THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK’S

Wednesday 27th February
* Reading Workshop
9.00am & 7.00pm
* No Preps
* HDSSA Swimming Carnival @ Sale Pool
Thursday 28th February
* Reconciliation Parent/child Workshop 4.00pm & 6.00pm
* EMA Forms due no later than today

Friday 1st March
* 9.30am Beginning year mass
* 3pm Assembly: Grade 5/6

DATES TO REMEMBER
Tuesday 5th March
* Wellington Zone Swimming Carnival @ Sale Pool
Wednesday 6th March
* Parent/Teacher Interviews
* School finishes at 1.00pm
Monday 11th March
* Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 13th March
* Gippsland Region Swimming @ Sale Pool
Monday 18th March
* St Patrick’s Day Celebrations

Wednesday 20th March
* Reconciliation at St Patrick’s Stratford 7.00pm
Friday 22nd March
* P & F Cinema Night
* Hot Cross Buns orders due
Thursday 28th March
* St Patrick’s Cross Country
* End of term 1

Public Holidays
* Friday 7th June

PROJECT COMPASSION 2013

Week 2 Raymundo’s Story

Raymundo was born into a poor family in Bolivia. One of six children, he begun earning money for the family from eight years of age. As a young boy he cleaned buses and cars, but was soon getting into trouble with his gang of friends. In his late teens, Raymundo began attending Educar es Fiesta, a circus school for vulnerable youth where he discovered he possessed great talents and has gone onto to develop these and entertain a range of people.

This morning we gathered to share the Gospel and learn about Raymundo and how Caritas has helped him to change his life. The value of the week is Listening.

Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations to all the students, staff and parents involved in the swimming carnival last week. The day was a huge success and we are especially grateful for the work by Janelle to pull the day together. This Wednesday a number of students will represent St. Patrick’s at the HDSSA swimming carnival at Sale pool.

This Wednesday Mrs Jo Kennedy will be hosting two information sessions for parents aimed at supporting parents reading with their child. The morning session is at 9.00am and evening session at 7.00pm, both in the school library. Each session will be an informal opportunity for Jo to share some her great expertise and for parents to ask questions. A handbook of tips will be provided as part of the sessions. If you are planning on attending, please complete the slip in the newsletter and return to school by Wednesday. Children are welcome.

Today we welcomed Mr. Paul Towill to the staff. Paul has been employed as a specialist ICT teacher for the rest of the term. Each Monday (Tuesday in week 7) grades will participate in a lesson with Paul in the lab focussing on key skills when using computers. At this stage this will be a short term arrangement in the hope we are able to appoint a LOTE teacher from term 2 on.

Thank you to parents and students for such a positive response to the issue of road safety, especially at drop off and pick up time. It is critical that at all times we take care to ensure all members of our school community are safe. A reminder to please observe the no standing zone either side of the crossing on Dixon Street.

Next week we welcome the Prep children for their first full week at school. This week will be the last week that the children have Wednesday off.

Have a great week,
Nick.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on the 6th March, 2013 from 1.30pm - 6.00pm. Please go online to book appointments using the event code of PE58N.

School will be finishing at 1.00pm but for those who are unable to collect their children at this time, there will be supervision provided until 3.30pm. Please fill in the request form in this newsletter if you require your child/children to remain at school.
**REMINDER**

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE** - Due this Friday

EMA application forms are available from the school office and are to be lodged at school by 28th February 2013.

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**READING WITH MY CHILD**

Parent workshops will be held on Wednesday 27th February at 9.00am and 7.00pm.

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**Happy Birthday to:**

Kelsea K, Madison L & Sarah R.

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

Stratford Bakery and St Patrick’s Parents & Friends would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for our school.

Please fill in the details on the form attached to the newsletter and return to school by Friday 22nd March.

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**PARISH NEWS**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday 5.30pm: St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 9.30am: St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 11.00am: St Patrick’s Stratford
Sunday 6.00pm: St Mary’s Cathedral

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**Sacraments 2013**

**Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation**

**Parent/Child Workshop:**

Thursday 28th February
4.00pm & 6.00pm

**Parent/Child Workshop:**

Thursday 14th March
6.30pm

**First Reconciliation:**

Stratford: Wednesday 20th March 7.00pm

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**CASSEROLE BANK**

For some years now we have had a casserole bank which is used to help out families in times of need, for example the birth of a new baby, illness, death, trauma or financial difficulties within a family. The casserole bank is an effective way to show support to families in their time of need.

Are you able to help a family in need by making a meal? The casserole bank always needs stocking. The casseroles are freshly made then frozen before distributed in a sensitive manner to our families.

We are seeking volunteers to make a few casseroles to restock the freezer. Please let us know if you are able to help out by completing the form at the end of the newsletter.

Container should be clearly labelled on the lid with the following:

*The date the casserole was made.

*The ingredients used in the casserole.

*If the casserole is gluten free this should also be noted on the label.

With grateful thanks for your generosity and community spirit.
CASSEROLE BANK

Yes, I would like to be on the register to make a casserole:

NAME………………………………………………

PHONE
CONTACT………………………………………

MOBILE………………………………………

SIGNED………………………………………

DATE………………………………………

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

SUPERVISION REQUIRED

I require my child/children to be supervised on Wednesday, 6th March 2013.

Child’s name : ...........................................
Child’s name……………………………………
Child’s name……………………………………

Will be collected at:

Time………………………………………………

Will be going home on bus: (please circle)

Yes

No

Parent Signature……………………………………

READING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

Please tick which time:

I/We will be attending the Reading Workshop on Wednesday 27th February.

9.00am

or

7.00pm

Family Name…………………………………………………………………………

Signed……………………………………………………………………………...
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Segue Café & Arts Hub News**

Segue Café & Arts Hub is open 7 days a week from 9.30am - 2.30pm and staffed 100% by volunteers.

At present we have scrapbooking class held every Monday night from 6.30pm - 9pm.

The Arts Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.30am – 11.30am.

Computer classes on how to use Word, email and search the internet.

To become a Community Investment Champion for Segue you can:

- choose to contribute $100 towards the coffee machine, grinder and cash register and receive vouchers for 20 free coffees.
- Volunteer your time in some capacity.

If you are interested in joining our group of volunteers, or would like more information about any of the programs, please call in or phone Segue on 5145 6203

**Stratford Junior Football Club**

REGISTRATION NIGHT

U10’s, 12’s, 14’s & 16’s

WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH — 5.00pm

STRATFORD FOOTBALL OVAL

Sausage sizzle afterwards

Contact Kate—0488456012

U12’s & U14’s training starts Wednesday 27th February at 5.00pm

**Berry Street Saver Plus Information Sessions**

Is your child at school? Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, excursions or a laptop?

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. To be eligible you need to:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.
- Have a child at school

Information sessions regarding Berry Street Saver Plus will be held at:

Segue Café and Arts Hub, Tyers St, Stratford.

**Wednesday 6th March at 7.00pm**

**Thursday 7th March at 10.00am**

For further information call:

Beth Ripper 5145 6094 or 0427456094

Colin Robson (Berry Street) – 51443255