

# ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter No 26 August 24th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday morning saw the school grounds come alive with a vibrant burst of imagination, as we celebrated the annual Book Week Parade. This year's parade was nothing short of a delightful spectacle, as students and teachers joined in the festivities dressed as their favourite literary characters. The event was a testament to the enduring power of books to transport us to new worlds and inspire our creativity.

The parade was not only a celebration of literary characters but also a celebration of the stories that have captured our hearts and minds over generations. As the procession moved through the year levels, each character seemed to embody the essence of their respective tales. It was heart-warming to see characters from different genres and eras mingling, sparking conversations about the magic of reading and the creativity of storytelling.

Adding to the joy of the event, our dedicated teachers enthusiastically participated in the parade, proving that the love for literature knows no age limits. Seeing our educators dressed as characters from beloved stories sent a powerful message about the importance of lifelong learning and the role that literature plays in shaping our lives.

Beyond the colourful costumes and festive atmosphere, the

Book Week Parade serves a more profound purpose: to inspire a lifelong love for reading. The event encourages students to explore the world of books, to step into new perspectives, and to unlock the doors of their imagination. The joy of discussing characters and stories with peers also fosters a sense of community and shared experiences.

### School Disco and Movie Night

My thanks to all involved in the School Disco and Movie night which was held last Friday evening. A special thanks to the school staff who graciously gave up their time to assist with supervision and coordination of the events.

### Year 6 Confirmation

Today Bishop Anthony Ireland visited the Year 6 Confirmation Candidates as preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 31st August. The students have been well prepared by the Year 6 team and Mr Dooley.

### Art Show

The Art Show will be from Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 7th September. We will have our opening and auction night on Wednesday 6th 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. The online link for the auction items will be made available next week.

### Out of Hours Care Update

**Please see below, communication from the Kingston Out of Hours Care program.**


*Dear Families,  
The Kingston Before School Care program operated at St. Patrick's Primary has been suspended for the last three weeks due to significant staffing shortages. As you would be aware from media coverage, many industries are currently facing similar challenges. The staffing situation is ongoing and despite us exhausting every avenue to find a solution, has not improved. The difficult decision has been made, therefore, to suspend the Before School Program indefinitely. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this will cause and appreciate your support during this difficult time. Please note the After School Program is unaffected and will operate as usual. We will continue to monitor staffing availability, and will reinstate the program, if at all possible, in future.*

*Sarah Atkins  
Before & After School Program  
Coordinator*

God Bless

Pat Berlinger  
Interim Principal


## TERM 3 2023

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	
	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		
Week 8	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am	Assembly -
	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7.50-8.30am 9.00-12.50pm	Athletics Trials/Training Father's Day – Toastie with Dad! Reconciliation Reflection Morning
	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug		St Patrick's School Advisory Council Meeting
	Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	5.00pm	District Athletics Year 6 Confirmation Mass
	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9.00-11.00am	Father's Day stall
	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept		
	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	<b>Father's Day!</b>	
Week 9	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Assembly - Prayer 4SI - Wellbeing Assembly - 5DO
	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Art Show!
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Art Show – Opening!
	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Art Show!
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept		
	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> September		
	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept		

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

Book Week Dress Up Day	Monday 21st August
District Basketball	Monday 21st August
Athletics Trials/Training	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August
Bishop Visit to St Patrick's	Thursday 24th August (10.15am)
Athletics Trials/Training	Thursday 24th August
Reconciliation Reflection Morning	Tuesday 29th August @ 9am to 12.50pm
Father's Day Mass / Danish with Dad	Tuesday 29th August
Athletics Trials/Training	Tuesday 29th August
Year 6 Confirmation Mass	Bishop Tony Ireland, 31st August @ 5pm
District Athletics	Thursday 31st August
Toastie with Dad	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August
Fathers' Day Stall	Friday 1st September
Fathers' Day	Sunday 3rd September
<b>Art Show</b>	<b>Week 9: Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th September</b>
STEM Showcase	Mon 11/9– 2HA; Tues 12/9 2LA & Wed 13/9 2LM
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 3 WEEK 7

