

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Term 1 has been a wonderful start to the 2023 school year and a true indication of the amazing school that is St Patrick's.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the St Patrick's community for making my second term at the school so welcoming. We have had such a tremendously positive start to the year and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support of our school.

We have had a number of special events which have highlighted our term and have been enjoyed by all. This term the Year Five and Six students attended camp. The manner in which they conducted themselves was exemplary and a true indication of their strengths as an amazing future generation of citizens.

In mid-March we celebrated St Patrick's Day in true St Patrick's style. Following our mass, a series of themed events ensued and the students were able to participate as a group in everything from the Giant Slide to Gaelic Football to the Clover Sports. It was a fantastic day that I would say was enjoyed by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Denis Stanley for the fantastic support he has shown our school. On the 31st of May we welcome Fr Justin Ford to the St Patrick's Parish community. We look forward to working with him.

Our staff have done an amazing job this term making sure we have done our best to cater for our students and ensure that we are finding any gaps in student learning and assisting them to continue with their growth. They are an outstanding, supportive team who I am proud to be a member of. This year we welcomed seven new staff to St Patrick's. It has been a pleasure working with them and we look forward to the remainder of the year to learn and grow together.

I must also congratulate the students at our school for the positive way in which they have embraced the first term of the 2023 school year. I enjoy seeing them challenge themselves and making the most of every opportunity they are offered at St Patrick's. A special mention must go to our Year Six students who have shown outstanding leadership this term. They have co-ordinated events, led tours, run assemblies and have performed well on the sporting field. A special mention to the Year Five students who replaced the Year Sixes when they attended camp. Well done to all of you.

ANZAC DAY

The families' of St Patrick's school have been invited to participate in the Mentone RSL **ANZAC Day March, followed by the Commemorative Service on Monday the 25th of April**. Parents and children are invited to meet (Mrs Ady and Miss Mitchell-Fletcher) at the World War One War Memorial Arch on Mentone Parade by 8.30am. They will then proceed to The Memorial Park on Mentone Parade to take part in the commemorative service where St Patrick's school will lay a wreath at the monument. At the conclusion of the ceremony, morning tea will be provided at the Mentone RSL, entry is via a gold coin donation.

SCHOOL LEVIES

Just a reminder to all families that all levies need to be paid by today. We would appreciate it if all families who have not yet paid these levies could do so. These levies are crucial in assisting us in operating well financially throughout the year.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

If you have a child starting next year, please come to the office to collect an enrolment pack. We will be happy to conduct tours for parents who have younger children starting next year. Enrolments for 2023 will close on Friday 28th April.

PREP AND YEAR 6 WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

On Friday 31st March our Year 6 parents hosted a combined Year 6 and Prep Wine and Cheese Night. It was an incredibly enjoyable evening which gave two generations of families a chance to meet and get to know one another.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to our P&F for organising the raffle and to all our families for donating Easter Eggs. It was great to have so many parents at school yesterday assisting with putting the hampers together.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Thank you to the P&F for organising our Hot Cross Buns. Thank you for your coordination and organisation of the orders.

EASTERN REGION SWIMMING FINALS

We would like to congratulate Chloe P who came 3rd in her breaststroke event of South-Eastern Region Swimming Finals. Congratulations Chloe for a tremendous effort.

TERM TWO

Term Two will commence on Wednesday 26th April after the ANZAC Day public holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe Easter. I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Best wishes,

