

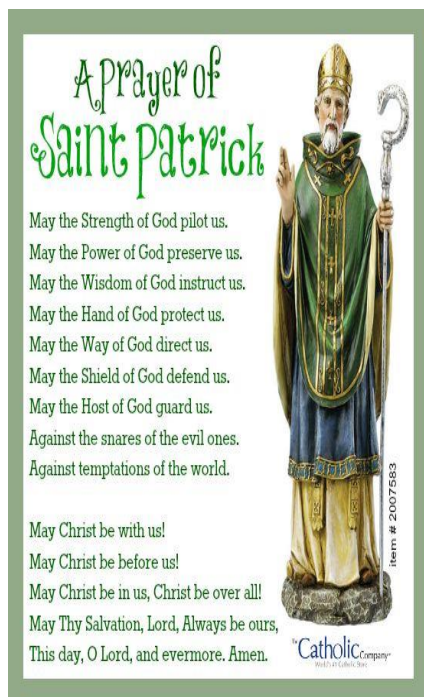
# ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,



This week we celebrate Catholic Education Week and in particular St Patrick's Day. We are looking forward to a great day tomorrow and we hope everyone has their best green clothing and accessories ready to go.

As stated last week we will begin the day with Mass at 9:15am and then we will have a variety of activities including:

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

The P&F are providing lunch for the students, which will include a sausage in bread and an icy-pole. If your child needs more food, please send it to school with them. We have sent a message to all families today asking you to let your child's class teacher

know if you do not want them to have a sausage in bread.

Lunch will begin from 12:40pm with the junior students and parents are more than welcome to join us.

## NEW PARISH PRIEST – FR JUSTIN FORD

Last Sunday at the Parish Masses, it was announced that our new parish Priest will be Fr Justin Ford. He is currently the Parish Priest at St Mary's in Ascotvale and will be joining our parish on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to welcoming him to our community.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing commenced yesterday and continued today for our Year 3 and 5 students. Next week they will complete NAPLAN on the following days:  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 11:45am  
Year 3 / 5 Numeracy  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9:00am  
Year 3 / 5 Reading

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

## DIVISION SWIMMING

Well done to Chloe P who won her Division Final this week and has now qualified for the Region Finals. This is an amazing effort and we wish her all the very for her next swim.

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Yesterday we had our Open Day and we have already received some new enrolment applications for 2024.

I could not be prouder of our Year 6 leaders and the manner in which they led tours throughout the day. We received amazing feedback about our Year 6 students from the families who visited our school.

We had over 50 families complete a tour on Wednesday and we hope they will now enrol their children at St Patrick's.

If you have a child starting at St Patrick's next year, please visit the office to collect your enrolment form.

**Enrolments for Prep 2024 close on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Last night the School Advisory Council had our first meeting for the year. I would like to thank Ben Quirin, Sarsha McEntee, Bronwyn Kilkenny, Maria Facciolo and Sam Radford for joining Joelle Diakrousis and myself on the council this year. At the meeting Jennifer Smith presented an overview on the introduction to IB in our school this year and we also discussed the following topics:

- The EBA for schools
- Open Day and enrolments
- Camps
- Child Safety

We look forward to working with the council throughout 2023.

## **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CONFERENCE**

We are developing our knowledge of IB and to continue our professional development Jennifer Smith, Liz Lamb and I will be attending the IB Global Conference in Adelaide from Sunday to Tuesday next week.

Best Wishes



Tim Noonan  
Principal

## **PREP AND YEAR 6 WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT**

Our Year 6 parents are hosting the combined Year 6 and Prep Wine and cheese night in the hall on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. This is a wonderful opportunity for Prep families to get to know each other.

## **HOT CROSS BUNS**

The Parents and Friends have kindly arranged a Hot Cross Bun morning tea for students on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. For a list of the variety of buns available and cost please go to Flexischools to place your orders by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Once again we thank the Parents and Friends for organising this fun event.

## **EASTER RAFFLE**

From tomorrow we will have tubs in all classrooms to collect Easter Eggs for our Easter raffle. We look forward to having many wonderful hampers!!!! Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Next Wednesday we have our Inter House Cross Country Carnival for students from Year 3-6 at Dolamore Reserve commencing at 9:15am. All students need to wear their sports uniform and parents are more than welcome to join us.

## **END OF TERM AND TERM 2**

Term 1 will end on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 3:15pm.

Term 2 will commence on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April after the ANZAC Day holiday.

