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St Patrick’s News

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Thank you Morning Tea

We would like to invite all parents and caregivers who helped during Term 1 by working on Tuckshop or assisting at the pool with swimming lessons. Please join us this Tuesday, 31st March at 9.30 a.m. for a cuppa and light refreshments.

Easter Hat Parade

On Tuesday morning the children will walking over to the Mitchell Hospital and participating in the Easter Hat Parade. They will be making their hats at school.

Launch of “Don’t Drop the Ball”

The school song, “Don’t Drop the Ball” was created with St Patrick’s School Student’s last year and is 1 of 16 Music Video’s celebrating the vibrant Schools and Communities in the Maranoa District as part of the ‘Roma Cluster - Small Town Culture’ project.

The song is part of the ‘Roma Cluster’ iTunes Album to be launched at the 2015 Easter in the Country Festival in Roma.

Proudly supported by The University of Southern Queensland, Maranoa Regional Council RADF and Ed QLD RREAP Funding.

In conjunction with the official launch of the album, we are asking for expressions of interest from all children who appeared in the video of “Don’t Drop the Ball”. They would be required to be representatives of the school, and are asked to appear at the presentation of the album at this year’s Easter in the Country celebrations. Please indicate on the form below whether your child/ children will or will not be attending on the day. A chocolate frog will be given to each child who returns their form. Please return to school this week. Information and details will be provided at a later date.

Easter in the Country Festival, Roma – Launch of Don’t Drop the Ball

My child/children ____________________________
will/will not be attending the Launch of Don’t Drop the Ball on Easter Saturday, 4th April at
Easter in the Country in Roma.
Signed _________________________________(Parent/Caregiver)

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to all who participated in the recent Roma & District March Past. It was great to join the students of St Patrick’s in the march and watch the subsequent Rugby League and Netball games.

I wish all families a wonderful and peaceful break over the Easter Period. Those who a travelling, we wish you safe travels to and from your destination.

Thank you all for welcoming me into the St Patrick’s community. We still have challenges to face but I have found the commitment by staff and families to improve the students’ learning to be our continued and shared focus.

Our thoughts and prayers continue for Nicholas and his family as he recovers in hospital. We are all looking forward to him returning to St Patrick’s as soon as possible.

God Bless

Allan Clark

St Patrick’s

Mr Clark Principal

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School fees

School fees for Term 1 were sent home with the last newsletter. 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)
- Instalment 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. Parents and Friends

P & F Meeting AGM

The AGM of the St Patrick’s School P & F Association was held on Wednesday, 25th March. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 4th May at 1.00 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to come along and support your children.

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. If you have any new ideas for tuckshop please let us know. One of our groups is keen to make milkshakes on their day next term probably chocolate and strawberry flavours. A new roster for Term Two will be sent home next week.

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

A very Happy Birthday to:
- Tiana who is turning 9 on 25th March
- Talon who is turning 8 on 26th March
- Jimmy who is turning 11 on 4th April

APRE News

As most of the community are probably aware, one of our students has been seriously injured, we are asking the community to keep him and his family in your prayers.

Last Tuesday we celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with a liturgy in the morning and the students dressing in green. Thank you to all the students and staff that participated in the liturgy and to all the parents and family members who attended.

We celebrate Holy Week and Easter at our last school mass for the term this Tuesday 24th March at 2.00pm. Thank you to the students who have volunteered to take part in the mass and we hope to see many of you there.

Years P-3

We are delighted to announce the engagement of Miss Ashleigh Radunz to Mr Timothy Herbert, congratulations to you both, many blessings and much happiness for your future together. Love from all of your St. Patrick’s family.

Year 4/5/6 News

Week nine is in full swing and parent teacher interviews are taking place each afternoon. I’m looking forward to catching up with you all. This week the Year 4/5/6 class are getting into our assessment pieces. We’ve begun our historical narrative and will be completing our maths test in the next few days.

Thank you so much to the people who wore crazy socks on Friday to raise awareness and celebrate World Down Syndrome Day on the 21st March. Your gold coin donations will go towards supporting the Toowoomba Down Syndrome Association.
As this is our last newsletter before the end of term, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter and enjoy the wonderful two weeks of holidays.

**Miss Davis**

**Learning Support**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As always the children are working very hard and this is being demonstrated in the classroom by the use of newly learned skills, these skills assist the children with spelling, reading and writing. Group 1 in Miss Karen’s room have also moved onto the next level in MiniLit. Mrs Gobbert’s PreLit group have moved onto Unit 2 Congratulations guys you are amazing!!!!!!!

Mrs Gobbert and Miss Karen would like to wish everyone a very happy, safe Easter and a restful holiday. See you all next term.

**Regards Mrs Gobbert and Miss Karen**

**Classroom Makeover**

The Toowoomba Chronicle is offering a school a chance to win a $5000-00 classroom makeover. Thank you to everyone who collected and sent in tokens. In total 923 tokens were collected. We have submitted our entry and now have to wait and see if we are successful.

**Library News**

I thought it might be interesting to showcase one Children’s Author in each edition of the newsletter. This edition I decided on Roald Dahl, I will ask one question on parade on Fridays to see who has been reading the newsletter, there may be a prize given for the correct answer.

**10 facts about Roald Dahl**

1. He was born on 13 September 1916, in Llandaff, Cardiff. His parents were Norwegian.
2. He did not start writing for children until he had children of his own
3. He wrote all of his children’s stories in a small hut at the bottom of his garden
4. He was a Hurricane fighter pilot during World War II
5. He had two steel hips and six operations on his spine
6. He wrote the screenplays for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the Bond movie You Only Live Twice
7. He originally wrote short stories for adults which were later published as Tales of the Unexpected
8. He loved chocolate, but not chocolate cake or chocolate ice cream
9. He always wrote in pencil on yellow paper
10. He died on 23 November 1990 and is buried in the churchyard of St Peter and St Paul’s Church, Great Missenden


**Reminder**

Home Reading books and Library books are to be returned on Wednesday’s and borrowing will take place on Thursdays. There are a large number of overdue books, could you please search at home for them.

**Term Two at a Glance**

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<td>29 March</td>
<td>Palm Sunday Fifth Sunday Ecumenical Service 9.00 a.m. Mitchell Health Service</td>
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Forms to be Returned ASAP:

Easter in the Country attendance form
Parent Authority and Consent Forms
Update Family Contact Details Forms
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.