

# ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter No 24 August 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

Dear Families,

What a journey!!!

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this final newsletter to all in our community. I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of working at St Patrick's School over the past ten years and it will be with sadness that I end my tenure tomorrow. I was honoured to be offered the opportunity to lead the St Patrick's community ten years ago.

From that day an amazing journey began and it has been one that will stay with me for the rest of my life. It has been wonderful to lead our community and I am very proud of what we have been able to achieve together for the children in our care. We often talk about education being a partnership between parents and the school and if we get it right we will help to maximise the outcomes for our children. This is truly evident at our school and I am very grateful for the support and the encouragement we have received from the families of St Patrick's.

I am very proud of our students and one of my favourite times of the year is Open Day when the children lead tours of the school. They are so proud of their school and the parents who visit always give me great feedback about the manner in which the children talk about their school with great passion. I am sure that the continued growth of our school is in a big way due to the pride the students have for their school.

I love our big events and the opportunity it gives us to show the talents of our students in many different ways. Our Sacramental programme is at the heart of being a Catholic School and I love seeing the traditions of the Catholic Church continue with our students each year.

Our Productions and Art Shows, continue to be highlights of the school year and we are amazed at what the students can achieve. I love our sporting program and the opportunity it provides for our students to learn the skills of a variety of sports and then as they reach the middle and senior school they have the chance to play against other schools. We always present ourselves well and represent the school with pride. Winning is great but we have always promoted the way we play the game as the most important thing we do. I will miss the opportunity to coach teams as it has been a very enjoyable part of my job.

I believe we also provide facilities which are second to none. Over the past ten years we have worked hard to continue to develop our school and have state of the art facilities for our students. We have completed the oval upgrade, built a lift and joined two buildings and we reconstructed the junior wing, building eleven classrooms and connected all our buildings. Finally, we put a great synthetic grass surface on the basketball court and added some synthetic grass near the new bike area.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many groups that have helped to make this school what it is today. I would firstly like to acknowledge the School Advisory Council who are a group of parents who meet to discuss relevant issues and policies for the school and give advice to me from a parent's perspective. I would especially like to thank Ben Quirin, our Chairperson, for his great support of the school and leadership of the Council, I have really appreciated it.

The Parents' Association do an amazing job to run all our social events and raise money for the children of the school, but more importantly they have worked to develop our community so everyone feels welcomed and a part of St Patrick's. We have been lucky to have great Presidents in my time leading the group and I would like to acknowledge Jacinta, Kristy, Aimee, Sarah, Kerrie, Sarsha and Bronwyn for their wonderful leadership of the Association. It has been wonderful that Kerrie has moved from President to teacher at our school to continue her association with St Patrick's.

We are very lucky to have a very professional and dedicated staff who do a sensational job to ensure your children are cared for. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and support of me in my role as principal. I have been very honoured to work with such a talented group of people.

I cannot thank Ann Easton enough for her work leading our finances and supporting me over the past ten years. Her friendship and guidance has been a wonderful assistance to me.

I am very proud of our Leadership Team. They do an amazing job in leading the running of our school. The team consists of Joelle Diakrousis, Jennifer Smith, James Daidone, Liz Lamb, Matt Hale and Kathryn Ady and they are fantastic leaders. They are always looking for ways to improve our school and leave no stone unturned when trying to improve our curriculum and operations of the school. I have really enjoyed working closely with them in recent years.

The role of Deputy Principal is an extremely complicated and hard role and I am very grateful to Joelle and Jo in recent years for their support. I thank them for the assistance they have given me and the leadership they have provided for our community.

I am very lucky that I have been able to lead our school which has been a dream for me and now I leave to follow another challenge as I work to promote Catholic Education and support all schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to increase their numbers. I would like to thank everyone for your support of me while here and for your very kind best wishes since my announcement that I was going to be leaving the school. I leave here with many friendships and I hope that I will be able to remain in contact with our community in the future.

To the students I would like to thank you for the wonderful people that you are and I would encourage you to chase your dreams and make the most of every opportunity that our school and your family offer you.

Thank you, goodbye and good luck!!

Best Wishes



Tim Noonan  
Principal



### **FINAL DAY AND ASSEMBLY**

I will be finishing up at St Patrick's tomorrow. I am happy to announce that we will have a special guest visiting us on my last day. This will be a special treat for the students as a parting gift from me!!!

I informed the school at assembly on Monday that our guest will be Tim Ellis, a magician who performed for our students online during lockdown. I am pleased to announce that he will be joining us live at school tomorrow at 11:50am.

The students will also be given a Zooper Dooper at lunch time as part of my gift to them. Parents were asked to contact Mrs Diakrousis if you do not want your child to have one.

