

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Families,

Next week we have one of our favourite celebrations of the year, St Patrick's Day on Friday 17th March.

All our students have the weekend to find their green clothing, so they are prepared for a fun day on Friday.

The timeline for Friday is as follows:

9:15am Parish Mass (Prep–Yr 6)
10:00am – School Activities

- Giant Slide
- Art Activities
- Gaelic Football
- Class Activities
- Clover Games

The Year 6 students have organised many activities (Clover Games) for the whole school to be a part of. Each level will also participate in Gaelic football, art activities, class activities and have a go down the giant slide.

The P&F are providing lunch for the students, which will include a sausage in bread and a Zooper Dooper.

If your child needs more food, please send it to school with them. Lunch will begin from 12:40pm with the junior students.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We appreciate the support we received from all our families today for our school photos. The students looked fantastic and hopefully your photos will provide a great memory of this year.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will occur over the next two weeks for Years 3 and 5. NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for students to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

NAPLAN is now completed online for all students in Year 3 and 5 with the exception of Year 3 Writing which will be completed on paper. The NAPLAN assessment for our students will be conducted at the following times:

Wednesday 15th March 9:00am
Year 3 Writing
Thursday 16th March 9:00am
Year 3 / 5 Language Conventions
Thurs 16th March 11:45am
Year 5 Writing
Monday 20th March 11:45am
Year 3 / 5 Numeracy
Tuesday 21st March 9:00am
Year 3 / 5 Reading

It is important that all students are at school for these assessment, so we would appreciate it if families could avoid having any outside appointments during these times.

DIVISION SWIMMING

Good luck to Chloe P who will represent the school in the Division Swimming Finals on Tuesday next week.

OPEN DAY Wednesday 15th March 9:30am – 3:00pm

We are already receiving lots of enquiries about enrolling for 2024. We are extremely pleased to have this interest and we will have our Open Day on **Wednesday 15th 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.

If you have any family or friends who have a child commencing school next year, please let them know about the Open Day on **Wednesday 15th March. Tours will be available from 9:30am – 3:00pm**.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

The Year 5/6 students participated in sport against St Mark's Primary School last Friday. The scores were as follows:

Round 3 – 03/03

Cricket

Boys: Lost

Girls – 75-73W

Volleystars: 2-1W

Hot Shots: -

Boys: 3-9L

Girls: 5-7L

Softball:

Boys: 10-14L

Girls: 5-6L

Rounders: 18-25L

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 CLOSURE DAY

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

END OF TERM AND TERM 2

Term 1 will end on Thursday 6th April at 3:15pm.



Term 2 will commence on Wednesday 26th April after the ANZAC Day holiday.

Best Wishes



Tim Noonan - Principal

TERM 1 2023

Week 6	Mon 6 th Mar	9.00am	Assembly <i>Preps full-time attendance at school</i>
	Tues 7 th Mar		
	Wed 8 th Mar		
	Thurs 9 th Mar	9.00am	School Photo Day! Full summer uniform to be worn 
	Fri 10 th Mar		
	Sat 11 th Mar		
	Sun 12 th Mar		
Week 7	Mon 13 th Mar		<i>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Labour Day</i> Catholic Education Week
	Tues 14 th Mar	7.55am 9.00am 9.00-2.00pm	Cross Country training Assembly Kingston Division Swimming Carnival/Oakleigh NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5
	Wed 15 th Mar	9.30-3.00pm 7:30pm	St Patrick's Open Day! NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5 School Advisory Council
	Thurs 16 th Mar	7.55am	Cross Country training NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5
	Fri 17 th Mar	9.15am	Whole School Mass St Patrick's Day! BBQ 
	Sat 18 th Mar		
	Sun 19 th Mar		
Week 8	Mon 20 th Mar	9.00am	Assembly
	Tues 21 st Mar	7.55am	Cross Country training
	Wed 22 nd Mar	9:15am	House Cross Country – Mentone Athletics Track
	Thurs 23 rd Mar	12.30pm	Prep/Year 6 Buddy BBQ
	Fri 24 th Mar	9.00-11.00am	Interschool Sport Finals – TBC
	Sat 25 th Mar		
	Sun 26 th Mar		