## TERM 1 2023

Week 7	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar		<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Labour Day</b> Catholic Education Week
	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.55am 9.00am 9.00-2.00pm	<i>Cross Country training</i> Assembly Kingston Division Swimming Carnival/Oakleigh NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5
	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>9.30-3.00pm</b> 7:30pm	<b>St Patrick's Open Day!</b> NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5 School Advisory Council
	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.55am	Cross Country training NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5
	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.15am	Whole School Mass <b>St Patrick's Day!</b> <b>BBQ</b>
	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
	Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
Week 8	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	Assembly
	Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7.55am	<i>Cross Country training</i>
	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	9:15am	<b>House Cross Country – Mentone Athletics Track</b>
	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	12.30pm	<b>Prep/Year 6 Buddy BBQ</b>
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00-11.00am	Interschool Sport Finals – TBC
	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar		
Week 9	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am	Assembly Year 6 – Canberra Camp
	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Year 6 – Canberra Camp
	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.00am-3.00pm	Year 6 – Canberra Camp Year 2 – Excursion - Ripponlea
	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Year 6 – Canberra Camp
	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7.00-9.00pm	Year 6 – Canberra Camp Prep & Year 6 Wine & Cheese Evening
	Sat 1st April		
	Sun 2nd April		

# 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Term 1:**

**Friday 27th January - Thursday 6th April**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| • <b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b> | <b>Monday 13th March</b>                  |
| • Division Swimming Carnival       | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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                         |
| • <b>Cross Country Carnival</b>    | <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>    |
| • Yr 6 / Prep Buddy BBQ            | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 7

Class	Student	Reason
PAD	Eve J	When making 2D shapes with playdough Eve showed how knowledgeable she was by comparing all 4 sides to see if they were equal.
PMU	Finn J	During 'Investigative Play' Finn showed the qualities of an Inquirer by trying lots of different activities.
PLA	Matty	For demonstrating the Learner Profile of Principled by making good choices and following the rules and routines of the class.
1PC	Jia	For being a risk taker when she is writing and trying to sound out and spell tricky words from the story. Keep up the super work Jia!
1VE	Guy	For being an open-minded classmate. Guy listens attentively to others and always shows respect towards his teachers and classmates. Super stuff Guy!
1TH	Grace	For demonstrating the learner profile of 'knowledge'. Grace used a variety of adjectives in her writing to make her sentences entertaining.
2HA	Oliver	For being a knowledgeable person and using his verb knowledge to write a procedural text about making a sandwich. Well done Ollie!
2LA	Cat	For being a great communicator through her writing and speaking. You are always expressing yourself in interesting ways. Great job!
2LM		
3BE	Eli	For displaying the learner profile of being a thinker when solving mathematical equations and explaining his thought processes.
3MI	Emma	For her can-do attitude in class, always trying her best and taking risks in her learning. Great job Emma!
3BA	Oliver	For demonstrating the learner profile of being a knowledgeable person by explaining his solution to an open ended mathematics task.
4DS	Ben	For showing the learner profile of being a thinker when completing his work on syllables and researching his family history.
4SC	Josh	For being a principled person and standing up for the rights of his classmates. Well done, Josh!
4SI	Thomas B	For being knowledgeable and using the maths strategies learnt to solve a range of maths problems. Keep it up Thomas!
5DO	Liam. C	For his caring nature and holding the door open for others and his great transition back to St Pats. Keep it up Liam.
5HA	Pas	Pas has been a terrific inquirer this week. He has asked terrific questions as part of our "who we are" unit and has been especially curious about the topics of cells and genetics.
6LA	Felix	Felix has demonstrated great communication skills when explaining and justifying his answers to maths tasks. Great Work Felix!!
6CR	Harry P	For being a risk taker and completing his junior mayor speech in front of the whole year 6 cohort.
Italian	James W 4SI	For the curiosity and zest for learning displayed in studying Italian. In particular, for generating great questions about the Italian celebration of Carnevale. Bravo! <i>Per la curiosità e il gusto d'apprendimento dimostrati nello studio dell'Italiano. In particolare, per la sua capacità di generare interrogativi relativi alla celebrazione del Carnevale Italiano. Bravo!</i>

# Education In Faith

.....Edward Dooley/Religious Education Leader



This Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March we celebrate the Feast of St Patrick. We will celebrate Mass together at 9.15am followed by fun activities all day.

Saint Patrick was born in Britain around 385. He was kidnapped by pirates and taken to Ireland as a teenager to become a slave and shepherd. During his captivity he kept a strong faith in God and prayed daily. After six years of servitude, God led him to escape and return home to England. He became a priest and later bishop, but his heart remained with the people of Ireland.

Saint Patrick went back to preach and teach the Celtic people. He brought Christianity to the island and worked many miracles there. He used many creative teaching methods to explain Christianity to people who did not know about God. He was best known for his use of a shamrock (three-leaf clover) to teach people about the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. During his time in Ireland he baptized thousands of new Christians and ordained many priests to carry on the missions there.

After forty years of preaching the Gospel in Ireland, he died on March 17<sup>th</sup>, a day people around the world celebrate as Saint Patrick's Day.



## First Eucharist in Year 3.

We are fast approaching the beginning of our First Eucharist program.

