#### ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### 16 Childers Street Mentone 3946 Phone: (03) 9583 5033 Fax: (03) 9583 6915

Email:principal@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

#### Newsletter No 1 February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the school year for 2023 and I hope all our families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday as a family. I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new families who have joined our community. We are very glad you have chosen our school and we hope you enjoy your time with us for many years.

#### WELCOME TO FR DENIS

Fr Denis Stanley has been appointed as our Parish Administrator until Pentecost this year. We would like to welcome Fr Denis to St Patrick's and we hope he enjoys his time with our community.

#### WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome Kerrie Presnell (1PC), Bianca Latto (2LM), Millie Harris (2HA), Issy Simioni (4SI), Lauren Cummins (4SC), Jennifer Brown (Art) and Colin Edwards (PE) to our school. We are sure they will be made to feel very welcome. They are great additions to our staff. Attached to this newsletter is a list of the staff and their roles for 2023.

#### STEM FAMILY EVENING

We will be holding a Maths Family night on Wednesday 8th February for all families around the school. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet our class teachers and learn what our children do in STEM by completing some activities with There will be also an them. opportunity for a student to win a prize by scanning the QR codes the classrooms automatically entering our draw.

#### **OPENING SCHOOL MASS**

We will have our Opening School Mass on Tuesday 7th February at 9:15am. We would like to invite all families to join us if you can make it to the Mass. The leaders for 2023 will receive their badges at this Mass. There is no photography allowed during the Mass but we will have opportunities for families to take photos of our new leaders after Mass.

#### STUDENT LEADERS

The Year 6 student leaders will be presented with their badges at the Opening School Mass on Tuesday. The leaders for this year are as follows:

#### SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Sophia Pipito Chloe Errante Oliver Nowak Pasquale Facciolo

#### 2023 CALENDAR

Attached to this newsletter are all the key dates for 2023. All dates have also been placed on our school website.

#### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Inter-House Swimming Carnival for Year 3-6 will be held next **Wednesday at 10:00am** at the Bayside Aquatic Centre. Parents are more than welcome to come and support our students. This is another component of our swimming program and another extension to our sport program, which we believe offers many opportunities for the students.

# PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE SESSIONS

The teachers will be holding information exchange sessions

where parents will have the opportunity to pass on valuable information about your child. These will begin in week 4 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February for students from Year 1-6. Students from Year 3-6 will be invited to attend these meetings.

Bookings can be made via SOBS and will open at 9:00am tomorrow morning. Instructions on how to make a booking are in this newsletter.

#### **PREP 2023**

It has been great to see our new Prep students enter the school community. They are now completing full days at school. They will have the following Wednesdays not at school:

8<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March.

They will have an opportunity to have a one on session with their teacher on this day. An email has been sent to all families about this today and bookings can be made via our SOBS program. Bookings will open tomorrow at 9:00am.

#### 2023 SCHOOL FEES

The 2023 school fees are listed in the newsletter. Accounts will be sent home shortly.

#### LEVEL NEWSLETTERS

Each level newsletter will be sent out via email and Skoolbag today. Please ensure you read this valuable information.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There is a flier in this newsletter with information for families who may be eligible to apply for financial assistance from the Government. Please contact Ann Easton in our school office if you require more information.

#### P & F

The P&F will have their first meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm in the hall. All parents are invited to attend.

#### AMBULANCE FUND

It is important that all families have ambulance coverage for your children. If we have a serious accident or injury at school, we will be calling an ambulance to care for your child. Without coverage, this can become very expensive.

#### **MEDICATION**

If a child requires medication at school, parents are required to send the completed administration of medication form to school. These can be obtained from the school office when necessary.

# OPEROO & SKOOLBAG

For all new families it is important that your child's medical details be updated on Operoo. If you need information on how to access Operoo, please contact the school office.

School information and messages are sent home via Skoolbag and email. This app can be downloaded from the app store.

#### **CANTEEN**

The canteen will open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and will operate every Tuesday and Thursday from this date. Orders must be placed via Flexischools. Please ensure you receive a confirmation email that your order has been accepted.

