Dear Parents and Students,

We have an exciting week ahead at St. Patrick’s! Firstly, good luck to the Grade 6 students and Rachael Nicholls (Director) who are performing Hamlet this week as part of the Shakespeare festival. We will be attending tomorrow’s performance as a school and I am sure the children will enjoy the experience. On Wednesday we are attending the PEACE Mass at Catholic College Sale. **All students are expected to wear their winter school uniform on this day.** This is a fantastic celebration and families are warmly invited to attend. Thursday is ANZAC Day and again there has been a tremendous response from students and families to the march. Those wishing to participate in the march are asked to meet at BP Service Station in Stratford at 8.30am. Please let the school know if your child/ren are taking part in the march by returning the slip included in the newsletter.

Today we welcomed Tomomi Wynne to the staff at St. Patrick’s. Tomomi has been employed to fill the vacant LOTE position for the remainder of the year. Tomomi will be teaching basic Japanese language on a fortnightly basis (Monday’s) in all grades. I am also pleased to announce we have been able to continue the weekly ICT lessons commenced last term with Paul Towill on Tuesdays for each class. PE (Monday), Music/Drama (Tuesday), and Visual Arts (Thursday) will continue as timetabled.

Last term the St. Patrick’s School Board held the annual general meeting. At the meeting all members were thanked for their support and contribution to the school. Anna Roberts (parent rep) and Sarah Boag (staff rep) stepped off the board and their involvement was acknowledged. We welcomed Tony Capurso and Michelle Boyd to the board as parent reps and Jo Kennedy as staff rep. The board membership is as follows; Nicholas Hall, Carmen Lee (chair), Mark Nicholls (secretary), Michelle Boyd, Tony Capurso, Fran Sutherland and Jo Kennedy. The board meets tomorrow night at 5.30pm for the first time since the AGM.

The Parents and Friends is holding their AGM next Tuesday evening. The P & F is an important group in our school community and all families are invited to attend the meeting. Further information is included later in the newsletter.

The process for Prep enrolments for 2014 will commence in a few weeks time. The school Open Days are set for Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May between 9.00-11.00am and will be advertised widely in the local community. We are also expecting visits from the Stratford Kindergarten in the lead up to these.

This week’s value of the week is compassion.

Have a great week.

Nick
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

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

SACRAMENTS 2013
Thursday 2nd May
*Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
  4.00pm & 6.00pm
Thursday 16th May
*Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
  6.30pm
Confirmation
St Mary’s Cathedral Sale: Sunday 19th May
Pentecost Sunday—9.30am
First Communion
Stratford: Sunday 25th August 11.00am

STUDENT AWARDS AND
ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to the following students who
received awards at last week’s assembly.
Class Award:
Year Prep/One: Allie L for a great story.
Kayde R for working well in class.
Year 1/2:           Balin F for the amazing effort
you put in to all your work.
Year 2/3:           Zoe R and Lachlan T for working
well all the time.
Year 4/5:           Riley C for getting jobs done
when he is asked and
volunteering.
Year 5/6            Elly J for taking on board advice
and giving it your best shot.

OTHER AWARDS
Ruby - Angelica H, Lucy C and Ebony L for
showing great sportsmanship at cross country.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE
SION AND ST PATRICK’S
OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 17TH May, 2013
More information in the coming weeks.

UNIFORM FOR SALE
Girls winter school tunic (skirt with de-
tached bib) size 18.
Only been worn for one winter.
$50
Phone Marcie on 0488457107

WINTER UNIFORM
The first two weeks of term two are used as
transition time from summer to winter
uniform. As of Monday 29th April, all
students need to be in full winter uniform.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Birthday to these
students celebrating their birthdays this week.
Kane D, Amber R, Taryn M &
Colby T.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP
A date for your diaries-
Year 5/6 Camp to Sovereign Hill
Monday 12th August
Tuesday 13th August
Wednesday 14th August
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General meeting for St Patricks’ Parents and Friends Association is Tuesday 30th April at 7.30.

All Parent and Friends of the school community are invited to attend the meeting and all positions will be declared vacant. The positions that need to be filled are as follows: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tuckshop co-ordinator, Book club co-ordinator.

The Parents and Friends support the school financially and also through social activities to bring the school community together. If you would like to come along to the Meeting to learn more please feel free to do so. The meetings generally do not run late and if necessary, bring the kids along if it means you can attend!

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL—FAIRE DAY

Is anyone interested in running a stall at the Shakespeare Festival Faire day on Sunday 5th May?
If so, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STRATFORD KINDERGARTEN

All community members, present and future families of Stratford Kindergarten are invited, and strongly encouraged to attend a meeting with the Wellington Shire to discuss the recent grant received and proposed planning ideas for the extension of the Kindergarten.

Date: Tuesday 23rd April
Time: 2.30pm
Venue: Stratford Kindergarten

ANZAC DAY MARCH – Thursday 25th April 2013

Student Name: ………………………………
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Parent/Guardian Signature:
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