We will have a final assembly at 2:15pm tomorrow in the Hall. We will have my daughter Melanie at the assembly with her rocket on display and the HPR will talk to the students about their journey. I will then take the opportunity to say good bye to the community. community.

### **ART SHOW**

The Art Show will be from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We will have our opening and auction night on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September where we will have food trucks and a fun evening planned for all our families. Please try and keep this night free in your calendar. We would like to see all families at St Pat's that night.

### **MATHS DAY**

Today we hosted a Maths Day for the Maths Association of Victoria. This is for Year 5 students and we had 13 schools come to us from around Melbourne. They have the opportunity to complete problem solving activities, maths games and complete a Maths trail around our school. This is a great promotion of maths and of our school. I would like to thank Liz Lamb and Matt Hale for all their work leading the day. It has been a very successful event.

### **MOVIE NIGHT / DISCO**

The Prep / Year 1 Movie Night and Year 2-6 Disco will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August. The movie night will be from 5pm-7pm and the disco will be from 6:45pm – 8:00pm.

Tickets are now available for the Disco and Movie Night and can be purchased via the link below: <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/stpats>

### **STAFF UPDATE**

Miss Murnane will be on leave for the rest of the term from Monday to travel overseas for her brother's wedding. Mrs Semmel will be taking her class while she is away. We wish Steph all the best for her trip.

## TERM 3 2023

Week 5	Mon 7th Aug		Assembly-Prayer 5HA – Wellbeing Prayer – 4SI
	Tues 8th Aug	7.50.8.30am	St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) Feast Day Athletics Trials/Training
	Wed 9th Aug	9.00am-12.45pm	2024 Year 7 St Bede's Testing Day
	Thurs 10th Aug	7.50.8.30am	Athletics Trials/Training Year 5 Maths Games Day
	Fri 11th Aug	2.15pm	<b>Farewell Assembly to Mr Tim Noonan</b> <i>All welcome!</i>
	Sat 12th Aug		
	Sun 13th Aug		
Week 6	Mon 14th Aug	Assembly	Welcome Mr Pat Berlinger – Acting Principal! Assembly - Prayer 5DO - Wellbeing Assembly - 6LA
	Tues 15th Aug	7.50-8.30am 9.15am 3.30-4.30pm	Athletics Trials/Training Feast of Assumption Mass Confirmation Faith Sharing – Year 6
	Wed 16th Aug		Kilbreda College Yr 7 2025 applications due! St Bede's Yr 7 2024 Testing Day
	Thurs 17th Aug	7.50-8.30am	Athletics Trials/Training
	Fri 18th Aug	5.00-8.00pm	School Disco & Movie Night
	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug		TOM Day – Deakin University
Week 7	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug		<b>Book Week Dress Up Day!</b> Assembly – Prayer 4SC – Wellbeing Assembly 3MI District Basketball – Parkdale Secondary College
	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	7.50-8.30am	Athletics trials/training
	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	7.30pm	St Patrick's School Advisory Council Meeting
	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7.50-8.30am 10.15am	Athletics Trials/Training Bishop to Visit Confirmation Candidates
	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug		
	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug		
	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug		




### Term 3 Monday 10th July - Friday 15th September

St Bede's 2024 Yr 7 Testing Day  
Year 5 Maths Games Day  
**Mr Noonan Leaves**  
Feast of Assumption Mass  
Confirmation Faith Sharing.  
School Disco and Movie Night  
Kilbreda College **Yr 7 2025** applications  
Tournament of the Minds  
Book Week Dress Up Day  
District Basketball  
Athletics Trials/Training  
Bishop Visit to St Patrick's  
Athletics Trials/Training  
Reconciliation Reflection Morning  
Father's Day Mass / Danish with Dad  
Athletics Trials/Training  
Year 6 Confirmation Mass  
District Athletics  
Fathers' Day Stall  
Fathers' Day  
**Art Show**  
STEM Showcase  
End of Term Mass  
Footy Finals Day  
End of Term

Wednesday 9th August & 16th August  
Thursday 10th August  
**Friday 11th August – Assembly – 2.30pm School Hall**  
Tuesday 15th August  
Tuesday 15th August @ 3.30pm – 4.30pm  
Friday 18th August  
Close Friday 18th August  
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August  
Monday 21st August  
Monday 21st August  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Thursday 24th August (10.15am)  
Thursday 24th August  
Tuesday 29th August @ 9am to 12.50pm  
Tuesday 29th August  
Tuesday 29th August  
Bishop Tony Ireland, 31st August @ 5pm  
Thursday 31st August  
Friday 1st September  
Sunday 3rd September  
**Week 9: Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th September**  
Mon 11/9 – 2HA; Tues 12/9 2LA & Wed 13/9 2LM  
Tuesday 12th September  
Thursday 14th September  
Friday 15th September @ 1.00 pm