Best Wishes

Tim Noonan Principal

# TERM 1 2023

2023	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Student free day - Staff PD - First Aid		
Term 1	Tues 31st Jan		Students commence (8:45am)		
Week 1		1.00pm	Prep students finish		
			No Canteen		
	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	1.00pm	Preps finish		
	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	8.45-3.15pm	Preps attend full day		
			Canteen reopens		
	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	8.45-3.15pm	Preps attend full day		
	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb				
	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb				
Week 2	Mon 6th Feb		Preps commence full-time		
		9.00am	Assembly		
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Safer Internet Day – Prep to Year 6		
		9.15am	Start of Year Mass		
			Canteen Open		
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb		No Prep students today		
		9.00-1.00pm	Swimming Carnival – Mentone Aquatics		
		7-8:30pm	STEM FAMILY NIGHT		
	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Canteen Open		
	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00-11.00am	Interschool Sport Rd 1 – Home –v- Mentone PS		
	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb				
	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb				
Week 3	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Assembly		
		8.15am	Students to arrive 8.15am sharp! -Year 5 Portsea		
	9		Camp		
	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Year 5 Portsea Camp		
		8.00am	Swim training		
	)	9.30am	Cybersafety Webinar Years 3, 4 and 6		
	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Year 5 Portsea Camp		
		5.30-6.30pm	No Preps students today		
	Thurs 40th Ful	0.00	STEM and welcome night		
	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.00am	Swim training		
	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Interschool Sport Rd 2 - Away -v- Parkdale PS		
	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb				
	Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb				

# 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1: Friday 27th January - Thursday 6th April

Staff resume: Friday 27th January 2023. Staff day: Monday 30th January 2023 Students resume: Tuesday 31st January 2023

No Preps on Wednesdays between Monday 6th February - 3rd March

**Opening School Mass** Tuesday 7th February House Swimming Carnival Wednesday 8th February **STEM and Welcome Night Wednesday 8th February** Thursday 9th February Safer Internet Day (Year 5) Interschool Sport Rd 1 Friday 10th February Safer Internet Day (Year 5) Tuesday 14th February

**Swimming Squad Training** Tuesday 14th February 8-8.30am

Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th February Year 5 Camp Portsea Swimming Squad Training Thursday 16th February 8-8.30am

Interschool Sport Rd 2 Friday 17th February Parents & Friends Meeting Tuesday 21st February **Swimming Squad Training** Tuesday 21st February Ash Wednesday Wednesday 22nd February

Swimming Squad Training Thursday 23rd February

Interschool Sport Rd 3 Friday 24th February

Parent/Teacher Info Exchange Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd February

**District Swimming Carnival** Wednesday 1st March School Clean Up Day Friday 3rd March Interschool Sport Rd 4 Friday 3rd March

**School Photos** Thursday 9th March Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 13th March

**National Testing** Tuesday 14th - Monday 27th March

TBA

**Division Swimming Finals** Catholic Education Week Week 7 Open Day Wednesday 15th March

St Patrick's School Feast Day Friday 17th March

Year 6 Camp to Canberra Monday 27th - Friday 31st March

Year 6 and Prep parents welcome Friday 31st March (TBC) Regional Swimming Finals **TBC** 

Interschool Sport Finals Friday 24th March & 31st March (backup)

End of term Mass. Tuesday 4th April **Cross Country Carnival** Thursday 6th April 9-11.30am

Term 1 ends Thursday 6th April

#### Term 2: Monday 24th April - Friday 23rd June

#### Student return - Wednesday 26th April

School Closure day
 ANZAC Day
 Monday 24th April
 Tuesday 25th April

Interhouse Cross Country
 Thursday 6th April 9.00-11.00am

Eucharistic Reflection Day Tuesday 2nd May
 First Communion Commitment Mass 29th/30th April
 Mother's Day Breakfast & Mass Tuesday 9th May
 Mothers' Day stall Thursday 11th May
 Athletics Carnival 3-6 Wednesday 10th May

Interschool Sport Rd 1
 Friday 5th May

Family Week
 District Cross Country
 Pentecost Mass
 Monday 15th - Friday 19th May
 Tuesday 30th May
 Tuesday 23rd May

Eucharist Family Faith Sharing Tuesday 23rd May - 3.30 pm

Interschool Sport Rd 2
 Friday 26th May

Division Cross Country
 TBC

Yr 6 Confirmation Enrolment Mass 27th/28th May 2023
Yr 3 First Communion Tuesday 6th June
Interschool Sport Rd 3 Friday 2nd June
Interschool Sport Rd 4 Friday 9th June
King's Birthday Holiday Monday 12th June

Regional Cross Country TBC

Interschool Winter Finals
 AFL Girls Gala Day
 Friday 16th / 23rd June
 Tuesday 20th June