Class	Student	Reason
PAD	Liam D	For being a thinker by applying his letter and sound knowledge when reading unfamiliar words. Keep it up Liam.
PMU	Darcy	For being a great thinker, finishing tasks and creating his own projects. Keep being creative and solving problems. Well done Darcy.
PLA	Jack I	For embracing our new PYP topic and exploring different ways to express himself, such as through dance and writing. Well done Jack!
1PC	Hannah	For being a great inquirer who has been curious and creative when working on her animal report. Keep up the fantastic work Hannah!
1VE	Marco	For being a reflective learner. Marco has been looking over his Inquiry book and seeing where he can make improvements. You should be very proud of yourself, Marco!
1TH	Will S	For demonstrating the learner profile of 'knowledge'. Will wrote lots of interesting facts about frogs. He also made sure that he was using his letter and sound knowledge to help him spell tricky words.
2HA	Jack P	For being a great knowledgeable person and using the interesting adjectives he has learnt to describe the inside and outside traits of characters. Well done Jack!
2LA	Nicholas K	For taking great care when completing an oil pastel drawing, inspired by the Mem Fox book, Koala Lou. Nicholas was prepared to be a risk-taker. Well done Nick!
2LM	Jacob	For being an excellent communicator and explaining how he used halving to calculate one half, one quarter and one eighth of a collection! Well done Jacob!
3BE	Indi	For being a principled learner who always makes the right choices and demonstrates persistence when achieving her learning goals. Well done Indi!
3MI	Emma	For being a caring learner by negotiating tasks in her group work and speaking kindly to others in the classroom and on the playground. Well done Emma!
3BA	Ruby	For being a principled learner and always completing tasks to the best of her ability. Great work Ruby!
4DS	Gracie	For having a growth mindset and making a great start to our class auction piece. Well done Gracie!
4SC	Ella	For being a great communicator and participating more in class discussions. Keep up the great effort Ella!
4SI	Tamika	For being a caring person and always thinking about others. Tamika is also always willing to help those around her if she can. Great Job Tamika!
5DO	Hudson	For showing enthusiasm and initiative when participating in all aspects of schooling. As well as stepping in and reading amazingly at mass! Thankyou Hudson!
5HA	Christian K	For demonstrating open-mindedness and communication skills when working together with his classmates on our art-show auction item. Keep up the great work, Christian!
6CR	Tori	For her communicating skills in writing. Tori has written a very entertaining narrative piece. Keep up the great work Tori!
6LA	Emma P	For demonstrating a positive attitude and encouraging her teammates in our Volleystars final. Well done Emma!
 1TH	Cassie O	For the wonderful autonomy displayed when using familiar, Italian expressions beyond the classroom. Brava! <i>Per la grande autonomia dimostrata nell'uso delle espressioni italiane, familiari fuori dell'aula. Brava!</i>

# Student Wellbeing

.....Kathryn Ady/Student Wellbeing Leader

## Helping Students Cope with Change

It has almost been 2 weeks since we gave Mr Noonan a celebratory send off and we find ourselves in the midst of change. Mr Berlingeri did a great job of introducing himself to the school community last week and an even better job by spending time interacting with the students out on the yard during recess. As exciting as change may be it can also trigger feelings of confusion and uncertainty for adults and especially for our students whom we know thrive on routine and knowing what happens when. By spending time with the students, getting to know them and answering their questions Mr Berlingeri chose to prioritise relationship building. He was putting the needs of the students first and that should give a clear indication to all stakeholders that our school is currently in safe hands.



The best way an adult (teachers and parents) can support children (students) to cope with change and life's ups and downs is by modelling resilience. Children, even toddlers have been known to copy the coping, stress management and thinking styles of the adults around them. They can even mimic the worries and anxieties they see in adults! So, stay calm and know that despite a new Captain at the helm, our

school is still sailing in the right direction!

The change we're currently facing is that of a new principal but nothing in life stays the same. Being resilient in the face of change can be applied to many of the scenarios faced by our students such as moving schools, moving houses, a shift in friendship groups, a parental separation, or even (as what normally happens each year), a new class teacher.

Create an environment in which children feel safe about asking you anything about the changes they're facing. These questions will continue throughout life and children hearing responses from someone they know and trust, will help them to process change and transition more positively. Somewhere out there in our school community is a student who asked and now knows Mr Berlingeri's third favourite colour!