Joelle Diakrousis
Deputy Principal

TERM 1 2023

Week 10	Mon 3 rd April	9.00am 3.00pm	Assembly A Celebration of Learning Stem – Hall - 6LA
	Tues 4 th April	7.55am 9.15am 3.00pm	Cross Country Training End of Term Mass A Celebration of Learning Stem – Hall - 6RC
	Wed 5 th April		
	Thurs 6 th April	7.55am 3.15pm	Cross Country Training Hot Cross bun morning tea. Pre-ordered from Flexischools End of Term 1!
	Fri 7 th April		<i>Good Friday</i>
	Sat 8 th April		<i>Easter Saturday</i>
	Sun 9 th April		<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Term 2 Week 1	Mon 24 th April		School Closure Day
	Tues 25 th April	8.30am	ANZAC DAY! Public Holiday Students are invited to attend in full school uniform at Mentone RSL at 8.30 am
	Wed 26 th April	8.45am 9:00am	Term 2 commences Assembly
	Fri 28 th April	9.00-2.00pm	2024 Prep Enrolments due! District Cross Country-Karkarook Park
	Sat 29 th April	6.00pm	First Communion Commitment Mass
	Sun 30 th April	11.00am	First Communion Commitment Mass
Week 2	Mon 1 st May	9.00am	Assembly 2024 Enrolments interviews sent out this week
	Tues 2 nd May		Eucharist Reflection Day
	Wed 3 rd May		
	Thurs 4 th May		
	Fri 5 th May		Interschool Sports Rd 1 – Home –v- Mentone PS
	Sat 6 th May		
	Sun 7 th May		



YEAR 6 CANBERRA CAMP

The Year 6 students from St Patrick's have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital, Canberra. Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. We visited Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Old Parliament House and the A.N.Z.A.C. Parade Walk to name just a few. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education. To assist

families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Students return - Wednesday 26th April

• School Closure day	Monday 24th April
• ANZAC Day	Tuesday 25th April/Public Holiday
• 2024 Prep Enrolment Applications due	Friday 28th April
• District Cross Country/Karkarook Park	Friday 28th April
• First Communion Commitment Mass	29th/30th April
• 2024 Prep Enrolment interviews sent	Monday 1st May
• Eucharistic Reflection Day	Tuesday 2nd May
• Interschool Sport Rd 1	Friday 5th May
• Mother's Day Breakfast & Mass	Tuesday 9th May
• Athletics Carnival 3-6	Wednesday 10th May
• Mother's Day stall	Thursday 11th May
• 2024 Prep Enrolment interviews	Thursday 11th May
• 2024 Prep Enrolment interviews	Fri 12th May
• Family Week	Monday 15th - Friday 19th May
• Pentecost Mass	Tuesday 23rd May
• Eucharist Family Faith Sharing	Tuesday 23rd May - 3.30 pm
• Interschool Sport Rd 2	Friday 26th May
• 2024 Prep Enrolment Acceptance due	Friday 26th May
• Yr 6 Confirmation Enrolment Mass	27th/28th May 2023
• Yr 3 First Communion Mass	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	Friday 16th / 23rd June
• P & F Trivia Night	Friday 16th June
• AFL Girls Gala Day TBC	Tuesday 20th June
• Parent/Teacher Interviews	Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st June
• End of Term	Friday 23 rd June

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – TERM 1 WEEK 10

Class	Student	Reason
PAD	James P	James is a real thinker especially when it comes to solving a challenge with numbers. Well done James!
PMU	Austin H	For caring for the classroom by picking up rubbish, keeping a tidy workspace and listening really well. Keep it up!
PLA	Flynn	For being open minded to all aspects of learning. This term Flynn has learnt to have a go or ask for help if he needs it. Well done Flynn!
1PC	Seanna	For being a knowledgeable learner who has been working super hard on her reading skills and word knowledge. You are making fantastic progress Seanna.
1VE	Charlotte	For being a caring person. Charlotte is always making sure others are okay and looking after her friends. Thanks for being a kind soul Charlotte.
1TH	Brooklyn H	For demonstrating the learner profile of 'knowledge'. Brooklyn shared her knowledge with the class on the topic of Holy Week. Well done Brooklyn!
2HA	Jack	For being a great communicator when explaining how he was able to solve addition problems using the jump strategy. Way to go Jack!
2LA	Gabriel	For demonstrating great knowledge during our Inquiry Unit exploring the Past and the Present and the changes in technology and communication. Well done!
2LM	Olivia	For being an excellent inquirer during our excursion to Rippon Lea. Well done Olivia!
3BE	Chloe	For being a reflective person who always shows her best work and double checks what she has done before presenting it to the teacher. Keep it up Chloe!
3MI	Lyla	For being a principled person in modelling respectful behaviour in and outside the classroom. Well done Lyla!
3BA	Caitlin	For being a thinker and being able to solve subtraction equations using more than one strategy. Great work Caitlin!
4DS	Liam	For being a great communicator and using google translate to translate his family biography into Italian for his Nono and Nona! Very thoughtful Liam.
4SC	Jack	For being a great thinker when faced with challenges in Mathematics. His hard work and determination during our Maths lessons shows his continued growth as a mathematician. Keep it up Jack!
4SI	Gisella	For being an inquirer by showing her curiosity in learning about her family history. Gisella has asked lots of questions and has continuously shown her willingness to learn. Keep it up, Gisella!
5DO	Gracie	For being a responsible leader and completing her work promptly and thoroughly. Well done Gracie!
5HA	Liam	For being such a clear and confident communicator, no matter which language he is speaking. Great work Liam!
6CR	Chloe	For being a principled person for always leading by example.
6LA	Matthew	For being a knowledgeable person in Canberra and answering tricky questions, particularly while at Parliament and Government Houses. Great work Matthew!!
Italian	Liam Bianchi 5HA	For demonstrating fantastic confidence and excellent pronunciation skills when announcing the Italian Day award. Bravo! Per la maniera accertata e la pronuncia eccezionale dimostrata nell'annuncio del certificato di merito Italiano. Bravo!

