

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

ST PATRICK'S DAY

At our St Patrick's Day Mass last week, we started the Mass with our St Patrick's School Prayer. This prayer has become an integral part of school masses. We have included our prayer in today's newsletter for you to read.

Dear God,

We at St Patrick's Primary in Mentone believe that Christ is in the Heart of All.

As with our role model, St Patrick, we pray that Christ will be with us, within us, behind us, beside us and before us.

Through our actions of love and kindness may everyone in our Community come to know that Christ is the Heartbeat of our School. May everyone in our School feel welcomed, loved, accepted, safe and inspired to learn for the Greater Good of our World.

St Patrick.... Pray for us

St Mary MacKillop....Pray for us

Last Friday was a fun day for all our students and we hope they enjoyed the special St Patrick's day celebration. There are lots of photos in this newsletter showing great memories of the day.

NAPLAN

Well done to all the Year 3 and 5 students on completing the NAPLAN over the past two weeks. We have been pleased with the manner in which the students have approached these tests and the preparation that the teachers did with the students had a positive impact.

We look forward to the results later in the year, confident that with most students this "snapshot"

piece of assessment will match their regular and comprehensive

assessment that each class teacher already generates and reports against.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CONFERENCE

As I stated in last week's newsletter, I attended the IB Global conference in Adelaide earlier this week. This was a wonderful opportunity for Jennifer Smith, Liz Lamb and myself to learn more about IB and assist with the journey we are undertaking. We look forward to sharing our learnings with our staff.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

As you would be aware, enrolments for 2024 are now open. If you have a child joining St Patrick's next year, please come to the office and pick up an enrolment pack.

Enrolments for Prep 2024 close on Friday 28th April.

YEAR 6 CAMP TO CANBERRA

Next week our Year 6 students head off to Canberra for their school camp. This has been an integral part of our Year 6 program and we are glad to be heading back there after missing out for the past three years. I know our students are very excited about making their way to Canberra.

One of the highlights each year is travelling to the Australian War Memorial where the students can learn about the history of Australia at war and sometimes even learn more about their own family members.

As part of the trip we attend the Last Post Ceremony on Wednesday 29th March at 4:45pm at the War Memorial and this can be viewed online at: -

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/last-post-ceremony/live-stream>

We will be provided with a link to a folder of photos from our camp for the Year 6 parents. This link will be sent home via Skoolbag.

CROSS COUNTRY

Yesterday morning our Year 3-6 students participated in the House Cross Country. I would like to acknowledge Mr Edwards' excellent organisation and thank the teachers for all their help today.

Congratulations to the winning team and all who participated

1 st GOLD	-	263
2 nd GREEN	-	250
3 rd RED	-	201
4 th BLUE	-	144

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 31st 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 6th April. For a list of the variety of buns available and cost please go to Flexischools to place your orders by **Friday 31st March**. Once again we thank the Parents and Friends for organising this fun event.

EASTER RAFFLE

We now have tubs in all classrooms to collect Easter Eggs for our Easter raffle. We look forward to having many wonderful hampers!!!! Tickets are also in each classroom for the children to purchase.

Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

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 8	Mon 20 th Mar	9.00am 11:45am	Assembly NAPLAN – Numeracy (Year 3 and 5)
	Tues 21 st Mar	7.55am 9:00am	Cross Country training NAPLAN - Reading (Year 3 and 5)
	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	Interscholar Sport Finals – TBC
Week 9	Mon 27 th Mar	9.00am	Assembly Year 6 – Canberra Camp
	Tues 28 th Mar		Year 6 – Canberra Camp
	Wed 29 th Mar	9.00am-3.00pm	Year 6 – Canberra Camp Year 2 – Excursion - Ripponlea
	Thurs 30 th Mar		Year 6 – Canberra Camp
	Fri 31 st Mar	7.00-9.00pm	Year 6 – Canberra Camp Prep & Year 6 Wine & Cheese Evening
	Sat 1st April		
	Sun 2nd April		
Week 10	Mon 3 rd April	9.00am	Assembly
	Tues 4 th April	9.15am	End of Term Mass
	Wed 5 th April		
	Thurs 6 th April	3.15pm	End of Term 1
	Fri 7 th April		Good Friday
	Sat 8 th April		Easter Saturday
	Sun 9 th April		Easter Sunday