We are sticking to routines and not making any drastic changes any time soon. Some of us might even be grieving and might want to talk about things that they miss, so make that part of the trusted dialogue if needed. As for us teachers, we're still echoing the words of Mr Noonan whenever we see an untucked shirt!

Give it time. We are all in a period of adjustment and some may need a little more time to adapt. If we are all able to support each other and approach these changes with a positive mindset we will make this a very smooth transition for all involved.





Thank you St Patrick's Primary School from St Vincent de Paul

On behalf of the Mentone Conference of St Vincent de Paul, we would like to thank the St Patrick's Minnie Vinnies and the whole St Patrick's Community for their wonderful generosity during our Winter Appeal. Your donations of food and money are supporting the less fortunate in our area. Your effort as a community has been outstanding. Please accept our heartfelt thanks. We encourage you to keep the vulnerable in our community in your thoughts and prayers. If Parents are interested in becoming involved in St Vincent de Paul please contact Ann Earle: [aearle@spmentone.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aearle@spmentone.catholic.edu.au)

Warm Regards

Ann Earle and Chris Giosis

(Co-Presidents of the Mentone Conference of St Vincent de Paul)

**Thank You!**

# BOOK WEEK PARADE!





# Tournament of the Minds

For the past 6 weeks, a team of seven students have been participating in a competition for Tournament of the Minds. The team was asked to create an immersive art experience for the International Arts Committee. The team had to choose an artist from the list, research their artworks and choose one of their artworks to use in the immersive art installation. They had to explain the significance of their installation and why it should be included.

People had to be able to walk through the installation. The team chose to research Margaret Preston, an Australian artist and use her art piece- 'Thea Proctor's tea party' painted in 1924.



The students built a frame, recreated the artwork, composed an original soundscape and poem, made each piece of the table setting and researched Margaret Preston, as well as making their costumes. They then presented this to a panel of judges on Saturday at Deakin University. The team did an amazing job and received honours for the competing, placing them in the top 10%. Congratulations to Zara B, Jeff H, Willow M, Layla R, Callan H, Kristian S and Thomas D on a great reward for your efforts!! The students will be performing their solution at Monday's assembly.





# Social Justice/Mini Vinnies Update

## Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thank you to our wonderful community for all the donations so far. All items have been very much appreciated. We will keep the appeal going until the end of Term 3. So keep filling up the tubs in the classrooms.



## Sports Shoes

Thank you for the sports shoes that have been donated so far. They will bring happiness to many people who otherwise would not be able to participate in sporting activities. The shoe collection will continue until August 31st.



## Second Hand Summer Uniform Sale

We will have a second hand summer uniform sale on Wednesday 4th October. 3 - 3:20 in the hall. That's the first Wednesday of Term 4.



# VISUAL ARTS NEWS!

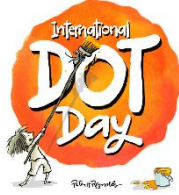
.....Jennifer Brown/Visual Arts Teacher

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Art Show which is fast approaching!

If you can assist on Monday 4th September from 9:30am with Art Show set up in the hall that would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know via email if you can help or pop by the art room anytime.

International Dot Day is almost upon us and each year level will be completing their artwork, inspired by the book 'The Dot', by Peter H. Reynolds. Each year this day is acknowledged internationally on September 15th. The story tells of a student who learns to believe in her own abilities using creativity as her inspiration.

There will be a Dot Day Activity available for families to join in at during the Art Show evening on



Wednesday September 6th.

Please use the link below for more information about International Dot Day.

<https://www.internationaldotday.org/>

In addition to our term's focus of the CBA shortlisted books, below is a current snapshot of work in progress in the art room...

\*Preps students are exploring shapes and collages and making their own rocket art

\*Year One students are making a collaborative market based on the shortlisted book 'Market Day'

\*Year Two students are designing and making their own castles, drawing inspiration from famous Disney artist and designer Mary Blair

\*Year Three students are using pastels to blend colours to create their animal eyes, inspired by the book 'Whose Eyes Are These?'

