



ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL WINTON

TERM 1 | Week 9 | 2024

Monday 25th March

Cross Country

Sports uniform, drop off as usual at school.

Monday 25th March

UP Project Compassion Raffle

Tickets to be returned.

Tuesday 26th March

MP Project Compassion Bake Sale

Baked goods available for purchase at drop off.

Wednesday 27th March

End of Term Tuckshop

Orders due Tuesday morning.

Wednesday 27th March

Last Day of Term

Thursday 28th March

IPRASS Travel Day

Monday 15th April

Term 2 Commences

Friday 19th April

Fortnightly Assembly & Professional Photoshoot

Thursday 25th March

ANZAC Day

Friday 26th March

Pupil Free Day

P&F Meeting

Monday, April 22nd

5pm in the St Patricks
Assembly Room

Newsletter

A Message From Our Principal

Just when everything starts running like clockwork, what do you know, we're heading into the last week of Term One! That last week though will be particularly busy – so here is all the information you need to know for Week 10:

Cross Country – Students are to be dropped off at school as usual (8.30am) in their sports uniform. We will walk students to the Winton State School Oval in time for the Cross Country which commences at 9am. Parents and friends are invited to join us for the event in our St Pat's tent. WSS Seniors are hosting a sausage sizzle fundraiser for their camp. Upon conclusion of each race St Pat's students will have lunch (either by purchasing something from the sausage sizzle or their packed lunchbox) before returning to school for their usual class routine. Parents of students in the Early Years Class are asked to give their child's order and money to Miss Casey on Monday morning at drop off.

Caritas: Project Compassion – As a part of our Lenten fundraising campaign our Middle Primary Class are hosting a bake sale on Tuesday afternoon at drop off – please support them by bringing along some money to purchase some of their baked goods. Our Upper Primary Class will also be drawing their Easter Raffle on Tuesday, so please ensure all raffle books are returned on Monday. Families are asked to return their Project Compassion money boxes to the front office by the end of term.

School Swimming – A huge thank you to our Learn To Swim Instructors, Wendy and Jacey for volunteering their time and expertise twice a week to run our school swimming lessons. Thank you also the parents helpers who have assisted across the term. Our school swimming has concluded for the year, so there will be no lessons next week.

Last week, our community came together to celebrate St Patrick's Feast Day. St Patrick was a great teacher, respected for his ability to connect with the Irish community by meeting them where they were at. Today we continue to draw inspiration from St Patrick, the namesake of our school, and our founders, the Mercy Sisters as we endeavour to make footsteps for our children's faith and future. Congratulations to Bill, Lara, Odin and Peggy, our student leaders who received their badges on this occasion. They will be role models for our younger students by upholding our St Pat's School's expectations and striving to demonstrate our values by being courageous, showing respect and mercy to others and creating a place where everyone belongs. We felt very privileged to be joined by our parents, parishioners and community members, we thank you for your participation.

We cannot wait for Term Two and already have many engaging learning experiences planned – multiple arts performances and workshops, SMYLE Camp and the Winton Combined Schools' Athletics Carnival. Early in the term we will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews to inform families of their child's progress and at the end of the term we will host our annual Learning Breakfast so the community can come in and see all the wonderful things we achieve at St Pat's.

I wish everyone a refreshing Easter break but hurry back because we are only just getting started on our 2024 learning journey!

Bridget Tully

Early Years (P&1) News

As we come to the end of Term One, it is amazing how far our littlest learners have come! I remember Week 1 and how entering the classroom for our Preps was such a daunting task. Reflecting on where they were at the start of the year and where they are now, each and every one of those students should be beyond proud of what they have achieved! I am so lucky to have a class of such vibrant, joyous and enthusiastic students.

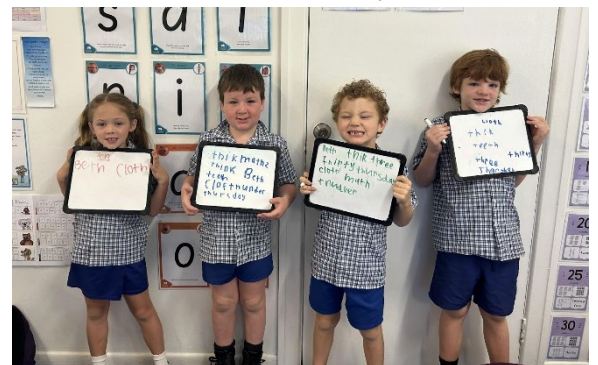
In English, we have been sailing off to 'fairy-tale land' and exploring what we like and dislike about some of the classics. Students have been mastering their illustrating abilities, focusing on character and setting details and colour matching. As we come to the end of the term, we have swapped out our coloured pencils for tissue paper and are collaging our favourite parts of The Three Little Pigs. Our literacy rotations are running like a well-oiled machine, all learners have been reading, learning new digraphs, high frequency words and refining their fine motor skills and oral language through dramatic play.