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK – TERM 3 WEEK 5

Class	Student	Reason
PAD	Aria	For showing a growth mindset when she recognises that mistakes are part of learning and that they are helping her brain to grow.
PMU	Oliver	Oliver has such a positive attitude in the classroom. He always completes tasks with a smile on his face and listens carefully. Oliver has a gratitude attitude!!
PLA	Georgia	For being an effective communicator by expressing her thoughts and ideas with the class. Thanks for your contributions Georgia.
1PC	Will	For demonstrating the learner profile of 'knowledge'. Will has been sharing his knowledge with the class while we have been learning about lots of different animals. Keep up the good work Will!!
1VE	Ariel	For being an inquirer. Ariel always asks lots of questions so she can discover new information. Keep up the curiosity Ariel!
1TH	Grace B	For demonstrating the learner profile of 'knowledge'. Grace wrote down lots of facts about what living things need to survive. Well done Grace!
2HA	Patrick	For being a great communicator when sharing his knowledge of 3D objects and prisms with the class. Great work Patrick!
2LA	Remy	For being a great communicator who is able to talk freely about his ideas. Keep up the great effort Remy!
2LM	Hayden	For being an excellent thinker and communicator during Inquiry. Hayden explained how forces act on balloon rockets, car tracks and spinning buckets of water to make them move - well done!
3BE	Jacob	For being a good communicator who expresses ideas during discussions and who displays a positive attitude in the classroom. Keep it up Jacob!
3MI	Max	For demonstrating the learner profile of inquirer by asking big questions and sharing his new learning about recycling. Well done Max!
3BA	Jacob	For being reflective while working on his individual art piece. Great thoughts and improvements between drafts Jacob!
4DS	Henry	For being a risk taker and making a great start on his habitat research. Well done Henry!
4SC	Ava	For asking good questions in order to research her chosen habitat, Wetlands in Australia.
4SI	Max	For being a risk taker and having a go at the more difficult multiplication and division sheet for mental maths. Great Work Max!
5DO	Ezra	For always demonstrating the thinker learner profile. He always goes above and beyond in all learning tasks. Well done Ezra!
5HA	Renee	During our decimals lessons, Renee has been confidently using the skills from her thinker learning profile to think through challenging problems and learn from her mistakes. Keep up the great work Renee!
6CR	Mason	For being a reflective learner during class discussions this week. Mason has been eager to show his understanding of tasks, keep it up.
6LA	Liz M	For using effective thinking skills when solving matharoo problems. Keep up the great work Liz!
	Patrick G 2HA	For consistently remaining focussed on literacy activities based on "La Gallinella Rossa" and for regularly supporting and encouraging his classmates. <a href="#">Per essersi concentrato tenacemente sui compiti d'Italiano basati su "La Gallinella Rossa" e per il supporto ed incoraggiamento dato ai compagni di classe.</a>

# YEAR 5 MATHS GAME DAY



# ICT NEWS

..... James Daidone/ICT Leader



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



## A Celebration of Learning

# STEM

We are inviting all families to come and join us for a STEM showcase in week 10 of the term. The Year 2 students will be sharing their *Ozobot Treasure Map* projects. The showcases will be held in the hall from 3pm on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th of September.

### Week 10, Term 3

2HA - Monday 11th September  
2LA- Tuesday 12th September  
2LM- Wednesday 13th September



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

# BOOK WEEK



To celebrate book week, we will be having a dress up day on Monday 21st of August. Students are asked to dress up as their favourite book character.

The theme for this year's book week is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. Students may wish to choose their costumes based on this theme, or choose another of their favourite characters.



# VISUAL ARTS NEWS!

.....Jennifer Brown/Visual Arts Teacher

If you have been through the art room recently you will notice it is at capacity as students finish some amazing and important pieces of work for the art show.

Please see the flier attached for further details about this year's Art Show. On the Wednesday evening, September 6th, there will be food and drinks available including a gelato van. The junior and senior choirs will perform and each class will have their artwork auctioned off. Junior auctions will take place between 5-6pm, senior classes will be 7-8pm. Some additional art activities will also be available for children to have a go at!

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email at [jbrown@spmentone.catholic.edu](mailto:jbrown@spmentone.catholic.edu).

**As preparations will ramp up in the coming weeks for the Art Show, I would appreciate help from parents/carers who may be available on Monday September 4th from 9:30am.**

Jobs will include ensuring work is labelled, helping to pin work to display boards and moving tables to the hall. If you can assist, please let me know via email.

See some pictures below for current works in progress in the art room...



Finally, I am in need of newspapers (already flattened - not rolled) for the art room tables. If you have any, please send them along.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Art Show!

