

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Families,

A couple a weeks ago I showed our students a video of the launch of a rocket in Bendigo by my daughter Melanie and the Monash High Powered Rocket Team as preparation for the Spaceport America Cup. Today I am following Melanie and her team (virtually) as they drive down the I25 to Las Cruces in America to prepare to launch their rocket late next week. I am pleased to report that this year the rocket has made it to America!! I look forward to sharing the launch of the rocket with the school hopefully before the end of the term.

It is amazing what is done in the world of STEM and we enjoy showcasing the work our students do. 3BE will show their work tomorrow afternoon in the hall and this will be followed by 3MI and 3BA next week. Hopefully we will have a few rocket scientists of the future here at St Patrick's.

REPORTS

Reports will be accessible to all families via our portal on Friday 16th June 2023. Reports can be accessed via the following link: <https://parent.nforma.com.au/portal/#/login?schooldomain=spmentone>

All families will receive an email from no-reply@nforma.com.au on Friday 16th June with the portal link at 2:30pm and a temporary password so that parents can access the reports. You can then change the password to one of your choice.

PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the last week of this term after the reports have been sent home. The interviews will be held on **Monday 19th June from 3:40pm – 5:00pm and Wednesday 21st June from 3:40pm – 8:00pm and they will be held in the hall.**

All families are expected to attend these interviews. Students from Year 3-6 will be part of the interview, as they will have the opportunity to look at their goals that were set earlier in the year.

Bookings will again be made via the **SOBS** interview program, which is found on our Website. This program is now open for families to make a booking. The instructions were sent home last week.

SENIOR INTER SCHOOL SPORT

All the best to the Mixed Netball and Volleyball teams who will play in finals tomorrow. The Football team will play in a final next Friday.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Summer who yesterday participated in the regional finals. This is an amazing effort and we congratulate Summer for making it this far and representing our school so well.

TRIVIA NIGHT – TOMORROW

We are looking forward to the P&F Trivia Night in our hall commencing at 7pm tomorrow night. There are still a few tables

left, so don't miss out on an opportunity to have a fun night out.

The P&F are also running a raffle as part of the Trivia Night. The prize is a \$350 Crown voucher and these are available to all families. Tickets will be sold on the hall deck this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon for \$10.

STAFF UPDATE

I want to inform our community that Mrs Mary Caliri has decided to finish up as Italian Teacher at St Patrick's to take on new challenges in her life. Mary has been an amazing teacher for us and has done a fantastic job enriching the lives of our students by teaching them the Italian language and culture. We are currently advertising for a new teacher and Mary has kindly offered to stay with us for a little longer while we appoint a new teacher.

We have three teachers who will also be on Long Service Leave at the commencement of term 3. Mrs Lamb and Mrs Earle will be away for the first three weeks of the term and Miss Verstoep will be away for the first four weeks of the term. We wish them all the best for their time away and look forward to them returning to St Patrick's.

END OF TERM & TERM 3

Term 2 will end on **Friday 23rd June at 1pm** and term 3 will commence on **Tuesday 11th July.**

Best Wishes

Tim Noonan
Principal

TERM 2 2023

Week 8	Mon 12 th June		King's Birthday – Public Holiday
	Tues 13 th June	9.00am 3:00pm	Assembly – Prayer 1VE – Wellbeing PLA Year 2 Science Incursion – MPR Year 6 IB Migration Project Presentations
	Wed 14 th June		Regional Cross Country
	Thurs 15 th June		2024 Year 7 St Bede's Orientation Day
	Fri 16 th June	10:40am 3.00-3.15pm 7.00pm	Reports will be released to all families First Communion Party 3BE STEM Showcase P & F Trivia Night
	Sat 17 th June		
	Sun 18 th June		
Week 9	Mon 19 th June	9.00am 3.40-5.00pm	Prayer PAD - Wellbeing Assembly - 4DS Parent/Teacher Info Exchange
	Tues 20 th June	9.15am 9.30-2.00pm 3.00-3.15pm	End of Term Mass AFL Girls Gala Day - Bonbeach Reserve 3MI STEM Showcase
	Wed 21 st June	3.40-8.00pm	Parent/Teacher Info Exchange
	Thurs 22 nd June	3.00-3.15pm	3BA STEM Showcase
	Fri 23 rd June	1.00pm	Interschool sport finals End of Term 2
	Sat 24 th June		
	Sun 25 th June		
Term 3 Week 1	Mon 10 th July		Staff PD – School Closure Day
	Tues 11 th July	9.00am	Assembly
	Wed 12 th July		
	Thurs 13 th July		
	Fri 14 th July		
	Sat 15 th July		
	Sun 16 th July		

