

# ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter No 4 February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Dear Families,

### THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Yesterday we were extremely pleased to come together as a school to have our Ash Wednesday Mass. We are always extremely proud of the manner in which the children participate in our school Masses.

Fr Denis spoke to the students about the meaning of Lent and how we can use Lent as a time of preparing for Easter. We can use the time to give up something that we can then enjoy even more after a time of abstinence.

We also talk to our students about Lent and discuss how it can be not only be a time of sacrifice but a time where we can try and help others even more than we normally would. The best examples come from home where all of our children would hopefully be able to find a way to support their parents even more than they probably normally would. Examples include helping with the dishes, assisting with the preparation of meals and ensuring bedrooms are tidied. I am sure all parents would appreciate this support at home.

As a school we will continue to support Project Compassion and there will be boxes in each classroom so that students can donate anything they can. This support will be greatly appreciated by those families that need help in many countries around the world.

### PREP 2023

The Prep students will not be attending school on the following dates: **1<sup>st</sup> March.**

### OPEN DAY

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

We are already receiving lots of enquiries about enrolling for 2023. We are extremely pleased to have this interest and we will have our Open Day on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 9:30am – 3:00pm.** There is a flier in this newsletter and we will continue to promote this event over the next month.

### PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE SESSIONS

Thank you to all our families for participating in our Parent Teacher Information Exchange Sessions. It is a great way to build relationships with our teachers and set the scene for a productive year with your children.

### SWIMMING TEAM

Our Swimming team have completed their training sessions and we are now ready for the District Carnival next Wednesday. I would like to congratulate all members of the team for their efforts so far and wish them all the very best for the upcoming Carnival. Thanks to all our staff and Kendra Henning for leading our training sessions. Parents are more than welcome to come and support the students next week.

### SCHOOL LEVIES

The school fee statements have been sent home to all families.

All levies and camp fees need to be paid by the end of term 1.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have our school photos on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March.** All students will need to wear their full summer uniform on this day. If your child normally wears their PE uniform on Thursday, they can bring their runners to change into for PE. Family order cards will be sent home today.

We would like to ask all families to ensure that students do not have any appointments on this day.

### INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

Last week we played Parkdale in our inter-school sport program and we congratulate our students on representing our school well.

Tomorrow, we play Mentone Primary School. The locations for sports are as follows:

St Pat's – Volleystars, softball & Tennis

Brindisi St – Cricket & Rounders

### DISABLED PARKING – PLEASE CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

There is a designated Disabled Parking spot at the front of the school that is there for parents and families who really need it. We would appreciate it if families do not use this spot unless you have a disabled parking permit and need to use it to support a family member coming to the school.


### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

The school will be closed on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Labour Day Public holiday

Best Wishes

Tim Noonan - Principal

## TERM 1 2023

Week 4	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am 3.40-5.00pm	Assembly Parent/Teacher Info Exchange
	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	8.00am	Swim training
	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9:15am	Ash Wednesday Mass  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>  No Prep students today 3.40-8.00pm Parent/Teacher Info Exchange
			
	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	8.00am	Swim training
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.15am	Interschool Sport Rd 3 - Home -v- Mentone PS
	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Week 5	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am	Assembly
	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9.00am	No Prep students today District Swimming Carnival – Noble Park Aquatic Centre
	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar		Prep Parent Information Afternoon – 2.30pm
	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar		Clean Up St Patrick's School Day! Interschool Sports - Away -v- St Mark's, Dingley
	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
Week 6	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	School Photo Day! – Full summer uniform to be worn
	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Interschool Sport Rd 4 - Away -v- St Mark's PS
	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar		

# 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

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| • Safer Internet Day (Year 5)              | Tuesday 14th February                     |
| • Swimming Squad Training                  | Tuesday 14th February 8-8.30am            |
| • Year 5 Camp Portsea                      | Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th February     |
| • Swimming Squad Training                  | Thursday 16th February 8-8.30am           |
| • Interschool Sport Rd 2                   | Friday 17th 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                       |
| • <b>Prep Parent Information Afternoon</b> | <b>Thursday 2nd March</b>                 |
| • 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                         |
| • Division Swimming Carnival               | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March            |
| • National Testing                         | Tuesday 14th - Monday 27th March          |
| • Yr 6 / Prep Buddy BBQ                    | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (12:30pm) |
| • 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                        |

