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Principal’s Report

“The family … is the place where one learns to love, the natural centre of human life…” Pope Francis

Here at St Patrick’s our core task is education. Our staff devotes their classroom time to the tasks of teaching and learning. While we strive to work in partnership with our families, we recognise that parents are the first and prime educators of their children. It is certainly our privilege to work with you and to share the responsibilities of educating your children and helping them to prepare for the future.

The Parent Teacher information evening was a great chance to meet and share with parents our plans and hopes for your children you have entrusted us for the year. Thanks to all the staff and parents that made the event even more successful by cooking or working the barbeque.

Congratulations to Tony, Crystal and Breanna for representing St Patrick’s at the swimming carnival in Roma this Monday. By all accounts they swam well and enjoyed the day. Great to see students willing to have a go.

God Bless

Allan Clark

School fees

School fees are being sent out this week. Each family is asked to make a contribution to support their child’s education. For payment solutions please feel free to contact me.

Small regular payments can sometimes be the easiest way to pay. Others include:

- Centrepay (forms are available at school if needed)
- Instalpay plan through your bank
- Cash or cheque paid to the school office

I will be contacting families with large outstanding balances to discuss the matter. All conversations regarding school fees are confidential. Looking forward to working with you for the betterment of our school.

Swimming

Remember swimming lessons will be held in Week 4 and Week 5. Years 4 to 6 will be swimming from Tuesday, 17th to Friday, 20th February. Prep, 1 to 3 will be swimming from Tuesday, 24th to 27th February. Please return permission slip and money.

Ash Wednesday

There will be a liturgy at the school on Wednesday 18th February at 8.30 a.m. to mark the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. Please come and join us for the ceremony.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Monday, 2nd March. Envelopes will be sent home when we receive them.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will begin operating from this Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has offered to assist. The Term 1 roster was sent home last Friday – a copy is roster is attached.

Parents and Friends

We are looking for expressions of interest for parents who want to come along and be a part of our P&F committee! The P&F is a vital part of our school community! The major role of the P&F includes running the tuckshop once a week for the students of St Patrick’s. Please leave your name at the office if you would like to support our students in this area! The AGM will be held in February at a date yet to be decided.

Uniforms

The P & F now have new school shirts in stock. They will be on sale at $25-00 until the end of February if you are needing new uniforms.

School requirements

The Reading Log that was listed on the booklist is now available from the school office for $4-00 each. Every child is required to have one of these for the year. Also please ensure that
your children have all their necessary text books—Handwriting Conventions Queensland, i-Maths Student Book and i-Maths Tracker Book—which are available from the newsagency.

Consent and Update Family Details Forms

Please complete and return forms as soon as possible. It is vital to have all student and family details up to date. Thank you to all families who have already returned their forms.

Birthdays

Havish will be turning 10 on 21st February.

Forms to be Returned ASAP:

- Parent Authority and Consent Forms
- Update Family Contact Details Form
- Swimming Permission Forms and Money
- Football and Netball Forms
- Absentee Note if required

The Mitchell & District JRL & Netball AGM

The AGM of the Mitchell and District JRL and Netball will be next Thursday 19th at 5pm at the RSL. The election of Office Bearers will take place,

A General Meeting will follow, items to be discussed:

- Coach appointments
- Coaching stipulations & expectations
- Codes of conduct
- Coaching Course
- FAQ & League Safe training
- New jerseys
- Fees breakdown
- Sign on day
- Player kits
- RSL Membership
- Fundraising
- U/6’s
- Amount of Home games

Absent Note

_____________________________________ was/will be away from school on the following dates:

_____________________________________

They were/will be away for the following reasons:

_____________________________________

A copy of a medical certificate is attached: Yes/No

Parent/Guardian Sign:

_____________________________________

Teacher Sign:

_____________________________________

Please fill out this form and return to the classroom teacher prior to or just after your child has been absent from school.

Community News:

Mitchell State School P&C Association invite You To A Fancy Dress Ball

Saturday 21 Feb 2015
6:30pm - 11:00pm
Mitchell Town Hall
$40 Family.
$15 Adult. $10 Student (Year 9 & 10, 7-8) All Children MUST BE accompanied by an Adult.

Lucky Door Prize

Fantastic Music, Dances & Games! Licensed Bar

Please help raise money for our kids to go on Camp.

Term One at a Glance

14 Feb Mass at St Columba’s at 6.00 p.m.
17 to 20 Feb Swimming Year 4-6
24 to 27 Feb Swimming Prep, 1-3
18 Feb Ash Wednesday
2 March School Photos
6 March World Day of Prayer at St Columba’s at 10.00 a.m.
17 March St Patrick’s Day
2 April School Closed – Teacher Travel Day
3 April Good Friday
You are cordially invited

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Open Invitation

To the

St Catherine’s/Sacred Heart Parish School

Centenary celebrations

From Friday 15th to Sunday 17th March 2013

Main events include:

- Friday 15th Old Boys’ Fete
- Saturday 16th Registration/Meet and Greet
  - School Tours
  - Fashion Parade
  - Alley Path Dancing, Bell Games and Tag of War
- Formal dinner with entertainment
- Sunday 17th Mass and Morning Tea
- Centenary merchandise will be available for purchase all weekend

Formal Dinner 16th March:

- 5 course dinner (buffet)
- RSVP for dinner by 26th February 2013
- Payment must be received for reservations to be confirmed

Hope to see you there!