St Patrick’s News

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Principal’s Report

Reading Must Be Taught:

St Patricks like most schools is a very busy place. We have again had our visiting artist Ms Judy working with our students. Students and staff preparing and organising for the school Mitchell Show display. Students and staff preparing students for the NAPLAN tests.

These are all different aspects of school life but our main focus is the teaching and learning of our students. Each year we identify important areas that we focus specifically on. Our school this year is having a focus on reading and on how these skills are best taught. We currently run a number of very successful reading and pre reading programs such as MiniLit, MultiLit and Support-a-Reader. We are very fortunate to have very skilled staff that facilitate these individual/ small group sessions. Class teachers also look specifically at reading and structure units of work to support reading development.

While acquiring language comes naturally for most children, learning to read does not. It is a skill that must be taught. Children who already know about their world and the purpose of language will be better prepared to learn how to read when they enter school. Parents can help their children prepare by providing a print-rich environment in the home. Magazines, newspapers, and a collection of high-quality children’s books provide material that parents can read aloud to their children.

Reading is a very important life skill. Together with the excellent programs that St Patricks offer students and with parental support our students will be able to achieve success in this important area. Teaching and watching students learn to read is one of the most rewarding times of our work.

God Bless

Allan Clark

St Patrick’s P & F News

Next meeting 10 June 1pm
Come and join us, everyone welcome, ideas greatly appreciated.

Mitchell and District Rugby League and Netball Saturday Home Game

This Saturday, 23 May Mitchell will be hosting the Home Games at the RSL Complex. Volunteers are needed to help run the canteen from 8.30 a.m. If anyone could spare even a small amount of time that would be very much appreciated.

Term Two School Fees

School Fees for Term Two have been sent home. Please make payment by the due date.

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Prep 2016

Expressions of interest are invited for enrolments for Prep 2016 at St Patrick’s School. Children turning 5 before 1 July 2016 are eligible to start Prep in 2016. Please contact the school to obtain enrolment forms.

Head lice Alert

Alert about a head lice outbreak.

Head lice are back! The school needs your quick action. Can you please …

• read the note sent home, and
• return the tear-off slip on the next school day.

If you have any doubts, need help or would like further information please contact the school. If we don’t hear from you we may approach you to offer support.

Nomination for teachers

Please click on the link below if you wish to recognize a teacher that you think is supportive and goes above and beyond for the care of their students.


Tuckshop

Tuckshop operates each Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has offered to assist. The children and staff are certainly enjoying the delicious food. Please contact the school if you are able to work occasionally in a relief capacity.

Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to:

Miss Renee for 18th of May

Library News

This month in the Library we are showcasing Australian Author Jackie French. I will be asking the titles of some of her books on parade on Friday so read up guys you may just win a prize!!!

Baby Wombat’s Week

Birrung the Secret Friend

The Beach the Called Gallipoli
The Camel Who Crossed Australia
Christmas Wombat
A Day to Remember
Dingo: The Dog Who Conquered a Continent
The Dog Who Loved a Queen
The Donkey Who Carried the Wounded
The Girl from Snowy River
The Goat Who Sailed the World
Good Dog Hank!
The Hairy-Nosed Wombats Find a New Home
Hitler’s Daughter
The Horse Who Bit a Bushranger
I Am Juliet
Josephine Wants to Dance
Let The Land Speak
Macbeth and Son
My Dad the Dragon
My Dog the Dinosaur
My Gran the Gorilla
My Mum the Pirate
My Uncle Gus the Garden Gnome
My Uncle Wal the Werewolf
Nanberry: Black Brother White
Night they Stormed Eureka
Oracle
Pennies for Hitler
Pete the Sheep
Pharaoh
Queen Victoria’s Underpants
Queen Victoria’s Christmas
Refuge
The Road to Gundagai
School for Heroes Series
The Shaggy Gully Times
Soldier on the Hill
To Love a Sunburnt Country
The Tomorrow Book & The Tomorrow Book (second notes)
They Came on Viking Ships
Tom Appleby, Convict Boy
Valley of Gold
A Waltz for Matilda
White Ship
Well week 5 has certainly come around quickly this term! Congratulations to the year 5 students who completed NAPLAN last week. We are currently catching up on testing of sight words and reading in the classroom.

Students are to be reading each night for at least 10 minutes and recording this in their Reading Logbook (available from the school office for $4) each time they do so. Congratulations to Hunter and Laura who have both reached 50 nights of reading!

A reminder that each student should have a homework folder (plastic pocket) that contains their reading log, home readers/chapter book and homework (if requested). This folder is to go home each night and be returned each morning to school. Homework is given out each Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday for marking. If students do not have their homework folder at school, homework is unable to be given out.

I hope you all enjoyed the show holiday last week and have a wonderful week ahead.

Miss Davis

APRE News

National Sorry Day is next Tuesday 26th May. We will be celebrating this event through our mass the following Tuesday 2nd June at 2.00pm at St. Columba’s Church. School and community members are invited to join us in celebrating the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities.

Forms to be Returned ASAP:
Absentee Note if required

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.

Term Two at a Glance

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