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK – TERM 1 WEEK 4

PAD	Alfie S	Alfie you showed great thinking when you explained how number blocks 3 and 4 could combine to be as tall as number block 7.
PMU	Jack T	For being a risk taker and finding new friends to play with at lunch time. Keep it up Jack.
PLA	Aidan O	For demonstrating the learner profile of knowledge by making connections between handwriting and patterns he had made in maths. Well done Aidan.
1PC	Charlotte	For demonstrating the learner profile of knowledge by making excellent text to self connections when reading. Keep up the fantastic work Charlotte.
1VE	Cade	For showing the Learner Profile of Thinker both in and out of the classroom. Cade looks for ways to be a problem solver and has been helping others consistently. Well done Cade!
1TH	Camila	For taking a risk in her learning. Camila challenged herself throughout the week by trying to sound out unfamiliar words.
2HA	Zoe	For showing the learner profile of a caring person who always helps and includes her classmates. Keep it up Zoe!
2LA	Lachlan	For willingly sharing his learnings with the teacher and his classmates. You have so much knowledge Lachlan. Well done!
2LM	Archer	For demonstrating the learner profile of communication while recording his thoughts and opinions about the best pet. Well done Archer!
3BE	Olivia	For always trying her best and demonstrating a positive attitude towards her work. Keep it up Olivia!
3MI	Samuel	For showing the learner profile risk taker in his persuasive writing with creative arguments against the given topic. Well done Samuel!
3BA	Isaac	For showing the learner profile of a thinker by being thoughtful towards others.
4DS	Ashton	For showing the learner profile of caring by noticing when people need assistance on the yard
4SC	Baxter	For being a caring learner and helping his teacher and other students in class. You are an inspiration, Baxter!
4SI	Zach	For being a great communicator and always putting up his hand and sharing his ideas with the class. Well done Zach!
5DO	Spencer	For taking on risks and conquering the giant swing at camp! Well done Spence!
5HA	Teddy	For being a principled person. Teddy showed everyone at camp that he's not afraid to speak up for others and do the right thing. Good on you Teddy!
6LA	Sophie	For showing great thinking skills with her subtraction tasks. Keep up the great work Sophie!!
6CR	Luke	For being a caring learner and being a positive attitude to school every day. Well done Luke
Italian	Mason 1VE	For the magnificent way he takes the roll in Italian! "Mason Mason sei qua?" <i>Per la splendida maniera in cui fa l'appello in Italiano.</i>

Visit our website  
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# ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MENTONE



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

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 OPEN

ON  
**WEDNESDAY 15TH  
MARCH**

- Enhancement and intervention programs
- Purpose built, all inclusive indoor and outdoor facilities
- A sustainable and interactive garden

### At St Patrick's we offer:

- A welcoming community
- An affordable Catholic Education
- An uplifting Sacramental program
- High quality learning and teaching



OPEN DAY - Tours will be conducted on  
Wednesday 15th March from 9.30-3pm







- Leadership, buddy and social justice programs
- Wellbeing and health initiatives
- A strong Physical Education and interschool sport program

- Robotics Program
- An exceptional art show and school production
- Digital technology initiatives
- A whole school approach to teaching the Italian language



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[www.spmentone.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spmentone.catholic.edu.au)



## PARISH NEWS



*The World Day of Prayer is a global Ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March each year.*

***Taiwanese women have prepared this years' service themed "Taiwan, I have heard about your faith"***

*This year it is our parish's turn to host the service for our local area and it will be held at **St Patrick's Church**, Rogers Street Mentone on **3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 at 10.30am** followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre*

*Everyone is invited to attend and join with our fellow Christians. Through our participation we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.*

*St Patrick's Parish Church*

# VISUAL ARTS NEWS!

.....Jennifer Brown/Visual Arts Teacher

## News from the Art Room

It has been lovely getting to know all the students in recent weeks and finding inspiration from stories we are reading to create some wonderful pieces of work.

After gauging interest from students it would seem the most effective way to run the optional lunchtime art club will be one year level at a time each week, commencing this week. I will let students know when their year level is attending. I am impressed that there are so many enthusiastic and talented artists amongst us!

If any members of the community have connections to the Apple Store, I am seeking out a large number of white iPad boxes that may no longer be needed, to use for an art piece. Please get in touch with me if you may be able to assist with this.

Many thanks!

Jen Brown  
Visual Arts Teacher



Left to right : Line work and primary colours inspired by Dutch artist Piet Mondrian  
Pastel and watercolour resist rainbows inspired by the story 'Swatch'  
Junior school mural - 'What a Wonderful World'



Left to right:  
The Dot - 'Make a Mark and See Where it Takes You'  
Wall hangings taking shape in the senior school