Years 3-6 Squad Cross Country Training



For all those students who came in the top 15 at House Cross Country, please attend the training squad every Tuesday and Thursday morning for the next 2 weeks. Training starts at 8am, so please arrive at 7.55. District cross country is the first Friday after the holidays so there is not much time to train. The fastest 10 will qualify for District and then the next 5 fastest will be emergencies. Emergencies will not travel but must be available on the day. Thank you.
Mr Edwards

2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1:

Friday 27th January - Thursday 6th April

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPLAN – Numeracy (Year 3 and 5) • NAPLAN - Reading (Year 3 and 5) • Cross Country Carnival • Yr 6 / Prep Buddy BBQ • Catholic Education Week • Year 6 Camp to Canberra • Year 6 and Prep parents welcome • Regional Swimming Finals • Interscholar Sport Finals • End of term Mass. • Term 1 ends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 20th March Tuesday 21st March Wednesday 22nd March Thursday 23rd March (12:30pm) Week 7 Monday 27th - Friday 31st March Friday 31st March TBC Friday 24th March & 31st March (backup) Tuesday 4th April Thursday 6th April at 3:15pm |
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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
• 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
• Mothers' 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	

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	Tilly	For being a caring person and always trying to include others when playing on the yard. Well done Tilly.
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! 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!

Literacy, Learning and Teaching

...from Jennifer Smith (Literacy, Learning & Teaching Leader)

IB Learner Profile

The aim of all International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognising their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

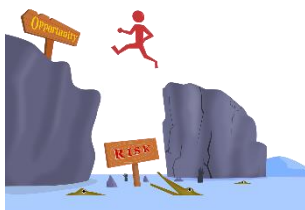


As IB learners we strive to be:

**Inquirers
Reflective
Balanced**

**Knowledgeable Thinkers
Principled Open-Minded
Communicators**

**Caring
Risk-Takers**



The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

We will Skoolbag home a set of the Learner Profile so you can use the language at home with your children.



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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

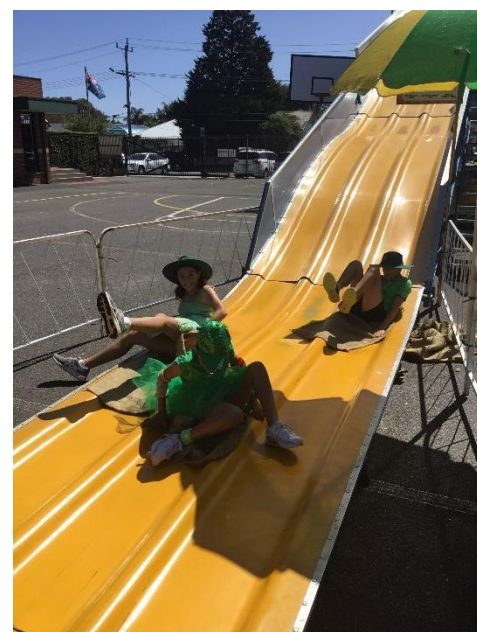
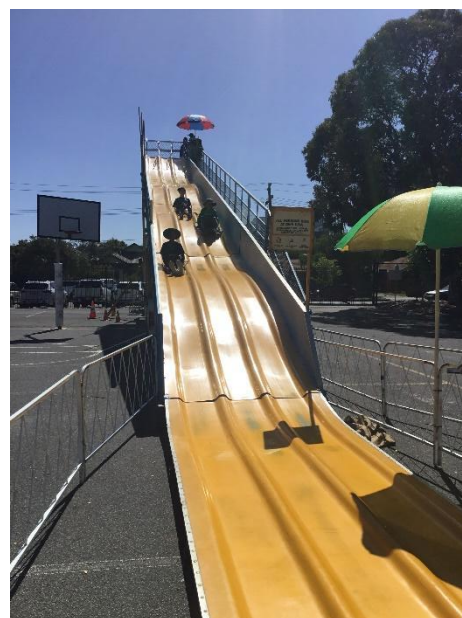


Enrolment packs can be downloaded at
www.spmentone.catholic.edu.au



Check out our Facebook Page St Patrick's Mentone

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS!





