ST. PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATIONS
PROJECT COMPASSION WEEK 5 - BERNARD’S STORY

The youngest of 13 children, Bernard’s dad left when he was only one and Bernard always felt it was his responsibility to keep everyone together. From a very young age, he had a strong bond with his mum but as he got older he started to wonder more about his father. He did very well at school, becoming the second ever Aboriginal school captain at Nambucca Heads High. However two years later, his beloved mum passed away. “That really hit me hard. I was so close to her. We would sit down and talk about anything, mostly on our fishing trips. I would always tell Mum I loved her; when she cried, I cried – and then she was gone.” A close friend told him about Tom Powell’s Red Dust Healing—a cultural healing program for Indigenous people which encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within; without drugs or alcohol. Recently becoming a father, Bernard is determined to always be there for his daughter; he understands how important his role within family life is.

“Thanks to Tom and to Caritas Australia, because Red Dust Healing has taught me about being a man and being a father.”

Bernard

Our value focus for the week is FORGIVENESS.

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you to the staff and children of St Patrick’s for a very successful and fun filled St Patrick’s day. A special thank-you to all our grandparents and friends for coming along to the celebrations. Thank-you to our parents who helped out with cuppa’s, morning tea and to Doug, Brad and Jake for cooking the BBQ. Your help is very much appreciated.

This week we pray for Chloe, Lila, Seb, Jack and their families as the children prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation this Wednesday night in the church.

At this Friday’s assembly we welcome the branch manager from Heyfield Bendigo Bank. At the assembly the children who raised money for the bushfire relief fund will hand the funds raised to the Heyfield Bushfire Relief Fund set up through the bank.

Please note Term 1 finishes next Thursday 28th March at 2.30pm. The change of finishing time has come in response to parent requests for the finishing time to be in line with bus services on the day.

Have a great week,

Nick

P & F Movie Night

Ice Age 4: Continental Drift

To assist with planning, can families please purchase tickets from the office ASAP.

HELP Please! Setting up from 5.00pm, food stall, BBQ & bar.

If you can assist with any of these, please leave your name at the front office.
Happy Birthday to: Lani A & Dodge S

SCHOOL FEES

Due dates for payments are:
1st Instalment due by 23rd April 2012
2nd Instalment due by 23rd July 2012
3rd Instalment due by 15th October 2012

We offer a range of payment options including credit card, direct payment, cash and cheques.
Please see the office staff if you have any concerns regarding your fees. If paying by cash, please have correct money.
Thank-you

ICY POLE FUNDRAISER

Well done to Hannah and Amber for organising the selling of icy poles last Wednesday and raising $59.00 for Caritas.

FUN FUNDRAISER

Well done to Lilly, Emily, Lila and Emily D for raising $137.00 for Caritas.

STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who received the Principal award for Patience:
Molly A, Reagan H, Aimee T, Jenna R, Lucy C and Lani A.

Class Award:
Year Prep/One: Thomas D for participating in class.
Year 1/2: Dylan P for great reading.
Year 2/3: Flynn T for excellent work in class.
Year 4/5: Hunta-Lily for working hard to develop her reading skills.
Year 5/6: Tom T for working hard in all areas.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

HOT CROSS BUNNS

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.

BOOKCLUB

BOOKCLUB DUE WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

COMMUNITY NEWS

Stratford Junior Netball Club
Saturday Winter Competition
Invites Girls & Boys
Grade 3 & up
To Have a Go.

Final registration night and training for JUNIOR NETBALL
Tuesday 19th March 2013 4.30 – 5.30pm
(Training nights in term 2 to be decided by each individual coach)
At the Stratford Recreation Reserve Netball Courts
Fees
UNDER 11 UNDER 10 AND UNDER 9’S - $105
UNDER 12 AND 13 - $115

NB: Completion of registration form and full payment must be made on the night as Sale Netball Association requires funds with full registration by the 24th March 2013.

STRATFORD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Players needed for Under 10’s and Under 12’s.
Players must turn 8 this year to be eligible to play Under 10’s.
If you are interested playing please contact Kate: Ph: 0488 456012

STRATFORD SWIMMING POOL

Due to the warmer weather the Stratford Swimming Pool have extended their opening hours until the Saturday 23rd March.

TUCKSHOP DAY

Wednesday 27th March. Please complete tuckshop order attached to your newsletter and return to school before Friday 22nd March.
St Mary’s Cathedral Parish, Sale
Lenten Reconciliation and Holy Week Timetable

Reconciliation:

**Wednesday 20th March:** (First) Reconciliation 2nd Rite
St Patrick’s Stratford 7.00pm  All welcome

**Thursday 21st March:** (First) Reconciliation 2nd Rite
St Mary’s Cathedral 7.00pm (3 Priests)  All welcome

**Friday 22nd March: Reconciliation**
St Mary’s Cathedral - 11.30 – Noon
St Mary’s Cathedral – 7.30pm (after Stations of the Cross)

Masses:

**Saturday 23rd March - Palm Sunday**
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale: 5.30pm
St Rose of Lima, Rosedale: 7.00pm

**Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday**
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale 9.30am
St Patricks Church, Briagolong 11.00am
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale 6.00pm

**Holy Week:**

**Monday 25th March**
St Mary’s Cathedral Sale 11.00am Mass

**Tuesday 26th March**
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale 11.00am. Mass of the Holy Oils
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale – Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (4 Priests)

**Wednesday 27th March**
Ashleigh House – 10am Mass
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 11.00am Mass
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 7.00pm-7.30pm. Reconciliation
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 7.30pm. Ecumenical Tenebrae

**Holy Thursday, 28th March**
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 5.30pm – 6.00pm Reconciliation
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 7.30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper -  Watching with the Lord till 10.30pm.

**Good Friday 29th March**
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale  Stations of the Cross 11.00am
St Patrick’s Church, Stratford  Stations of the Cross 11.00am
St Rose of Lima, Rosedale  Stations of the Cross 11.00am
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale – 3.00pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion; followed by Reconciliation.

**Holy Saturday, 30th March**
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 10.45am -11.30am  Reconciliation (No Morning Mass)
St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. 7.30pm Easter Vigil (Please bring your own candle with holder)

**Easter Sunday 31st March**
9.00am Mass.  Loch Sport
9.30am Mass.  St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale
11.00am Mass.  St Rose of Lima, Rosedale
11.00am Mass.  St Patrick’s Church, Stratford
6.00pm Mass.  St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale.

**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

**SACRAMENTS 2013**

**First Reconciliation:**
Stratford: Wednesday 20th March 7.00pm

**Confirmation:**
St Mary’s Cathedral Sale: Sunday 19th May
Pentecost Sunday - 9.30am

**First Communion:**
Stratford: Sunday 25th August 11.00am