# Sustainability

.....from Liz Lamb/Sustainability Leader



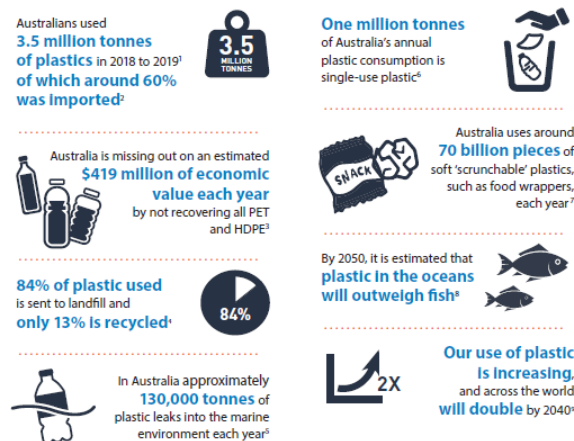
## Clean Up Australia Day 2023

This year the official Clean Up Australia Day will be **Sunday 5 March**. Our Schools Clean Up Day is **Friday 3 March** and once again St Patrick's school will be doing our bit to clean up Australia. As a family you might like to participate in the Sunday's clean up day. You can use the Clean Up's [site search](#) to find an event near you. If you find an event and would like to join it you are encouraged to register online as it helps site supervisors anticipate numbers and plan accordingly. It also means you can be automatically notified if there are any last minute changes. If you are unable to find an event near you, you might consider signing up to do your own Clean Up - you don't need to organise a big group - you can get involved as a family.

The following information has been taken from the Clean Up Australia website:

### **AUSTRALIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES GO FAR BEYOND ONE DAY- We all need to Step Up.**

As one of the country's most recognised and trusted environmental organisations, Clean Up Australia has helped Australians take practical environmental action for over 30 years. In fact Clean Up Australia Day is now the nation's largest community-based environmental event. But Australia's waste challenges continue to grow. Now, more than ever, it's time to Step Up and support solutions which move us towards a circular economy – where everything is a resource, and there is no such thing as waste.



Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment | National Plastics Plan 2021

By 2025 it is predicted that 99% of seabirds worldwide will have ingested plastic.

### **What can YOU do?**

#### **Refuse. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Compost.**

We make very little use of the resources we already extract when we could be feeding them back into the resource loop, preventing rubbish entering the environment and waste going to landfill.

# Education In Faith

.....*Edward Dooley/Religious Education Leader*

I love writing, but Sr Joan Chittister writes so much better and to the point than I could ever dream. Please take the time to sit with a cuppa this Lent and read her reflection here on the importance of darkness in growing towards God.

## **A walk into the dark by Sr. Joan Chittister**

The spiritual life does not come cheap. It is not a stroll down a Mary Poppins path with a candy-store God who gives sweets and miracles. It is a walk into the dark with the God who is the light that leads us through darkness.

Darkness, I have discovered, is the way we come to see. It creates the depressions that, once faced, teach us to trust. It gives us the sensitivity it takes to understand the depth of the pain in others. It seeds in us the humility it takes to learn to live gently with the rest of the universe. It opens us to new possibilities within ourselves.

Darkness is a very spiritual thing.

Myra B. Nagel has written, "The season of Lent is a time to reflect on the cross and its meaning for our lives." There is no doubt in my mind that the cross is significant in any life. Whoever carries a cross and is the same at the end of the journey as they were at the beginning? The only question is the nature of the change. I have so far always been stronger at the end of a struggle than I was at the outset. But I have always been more independent, distant, isolated, as well. That hasn't been all bad—but it has, at the same time, taken its toll.

I have discovered over time that the cross is supposed to take its toll on us. It forms us to find God in the shadows of life. Ironically enough, it is the cross that teaches us hope. When we have survived our own cross, risen alive from the grave of despair, we begin to know that we can survive again and again and again, whatever life sends us in the future. It is this hope that carries us from stage to stage in life, singing and dancing around dark corners.

But hope is not a private virtue. Hope makes us witness to the invincibility of the spirit. The hope we bring to others becomes the one sure gift we have to give to those in pain.

The God of the Dance beckons us out of the caves of the soul to faith and trust and new beginnings. It's when we get trapped in the past—in its details, and its shame, and its narrow boxes and short leashes—that life stops for us. When life is defined for us by others, we limit our sense of ourselves. Then we dismiss the God of Possibility from our lives. We refuse to become the more that we are. We sit on the dung heap of our past and make it our present. We fail to believe that God is. That God is in us. That God is calling us out of the darkness into the light. Darkness is one of the ways to God is leading us to the light.

# ST PATRICK'S PS PHOTO DAY

  
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CHEESE**



**School photo day is fast approaching, make sure you place your order via the MSP website.**

1. Scan QR code on your order card/envelope OR go to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)
2. Click 'Download Portrait or Order Online'
3. Click 'Order Packs'
4. Insert Shootkey and Place your Order

A late/processing fee will apply for orders received 1 week after photo day.  
All family/sibling orders must be placed by 11pm the day before photo day.  
Please contact us if you have any questions or issues around ordering.