Parent/Teacher Interviews Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st June

#### Term 3 Monday 10th July - Friday 15th September

School Closure Day Monday 10th July
Yr 6 Confirmation City Retreat. Tuesday 18th July
Grandparents Day Mass Tuesday 25th July
School Disco and Movie Night Friday 28th July
Year 5 Maths Games Day Thursday 10th August

District Basketball
 Monday 14th August & 21st August (backup)

Year 5 Maths Games Day Thursday 10th August
 Feast of Assumption Mass Tuesday 15th August

Confirmation Faith Sharing.
 Tuesday 15th August @ 3.30pm

Tournament of the Minds TBC

• Bishop Visit to St Patrick's Friday 25th August (11:30am)

District Athletics Thursday 31st August

Reconciliation Reflection Morning Tuesday 29th August @ 9am to 12.50pm

Father's Day Mass
 Year 6 Confirmation
 Danish with Dad
 Tuesday 29th August
 Thursday 31st August @ 5pm
 Friday 1st September

Art Show Week 9: Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th September

Footy Finals Day Thursday 14th September

End of Term
 Friday 15th September @ 1.00 pm

#### Term 4 Monday 2nd October – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Students finishes

Staff Finish

**Division Athletic Finals TBC** World Mission Month Mass Tuesday 10th October Reconciliation Family Faith Sharing Tuesday 10th October - 3.30pm Italian Dav Friday 13th October Yr 2 First Reconciliation Tuesday 17th October @ 5pm Regional Athletic Finals **TBC** Kids Teaching Kids Conference TBC (2 days) Sports Carnival (Prep – Year 2) Friday 3rd November Rugby Gala Day Friday 20th October & 27th October (backup) All Saints Day School Mass Tuesday 31st October Report Writing Day Monday 6th November Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 7th November Prep 2024 Information Night Wednesday 8th November Friday 10th November Lacrosse Gala Day Prep 2024 Orientation Tues 14th and 21st November School Closure Day Monday 4th December Year 5 and Prep 2024 Mass Saturday 2nd December End of Year School Mass. Tuesday 5th December Prep - Yr 5 Christmas Assembly Monday 11th December Meet teachers for 2023 Monday 11th December (12.30pm) Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 13th December End of year breakfast Monday 18th December

Monday 18th December (12pm)

Wednesday 20th December 2023

# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MENTONE



PRINCIPAL: Mr Tim Noonan

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL / REL/ LEARNING DIVERSITY LEADER:** Mrs Joelle Diakrousis

WELLBEING LEADER:

TEACHING AND LEARNING / LIT. LEADER:

MATHEMATICS LEADER:

SUSTAINABILITY LEADER:

Mr Matt Hale

Mrs Liz Lamb

Mr James Daidone

**Classroom Teachers:** 

Prep AD Kathryn Ady

Prep MU Stephanie Murnane

Prep LABridget LastYEAR 1THEmily ThorleyYEAR 1VEEloise Verstoep

YEAR 1PC Kerrie Presnell / Joanna Cahir YEAR 2LM Bianca Latto / Di McNicholas

YEAR 2LA Cathy Lansdowne
YEAR 2HA Millie Harris
YEAR 3BA Daniel Bau

YEAR 3BE Sue Benoiton

YEAR 3MI India Mitchell - Fletcher

YEAR 4DS James Daidone / Jennifer Smith

YEAR 4SI Issy Simioni

YEAR 4SC Maria Scalzo/Lauren Cummins

YEAR 5DO Isabelle Douglas

YEAR 5HA Matt Hale YEAR 6LA Elizabeth Lamb

YEAR 6RC Brodie Ross/Antonietta Corp

**Specialist Roles:** 

Religious Ed. Consultant:
Digital Technologies
STEM:
Social Media
L.O.T.E. (Italian)
Performing Arts:

Mr Edward Dooley
Brodie Ross
James Daidone
Steph Murnane
Mary Caliri
Ann Earle

Physical Education:
Visual Arts:
Psychologist:
Literacy Invention:
Learning Enhancement:

Ann Lane
Colin Edwards
Jennifer Brown
Monica Chester
Liana Mackay
Liz Lamb

Support Teachers: Dianne McNicholas (Maths / Enhancement),

Joanna Cahir/(Wellbeing)