2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1:

Friday 27th January - Thursday 6th April

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| • School Photos | Thursday 9th March |
| • Labour Day Public Holiday | Monday 13th March |
| • Division Swimming Carnival | Tuesday 14 th March |
| • St Patrick's Open Day | Wednesday 15th March |
| • National Testing | Tuesday 14th - Monday 27th March |
| • St Patrick's School Feast Day | Friday 17th March |
| • Cross Country Carnival | Wednesday 22nd March |
| • Yr 6 / Prep Buddy BBQ | Thursday 23 rd March (12:30pm) |
| • Catholic Education Week | Week 7 |
| • Year 6 Camp to Canberra | Monday 27th - Friday 31st March |
| • Year 6 and Prep parents welcome | Friday 31st March |
| • Regional Swimming Finals | TBC |
| • Interschool Sport Finals | Friday 24th March & 31st March (backup) |
| • End of term Mass. | Tuesday 4th April |
| • Term 1 ends | Thursday 6th April at 3:15pm |

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – TERM 1 WEEK 6

Class	Student	Reason
PAD	Allegra M	Allegra showed she was a risk taker when she shared her story about trying and liking brussel sprouts.
PMU	Teagan	For being a risk taker and playing with lots of new people during play times. Great work Teagan.
PLA	Alexandra T	For caring for others in the class and making sure everyone feels included. You are a super friend Alex!
1PC	Murphy	For being an excellent problem solver and finding some creative solutions to our Noah's Ark maths problem. Murphy, you are a super mathematician!
1VE	Milo	For being both an Inquirer and Risk Taker during Maths this week, Milo has challenged himself when adding more than two numbers together. Nice one Milo!
1TH	Will	For demonstrating the Learner Profile of Knowledge. Will used his letter and sound knowledge to help him sound out challenging words. Keep up the great reading!
2HA	Ahaana	For being a great communicator who is always sharing her ideas with the class. Keep it up Ahaana!
2LA	Alex L	For trying to make good decisions and be a problem solver. You are a great thinker Alex!
2LM	Evie	For being an excellent inquirer and expressing her thoughts, questions and wonderings while reading! Way to go Evie!
3BE	Maxi	For displaying a positive attitude in the classroom and striving to do his best with his reading. Good job Maxi!
3MI	Jack	For picking up rubbish around the school, helping others and using kind words. You have demonstrated the learner profile of caring so well Jack!
3BA	Mila	For caring for those around her and always willing to assist them when required. Great work Mila!
4DS	Archie	For being a great communicator and explaining to the class how he works out how to solve maths problems
4SC	Sienna	For being an excellent communicator and sharing her thoughts and ideas both orally and in writing. Fantastic work, Sienna!
4SI	Chase	For being an excellent thinker during our Maths lesson and trying multiple strategies to solve problems
5DO	Taylor	For his awesome maths skills and contributing to all of our class discussions. Well done Taylor.
5HA	Olivia	For being such a reflective learner. Olivia always takes time to think before she acts, focuses on what she can improve and works hard to make excellent decisions every day.
6LA	Pasquale	For using effective thinking skills to write an informed persuasive piece on Federation. Well done Pasquale!
6CR	Mia T	For being a terrific inquirer and asking questions about multiplying two digit numbers.
Italian	2LM Myla	For displaying perspicacity when translating Italian language into English and for her competence in using Italian colours. <i>Per la perspicacia mostrata nelle sue traduzioni dall'Italiano all'Inglese e per la competenza dimostrata nell'uso dei colori.</i>

Mathematics

.....from Matt Hale/Mathematics Leader

INCLUSIVE LEARNING APPROACHES IN MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is a subject that can sometimes be perceived as either inaccessible or boring, which can in turn lead to students feeling disengaged and disinterested. This is particularly true both for students who may face barriers to learning (such as those with disabilities) and for high-performing students who are seeking extra challenges. However, inclusive learning approaches in mathematics can help to break down barriers and create a more positive and engaging learning environment for all students.