Student Wellbeing

.....Kathryn Ady/Student Wellbeing Leader

Wellbeing: What's it all about?

What are some of the factors that make up wellbeing?

- Being involved in supportive relationships
- Feeling that your life has meaning and purpose
- Feeling connected to others in your community
- Feeling a sense of control of your emotions
- Engaging in activities that are important to you



Wellbeing and your child

As a parent you want your child to be safe and happy throughout their time at school, and beyond.

Here are some ways you can lay the foundations for your child's wellbeing and, at the same time, support the school to build on and enhance these vital skills.

Build strong, healthy and trusting family relationships. Quality family time is about making the most of the time you spend together as a family. Use everyday time together to talk and share a laugh. Do regular, fun things together as a family.

Make time for open communication to build close family ties. Positive communication is about listening without judgment and expressing your own thoughts and feelings openly and respectfully.

Get involved in your child's education to show you value learning. Don't apply harmful pressure. Do have high expectations by genuinely believing in your kids and their ability to do well, not just ordering them to work hard at school.

Research tells us that young people who feel safe, connected and secure, and have loving and trusting relationships, are more likely to be active participants in their learning and to achieve better physical, emotional, social and educational outcomes.



Wellbeing is linked to improved learning outcomes. When children experience learning success, their wellbeing is further enhanced – so wellbeing and learning go hand in hand!

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/>

Parish and Community



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

**Friday
31st
March**

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



HOT CROSS BUN DAY

ORDER ON FLEXISCHOOL

Choose from
Traditional
Choc chip
Gluten free

**Thursday
6th April**

\$3.00 per hot cross bun
ORDER BY 5PM FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

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**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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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!


Kilbreda College

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









11 to 21 APRIL 2023

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

CHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL & SOUTHMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL


City of
KINGSTON



**ENROLMENTS
now open!**

kingston.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram

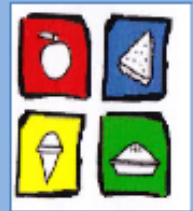
BAKED IN THE CANTEEN
FRESH NEXT WEEK

Brownies

Choc-Chip Biscuit

50¢ each

Bayside Canteens are currently looking for staff to work at one of the other sites we operate. If you are interested or know of someone who is in working school hours with school holidays off please email Jo info@baysidecanteens.com.



BAYSIDE CANTEENS

PASSIONFRUIT

The passionfruits are turning a lovely purple colour across the backyards of Melbourne and now you are wondering what to do with such a bountiful harvest. With the exception of spooning them over Pavlovas and mixing them into icing for fluffy, creamy, tall sponges here are a few alternate uses.

- Having had salads all summer give a twist to the traditional French dressing by adding some passionfruit pulp. Mix together lemon juice, olive oil, honey and a little tarragon then add some passionfruit pulp (without the seeds). Mix all together vigorously.
- Mix passionfruit through cream cheese and spread over fruit toast.
- Freeze passionfruit whole. When you are ready to use one simply thaw at room temperature. Thawed passionfruit allows the seeds to separate from the pulp easier.
- Use some of those frozen passionfruit in the middle of winter in a steamed pudding. It will bring back the taste of summer.
- Make Eton Mess messier by adding some passionfruit pulp. Lightly mix together 1 punnet of strawberries, hulled and sliced, 2 passionfruit, 2 cups of whipped cream, 4 meringue nests, lightly smashed. Serve to as many as you want to share it with.

Term 1