St. Patrick’s School

Newsletter

2 February, 2017  Week 2

School Prayer
This is our school prayer that we say whenever we gather together.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless our school St. Patrick’s, and the people who teach and learn here; Help us to live as your children; we know we do this when we speak kindly, are truthful, honest and ready to forgive. So help us as we pray, live and learn. To become more like your son Jesus. Amen.

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome back that the children and parents have given me on my return. A big thanks to Kelly for the obvious care and work that she did in the school, it was pleasure to come back to.

Staff Members for 2017
I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our staff members, John Carey and Geraldine Hocking, who will be working in the Stage 2 & Stage 3 Learning Space. Rob will also be working here, from 11.30am to 1.00pm each day, whilst Geraldine takes Reading Recovery.

In the Early Stage One and Stage 1 Learning Space we welcome back Alicia Arundale on Monday to Wednesday. We welcome Mrs Kimberly Ross back to the school where she began her teaching career. We are also fortunate to have with us on Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs Jemima Middleton. Wagga Diocese has funded a special project to lift the performance of teachers in teaching Maths especially in infant areas in all schools. Jemima will be working in class with the teachers and children, and also working with the teachers in reflecting upon their lessons and what improvements can be made.

Students
This week we welcomed 6 new Kindergarten girls to our school. They have all settled in very well and look like they have been here for a Term not just a couple of days. We welcome Dominic to Year 2.

Opening School Mass and Badge Presentation
At the moment, as you would be aware, the church is undergoing a major repaint inside and as such it is not possible for us to schedule our Opening Mass. We will let you know the confirmed date as soon as it is known. At this Mass our school leaders will receive their official badges.

School Grounds
Thanks to all the families who came in on the weekend to mow, prune, weed, blowervac, water etc. The transformation from Friday to Monday was amazing. The grounds and school are looking great.

School—Parent Communication
We encourage you to communicate with your children’s teachers and let them know of any concerns that you or your child may be having. It is also important that teachers are made aware of anything that may impact on the learning of your child. Most times it may be possible to catch the teacher before or after school, however if you wish to have a more in depth conversation please phone or email for an appointment. Should you wish to see me, Judy has access to my calendar and can make a booking for you.

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Newsletter
Due to the ever increasing workload within the school we will now be producing the Newsletter fortnightly commencing from this week. You have access to the public calendar available on the school’s web site for all dates, and the newsletter will also be available on the website. We are happy to continue to supply a paper copy if you would like one, please contact Judy to arrange this.

School Council Meeting
The first meeting of our School Council will be held Tuesday, 14th February at 7.00pm at school. All parents are welcome.

Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival will be held at Culcairn Pool tomorrow for all children turning 8 years and older commencing at 10.00am, jointly with St. Joseph’s Culcairn. St Patrick’s will be selecting its own team for the Albury Deanery Carnival based on the results. We have arranged for a bus to take students not travelling with parents. As always we will be relying on parents to help the carnival run smoothly, and I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Kinder/Year 1 and underage Year 2’s will enjoy a water discovery day at school. Students may wear either a red or blue shirt and normal sport shorts

Swimming for Sport
All students will be swimming for sport at Holbrook Pool and this will also involve swimming practise for those selected in our Deanery team. This will take place on Thursday 9th, 16th and 23rd February. All students must have swimmers, towel, sunscreen, plastic bag for wet items, school hat, rashie and pool entry ($1.50/visit) if required. Dismissal will be from the pool for all students. Buses have been advised.

Sport Uniform
While we are swimming, students are to wear sport uniform each Thursday.

Verification of Details and Update of Permissions
On Tuesday students in Years 1-6 were given a number of forms to be checked and/or completed. Thank you to those families who have completed and returned these forms so promptly. Please attend to this in a timely manner and at the latest by Thursday 7th February. Thank you.

Illness or Absences
Just a reminder that if your child is unwell please do not send them to school. Whenever your child is absent from school for any reason, a written note of explanation is a legal requirement. This note should be specific in reason e.g. head cold, as sick is not a specific explanation. A phone call is polite and helpful, but does not cover your parental legal obligation. Also a permission note is required for any change in routine, e.g. being collected early from school, taking different bus, being collected by different person etc. If you bring your child late to school or are collecting your child early, please go to school office to complete form on each occasion. We ask that you do not go direct to the classroom to pick up your child, rather visit the office and sign form whilst Judy fetches your child. This way we will have minimal class disruption.

Photography and Social Media Sites ***
We have some children in the school for whom permission is not held for their photograph/video to be taken. The implications of breaching this are far reaching. If you are taking photographs/videos of your own child at a school event that is fine. If you are just taking general shots of the children in the school, eg at the swimming carnival, this is not permitted. If you take a photograph/video and are thinking of posting it on the internet or displaying it in any way publicly, you must ensure that only your own children can be viewed in the picture and that no other children can be seen in the photograph/video/post.

Canteen—Monday only—commencing Monday, 6th February
A big thank you to Jacqui Graham and Nic Day for setting up our school canteen. They are looking for support from families to assist with the roster. For new volunteers if you are able to take a turn at Canteen please complete the form on page 3 of this Newsletter or phone Jacqui. New volunteers would be rostered on with another person to ‘learn the ropes’. You would need to be in the canteen between 9.30am and 2.00pm (but are able to take a break during the middle period). A new price list can be found at the end of this Newsletter.
SCHOOL ZONE (SAFETY REMINDER)

Please keep a look out for children around school zones and remember the speed limit is 40km/h.
For all parents travelling and taking your child to school please be aware that parking offences within school zones have a demerit point penalty.

