



# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"St Patrick's Primary School respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Dja Dja Wurrung people, who are represented by the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, pays respect to the ongoing living cultures of first Peoples."

## Principal's Report

### ATHLETICS WRAP-UP:

Congratulations to **XAVIER** house who won our school athletics by ONE POINT last Friday!

The rain stayed away, and although muddy, we enjoyed a terrific sports day. Congratulations to all who competed, to our age group winners and to our many parent and family volunteers! We could not have run such a successful day without your support. Please see attached photos!

### DONALD ATHLETICS:

Will be held on Friday the 18th of August. More details and permission forms will be sent out in the near future.

### BOOK FAIR:

The annual SCHOLASTIC Book Fair is here again! Your child may have brought home a wish list after having a browse in the library this week. There is no pressure to buy the MANY items they have listed! We will have opening times between 8:30 and 9am daily, then 3:20 and 3:50pm daily whilst the book fair is here. We will be open all of next week. We warmly invite parents, family and friends to come and shop at our fair. We have EFTPOS available in the library, we accept cash, and you can also complete payment online using the back of your child's wishlist. Please pop in and see us! The Book Fair provides us with a percentage of profits, which we then use to buy resources for our school.

**"AS PARTNERS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND OPEN TO GOD'S PRESENCE, WE PURSUE THE FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR ALL. ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL STUDENTS."**



### Mass Time:

**Saturday 5th August**

**(Sat Vigil) 7.00pm Mass**

**Fr. Gerry Prunty 0419247779**



## Important Dates:

Monday 7th to Friday 11th August  
**Scholastic Book Fair**  
open daily, before and after school.  
Eftpos available.

Friday 18th August  
**Donald Athletics - whole school.**

Week 6  
**Science Week!**

Week 7  
**Book Week! Get your costume ready!!!**

### **DOBCEL VISIT:**

Last Tuesday the 25th of July, Tom Sexton and Tracey O'Neil from DOBCEL visited our school, along with Bishop Paul Bird. DOBCEL's role is to lead, provide service to, and partner with all 64 Catholic primary and secondary schools across our diocese. Staff hosted our special guests and shared a morning tea, following our tree planting, in recognition of National Tree Day/School's Tree Day.

### **NEW PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS:**

For the safety of our students we are enforcing a quick-stop-pickup arrangement at the end of the school day. Our first 6 parking bays will be cordoned off especially for the swing in, swing out collection of your child. Please do not park in these 6 bays from 3:20pm if you are planning to get out and come to collect your child in person. Staff are going to endeavour to send each child or children directly to your car as you pull in. By all means - please come in for a chat if you like, or if your child feels more secure meeting you in person, we just ask that you park further along the road. Please keep the sign posted 6 bays free for those making a quick getaway!

### **2024 SCHOOL YEAR:**

We are currently in the process of planning for the 2024 school year. Transitioning students into school is a fun part of our job! We have hosted a "Come and Try" day for potential Preps, and have begun our weekly kinder visits. Our school is always open to anybody wanting to find out more about what we offer, and if our school is the correct fit for your child.

If requiring a school tour, in order to see our literacy/numeracy group routines we recommend the mornings of Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. This tour is usually with the principal. Please phone the office at any time to make an appointment!

**Mrs Johns**



# AROUND THE ROOMS

## GRADE 2

*This term in Science we are learning about the Earth's resources. Last week our focus was 'National Tree Day'.*

*We watched a BTN on 'National Tree Day' and then made our very own 3D trees. Students colored their trees to represent the four seasons of the year. Students demonstrated excellent use of their fine motor skills whilst putting their trees together.*

*The trees are currently displayed in our classroom, they look amazing! Parents are more than welcome to come in and have a look before school.*





# AROUND THE ROOMS

## THE STEPHANIE ALEXANDER PROGRAM

*The Stephanie Alexander Program (SAKGP) has been enthusiastically introduced St Patrick's Primary School. The program will be divided into 2 parts, looking at healthy eating and cooking. The program also reinforces literacy, numeracy, science, cultural studies and all aspects of environmental sustainability. In Term 3, students have learnt about different kinds of trees, how they grow and develop and why we need them. We will also learn about how to set up a garden and learn about plants and sun rotation in order to plan and prepare a kitchen garden. In the kitchen we have made four dips and chicken Vietnamese rice paper rolls with a dipping sauce. The cooking class runs over two weeks, grade three to six made rice paper rolls this week and grades two to prep studied the life of bees, incorporating art and fun activities. Next week, the prep to grade two students will make the rice paper rolls and the other year levels will look at the life cycle and importance of bees.*

*Thank you to the many parents and family members who have been offering to donate fresh produce from the garden. We will certainly be looking for donations in the future for now we are just finding our feet and ensuring we get the program running efficiently and then we can begin to plan recipes around the produce available from families!*



## IN THE ART ROOM

*In the art room, students have been studying fibre art and weaving. Learning basic wrapping and weaving techniques, creating colourful textured bracelets and woven bowls. The children have enthusiastically worked so hard. Our wool supply is looking a little low, if you have any wool or ribbon or colourful string, or strips of patterned fabric, that you're not using, we would appreciate it being donated to our art project for this term.*

# STARS OF THE WEEK



*Eadie Medlyn*



*Leo Flood*



*Eva Taylor-Rogers*



*Pippa O'Donnell*



*Jaylah Campbell*



*Evie Ezard*





# ST PAT'S PROFILES



## **BONNIE McNALLY**

Meet Bonnie! This Net, Set, Go loving girl wants to be a teacher when she grows up! She loves toast with Vegemite for breakfast, rainbow ice-cream and strawberries. If Bonnie could be any animal for a day, she would be a horse - because they can jump high!



## **MELISSA ESMORE**

Miss Esmore loves the Harry Potter series of movies! She loves to be outdoors going for a run, or skiing and swimming in the summer. One day she would love to be able to travel through Europe. Her favourite food is a good old Chicken Parma, and she barracks for the TIGERS!!!





# SCHOOL ATHLETICS





# DOBCEL VISIT





# UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

## You're invited to our Scholastic BOOK FAIR



**NO-ONE REALLY KNOWS AN AXOLOTL**  
You've never seen axolotls like this before!  
100125951 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

**\$10**



**BAA BAA BLACK BELT**  
This sheep is aarate master!  
Or is he?  
100126000 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

**\$12**



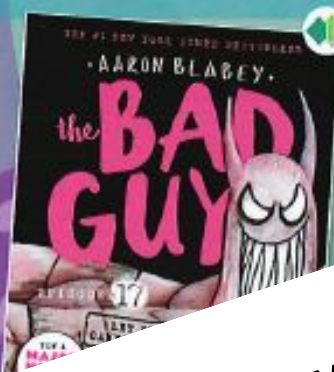
**TWENTY THOUSAND FLEAS UNDER THE SEA**  
Piggy has a diabolical plan!  
100123795 | GRAPHIC NOVELS | AGES 7+

**\$10**



**NETBALL NEWBIE**  
Liz nervously tries out for the netball team.  
100125359 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

**\$9**



**ON DIARY**  
E and Silver  
secrets safe in  
le notebook.  
CTIVITY | AGES 8+

**\$15**



**CRASH LANDING**  
The world's most embarrassing family goes on holiday, and it won't end well!  
100126139 | PB NOVEL | AGES 8+

**\$10**



**OPEN DAILY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL!**  
**Monday 7th to Friday 11th of August**

Find these books and more at the Fair!



**Hats Off to Reading!**



EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

AUSTRALIAN MADE:



AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR



AUSTRALIAN PRINTED & PAPER



AUSTRALIAN PRINTED