Inclusive learning approaches in mathematics are characterised by a focus on student-centred support and whole-class engagement in challenging tasks. By creating a learning environment that is both motivating and accessible to all students, these approaches help to foster a sense of belonging and connection to the subject. This, in turn, can lead to increased student participation and a more positive attitude towards mathematics.

Enabling & Extending Prompts

As part of our inclusive learning approaches at St Patrick's, we provide enabling & extending prompts within our mathematics lessons. Once we identify that a student is either struggling or needs additional challenges within the lesson, we seek to provide that student with enabling prompts (to help make the activity more accessible) or extending prompts (to help students focus on more complex aspects of the maths being covered). This is in contrast to more traditional methods of mathematics education (sometimes labelled "ability grouping"), wherein students are given totally separate activities that are either "easier" or "harder" (and thereby *excluded* from the common language,

ICT NEWS

..... James Daidone/ICT Leader

Qustodio Parent Cyber Safety App

The way in which young people use technology has shifted significantly with children spending more time than ever online. This paradigm shift presents many new challenges not to mention an increase in online risks and threats.

We at St Patrick's take our students' digital safety and wellbeing very seriously as a school. We continually look at ways to ensure that we can be proactive to ensure children remain safe online at all times.

Our existing [St Pats Online Safety Hub](#) is an excellent resource for parents with tips and advice on all cyber related topics. This is all thanks to our strong partnership with Linewize. The technology that Linewize provides protects more than 12 million students and now includes a parental child safety app from **Qustodio**. Qustodio gives you visibility of how your child is engaging online on their home device.

As a parent, you will have the ability to:

- Pause the internet on your child's device from your app
- Receive reports of your child's online activity
- Apply filtering rules
- Get access to online safety expert advice directly through the app.

We are offering you the option to protect **two** personal devices (phones, shared iPads, etc.) per family free of charge. This will reassure you as a parent that your child is safe whenever using this device; while preventing exposure to harmful or inappropriate content. This will help students focus on learning outcomes and improve their digital wellbeing.

We are aiming to have Qustodio ready for parent use by the start of term 2. More info to come soon.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

The Qustodio logo is displayed in a light green font on a white rectangular background.

James Daidone
Digital Technologies/STEM Leader



VISUAL ARTS NEWS!

.....Jennifer Brown/Visual Arts Teacher

News from the Art Room

The art room has been a hive of activity in recent weeks with the children completing their painted paper masterpieces and the older students finishing their calico wall hangings.

Art club has commenced with wonderful enthusiasm with the year three, four and five students attending in recent weeks. The focus this term in Art Club is collaborative art, our tasks have focused on working together to complete a final piece of art - some of which will feature at this year's art show. Younger students will have an opportunity in the coming weeks as well.

Students in all year levels are currently working on a whole school collaboration called the Bot Joy project. The idea is to create a bot from a domino to give to someone else to bring some joy and inspiration to them. It is a global art movement created by American artist Gary Hirsch.

What is a Bot?

Bots are small robots drawn on the back of dominos, but they are so much more. You can make a Brave Bot to help a friend feel less scared. You could make a Joy Bot to celebrate a family member's kindness. When you make someone a Bot you give them a little emotional boost of joy, bravery, hope, etc. Whatever your intention, a Bot helps you express it. It is amazing how a small robot can help you feel more human.

Botjoy isn't just an art project, it's a worldwide community.

For more information visit the website below.

<https://www.botjoy.com/bots>



Chat with your child about who they are thinking of creating their bot for. Most year levels are at the design stage so it is a good time to have this conversation with them.

Thank you to families who have made recent donations of paper and recyclables, it is greatly appreciated.

Jen Brown
Visual Arts Teacher



Clockwise from top:

- Primary colour mixing in Prep
- Completed landscape pieces
- Completed calico wall hangings
- Art club collaborative shape murals
- Completed self portraits inspired by the story 'It's Okay to be Different'

Cross Country Training

As our Cross Country House and district competitions are coming up in Week 8 and Week 1, Term 2 respectively, we are going to start running club next week! Training will be initially for anyone who wishes to come in Years 3 to 6 and then after our House Competition, training for district athletes will commence. Running club will be on Tuesday and Thursday morning @ 8am. Please be at school for 7.55am, wearing your sports uniform and with a water bottle and a hat. Siblings who are at school can come and sit on the deck if you wish. We look forward to seeing you all!