2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● King's Birthday Holiday ● Regional Cross Country ● Interschool Winter Finals ● P & F Trivia Night ● AFL Girls Gala Day TBC ● Parent/Teacher Interviews ● End of Term | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monday 12th June ● TBC ● Friday 16th / 23rd June ● Friday 16th June ● Tuesday 20th June ● Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st June ● Friday 23rd June (1:00pm) |
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2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 3 Monday 10th July - Friday 15th September

- **School Closure Day** **Monday 10th July**
- Yr 6 Confirmation City Retreat. Tuesday 18th July
- Parents & Friends Meeting Tuesday 18th July @ 7.00pm
- Grandparents Day Mass Tuesday 25th July
- School Disco and Movie Night Friday 4th August
- St Bede's 2024 Yr 7 Testing Day Wednesday 9th August & 16th August
- Year 5 Maths Games Day Thursday 10th August
- District Basketball Monday 14th August (TBC) & 21st August (backup)
- Year 5 Maths Games Day Thursday 10th August
- Feast of Assumption Mass Tuesday 15th August
- Confirmation Faith Sharing. Tuesday 15th August @ 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- Tournament of the Minds Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August
- Bishop Visit to St Patrick's Friday 25th August (11:30am)
- Reconciliation Reflection Morning Tuesday 29th August @ 9am to 12.50pm
- Father's Day Mass / Danish with Dad Tuesday 29th August
- Year 6 Confirmation Thursday 31st August @ 5pm
- Fathers' Day Stall Thursday 31st August
- District Athletics Friday 1st September
- Fathers' Day Sunday 3rd September
- Art Show Week 9: Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th September
- End of Term Mass Tuesday 12th September
- Footy Finals Day Thursday 14th September
- End of Term Friday 15th September @ 1.00 pm

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – TERM 2 WEEK 7

Class	Student	Reason
PAD	Max M	For the way he shared his knowledge on bugs in his first independently written book. Max, what a great author you are!
PMU	Jack K	For being an Inquirer and asking questions to help with his learning. Well done Jack!
PLA	Michelle	For showing enthusiasm and being open minded when preparing for the class assembly item. Keep it up Michelle.
1PC	Millicent	For demonstrating the learner profile of risk taker by bravely leading our class prayer at assembly. You spoke so clearly and loudly and we are so proud of you.
1VE	Marco	Marco displays the qualities of a Communicator in the classroom. Marco always expresses his ideas clearly and clarifies information with others. Great work Marco!
1TH	Charlotte C	For demonstrating the learner profile of 'risk-taker'. Charlotte stepped outside her comfort zone when she partitioned the number 7. Keep up the amazing work Charlotte.
2HA	Charli	For being a great communicator! Charli is always willing to express and share her ideas with the class. Well done Charli!
2LA	Alexandra	For being so encouraging to her classmates and always demonstrating the skills associated with the learner profile of Carer. You brighten up our classroom every day!
2LM	Shaina	For being a caring person and always going out of her way to fill the buckets of others. Well done Shaina!
3BE	William	For being an open-minded learner who listens to the opinions of others and tries to solve problems in other ways. Great work Will!
3MI	Andrew	For being a great thinker in his STEM project with creative ideas and problem solving for his dash project. Well done Andrew!
3BA	Dominic	For being a principled learner by being honest and fair at all times. Great work Dominic!
4DS	Mikayla	For being a great communicator and participating more in class discussions. Well done Mikayla!
4SC	Casper	For the fantastic slideshow on explorer Thomas Mitchell. This project highlighted your excellent research and communication skills. I loved the fun facts at the end, Casper. Well done!
4SI	Sebastian	For being a knowledgeable person. Sebi used what he had learnt about adjectives, adverbs and starting a narrative to improve his story writing. Fantastic work Sebi!
5DO	Harriet	For her beautiful manners, holding the door open for others and having a cheerful good morning each morning! Great stuff Harriet!
5HA	Jack	For being such a caring person around our classroom, who is always ready to help teachers and other students to fix their computer problems and learn new skills. Thanks Jack!
6CR	Sophia	For being a reflective learner, she approaches tasks with flexibility and responds well to feedback. Keep up the great work Sophia
6LA	Zac	For using the learner profile skills of a thinker to generate interesting and relevant responses to class discussions and tasks in the past few weeks. Great work Zac!
 6RC	Samuel S	For using a clear voice and totally engaging the class in delivering his micro-teaching task on the Italian cultural celebration of Carnevale. Per aver reso con voce chiara e efficace la sua presentazione sul Carnevale Italiano.

