

Newsletter

St Patrick's Catholic School

Term 4 | Week 2 | 2022

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Tuesday 25th October

Prep Transitions

8.30-11am, for all 2023 Prep aged students.

Friday 28th October

Grandparents & Special Friends Liturgy & Assembly

World Teacher's Day

Winton Olympics

Join us from 8.30am in the Assembly Room.

Day for Daniel Fun Run

Tuesday 1st November

Winton's gazetted Show Holiday

Thursday 17th November

Presentation Night

Friday 25th November

St Patrick's Annual **Community Fete**

Friday 2nd December

Last Day of School

NEXT MEETING: Monday November 7th, 3pm in the Staff Room.

From the Principal ...

Our student, staff and family's safety and wellbeing is fundamental to all that we do at St Pat's. Earlier this week Miss Joanne. Miss Vickie and I attended Townsville Catholic Education's School Law Conference. At St Pat's we are very conscious of the privilege that parents and guardians instil in us to have such an important role in all our students lives. Across this year we have been involved with Rumbles Quest through our Outback Futures supports. Rumbles Quest measures the social and emotional wellbeing of students. In Term Two students commenced the program by responding to a series f questions presented in an engaging computer game like situation. St Pat's has received commendation for how well the school scored in "Attachment to School" from the original data. The attachment to school dimension is an indicator of children's engagement and the way they perceive school as a positive place where they feel valued by others, and in turn how they value learning and other people within the school environment. The St Pat's staff are commended for this as their efforts, dedication and persistence has resulted in our students having a greater overall sense of psychological wellbeing, higher academic performance, motivation, effort, and lower absenteeism. The next step in our Rumbles Quest journey is students participating in resilience workshops in Week 5 with the Outback Futures leaders.

We hope many of our friends can join us next Friday, October 28th, when we celebrate Grandparents Day. We understand that not everyone lives close to their grandparents nor is it easy to travel to Winton so the invitation is extended to our wider community including 60s & Better and Families. Similar to last year, our celebrations will commence with a Liturgy and Assembly in our Assembly Room at 8.30am. Following this we will host the 'Winton Olympics' a variety of games, such as trivia and bowling to test our little learners and our senior friends. We will also be acknowledging World Teacher's Day and in the afternoon students will be participating in the Day for Daniel Fun Run with the Winton State School.

Bridget Tully Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS

Early Years (P&1)

In Maths this term, Year One have jumped straight into a new concept on fractions. They have been learning how to identify equal halves and have been using food to do so. These students have made some pretty yummy looking paper pizzas and sandwiches along the way. Prep students have been consolidating their learning, identifying numerals, number words to 20 and sharing collections.

Students have been going on an adventure in English. Both year levels have been exploring through their imaginative writing, going on wishing boats to far off places and being visited by pirates. In class, we have had a big focus on adding detail into

our writing, making sure the detail in their pictures is transferred into their writing. The transformation from Term One

to now is something to be proud of!

Past vs Present is our new concept focus for HASS. Students began the topic off by making an individualised version of Mr Potato Head from the 1950's. We will be making observations against the Mr Potato Head we know and love today, and will be working towards sharing further observations and investigations on Grandparents Day.

- Miss Casey



Middle Primary (2&3)

In English, we have been identifying features of a procedural text and adding detail to simple procedures. The class followed a procedure to make lemonade, and from all accounts it was a big hit.

Students will use their procedural knowledge to prepare food and run our Middle Primary Cafe on Friday morning the 4th of November. More information will be

available on our Cafe in coming

weeks.

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In Mathematics, the students have enjoyed our hands-on money unit and are excelling at making combinations of coins and notes, as well as learning to count change. Our HaSS Unit got

off to a flying start as students closely investigated the World Map. They are currently learning how to read and label maps, a skill that will prove useful when hunting for treasure hidden at St Pat's! In



CLASSROOM NEWS

Middle Primary (cont.)

In Religion, students are learning about Baptism and making connections between Jesus' life and teachings and that of the Church community today.

Finally, the class will be performing a poem at the Grandparent's Day Liturgy, Friday the 28th of October, and we would love to see you there!

Míss Brodíe

Upper Primary (4/5/6)

In Upper Primary news, students have been working with the mentor text 'Voices in the Park' to explore the different points of view and the author's effective use of sentence types, vocabulary and visual literacy. From this author, they have observed how one event can produce different perspectives. Students will add to this text by writing their own 'voice' from a character of the book to show another point of view.

In mathematics, students have been participating in chance experiments where they have investigated concepts such as dependent and independent events, probability and expected and observed frequencies.

Students have been learning civics and citizenship concepts such as the roles of politicians, the three levels of government, who is in charge of the country and

responsible for each state and the type of governance in Australia. Our year four students are creating an advertisement poster on our school rules and will present why they are important to

have and follow. The year five and six students are working to compare the similarities and differences between our government system and other global countries.

We have started our new unit in the Arts! Students are learning about the skill of improvisation in Drama, where they will be creating their own scene inspired from the successful comedy show, "Thank God you're here".

We aren't counting down the days to the end of Term 4, we are making the days count in the Upper Primary class!

- Miss Stacey





