

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Friends of St Patrick's School Community,
We are half way through Term 4 and the school year is rapidly drawing to a close. There is still a lot of learning to be completed but we are making plans for our end of year school celebration and students are being encouraged to keep trying their best at all times. The Year Six students have as few as nineteen school days left at St Patrick's, while other year levels are at school for another twenty-four days.

REMEMBRANCE DAY—Our whole school paused for a minute's silence at 11am on Tuesday 11 November. The senior students have spent some time this week reflecting on the reason for Remembrance Day and why it is important to say prayers of thanks to all those who lost their lives so that we can enjoy living as we do in Australia today. It is also a time for us to reflect on how we can contribute to the peace and harmony of our world.



FINAL KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION DAY—There are photos elsewhere in the newsletter showing some of the activities that happened during our last kinder transition visit on Wednesday. Over the last three weeks eleven 'kinder kids' have joined our school to get an early taste of life as a 2015 Foundation student. Yesterday the activities were based on the 'Rainbow Fish' book. There were counting activities, matching and pasting sheets and the creation of a 'Rainbow Fish' in the afternoon. There were some very tired kinder students at the end of the day but they all had a great time and we are certainly looking forward to them becoming part of our fantastic school in 2015.

SWIMMING PROGRAM—Our swimming program will commence on Monday and continue for the next two weeks. Please pack bathers, a towel (or 2) and a suitable bag for carrying home wet clothing, for each child for the next two weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO IZAAC OEI—Izaac has been named a winner in the Hindmarsh Shire Council's Children's Week colouring competition. He is pictured receiving his prize from Meg Hall who is the Shire's Youth and Early Years officer. Congratulations Izaac on a great entry.

BOOK FAIR—A huge thank you to Emma Dickinson for organising the Book Fair which wrapped up last Sunday with a stall at the Gerang Gerang market. A big thank you to Lauren Salt and Lisa Braybrook for joining Emma and I at the market. We had a very successful day and, combined with the school's book fair, we generated \$400 worth of books for the school. Again a massive thank you to Emma for her extra work in relation to this event and to all those who supported the school by purchasing books.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Mo-Fr 17-28 Swimming Program (2 weeks)

Tu 25 PAC Annual General Meeting 7:30pm

DECEMBER

Tu 2 PAC Meeting 7:30pm

Mo-Fr 8-12 Yr6→Yr7 Transition week at Nhill College

We 10 Yr 6→Yr 7 Excursion notes due

We 17 Graduation Mass & End of Year Celebration

Th 19 Students' Last Day—dismissal 3:15pm

2015 Term Dates

Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March

*Students' first day—to be confirmed

Term 2: 13 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

CLASS TIMES

8:55 am 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-

- Book Club (orders are due by Tuesday, 18 November)

St. Patrick's Church
Sunday, 16 November
L.L.A. at 10am

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation.

We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them.

We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, generosity and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

Above & Beyond



This week's

GOTCHA!

winner is **Harmony Nyo**

Harmony was caught using our school rules by displaying respect

The World Peace Prayer

Lead me from death to life
From falsehood to truth

Lead me from despair to hope
From fear to trust

Lead me from hate to love
From war to peace

Let peace fill our hearts,
Our world, our universe



PARKING ADVICE FROM HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

Traffic and parking problems around schools is a significant issue for Councils throughout Victoria.

The sudden increase in traffic during drop-off and pick-up times, combined with the potential for dangerous driving, can put children, parents and crossing supervisors at risk. Council also needs to balance the needs of property owners around the school who require access to their properties. As such Council has a zero tolerance policy when it comes to enforcement of parking restrictions around schools.

Council would like to remind parents that -

Motorists cannot:	Pick up or drop off passengers?
Park on the nature strip	NO
Park in a driveway in the nature strip	YES
Park across a driveway or laneway	YES
Park within 20m approaching, and 10m leaving a school crossing.	NO
Park within 10m of an intersection	NO
Park with less than 3m between your vehicle and a continuous white line (10m in length or more)	NO
Double park	NO
Park within 1m of a fire hydrant	NO
Stop within 20m approaching, and 10m leaving a bus zone	NO
Stop in a no parking zone	YES
Stop in a no stopping zone	NO
Ignore parking restriction signs	NO
A medium to large sized passenger vehicle is approximately five (5) metres in length.	

The Council have recently repainted and added extra line marking on Leahy and Church Streets to help delineate where motorists can and cannot park. Vehicles can now park up to 10m from the intersection in Church Street to the side of the St Patrick's School as the line leading to the Leahy Street intersection has been broken up into a non-continuous line.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Local Laws officer or Council's Engineer in charge of traffic engineering, Aaron Huttig at the Council office.

More details are on attachment.

BOOK CLUB—You will notice that there is a 'Book Club' order form attached to this newsletter. Please don't feel compelled to purchase books from this catalogue but you may find some Christmas presents lurking in its pages, if you're prepared to have a look. Remember that (to quote Mrs Dickinson) 'Reading is a gift that lasts a lifetime'. Orders are due by Tuesday, 18 November.

ABOVE AND BEYOND WINNERS—This week in the Junior class the winner is **Plot Nyo**. Plot always tries her best and she is constantly working to develop her reading and writing skills. She is a positive and happy girl who is very caring and helpful towards others. Congratulations Plot. There is no award winner in the Senior class this week.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—Don't forget that **nominations for PAC close on Monday 17 November** and that the AGM is on Tuesday 25 November starting at 7.30pm.

JUNIOR CLASS EXCURSION—Next Monday (17 November) the Junior class will be walking down the street with Mrs Salt to take photos of the streetscape and compare it to photos of how Nhill looked in the past. This is part of their History unit and they have been researching a particular building from Nhill's past and are keen to see what shop/building is currently at the same address. The students in the junior class have been making some great dioramas and would really love it if you could come into their classroom to see their masterpieces.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL RAFFLE—Every family should have received a book of raffle tickets yesterday. We are asking for your support to sell these tickets to family, friends and/or work colleagues as part of our last fund raiser for this year. There is a massive wheelbarrow of 'goodies' as first prize and your assistance in selling tickets is very much appreciated. Please return all money and tickets both sold and unsold, to the school office. This raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 17 December at our end of year celebration.

SCHOOL CROSSING—Please be aware of the need to avoid parking in the area designated as the school crossing between 8:45—9:15am and between 3:15—3:45pm on school days. The local by-laws officer has let the school know that people who park illegally will be booked and that the purpose of the laws is to protect the safety of our students. Please abide by the law and park legally when dropping off and collecting your children from school. More detailed information from Aaron Huttig, Hindmarsh Shire Council's Engineer is found elsewhere in the newsletter.

SCHOOL MOBILE—Please note that the school mobile is not currently available due to service issues so please **DON'T** leave any messages on it. Messages can be emailed to me or please ring the school for urgent messages.

JUNIOR CHINESE HOMEWORK—Canna, the Beijing tutor for the Junior class, has requested that the students practise their Chinese at home this week. They need to tell you their name using their Chinese—wo jiao (then their name). Translated this becomes "My name is (their name). Please encourage them to practise this phrase with family members and any visitors they may encounter in the next week.

MISSION MONTH—Our Mission Month activities (Crazy Socks Day and Car Wash) raised \$170 for Catholic Missions.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school.

Kathryn Bendall, Principal