Student Wellbeing

.....Kathryn Ady/Student Wellbeing Leader

Student Wellbeing

Kathryn Ady - Student Wellbeing Leader



Library Club opens for 20 minutes each lunch recess and provides a variety of indoor activities such as mindful colouring, chess, lego play, story time and board games.



Pop up play on the deck in the prep area sets out a variety of toys and games for junior school students.



Similarly, games for senior school students are set up on the deck area outside of the hall.



We know how important play is in terms of wellbeing and we also recognise that a 40-minute play session on the playground with 390 plus students can be rather overwhelming at times. Here are some of the many alternatives we provide for students during their recess breaks. All activities are supervised by adults and positive interactions between students are encouraged. Students are learning to share, take turns, look after equipment and follow instructions whilst having fun!



No lycra or leotards in sight as Miss Simioni takes some volunteers through their paces during a Thursday afternoon aerobics session.

VISUAL ARTS NEWS!

.....Jennifer Brown/Visual Arts Teacher

News from the Art Room

I am so excited and impressed with the efforts of the students as they complete some fairly detailed and complex pieces of artwork. Without giving too much away ahead of the Art Show in Term 3, please see below for a brief snapshot.

Across the year levels...

Preps have explored Indigenous art through Dreamtime Stories including How the Bird Got its Colours. We have been looking at the features of native flora and fauna and using plants from the school's garden to weave our own native plant displays.

Year 1 has revised warm and cool colours and used this knowledge to create their own bush medicine leaves. We have explored how Indigenous people lived off the land and used plants for medicinal uses. We experimented with salt and spray bottles on watercolour to see the various effects it would make.

Year 2 has been busy sewing onto grass mats to replicate the grass eel traps that Indigenous people used to use to hunt and trap eels. They are currently looking at the works of Ken Done and reimagining his iconic coral reef artworks using pastels.

Year 3 has been investigating a range of Australian landscapes and creating their own using torn tissue paper. Adding to this, they have chosen native animals to include in their landscape. They are also creating a mixed media art work using traditional Indigenous shapes and symbols.

Year 4's has been busy foam printing their own design of Bunjil the Eagle and adding this to a unique landscape inspired by Alma Woodsey-Thomas. They have been lucky enough to use our amazing supply of felt to create portraits onto hessian, inspired by the Yarrenyty Arltene Artists, from the Northern Territory, comprising a dynamic community of artists who work across a range of soft sculptural forms.

Year 5 and 6 has spent much of this term working hard on their reverse acetate self-portraits inspired by the 1950's pop art movement. They have just commenced a study of Indigenous Artist Jimmy Pike and will use his work as inspiration to design a graphic and print onto fabric, finishing with some careful sewing into the fine lines of their print.

Around Melbourne...

The Lume <https://www.thelumemelbourne.com/>

The Lume at Melbourne's South Wharf will launch a new exhibition called 'Connection' later this month. The digital gallery's new exhibition will feature giant projections of the work of 120 First Nations artists including Emily Kame Kngwarreye, Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri and Yannima Tommy Watson.

Set to open on June 23rd, this would be a valuable visit for children to extend on their learning in the art room this term.

NGV for Kids <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/exhibition/daniel-emma-for-kids/>

Up, Down and All Around: Daniel Emma for Kids invites budding designers to learn about the role of design in the world we live in. Inspiring young imaginations and engaging children's problem-solving skills, design duo Daniel Emma, comprising Daniel To and Emma Aiston, invite young visitors to look again at everyday objects and express their creativity through design challenges and hands-on activities.

Many thanks!

Jen Brown



School Reports- nForma Parent Portal Instructions

Dear Parents,

The St Patrick's School reports will again be accessed electronically via nForma's Parent Portal on **Friday 16th June 2023**. The following are instructions on how you will be able to access the portal. The link to the portal can also be found on the school website homepage.

<https://parent.nforma.com.au/portal/#/login?schooldomain=spmentone>

All families will receive an automated email from no-reply@nforma.com.au. This email will contain:

- The link to access the Parent Portal
- Your username (which is your email address you have provided to the school)
- A temporary password
- Once you have logged in with the temporary password, you will be able to change your password. The password **must** be at least 7 characters long and include one character that is non alpha numeric. This means that it needs to include at least one character that is not a letter or a number. Examples of these could include a *, - or /\$.