Administration: Christine McMahon, Sarah Blaney

Finance: Ann-Louise Easton

Classroom Support Sarah Blaney, Megan Buck, Karen Beyrooti,

Lisa O'Connor, Kris Gleeson, Leanne Brown, Joanna Sison

Amanda Lalor, Renee Reed, Marley Cormick

Library Officer: Sarah Blaney
Groundsman: Danny Benoiton

#### Staff email addresses

#### Tim Noonan/Principal

principal@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

#### Joelle Diakrousis / Deputy Principal:

jdiakrousis@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

Office: office@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

PAD: <u>kady@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</u>
PMU: <u>smurnane@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</u>
PLA: blast@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

1TH: ethorley@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

IVE: everstoep@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

IVE: everstoep@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

**1PC:** kpresnell@spmentone.catholic.edu.au jcahir@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

2BM: blatto@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

**2LA:** <a href="mailto:classes">clansdowne@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</a> **2HA:** <a href="mailto:aharriss@spmentone.catholic.edu.au">aharriss@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</a>

3BE: <a href="mailto:sbenoiton@spmentone.catholic.edu.au">sbenoiton@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</a>
3BA: <a href="mailto:dbau@spmentone.catholic.edu.au">dbau@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</a>

**4DS:** jdaidone@spmentone.catholic.edu.au **4SC:** mscalzo@spmentone.catholic.edu.au **4SI:** isimioni@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

**5DO**: <u>idouglas@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</u> **5HA:** <u>mhale@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</u>

**6RC** <u>bross@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</u> **6LA**: <u>elamb@spmentone.catholic.edu.au</u>

Ed Dooley/ RE

edooley@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

Ann Earle/Performing Arts

aearle@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

Jennifer Brown/Visual Arts jbrown@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

Ellie Connell/PE

econnell@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

Colin Edwards/PE

cedwards@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

Mary Caliri/Italian

mcaliri@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

Liana Mackay/LLI

lmackay@spmentone.catholic.edu.au



dmcnicholas@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

jsmith@spmentone.catholic.edu.au lcummins@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

acorp@spmentone.catholic.edu.au



## School fees and Charges for 2023

School fees at St Patrick's are family fees – we charge only for one child; we do not charge school fees for any other children who are in the school at the same time.

The basic school fee is \$2,500.00. per annum to be invoiced in full at the beginning of the school year. This is payable by the end of Term 3

#### **Student Levies**

Other charges are made for various activities undertaken during the school year. These levies are per child, not per family. Levies are spent directly on the children's needs for curriculum (texts, art materials, photocopying etc.) excursions, diaries, and Sacramental programmes. As children in each class participate in different activities, the levy is different for each class and is payable by the end of Term 1. Please refer to schedule of levies overleaf.

#### **Payment Terms**

All student levies and camp fees must be paid by the end of Term 1.

All other fees are to be paid in full by the end of Term 3.

If your family is leaving the school rebates will be calculated to the end of the next school term. No pro-rata term payments will be issued.

Families enrolling once the school year has commenced will be expected to pay an enrolment fee of \$100 plus any student levies prior to commencing at St Patrick's School. No pro-rata term payments will be calculated. Fees will be charged for the full term of commencement.

#### **Payment Options**

- Credit Card, EFTPOS, Cheque and Cash are accepted.
- Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to "St Patricks School".
- The school welcomes online payment of fees. Details are:

BSB: 083 347 A/C 681843694 A/C Name: St Patricks School

Please remember to insert your account number or family name in the reference field to ensure your account is updated accordingly.

• A direct debit plan can also be set up for you for school fees and levies. Please see the school office for necessary paperwork.

## Student Levies and Charges for 2023 are as follows:

Class	Items	Cost		
	General Curriculum	\$380.00		
Prep	Excursions/Incursions \$105.		\$485.00	
	General Curriculum	\$380.00		
Yr 1	Excursions/Incursions	\$105.00	\$485.00	
	General Curriculum	\$380.00		
Yr 2	Excursions/Incursions	\$105.00	\$520.00	
¥ r 2	Sacramental Programme	\$35.00		
	General Curriculum	\$380.00	\$530.00	
Yr 3	Excursions/Incursions	\$105.00		
	Sacramental Programme	\$45.00		
	General Curriculum	\$380.00	\$485.00	
Yr 4	Excursions/Incursions	\$105.00		
	General Curriculum	\$380.00	\$850.00	
Yr 5	Excursions/Incursions	\$105.00		
113	Camp – 3 days	\$365.00	\$850.00	
	General Curriculum	\$380.00		
	Excursions/Incursions	\$65.00		
V- C	Confirmation/Retreat Day	\$60.00	\$1330.00	
Yr 6	Graduation Expenses	\$45.00		
	Camp – 5 days	\$780.00		



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

#### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- · \$125 for primary school students
- · \$225 for secondary school students

#### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

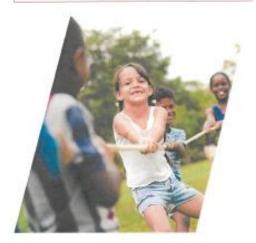
You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx





## **Education In Faith**

#### .....Edward Dooley/Religious Education Leaders

Welcome everyone to the 2023 School Year. May it be a year of many blessings.



