARY MARKET—Sunday 20 November**—St Patrick's School will be conducting a book fair at the November Rotary market, between 10am and 1pm. Any parents who would be available to assist with this fundraiser are asked to contact the school. The book fair will also be conducted at school so you will be able to purchase books at this time as well.

**SCHOOL FEES REMINDER**—We are fast approaching the end of the year and would appreciate finalisation of outstanding school fee accounts before the beginning of December. Statements for outstanding fees are attached. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFT, in full or by instalments\* (\*please arrange instalments with our office staff). As always, if your family is experiencing difficulty meeting your fee commitment, please arrange an appointment with me so we can confidentially discuss suitable payment arrangements. Fee concessions are available in certain circumstances.

**As always, please contact the school if you have any questions about what is happening at St Patrick's School.**

**Kathryn Bendall, Principal.**