If you do not receive an email from nForma, please check your 'Junk' or 'Spam' folder for the email from no-reply@nforma.com.au

If you are using a mobile device to log into the Parent Portal, please ensure your device is running the latest operating system/software and you have done all the system updates. If problems still persist, please use a computer.



ICT NEWS

..... James Daidone/ICT Leader

St. Patrick's Presents....

A Celebration of Learning-Year 3

STEM

We are inviting all families to come and join us for a STEM showcase in week 8 and 9 of the term. The Year 3 students will be presenting their *Dash Fairytale* projects. The showcases will be held in the hall from 3pm.

Week 8, Term 2
3BE- Friday 16th June

Week 9, Term 2
3MI - Tuesday 20th June
3BA- Thursday 22nd June



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



Carly and her daughter Liz spent some time at MSFIN sorting and putting away all of the donations of the children's socks and undies that we collected for the MSFIN. A very special thanks to the members of the Year 6 Social Justice Team for organising this drive. It was great to see the tubs get fuller from these donations. On behalf of Carly we would like to thank everyone for your support, it is greatly appreciated - thank you!!

The Year 6 Social Justice Team and Ms Smith



Do you have any barbie dolls or generic play dolls that are no longer being played with at home? Please consider donating them to school. We have a very popular large wooden dolls house on the deck for students to use during recess but we have very few dolls to occupy it. Dolls with clothes are preferred. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Mrs Ady





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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

DANNY'S MARKET GARDEN



Danny's & Student's 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!



26 JUNE to 7 JULY 2023



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

CHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL & SOUTHMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLMENTS
now open!



kingston.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram



Spark your curiosity!
Spark your interest in STEM!
Spark your passion!

Join us for Kilbreda College's **GIRLS IN STEM** Holiday Program.
Open to all girls in Grades 4, 5 and 6. Friday 7 July from 9.00am - 3.30pm.
Ten workshops to choose from! Hurry! Limited places available.

Find out more at kilbreda.vic.edu.au and search under 'Events'

Kilbreda College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine Tradition





**ST PAT'S
TRIVIA
NIGHT**

**Friday
June 16th**

St Pat's School Hall

**6.45pm for a 7pm start
Finishes at 10.30pm
BYO drinks and snacks for
your table**

**\$200 table of 8 people or
\$25 Individual tickets**

*Each table can choose
their own theme for extra points*

**BOOKING OPENS 19th May
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BAKED IN THE CANTEEN FRESH NEXT WEEK

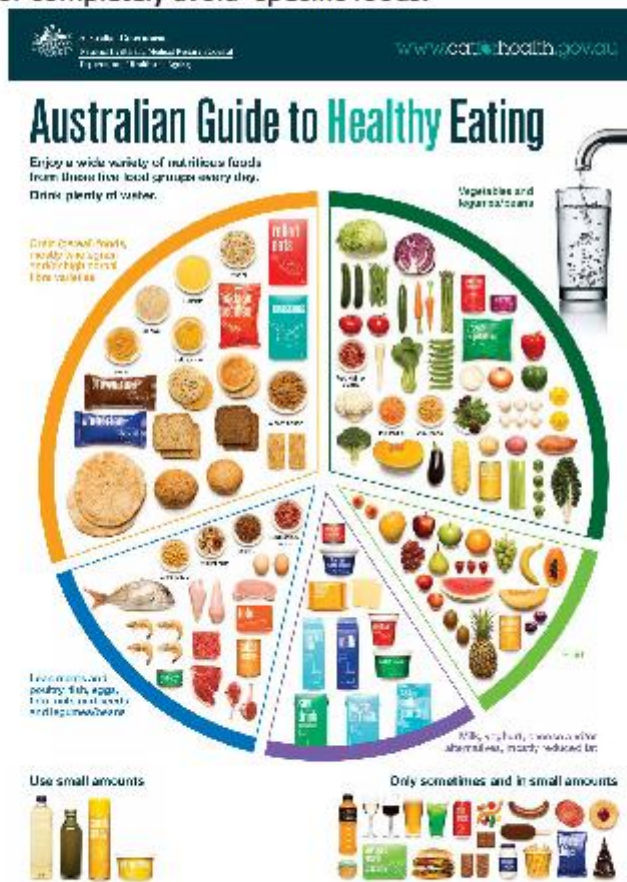
Brownie

100's & 1000's Biscuits

50¢ each



- There are many ways for you to have a diet that promotes health and the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating provide many options in their recommendations. The advice focuses on dietary patterns that promote health and wellbeing rather than recommending that you eat – or completely avoid- specific foods.



BAYSIDE CANTEENS

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Term 2