Education In Faith

.....Edward Dooley/Religious Education Leader



How do you explain what Easter is really all about ?

Easter is a celebration that came from Christianity. It marks the celebration of the day that Christians believe Jesus was resurrected. Most people don't know that word "resurrected", so you may share the story of how Jesus was [left in a cave](#) after he was taken down from a Cross, but when they rolled away the stone that was blocking the door, he was not inside! People believe he was brought back to life and returned to heaven.

Every major religion has some major celebration about the return or resurrection of spring with birth and renewal as a theme. It is also the time for Passover celebrations for the Jewish faith.

We must remember that Easter, and other words such as New Birth, New Life are all terms to help us understand the meaning of Spring. Spring is when Easter occurs in the Northern Hemisphere. Jerusalem and Rome are in the Northern Hemisphere. We, of course, in Australia celebrate Easter in Autumn.

To assist helping our young ones understand Easter the best method is to tell them the truth about the origins of Easter.

Easter is the most important day in the Christian calendar. It is the main religious feast in Christianity followed by Christmas. One cannot speak of Easter without speaking about Jesus Christ."

Easter can be a great opportunity to teach young people about other people's faiths. Whether one is religious or not, we have an important role in educating our children about world religions and cultural customs. Even if we don't believe the stories of the Bible, many still do the cultural customs as a tradition. Christmas was originally about the birth of Jesus — but many who do not believe in Jesus still have a tree and stockings and exchange gifts because it is a custom, not a religious practice. The same goes for Easter."

So if Easter is about Jesus' death and resurrection, then why do we have Easter eggs? Eggs are a sign of birth. Eggs are a sign of New Life! The Resurrection is about New Life.

On another note: Did you know that when you are baptised you are not baptised into the Catholic Church, the Uniting Church or the Protestant Churches but that you are

Baptised: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. By being Baptised in a Catholic Church you are intending to bring your child up as Catholic. You become a member of the Catholic Church by attending the Catholic Church and receiving the various sacraments within the Catholic Church.



A reflective story for this time of the year: Holy Week and Easter.

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands..

He said, 'Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly... He often talked about you, and your love for art.' The young man held out this package. 'I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.'

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. 'Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift.'

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. 'We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?'

There was silence...

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, 'We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one.'

But the auctioneer persisted 'Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?'

Another voice angrily. 'We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandts. Get on with the Real bids!'

But still the auctioneer continued. 'The son! The son! Who'll take the son?'

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long-time gardener of the man and his son. 'I'll give \$10 for the painting...' Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

'We have \$10, who will bid \$20?'

'Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters.'

The crowd was becoming angry They didn't want the picture of the son.

They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel.. 'Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!'

A man sitting on the second row shouted, 'Now let's get on with the collection!'

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. 'I'm sorry, the auction is over.'

'What about the paintings?'

'I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will... I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings.'

The man who took the son gets everything!'

God gave His son over 2,000 years ago to die on the Cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: 'The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?'

Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything!

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO SO EVER BELIEVE, SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE...THAT'S LOVE 

“Success doesn't change who you are. No, it reveals who you are.”