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

- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** First Eucharist Retreat Day. This will be held at School.
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May @ 3.30pm 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 6<sup>th</sup> June @ 5pm and 6.30pm:** First Eucharist Masses (Bookings at a later date)

# Sustainability

.....from Liz Lamb/Sustainability Leader



25 MARCH 2023 8:30-9:30 PM LOCAL TIME

On Saturday 25 March we are asked to sign up to switch off and join a worldwide community of millions taking #TimeOutForNature. Our environment continues to degrade at an alarming pace. Eastern Australia is among the 24 global deforestation fronts, and we are the only developed nation on this list.

An estimated 200,000 trees are bulldozed in Australia every day. That's 8,000 trees every hour. Trees are the lungs of our planet, and we need them to help reverse the impacts of climate change. Now is the time to press Pause and work together to protect nature and restore what we have lost. So make the time - whether it's 60 seconds, 60 minutes or beyond the hour - to reflect on the incredible benefits nature provides us and create a better future for people and the planet. Let's take #TimeOutForNature this Earth Hour.

The link below has ideas on what you can do this Earth Hour and even a competition to enter.

<https://www.earthhour.org.au/>





# *St. Patrick's Presents....*

## A Celebration of Learning **S T E M**

We are inviting all families to come and join us for a STEM showcase in week 10 of the term. The Year 6 students will be sharing their *Lego Design Thinking* projects. The showcases will be held in the hall from 3pm on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th of April.

Week 10, Term 1  
6LA - Monday 3rd April  
6RC- Tuesday 4th April



The students look forward to sharing their STEM learning with you all.  
We hope to see you there!



## 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](mailto:parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au)

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

 **Friday  
17th  
March**

P&F Association  
[parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au)




## 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 icy pole.

Any dietary requirements please email by Tuesday 21st March,  
[parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au)

 **Thursday  
23rd  
March**

P&F Association  
[parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au)




## 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](mailto:parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au)  
 By Monday 27th March

 **Friday  
31st  
March**

P&F Association  
[parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@spmentone.catholic.edu.au)




## St Patrick's Annual EASTER EGG RAFFLE 2023

Each class has their own raffle, so the more donations, the more prizes! Please drop donations to your child's class room by Monday 3rd April!

Tickets for the raffle are 50c each and money will be collected by the class room teacher. Buy as many tickets as you like!

**Prizes will be draw on Thursday 6th April. ( last day of school)**

 Please donate an Easter egg, or Easter novelty to contribute to your class prizes.

 Donations will be accepted & Tickets available to purchase in class from Monday 20th March.

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## HOT CROSS BUN DAY

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**ORDER BY 5PM FRIDAY 31ST MARCH**

**Thursday  
6th April**



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**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!**

**BAKED IN THE CANTEEN  
FRESH NEXT WEEK**

**Choc-Coconut Slice**

**100's & 1000's Biscuit**

**50¢ each**



BAYSIDE CANTEENS

## All Things Zucchini

Zucchini has to be one of the most versatile vegetables. You can eat it raw, roast it, steam it or grill on the barbeque. Try shredding, dicing and stuffing it too.

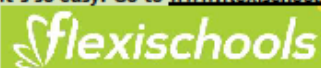
Zucchini's are a good source of vitamin C and supply some dietary fibre. They are an international food favoured by the Italians, French and even the British. A great introduction for children to zucchini is zucchini slice which they can cook themselves.

Here are some ideas to help you use that glut of zucchinis your garden or neighbours garden has produced.

1. Zucchini & Corn Fritters
2. Roast Zucchini, Chickpea and Sweet Potato Salad
3. Zucchini Slice
4. Potato, Capsicum and Zucchini Frittata
5. Mediterranean Chicken and Zucchini Kebabs

These are just a few ideas to give you inspiration for adding more Zucchini to your life.

**Order Your Lunches Online.** No need to find the coins or paperbag to write lunch orders on...it's so easy. Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and sign up.



Term 1



# NIGHT OF STARS

## PAST PUPILS SHOWCASE CONCERT

Join us for an evening of Music, Dance and Theatre as we celebrate past pupils who have excelled in the Performing Arts. The incredible showcase features Ellie Carter (Contemporary Singer), Liliana Dalton (Actor), Jess Fairlie (Soul/Pop Performer), Katherine Gale (Musical Theatre Performer), Amanda Hargreaves (Soprano), Samantha Hargreaves (Soprano), Steph O'Gorman (Comedian), Nicole Marshall (Musician), Alessia Muscariello (Musical Theatre Performer), Miller Soding (Singer/Songwriter) and Olivia West (Dancer).

Compered by Kayla Hamill (Actor) and Jacqui Essing (Actor).

**DATE:** Thursday 23 March  
**TIME:** 7.30pm to 9.00pm  
**VENUE:** Kilbreda College  
**COST:** \$20 per ticket  
**BOOK:** [www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au](http://www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au)



### 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](http://kilbreda.vic.edu.au)

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



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# Gnome + fairy FESTIVAL 2023



**SUNDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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10AM TO 4PM**



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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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