You are not allowed to stop within a ‘Bus Zone’ or ‘Taxi Zone’ to drop off or pick up… This also applies to the red ‘No Stopping’ zone sign. Please take care and keep you and your family safe!

At St. Patrick’s we ask that all parents use our rear entry in Thorpe Street for pick up and delivery.

Supervision
Parents need to be aware that supervision is provided before school from 8.45am onwards and after school until the last bus leaves. If for any reason your child needs to be at school outside of these times then you need to contact the school to make suitable arrangements.

Peanut and Egg
As a general rule if a products states may contain traces of nuts or eggs it is OK. If it states contains NUTS or EGG do not send it to school. Thanks again for your understanding. Definitely No NUTS of any type are allowed at school.

School Secretary
Judy Jones will be in the school office from 8.30am daily.

School Times
Morning Bell 9.00am
First Break 11.00am to 11.30am
Second Break 1.00pm to 1.40pm
Dismissal Bell 3.10pm

Lunches
I urge parents to take care when packing children’s lunches to make sure their food is kept cool with a frozen drink bottle or by other means. We do not want anyone becoming ill due to hot weather. Also please ensure drinks, yoghurts etc. will not leak to make a mess in children’s bags.

*** Fruit—Every child needs a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable every day as each class has a morning fruit break.

Drink Bottle
All children are asked to have a drink bottle with them each day filled with water only. They are able to take this into the classroom with them. They must not be frozen as they leak on the childrens’ desks. Please ensure the bottles are washed out and filled with fresh water each day.

School Fees 2017:
Tuition
1 child family $828.00/year
2 child family $1449.00/year
3 or more $1863.00/year
Book Fee: $150.00/child/year
Building Fund: $100.00/family/year

Invoices will be issued during Terms 1, 2 and 3. Payment may be made in a variety of ways e.g. fortnightly, monthly, in advance etc. Please discuss your options with the Principal or Judy Jones.

Money to School
Please place all money being sent to school in a securely sealed envelope or bank bag ($2 coins are heavy) and write clearly child’s name, amount and reason e.g. John Smith, $5.00, bus to Culcairn. Your child will hand this envelope to his/her class teacher upon entering the classroom in the morning. If you send a large amount of money to school with your child, you may like to phone Judy to check that the child has given the money in.

School Uniform
Please see Judy for uniforms. The prices of all items are:
Red Polo Shirt $20.00
Navy Shorts $14.00
Polar Fleece Top $25.00
Navy Trackpants $22.00
Girls Summer Uniform $36.00
Girls Winter Tunic $55.00
School Hat $5.00
School Swimming Cap $16.00
Navy School Tie $15.00

Music Tutoring at School
Albury Conservatorium of Music tutors visit our school weekly and offer guitar lessons, drum lessons and piano lessons. This is an arrangement between yourselves and the Con. See Judy for enrolment and information forms if you are interested.

Holbrook Junior Sportsperson of the Year
Congratulations to Hunter Galvin (Yr 6 2016) on being selected as junior sportsperson of 2016. Hunter shows great talent in AFL, athletics and cricket and is a most worthy recipient.
Holbrook Library Complex News
As we begin another year we would like to welcome and encourage all children to become members of Holbrook Library. Membership is free and we have a great selection of books and dvds for everyone, from babies to grandparents and in the words of the great Dr Seuss, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Holbrook Library also offers holiday activities for children, occasional movies and other services which are advertised in the HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS.
...will resume on Tuesday the 14th February. This is a supervised hour of homework help for children from year 3 and over. The cost is $2 and includes afternoon tea. Please remember to bring your homework!
Then on Thursday 9th February, Story Time resumes at 11.00am. Story time is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays every month during the school term. All pre school children (including babies) are welcome. Activities include listening to stories, singing, dancing, craft, sensory games, making new friends and experiencing being part of a bigger group.
Also a great opportunity to take home a pile of excellent picture books to read with your preschoolers at bedtime or anytime!

Community Garden Cookbook
We are doing a community garden cookbook with a difference. We are looking to have our seniors involved by providing recipes that have been handed down through the family. A bit of a story on the recipe or the person who had the recipe would be good. Some garden tips on what they used in the vegetable patch or garden instead of the modern day chemicals will also be apart of the book. Any photos e.g. Holbrook show cooking section. Flower show or CWA gathering back in the 50s/60s, Red Cross.
Recipes and photos can be left at the school or emailed to Sue at susan@swellsolution.com.au

Holbrook Netball
Registrations commence 1st, 8th and 15th Feb @ 5.30 pm. Holbrook netball courts.
Seniors training starts 23rd Feb @ 6.30 pm.

Kids Club Date Change
The annual Holbrook Anglican Church Holiday Kids Club will be happening in the first week of the July school holidays this year, not in the April school holidays as it used to.

Tuckshop
Volunteers are sought to run the tuckshop which operates each Monday between 9.30am and 2.00pm.
Please complete below or phone Jacqui Graham on 0407 839269 to discuss your availability.

Name _______________________________
Contact Phone No. _____________________
Dates available in Tm 1 and Tm 2
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Students pictured with Terry Campese, ex-Canberra NRL player, during a promo visit today.

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**ST. PATRICK’S SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU—2016**

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**Available at Lunchtime**

(Please use a brown paper bag to order these items for lunch, stating child’s name, class, item and enclosing correct money)

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**Sandwiches & Knot Rolls from Bakery – wholemeal only**

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### Please state if you wish the sandwich toasted or fresh.

**Sandwiches prepared at School – wholemeal only**

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***(Eggs and peanut butter are not allowed at tuckshop)***