Please find below a list of the Sacramental Dates for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 plus the Whole School Masses for 2023.

Please place these dates in your diary or another important place.

Also, **please note** that due to unforeseen circumstances some dates may change. If they do, we will contact you immediately through the various school communication channels.

Have a wonderful year Edward Dooley Religious Education Consultant

#### Sacramental Masses 2023

#### Confirmation

Enrolment Mass: 27th / 28th May @ 6pm & 11 am

Confirmation Retreat: Tuesday 18th July @ City Retreat

Confirmation Family Faith Sharing Expo: Tuesday 15th August @ 3.30pm

Bishop Visit: TBC

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Tony Ireland: Thursday 31st August @ 5pm

#### **First Holy Communion**

Commitment Mass: 29th / 30th April 2023 @ 6pm & 11am

Eucharist Reflection Day: Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Eucharist Family Faith Sharing Expo: Tuesday 23rd May 2023 @

3.30pm

First Communion Mass: Tuesday 6th June 2023 @ 5pm & 6:30pm

#### **First Reconciliation**

Reconciliation Reflection Morning: **Tuesday 29th August** 9am to 12.50pm Reconciliation Family Faith Sharing: **Tuesday 10th October 2023** @ 3.30pm Reconciliation: **Tuesday 17th October** @ 5pm

## St Patrick's School Masses 2023

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4			
Opening School Mass Commissioning & badges Tuesday 7th February	Mother's Day Mass Tuesday 9th May	Grandparents Day Tuesday 25th July	World Mission  Month  Tuesday 10th  October			
			Year 2 First Reconciliation Tuesday 17th October @ 5pm			
Ash Wednesday	Pentecost	Feast of the Assumption	All Saints / All			
Wed 22nd February	Tuesday 23rd May	Tuesday 15th August	Souls Tuesday 31st October			
St Patrick's Day	Most Holy Body and Blood	Fathers' Day Mass	Middle of Term			
Friday 17th March	Tuesday 6th June	Tuesday 29th August	Tuesday 14th November			
	Year 3 First Communion 5pm/6.30pm					
Holy Week	End of Term	End of Term	Year 5/Prep 2024			
Tuesday 4th April	Tuesday 20th June	Tuesday 12th September	Mass Saturday 2nd December @ 6pm			
			End of Year Mass Tuesday 5th December			





Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

Wednesday 8th February, 2023

7:00-8:30pm

Come join us for an evening of family fun! Meet your new teacher, participate in a range of problem solving and critical thinking activities and see our new range of robotics. Scan the QR code in each classroom to be in the running to win a STEM prize!



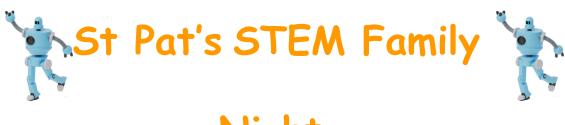












# Night

On Wednesday 8th February from 7:00-8:30pm we will be holding a STEM Family Night. This will be a great opportunity for families to participate in a range of STEM activities and see the range of robotics we are offering our students in their STEM lessons at St Pats. Every classroom will have either robotics or hands-on activities where students and parents will need to use their creative thinking and problem solving skills. There will be a QR code in each classroom for students to sign in and go into the draw to win a STEM prize. The more classrooms you visit, the more chances you have of winning! We look forward to seeing you all on the night!

James Daidone
Digital Technologies/STEM Leader

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

.....Ann Earle/Performing Arts Leader

Welcome to Performing Arts for 2023! I am looking forward to a great year of creativity as we work towards our Art Show. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the many students and families who attended our family Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24. The church was filled to overflowing and the students led the singing beautifully. What a magnificent sound it is when the community sings and praises God together! I want to thank Suzan Sadiq for sharing photos of the special evening. If students are interested in joining one of our school choirs they should give their name to Mrs Earle in their music lesson. New members are welcome.