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WITH MSP**



## 2023 Team Vic State Selection Process

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is to provide you with information about the School Sport Victoria Team Vic trials for 12 years and under teams in the sports of *Australian Rules Football, Netball, Football (Soccer) and Basketball* for 2023. To be eligible to participate in the trial process:

- **Students must be nominated and endorsed by their school initially.**
- **Each of these children needs to register online, if they wish to proceed.**

Each school is only allowed a maximum of three (3) students for each sport mentioned above to attend these trials so it's important that as a school, we acknowledge the capacity and ability of these nominated students to be able to participate well in these trials. It needs to be emphasized that these trials form part of School Sport Victoria's Gifted and Talented program and are not 'come and try' opportunities. Each child is trialling for a State Team and as such we must attest to each child's athleticism, elite skill level, previous high level achievements in a particular sport and their school behaviour.

**You are invited to register your child online for selection to trial, once you have emailed and been approved by Ellie Connell [econnell@spmentone.catholic.edu.au](mailto:econnell@spmentone.catholic.edu.au). Ellie will determine whether your child is of a suitable age and skill level to partake in the trials. As these trials are for Under 12's, St Patrick's generally only allows those who are 12 or are turning 12 to partake in the trials.**

Your trial form may then be endorsed by the principal. Please be aware that registration costs \$25 per sport non-refundable. Please go to the following link and click on 'Team Vic' to access the registration page and information once you are approved by the school - <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/>

Any other Team Vic information can be found on the SSV website. Other Team Vic sports and registration dates can be found here - <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au.registration.pdf>

**Nominations close 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**



## 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

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### 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.



## Parish and Community



St Patrick's P&F Newsletter

### TERM 1 2023

School is back and (in a very quiet voice) it seems normal service has resumed.

This time last year we were all entrenched in the twice-weekly RAT testing regime and the playground was covered in portable classrooms. Twelve months later, all the children are back in classrooms, the Prep to Grade 3 students in the new junior wing with a glorious blue/green synthetic basketball court to enjoy.

The P&F would like to acknowledge the help we received from many parents at the End of Year BBQ. It was (thankfully) a great morning and the schoolyard was buzzing and what a thrill to have Santa make an appearance. This event doesn't happen without a mountain of volunteers on the day.

We held the first 2023 P&F meeting last Tuesday, welcoming many new members to the Committee. Thank you for volunteering and we hope you enjoy being involved.

The 2023 timetable for all P&F events will be sent to all class reps for 2023 and a copy posted on the P&F Noticeboard on the School deck. The returning events (after a covid hiatus) are Grandparent's Day (Tuesday 25th July) and the Bunnings BBQ sometime in October. The new event in 2023 will be the St Patrick's Trivia Night on Friday 16th June.

### TERM 1 EVENTS

St Patrick's day  
BBQ Friday  
17th March

Prep/Buddy BBQ  
Thursday  
23rd March

Prep/Grade  
6 Wine & Cheese  
night  
31st March

Easter Egg Raffle  
Thursday 6th April

Hot cross Bun  
Morning tea  
Thursday 6th  
April

The P&F event calendar begins with St Patrick's Day BBQ & ZooperDooper on Friday 17th March which is in the experienced hands of the Grade 3 parents (noting that helpers from other year levels are always welcome!).

Thank-you in advance to our 2023 class reps who will communicate more detailed information about each event throughout the year. Please bear in mind class reps and Committee members are all volunteers united in purpose to stage some fun events for our children (& sometimes for the family), raise some money for school projects and have some fun in the process. Let's keep it fun for everyone in 2023.

Have a fabulous year as part of the St Patrick's community.

The P&F



# DANNY'S MARKET GARDEN

**Danny's & Students Market Garden will be open for sales (cash only please) at 3.15 pm Friday. Lots of fresh and delicious fruit, vegetables and eggs for sale!**



## Join us at Kilbreda College

Our mission is to inspire and empower all students through an innovative curriculum and provide extensive cocurricular and leadership opportunities. We aim to provide an education that is transformative, with tailored programs that encourage a sense of pride, purpose and belonging. We celebrate and value each young person as they establish their individual identities within our College community.

**Open Morning • Friday 17 February at 9.15am**

**Open Evening • Thursday 16 March from 4.00pm**

We invite families to visit our College and explore what we have to offer. Visit [kilbreda.vic.edu.au](http://kilbreda.vic.edu.au) to register.

**Applications for Year 7, 2025 close 18 August 2023.**



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## ST BEDE'S COLLEGE MENTONE CAMPUS OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2023



**Mentone Campus** 2 Mentone Parade, Mentone VIC 3194  
**Bentleigh East Campus** 156 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East VIC 3165  
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Enrolments open to all Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2025.

Everyone welcome to view the College.

Bookings: [www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

Tour bookings are essential.