We are continuing to subitise numbers in Prep and consolidating counting forwards and backwards to 10 from any starting point. Year Ones are still practising skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to 120 from any starting point.

Our Catholic calendar has been mighty full this term! We have learnt so much about our patron saint St Patrick, celebrating his feast day on March 15th. Students have also learnt about St Valentine, St Joseph and most importantly God and his gift of Creation. It was a blessing to see the minds of our youngest students brainstorm fundraising ideas to help those in need through Project Compassion and seeing how excited they got to sell jelly cups. As we finish off the last few days of term, students have been showing and describing how they can live their best lives in God's creation. The Early Years class brainstormed phrases such as, showing respect, being nice, showing kindness, helping others and caring for our environment.

I hope the St Patrick's community has a fun, safe and restful holiday! See you in Term Two!

- Miss Casey



Middle Primary (2&3) News

The end of Week Nine is here and I can confidently say that the Middle Primary students have well and truly earned their Easter Holidays break.

Our Year Three students completed their NAPLAN testing, and the Year Twos are already looking forward to their turn next year (although I think this might have something to do with the celebratory chocolates after each test!).



During English and Literacy learning, with teacher and peer support, students have been editing and revising a chosen piece of writing. They are in the process of publishing and we look forward to showcasing these masterpieces in our classroom next week.

In Mathematics, students investigated the features of 2D and 3D shapes, and can identify and explain the differences between quadrilaterals and non-quadrilaterals. They will continue to consolidate their number and operations knowledge using hands-on activities, and online learning platforms such as Maths Online and Prodigy.

During Religion, students independently wrote prayers of thanksgiving and forgiveness. They published their prayers using Google Slides, extending their skills by learning how to add colours, changing fonts and inserting images. They will have the opportunity to orally present their prayers to each other next week.

Middle Primary (cont.)

In Science, students have been learning about the uses of Earth's resources and how to preserve them. They investigated how First Nations peoples use and care for natural resources and loved seeing how specific items can be used for medicine, food, art and tools.

During Humanities and Social Sciences, students boarded their last flight on their Around the World Travel Unit, exploring a variety of countries, celebrations, commemorations, and learning about different cultures. They are applying their knowledge to create a Google Slides presentation detailing important facts from a celebration and commemoration of their choice.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and chocolate-filled Easter Holidays!

- Miss Brodie



Upper Primary News

Nǐ hǎo!

Over the term in Languages, the Upper Primary students have learned how to say specific terms in Mandarin such as: greetings - questions and responses - names of colours, preferences of a like or dislike of something and select food items and animals. Students have engaged in Chinese lessons well and have enjoyed learning new Mandarin terms on a weekly basis....I wonder what we'll learn next term?

In English, students have revised their final drafts and are working on publishing their character posters as a closing of our unit of work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This exciting task has enabled students to be both author and illustrator! Students have produced work samples using the writing traits of sentence fluency, word choice, voice and ideas. Once this task is completed and they have published their final product, students would have experienced the entirety of the writing process - a process that will enable them to strengthen their writing abilities and routines across the year.

In Mathematics, students have been applying their number knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve number sentences with unknown values. Students have applied a range of strategies to practice problem solving in order to calculate equations correctly. Next week students will solve problems involving multiplication and division to continue practising and strengthening their number knowledge and problem solving skills.

Across the term in Religion, students have explored the concept of prayer and its importance in the lives of believers. To close our religious studies for the term, students will explore the significance of Holy Week and Easter. They'll participate in a range of engaging activities to understand why Holy Week is the most sacred event in the liturgical year and be able to describe events, characters and messages in the Easter story, guided by scripture.

Reflecting on Term One, I'm very proud of the Upper Primary students in their efforts to forge strong connections with each other and apply themselves in the classroom for growth and discovery. I'm looking forward to the continued successes of all students in the coming term. Wishing you all a safe, restful and joyful Easter break.

Zàijiàn!

- Miss Stacey



APRE News

EASTER IS COMING!

Next week our students will spend the last session of each day learning about Holy Week. Holy Week, the week preceding Easter Sunday is the most sacred week in the Church year.

It involves Jesus' triumphant entry to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the celebration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and the commemoration of the three days his body lay in a tomb on Easter Sunday.

When students return for Term Two, we will be celebrating the resurrection of Christ which occurs on Easter Sunday and through the Easter season, that lasts for 50 days.

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - WINTON

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

6.30PM

March 24 | Palm Sunday Mass

6.30PM

March 28 | Holy Thursday Mass

3.00PM

March 29 | Good Friday,
Lord's Passion

6.30PM

March 30 | Easter Saturday,
Vigil Mass

With Fr Col

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END OF TERM TUCKSHOP



SAUSAGE SIZZLE & EASTER CAKE



Wednesday, first break only for a gold coin donation

DRINKS AND ICY POLES

Also available for purchase both lunches, but no other food

ORDERS DUE TUESDAY MORNING

