St Patrick’s News

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Principal’s Report

Celebrate Reading

Each Year the schools in Mitchell come together to promote the importance of reading. Thanks Mitchell State School for organising the event “Paint the Town Read”. Our St Patrick’s students will attend the Friday activities at the Town Library. Here is information to assist in promoting reading at home:

Prep to Year 2:

Read to your child daily for pleasure. Show that you enjoy reading and that your use of reading for information is also important.

Listen to your child read every day. Here are some ideas to use now and then, but remember some reading should just be for pleasure:

- look at the cover, title, pictures and talk about what the book might be about
- talk about the story so far and what might happen next
- after reading, talk about the story and ask questions

• talk about the pictures and how they add meaning to the text
• take turns when reading a harder book.

Remember the three Ps for new words: pause, prompt, praise. That is, allow your child time to work out the word (pause), use clues taken from the context (prompt) and praise your child for trying.

If necessary, however, simply tell your child the word. Talk to your child’s classroom teacher or the principal for further help and advice.

Years 3–6:

• Talk to your child about the choices an author or filmmaker might make to create a book, play or film in a particular way.

• Talk about language choices and why characters look or behave in certain ways. Remember not to lecture, but ask questions and encourage thinking. There aren’t always right or wrong answers.

• What is the purpose of the writing or film? Does it change the way you feel or think about a certain subject? How do the issues in the writing or film meet with the values and attitudes in your home culture?

God Bless

Allan Clark

Presentation By Jocelyn Chirnside

Free Food
Free Baby Sitting
Great Advice

St Patrick’s in conjunction with Mitchell State School is proud to support a Presentation By Jocelyn Chirnside
Creating better happy Kids
All Welcome

Where: Mitchell State School
6:00- 7:30pm Wednesday 2 September
Enrolments for 2016

Enrolling now for 2016 at St Patrick’s School. Children turning 5 before 1 July 2016 are eligible to start Prep in 2016. Please contact the school or visit our new website (www.mitchell.catholic.edu.au) to obtain enrolment forms. All Year levels welcomed. Some of the benefits of attending our great school:

- Small School
- Great teacher/student ratio
- Well-resourced
- Caring and Dedicated Staff
- Learning Every Day

Footy Colours Day

More than 800 Aussie kids and teens are diagnosed with cancer every year. During treatment and recovery they can miss hundreds of days away from school, friends and family.

Each year thousands of Australians unite and wear their favourite footy colours to help raise money to give children and teens living with cancer a brighter future.

Footy Colours Day will be held at St. Patrick’s on Wednesday 2 September 2015 and is your chance to unite, and support the fight against cancer. Students are asked to wear their footy colours and bring a gold coin to donate to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

School Fees

St Patrick’s has one of the lowest school fees in the Diocese and it is through the school fees and fund raising that we are able to support our students. Your fees have gone to the cost of swimming and additional weekly Teacher Aid time for your children in each of the classes. Recently the P&F have provided some funds for the large mat in the P-3 room for $1200 and for more sports equipment for $1800.

The fees have gone out again and this week. Thanks for all those who pay on time or about to. Thanks also who continue to make regular payments. Regular payments through direct deposits is one way to manage your account. If you are having difficulty paying please contact the office to arrange a meeting.

First Reconciliation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be received on 17 October this year. Any baptised Catholic child from Year 2 up can take part in reconciliation. Mrs Jane Filan will be starting instruction on Wednesday 9 September at 3:30pm at the church. Confirmation/Communion will be early next year – yet to be advised by Fr Jamie for a date. For those interested in signing up for reconciliation can call Mrs Filan on her mobile 0418181443.

Child Protection

The school student protection contacts at St Patrick’s School are Mr Allan Clark and Miss Amy Davis. The School Counsellor is Ms Allison Cuskelley

Prep, 1, 2, 3 News

Prep, Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3 are doing Show and Tell [Students are to prepare a 1-2 minute presentation about something of their own choice]

What to do: This term, we are learning about Information Reports. Students will be asked to prepare/follow the following steps:

1. You are to choose something that interests you, that is, something that you would like to find out about.
2. Prepare a 1-2 minute talk about it.
3. Think about how to present your information. You can write something, bring in a book or an object about your topic or just tell us the information.
4. ‘Inform’ your audience, that is, make sure you are able to tell us something about your topic, for example, what it is, where it lives, what it looks like, what it does, why you find it interesting.
5. Enjoy learning about your topic!

Kind regards,

Mr Michael Verschuur

APRE News

Our next mass will be on Tuesday 8 September and we will be celebrating Father’s Day. There will be a slide show of the students and a significant person that they would like to celebrate this Father’s Day. If students could bring in a photo for me to scan or email a photo to amy.davis@twb.catholic.edu.au to be included in the slideshow that would be greatly appreciated.

I hope you all have a wonderful week ahead.

Miss Davis

Library News

Bookfair

Hi everyone, well book fair is done and dusted for another year. We’re all packed away and tallied up, thanks to all of those who purchased books. We sold $1014 worth of items, a huge
effort for a small school. Miss Sarah and I are very excited to announce that this sale entitled us to $300 worth of free books for our library.

**Paint the Town Read**

**Paint The Town REaD** will be held **FRIDAY 04 SEPTEMBER**.

Children’s Author, Mr Phil Kettle, will be our Guest Author for this years event. You can find out more about Phil at: https://philkettle.com/

Students are encouraged to start reading any of Phil’s books including the “Too Cool” series which is our theme for this year.

Start preparing for our **DRESS UP DAY, Fri 04 Sept**, theme: “A Too Cool Character!”

*Check out the Mitchell News & Casket front window!!! Now that’s a ‘Too Cool’ painting!!*

**St Patrick’s Garden Club Raffle**

Mr Darryl is running a raffle to raise money to purchase plants for the school gardens. The prizes are a St Patrick’s Rose and a RSL Rose. Tickets are on sale at the school office or see Darryl or Rose Betzien.

**Roma and District Eisteddfod 21, 22, 23rd October**

The month of August is your time to think about entering this year’s Roma and District Eisteddfod! Entries close in September, but you don’t have to perform until early in Term 4! This year the eisteddfod focuses on Poetry and Reading skills. You can get a copy of the syllabus by emailing romaisteddfod@gmail.com.

An eisteddfod is a great place for children to gain confidence in speaking and performing in public. The audience is always kind and respectful, and the students learn so much by watching others perform, and by listening to the great feedback given them by the adjudicator. This year, Damian Overton, a young film/ play writer/ producer is coming from Brisbane. This will be his first eisteddfod as an adjudicator, but he has lots of experience with Drama Festivals!

Your child really is capable of performing, and will gain a lot from the experience. Please email carmel.treasure@twb.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions or concerns about your child taking part. There are sections that would suit every child at the school, from year 1 to year 12.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Earn and Learn is back. Starting Wednesday, 15 July when anyone from the school community-staff, parents, friends shop at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. They’ll get one sticker for every $10 they spend. Once they complete their sticker cards they can place them in a collection box at school or at Woolworths store in Roma. The program closes on Tuesday, 8 September. The school is then able to claim educational equipment from Modern Teaching Aids when the stickers are tallied.

**Term Three at a Glance**

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<td>Tues 10 Nov</td>
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