\*Year Four students are exploring visual textures and using foil embossment to bring more mindfulness into their art practice

\*Year Five and Six students are about to begin a study of pop art using onomatopoeia as inspiration for their art work.

As you can see, our 'Be Inspired' theme is embedded throughout the year and the students are excited to share with you some pieces that have inspired them this year when you attend the Art Show.



See you at the Art Show!  
**Jen Brown/Visual Arts Leader**

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

# 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!**

Save  
the  
Date!

# ITALIAN DAY

Friday 13 October 2023

## SUPERFESTA DI CARNEVALE



Don't forget to  
wear a  
Carnevale mask



Battle of the Oranges  
La Battaglia delle Arance



Bread  
making

Bring your  
own Italian  
lunch



Spettacolo, sfilati di costumi, musica e giochi collettivi

Theatre arts, costume parade, music and shared games and activities [images.femina.in](https://images.femina.in) [expertvagabond.com](https://expertvagabond.com) [streamsesop.com](https://streamsesop.com) [makeascene.com.au](https://makeascene.com.au)

# PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS!



## FATHER'S DAY MORNING

Come celebrate Father's Day 8am to 8.45am

Cheer Toastie Food truck will be available to pre order on Trybooking \$7.50 per Toastie. Options are Cheese, Cheese & Tomato (with GF available) Fruit & mini muffins will also be available. Coffee cart on site.

Have a photo taken in Father's day Frame!

Join your child in a tour of their classroom and Mass (optional) at 9.15am.

Orders close 6pm Friday 25th August.

Donation Box will be available to help raise money for RUIE Prostate Cancer foundation.

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



Tuesday  
29th August



## FATHER'S DAY STALL

Remember to bring a maximum of \$10, and a carry bag to bring your presents home!

Gifts range from \$1- \$8



Friday 1st  
September

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

## St Patrick's P&F NEWSLETTER

### Term 3

Up coming

It's hard to believe we are half-way through Term 3 already- what a busy year it's been so far!

It was fantastic to see the successful return of the St Pat's Trivia night in Term 2. Thanks to the hard work of Bec Horeau and her team and a special shout out to Mel Pipito for booking the event team. We raised over \$1,000 on the night via the raffle and the post trivia games.

We also had our annual Mother's Day breakfast and gift stall. Thanks to the parents from Grades 4 and 2 who ran these events on behalf of the P&F.

Term 3 began with the much awaited return of Grandparents Day which was extremely well-attended! We really appreciate the donation of morning tea from families from Grades Prep to 3, as well as the assistance from our Grade 5 helpers on the day.

Much of the focus over the past few weeks has been on the departure of our Principal Tim Noonan, who was given a very fitting farewell. The P&F have really enjoyed working with Tim and appreciate the support he has provided over the past nine years.

The Movie Night (Prep & Grade 1) and Disco (Grades 2 - 6) on Friday the 18th of August (details on flyers in the newsletter and on the noticeboard outside the hall)

Father's Day Morning on Tuesday the 29th of August - this year, we'll be hosting the Cheer Toastie truck, which will be serving toasties from 8-9am to Dads and kids. The TryBooking link to pre-order is available now.

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday the 1st of September.

Footy Finals Day is scheduled for Thursday, the 14th of September.

# Parish and Community

BAKED IN THE CANTEEN  
FRESH NEXT WEEK  
**Choc-Coconut Slice**  
**ANZAC Biscuits**  
**50¢ each**



BAYSIDE CANTEENS

Lunch orders are ordered online with Flexischools

- 1 Download the Flexischools app and select "Register".
- 2 Type in your email and submit to create an account.
- 3 Go to your inbox and click the link to verify your email (remember to check your junk).
- 4 Follow the registration process, creating a password and adding your personal details.
- 5 Add your student under "Profile" and start ordering online!

## HOW TO PLACE A CANTEEN ORDER



WITH *flexischools*

- 1 Click "Order food" at the top of the home page on your app.
- 2 Select the child you want to order for, then the date you wish to receive your order on.
- 3 Choose the food items you wish to purchase, then select "Confirm Order".
- 4 Choose your desired payment option.
- 5 Press "Place Order" to confirm your purchase.

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.

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Term 3,

18 to 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

CHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL & SOUTHMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



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