Ann Earle







# **VISUAL ARTS NEWS!**

.....Jennifer Brown/Visual Arts Teacher

My name is Jen Brown and I am very excited to be delivering the Visual Arts program this year.

The overarching theme this year is 'Be Inspired.' Students will explore the many different ways we can be inspired by art - including through storytelling, through people, places and culture. The Art Show later this year will also reflect this theme.

This term we will be using our artwork and creative expression to complement social and emotional lessons undertaken in the classroom. Our inspiration for this will be through story-telling and using a range of beautiful children's literature to explore values, mindset, gratitude, mindfulness and friendships. Drawing, painting and collage will be central to this term's art focus, before we move onto more complex skills and techniques during the year.

Mindfulness through art and the 'slow art of making' is something I ensure is entwined into each art lesson - an opportunity to be present and focused in a space away from everyday distractions. Students will become more familiar with this throughout the year, as we practice it on a regular basis.

Students can look forward to the optional Art Club throughout the year and I would also love some help in the art room from time-to-time preparing materials. Please keep an eye in the newsletter for updates.

Please ensure art smocks are brought to school as soon as possible and handed to your child's classroom teacher.

I would love donations of the following throughout the year...

- - coloured plastic bottle tops
- empty and washed tin cans
- -coloured/patterned gumboots no longer needed but still in good condition
- terracotta pots of various shapes and sizes

I look forward to meeting you, the art room is always open so please come and say hello.

Jen Brown

#### Parent Teacher Information Exchange – Term 1 2023 Booking Process

Below is a step by step guide for parents to follow when booking your child's Parent Teacher Interview. Bookings open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9:00am for parents to begin booking interviews.

.. Visit the St Patrick's website <u>www.spmentone.catholic.edu.au</u> and click on "School Online Booking

(SOBS)" from the homepage.

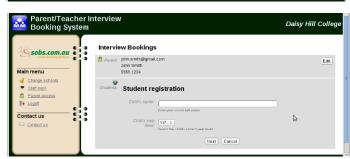
Type in your email address



3. Enter your **name** and **contact details** 



4. Enter your **child's full name** and select **year level** from the drop down menu



5. Select the teacher you require an interview with by **ticking the box** 



6. Scroll and select available slot with each staff member. The green slots are available. Grey slots are unavailable. As you **click a green slot** it will turn pink and your child's name will appear in that time. You will only be able to book once with each teacher, and only once in each time slot. Once you have selected your interview slots click the **'Save'** button

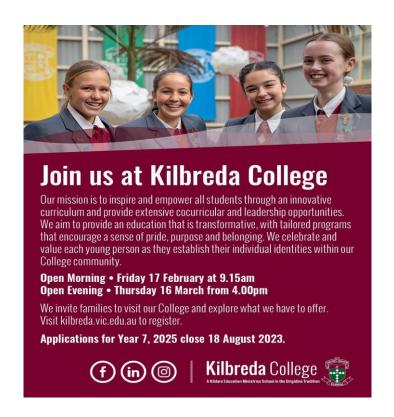


if you change your mind click the pink slot and it will revert to green allowing you to choose a different time slot

7. Once saved you will have the option of **emailing** or **printing** your interview booking times. If you select the email option, the schedule is sent to the email address you initially entered



# **Parish and Community**





# BAKED IN THE CANTEEN FRESH NEXT WEEK

Choc-Coconut Slice 100's & 1000's Biscuits 50¢ each

### WELCOME BACK TO THE CANTEEN

Lunch orders are ordered online with Flexischools

- Download the Flexischools app and select "Register".
- Type in your email and submit to create an
  account.
- Go to your inbox and click the link to verify you email (remember to check your junk).
- Follow the registration process, creating a password and adding your personal details.
- Add your student under "Profile" and start ordering online!

#### HOW TO PLACE A CANTEEN ORDER



- Click "<u>Order food</u>" at the top of the home page on your app.
- 2 Select the child you want to order for, then the
- Choose the food items you wish to purchase, then select "Confirm Order".
- Choose your desired payment option.
- 5 Press "<u>Place Order</u>" to confirm your purchase

Order Your Lunches Online. No need to find the coins or paperbag to write lunch orders on...it's so easy. Go to <a href="https://www.flexischools.com.au">www.flexischools.com.au</a> and sign up-





# BAYSIDE CANTEENS

Term 1, Week 1