**PROJECT COMPASSION 2013**

**Week 3—Salma’s Story**

Salma, 18, lives with her husband, Masud in Bangladesh. Early in her pregnancy with her first child, Salma experienced abdominal pain, couldn’t eat and was very sick. Salma sought care from the village’s elderly traditional birth attendant, but she did not feel comforted. When she was six months pregnant, Salma heard about a rural midwife called Pronoti. Trained by Caritas Bangladesh's Safe Motherhood Project (SMP) which is supported by Caritas Australia's antenatal and postnatal care. During her first antenatal check-up, Salma was advised to drink more fluid and increase her food. “These words surprised me, as we were always told to eat less during pregnancy so we would not have a big baby. Her words reassured me.” When Salma did go into labour, she felt at peace just knowing Pronoti was there. “I felt amazed that my baby was so healthy and that I had given birth without any problems.” Sister Julienne Hayes-Smith, SMP Coordinator, said that people tell her the number of maternal deaths has greatly decreased, while Pronoti enjoys making women’s lives better. “I would like to thank the people of Australia. We are poor, but we want women and babies to have good lives, like in your country.”

The value of the week is Patience

Dear Parents and Students,

This term classroom teachers have planned and are implementing units of work under the concept of ‘IDENTITY’. The units of work are being designed using the National Curriculum being implemented this year and the existing Victorian Curriculum guidelines. How these units of work look varies across the year levels varies depending on the curriculum demands at that level. This approach to developing curriculum will be trialled throughout 2013 in our ongoing efforts to engage students in their learning about themselves and the world around them. I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about how they have been approaching the concept of IDENTITY in their class.

The St Patrick’s School board has scheduled the AGM for Wednesday 20th March at 5.30pm. The board is now seeking nominations for new members as two places need to be filled. If you would like to know more about the role and function of the school board, please don’t hesitate to speak to myself, or one of the existing board members; Carmen Lee, Anna Roberts, Fran Sutherland and Mark Nicholls. Nominations forms are available from the school office.

Last week the SRC elections were held and I am pleased to announce the reps for this year are; Lucy Capurso, Aimee Richardson, Prue Nowak, Joseph Capurso, Paddy Hodgkins and Madison Shingles. We were thrilled a number of students nominated for the positions and all can be proud of the way they presented themselves for the role.

Camps and excursions are important extra curricular activities offered at St Patrick’s and last year the staff and school board reviewed some elements of this, in particular school camps. Although still being finalised, I can inform you all of two important developments for this year. Firstly, the location for the Grade 5/6 camp has been changed from Canberra to Sovereign Hill in Term 3 this year. The Canberra camp has been a successful one over recent years, however there have been some concerns about the suitability of a five day camp for primary aged children. The camp to Sovereign Hill will be for two nights and further details will be sent home to families in due course. The other development is a new focus on a P-6 model for camps. Staff are still finalising how this will look in 2013 and will be communicated through the newsletter once completed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Liz Magnson and her family at this time. As many of you would be aware, her son Tom is being treated for a serious medical issue in Melbourne and Liz will be taking extended carers leave to be with Tom and the rest of her family. In Liz’s absence, Miss Ness Power will be teaching Visual Arts at St Patrick’s.

St Patrick’s Day is fast approaching and the staff and children are very much looking forward to celebrating this special day with many of you. The day is traditionally Grandparents day, however other family members are invited to be with us on the day. A timetable of the day’s events is as follows: 10.00am Mass, 10.45am morning tea (provided), 11.30am student performance, 12.15pm classroom visits, 1.00pm BBQ lunch (provided).

Good luck to the children swimming at the Wellington Zone carnival tomorrow.

Have a great week,
Nick.
Happy Birthday to:
Tom T, Lila C and Lucy C.

Sacraments 2013 - Reconciliation
Parent/Child Workshop:
Thursday 14th March
6.30pm
First Reconciliation:
Stratford: Wednesday 20th March 7.00pm

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 Briagolong
Sunday 6.00pm: St Mary’s Cathedral

STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to the following students who received the Principal award for Listening:
Jye B, Esra B, Dane N, Madison S and Elly J.
Class Award:
Year Prep/One: Julia S for being incredibly patient in mass.
Jackson A for being an excellent role model to the preps.
Year 1/2: Amity H for being courageous.
You are very brave.
Year 2/3: Mason A for your application, concentration and a great effort in his learning. Fantastic start!
Year 4/5: Serrin N for conducting a wonderful interview with Mr Hall. Keep up the great work Serrin!
Year 5/6: Hannah P for proving us all wrong when measuring 11 metres.