Mr Edwards

PE Teacher



Visit our website
for a virtual tour

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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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 DAY BBQ

Sausage Sizzle & Fun Activities!

On Friday 17th March, we invite all the students of St Pats to a St Patrick's Day BBQ !

All students will receive a sausage in bread, and a zooper dooper icy pole!

For any dietary requirements or if you'd like to opt out please email by Tuesday 14th March,
parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

All students are encouraged to wear green or their finest St Pat's Day costumes!

P&F Association
parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au



Friday
17th
March



PREP & BUDDY BBQ

Inviting all Prep and year 6 students to
our annual buddy BBQ lunch !

This is a great opportunity for the preps
to spend time with their buddies!

Students will receive a sausage in bread
and zooper dooper iceypole.

Any dietary requirements please email by
Tuesday 21st March,
parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au

P&F Association
parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au



Thursday
23rd
March



WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

We would like to welcome all Prep parents to St Pat's with a Wine & Cheese night!

Hosted by our 2023 Grade 6 parents and P&F committee.

7pm-9pm in the school hall.

Please note this is an adults only event.

RSVP:

Please email, Name of Parents attending, and your child's name and class to:
parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au
By Monday 27th March

P&F Association
parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au



Friday
31st
March



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!



Visit our Open Evening

Thursday 16 March • From 4.00pm

During our Open Evening, you will have the opportunity to meet our Principal, take a vibrant student-led tour or visit our Information Centre, where you can meet members of staff. Specialty areas will also be open and hosting demonstrations including our Science Labs, STEM Room and Creative Arts and Design areas.

Please register at kilbreda.vic.edu.au

Applications for Year 7, 2025 close 18 August 2023.



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FRESH NEXT WEEK**

Choc-Coconut Slice

100's & 1000's Biscuits

50¢ each

SMOOTHIES...get you through the day

Smoothies are an easy breakfast or afternoon snack to make which will give you energy for the day and can be packed with loads of nutrients. Here are a few Smoothie Ideas or create your own from the list of ingredients which can make a great Smoothie

Smoothie 1 - Yellow Monkey - Peanut Butter Choc Smoothie
2 frozen bananas, 2 tablespoons peanut butter,
2 tablespoons honey, 1 tablespoon cocoa powder,
1 ½ cups milk of choice. Blend all together, drink and power on.

Smoothie 2 - Sunshine - Peach and Passionfruit Smoothie
1 cup canned peaches (drained), 1 cup low fat vanilla
yoghurt, pulp of 1 passionfruit, 1 cup milk of choice,
1 tablespoon soaked Chai seeds. Blend together,
drink and recharge.

Smoothie 3 - Pink Panther - Berry Smoothie
1 cup frozen berries, 1 cup low-fat Berry Yoghurt,
1 cup low-fat milk, 1 weetbix. Blend together, drink
and conquer the day.

**Ingredients You Can Combine to Make Your Own
Signature Smoothie**

Select, blend and drink.

Fruits & Veg: bananas, raspberries, blueberries, apples (cored), kiwifruit,
canned fruits, mango, carrots, kale

Dairy: low-fat milk, almond milk, soy milk, coconut milk, low-fat yoghurt
(any flavours)

Extra Energy: Weetbix, chai seeds(soaked), wheatgerm, quick rolled
oats, almond meal, All Bran cereal

Added Flavour: honey, malt, cinnamon, milo, cocoa powder

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Term 1,

Rotary
Mordialloc



Gnome + fairy FESTIVAL 2023



SUNDAY MARCH 19TH

**GEORGE WOODS RESERVE
GOVERNOR ROAD, MORDIALLOC
10AM TO 4PM**



Rotary Gnome and Fairy Festival 2023

Featuring:

**ANIMAL FARM | RIDES | STALLS | AMUSEMENTS
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