*Jen Brown*  
*Visual Arts Teacher*



ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

# 2023 ART SHOW

TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 11:30-3PM

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 4-8PM

THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 9-12PM

ON WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER,  
FAMILIES ARE INVITED ALONG FOR A  
CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY 4-8PM

ARTWORK AUCTIONS  
PREP-GRADE TWO 5-6PM  
GRADE THREE-GRADE SIX 7-8PM

FOOD AND DRINKS  
AVAILABLE

CHILDERS ST, MENTONE  
GOLD COIN ENTRY

CHOIR PERFORMANCES  
JUNIORS 4:30PM  
SENIORS 6:30PM



Dear Families,

***Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS): Monday 28 August – Friday 15 September 2023***

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through **MACSSIS**, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys.

MACSSIS is a set of surveys that have been built specifically for Catholic schools in Melbourne by the Learning Services team at MACS, in partnership with researchers at Learning First and in wide consultation with principals in our schools.

In 2023, students, families and staff are invited to participate in MACSSIS via our secure and purpose-built online platform. The online platform is where our school leaders will access the summary reports that visualise the results of the student, family and staff surveys.

The MACSSIS survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets with the high security and privacy standards for handling student and school data.

Participating schools are in the process of updating their privacy policy to ensure school communities are fully informed and protected.

Students in Year 4-6 at our school will be provided with supervised sessions, where teachers are on hand to help and answer any questions. Families and staff can complete the survey anytime over the three-week window via an emailed link and password. Feedback has indicated that previous surveys were completed across a range of mobile devices and different web browsers. Schools will be providing more information about MACSSIS throughout Term 3, via newsletters and social media.

*Our community's opinions are critical to understanding how our school is performing – MACSSIS is a key data source for guiding the ongoing work to improve our school.*

**All participation is invited, welcomed and 100 per cent voluntary.** The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to support the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child does not wish to participate.

If you would like more information, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,  
Joelle Diakrousis  
Deputy Principal



# ITALIAN DAY

## FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### 2023

**ITALIAN DAY**  
Friday 13 October 2023

**SUPERFESTA DI CARNEVALE**

**VENICE IN LOVE**

**Bring your own Italian lunch**

**Battle of the Oranges  
La Battaglia delle Arance**

**Bread making**

**Don't forget to wear a mask or paint your face**

Spettacolo, sfilati di costumi, musica e giochi collettivi  
Theatre arts, costume parade, music and shared games and activities

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# MOVIE NIGHT

Prep - Year 1 Pyjama & Movie Night  
5pm- 7pm  
Multi purpose room.

Tickets \$5 - Trybooking

Popcorn provided  
BYO Water Bottle

This will be a 'Drop & Go' function



Friday  
18th August



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



# DISCO

Year 2- 6 Crazy Sock Disco Night!

Come dressed in your craziest socks!  
6.45pm - 8pm

Drop & Go event in the St Pat's School Hall

Tickets \$5 Trybooking

Ticket includes entry, snack, and glow sticks  
BYO Water bottle

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Friday  
18th August



## Parish and Community



### ***Head Lice!***

Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair this week.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at school. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!!!

#### What can you do?

I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair.

Please see the attached pamphlet *Treating and Controlling Head Lice*, from the Department of Human Services. This pamphlet has informative guidelines regarding detecting and treating head lice and eggs.

#### How do I treat my child for head lice?

The attached pamphlet (as noted above) has informative guidelines regarding detecting and treating head lice and eggs. We have attached information available regarding treatment and controlling head lice.

#### If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair you need to inform:

- the school and advise when the treatment has started, via the attached *Action Taken Form*.
- parents or carers of your child's friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

#### When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

**We are aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.**

Class:

Dear students & families,

My name is Sam and I'm the franchisee at Bakers Delight Thrift Park.

It's important to me that our community enjoys quality, fresh bread, and I would like to offer you a FREE bread loaf or 6-pack of rolls each day between the dates listed below (including Saturdays & Sundays).

Simply follow these easy steps to activate & redeem this offer:

1. Complete the free sign up to our rewards program, Dough Getters by visiting [www.bakersdelight.com.au/doughgetters](http://www.bakersdelight.com.au/doughgetters) OR ask us in the bakery to sign you up.
2. Bring this flyer with you to the bakery, and once your Dough Getter sign up is complete, we will provide you with a VIP card.
3. The VIP card will give you a FREE bread loaf or 6-pack of rolls each day!

Our preservative free bread is baked by our team in house each day to ensure it is always fresh and delicious, and I want to give you the chance to try it for yourself!

Plus, as part of our Dough Getters rewards program you get a welcome gift, a birthday gift, and you will earn a \$5 voucher each time you spend \$55^!

I look forward to seeing you all in the bakery, but if you do have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to give me a call on 0412 683 492.

Kind Regards,  
Sam at Bakers Delight Thrift Park

Come & get your FREE daily loaf or 6-pack or rolls between these dates:

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