Other Awards: Caleb L for showing great effort with self-control. Keep it up.

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: ...........................................

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Hot Cross Bun order forms are due back at school on Friday 22nd March.
If you need more order forms, please contact the school office.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Happy Birthday to:
Tom T, Lila C and Lucy C.
Aliens start their invasion!

Aliens from a far away planet not known to planet Earth, start their invasion by throwing a rather large asteroid at a small country town school in Stratford, Gippsland, Victoria on the 18/2/13.

While the SES were searching for survivors they found the ghost of one of the unlucky children, Miss. H.R. Peatling who has told the people of Stratford her last tragic moments of being alive.

"All I remember is the screaming of my friends yelling HELP,HELP! I thought that this was it, that the world had finally come to an END! The all mighty Earth come to an end? I thought it was ridiculous!

That is only part of Miss Peatling's story....

Scientists on scene have been working on the asteroid all night and all day non stop, hoping to be the first to discover what the aliens look like that threw this mighty asteroid at our planet. It has been proven that it actually was aliens that threw the asteroid.

No one is able to go in a 5km radius of the school, due to research. The number of people dead is classified, the number of people in hospital in an unstable condition is classified. There was one lone person whom did not even have a scratch upon them! Her name is being held back at the moment because of questioning and is not allowed to be seen or touched by anyone. This poor girls parents are begging to see their beloved daughter.

There is one girl missing and goes by the name of Allison.

All that anyone knows about her is that she went to school at St Patricks Catholic Primary school Stratford....

By Lucy Capurso

CASUAL DAY

On **Friday 8th March** there will be a casual day to raise money for Caritas Australia. It’s a gold coin donation. You are not allowed singlets, thongs and no hairspray. You **MUST HAVE YOU HAIR UP** and reasonable clothes must be worn.

The money will be collected after lunch so please don’t put the money in your classroom caritas box. If you don’t wear casual clothes you can still bring money, but if you do wear casual clothes you must bring money. You may bring your own hat if you like.

Ebony, Prue and Lani.
ST PATRICK'S SWIMMING SPORTS
SPORTS NEWS

SPORTING SHIELDS
The school currently has one sporting shield for all carnivals. This shield is now full and we need to look at getting a new one. We would like to have one shield for each carnival. We are asking for any families to donate these shields to the school. This will involve a plaque at the top with the families name that donated the shield. The cost of these shields is still being finalised, however if you are interested in donating a shield, please let the office know.

STATE SELECTIONS
Each year, Victorian school students have the opportunity to trial for a place in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Team 12 years/U to participate in annual School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships. Their are 21 different sports that children can participate in.

You can view further trial information regarding the nomination process for each sport re. dates, times, venue, age eligibility, nomination closing dates, trial fees and Championship venue and dates on the following website.
www.ssv.vic.edu.au

Please let me know if you are interested in you child participating in the selection process.

Janelle Stothers
Sport/PE Co-ordinator

SWIMMING NEWS
CONGRATULATIONS TO ST PATRICK’S TEAM THAT COMPETED AT THE HDSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL LAST WEDNESDAY. ST PATRICK’S WERE PLACED 3RD.

GOODLUCK TO THE CHILDREN WHO ARE COMPETING IN THE WELLINGTON ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL TOMORROW.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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 on
Wednesday’s at 5.00pm

STRATFORD JUNIOR NETBALL CLUB
Saturday Winter Competition
Invites Girls & Boys Grade 3 & up to:
   Have A Go!!
Training Night : Tuesday 5th March 2013
   4.30pm—5.30pm
Registration & Training Night
Tuesday 12th March 2013
   4.30pm—5.30pm
Stratford Recreation Reserve
Fees: Modified (11/U) $105.00
   Junior (17/U)    $115.00

Berry Street Saver Plus
Information Sessions
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