First Eucharist program



Some important dates for those who will be receiving their First Eucharist in the middle of Term 2:

- ❖ **Saturday 29th April 2023 @ 6pm.** We would like all Year 3 students and parents and others receiving First Eucharist to attend this 6pm Mass where we will officially launch the Program.
- ❖ **Tuesday 2nd May: 9.15am to 3pm.** First Eucharist Retreat Day. This will be held at School.
- ❖ **Tuesday 23rd May @ 3.30pm – 4.30pm.** Faith Sharing. **We would like all parents** of those receiving First Eucharist to attend our Faith Sharing hour where the students will display and present their learnings on First Eucharist.
- ❖ **Tuesday 6th June @ 5pm or 6.30pm:** First Eucharist Masses (Bookings at a later date)

PARISH NEWS



HOLY WEEK EASTER MASS TIMES 2023

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Wednesday 29th March - 9:45am

(SP) (following 9:15am Mass)

Friday 31st March - 5:45pm (SJV)

(following 5:15pm Mass)

Saturday 1st April - 9:45am (SP)

(following 9:15am Mass)

and 5:15pm (SP) (before 6:00pm Mass)

Tuesday 4th April - 9:45am (SP)

(following 9:15am Mass)

Wednesday 5th April - 9:45am (SP)

(following 9:15am Mass)

and 11:00 am (SJV) (following 10:30am Mass)

Saturday 6th April

NO MORNING MASS

10:00am (SP) confession only.

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MASSES AND CEREMONIES OF THE SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY

**6th April - Holy Thursday - Mass
of the Lord's Supper**

7:30pm (SP) followed by Adoration at
the Altar of Repose until 10:30pm.

**7th April - Good Friday - Stations
of The Cross 10:00am (SP)**

**Ceremony of the Lord's Passion
3:00pm (SP)**

**8th April - Easter Vigil
7:00pm (SP)**

**9th April - Easter Sunday
9:00am Mass (SJV)**

9:30am Ordinariate Mass (SP)

11:00am Choral Mass (SP)

No 5pm Mass

ANZAC DAY

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At the conclusion of the ceremony, morning tea will be provided at the Mentone RSL, entry is via a gold coin donation. We invite all our families to walk with the Veterans of Mentone and their descendants' to pay homage to those who died serving their country.



MENTONE RSL SUB-BRANCH INC

OFFICIAL INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend our

2023 ANZAC Day March

On

Tuesday, 25th April 2023

*Please meet Mrs Ady at the
World War One Memorial Arch in Mentone Parade Park
(at the rear of the Council Offices) at 8.30 am. Students to be in school
uniform and must be accompanied by a parent.*

Followed by the

Commemorative Service

At

The Memorial Park, Mentone Parade
(Opposite Mentone Girls Grammar School)

Morning Tea via Gold Coin Donation will be held
At Mentone RSL Palermo Room upon its conclusion

RSVP

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YEAR 6 CANBERRA CAMP – MARCH 2023

My Canberra trip - Matthew S

On Day One my favourite activity would have to have been the Museum of Canberra, the guide answered all our questions. The place was really interactive. There was a part of the tour where we got to design a city of the future.

The war memorial was my favourite place by far because I always love history and war history is

Even more exciting. It was really sad we didn't get more time or get to explore on our own.



Canberra highlights

Parliament House

Parliament House was a once in a lifetime opportunity. We were very fortunate to see the politicians debating in the house of representatives and the senate. Our guide was full of information about how parliament works. We got to make a bill about free university. I was the speaker, I had to make many decisions. It was very fun getting to do that because you got to experience what it would be like to be a politician.

AIS

The fun I had at the AIS was amazing. We went at night and we got to do lots of fun games such as wheelchair races, pull up contests, skeleton run, virtual skiing and lots more. We got to race and compete against our friends in lots of fun races. My favourite games were the wheelchair race and the pull up bar. I did a pull up for 21 seconds, the AIS tired me out

EEC

On Day 4 when we visited the EEC we learnt how to vote in federal elections. It was intriguing to learn how they tally votes in federal elections. We voted between apples, oranges, bananas and peaches. Apple won. I am very excited to be able to vote in elections. I was shocked to find out how many people vote incorrectly in the elections. Seeing the whole insides of elections was incredible.



Canberra Camp Recount

A Recount by Luca Mattheisz

Going to Canberra was a great opportunity for me. We left at 7:00am on Monday and had an extremely long bus ride to Canberra. But it was definitely worth it. I learnt loads of new things about voting, the ANZACs and more. My highlights of going to Canberra were the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) and the New Parliament House. In the New Parliament House, I watched when Parliament was sitting, and it was cool to see the House of Representatives and the Senate for the first time. The AIS was a fun, interactive place to play on interactive sport simulators. Overall, going to Canberra was one of the most pleasant experiences I've ever had, learning about loads of things. Who knows, maybe one day I'll go back there with my family.

Canberra Camp Highlight - Mia T

When I went to Canberra I had such a fascinating time at all of the landmarks I visited! One of the exciting landmarks I got to visit was Parliament House. When we got to Parliament House I was absolutely bursting with joy and excitement right when we entered! We were very lucky because we got to meet Mark Dreyfus who is Attorney-General of Australia. But sadly he had to leave early because of a division bell for voting. It was so fascinating to see everyone rushing to get to where they had to be. It was truly such a memorable experience!

Camp Highlights by Noah T

What a good opportunity to come to Canberra but I really liked the AIS the most. At the AIS there were lots of things but my favourites were the basketball and the footy activities. There were still some other really fun games, such as a soccer game, a cycling game where we competed against ourselves and each other, and many others. It was a fantastic experience and I would definitely go to the AIS again.

Canberra - Hunter

I really enjoyed the AIS on Wednesday. We had three boys taking us around, two of them were AFL players and one of them was a hockey player. They were doing one on one with me and my friends in the basketball area, they were super polite and I would definitely go there again.

Parliament

I could not wait to go to the Parliament for my first time. I was excited even when we were driving past it. The lady that was touring us around was always interacting with everyone in the group giving us all goes. She took us to watch the Parliament sitting. Mark Dreyfus gave us a talk about what he does at the Parliament and we got to watch him in action.

Art Gallery

I really learnt lots of meaning about paintings in the art gallery. I would have never looked at one of those paintings and gone "that's what it means" The art gallery was really fascinating and the lady taking us around new lots about all these paintings. There was a painting called the Blue Poles where the person had to ask the prime minister for permission to buy the painting for one million dollars and it was a good investment because now it is worth more than one hundred million dollars.

Canberra Camp Reflection – Highlight

By Zara Berenger

I am very grateful that I have taken the opportunity of being able to go to Canberra! We went to so many places. I will happily go back and visit them all again. Though, one of my favourite places that we went to was the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). We learnt all about how the voting system works. It was so fascinating. I thought that it was an informative and interactive way to teach students while still being educational. We even got to conduct our own election! Doing this really expanded my knowledge about elections. At Old Parliament House we learnt about voting during the ages and it was the ‘icing on the cake’ that we could go to both. I now have an amazing grasp of voting. It was an extremely memorable experience!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Canberra Camp Highlight

By Harry H

My highlight of the Canberra trip was when we went to CSIRO because we got to learn about all their cool and amazing inventions. They have made Wireless internet, a device to help stop bee extinctions, the first automatic computer, aerogard, plastic bank notes and a bunch more stuff we use on a day to day basis. We also got to do a scavenger hunt around the building by scanning a QR code. To get asked a question we needed to figure out the answer to it by looking around for it. And when we found it we got to go to a teacher and they would give us one point and every team had a name. Our group was called Bees with Backpacks. We came in first place by answering 17 questions in 30 minutes. After that we got to explore all the cool stuff in CSIRO and go to the gift shop. At the gift shop I bought a CSIRO coin which was a great memory of my time there.





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*Christus in corde omnium,
Christ in the heart of all.*

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2024



Visit our website for a virtual tour

Enrolment packs can be downloaded at
www.spmentone.catholic.edu.au



Check out our Facebook Page St Patrick's Mentone

Parish and Community

11 to 21 APRIL 2023

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

CHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL & SOUTHMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENROLMENTS
now open!



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