SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our year 6 students on their performance in the Shakespeare Play, “Hamlet”.

ANZAC DAY

Congratulations to St Patrick’s students who took part in the Anzac Day March in Stratford. Our students were a credit to the school and themselves. Thank you to all who participated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 10th May
*School Mass—9.15am
Tuesday 14th May
*NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5
Wednesday 15th May
*NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5
Thursday 16th May
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*Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop 6.30pm
Friday 17th May
*Catholic College Sale Open Day
Sunday 19th May
*Confirmation Day 9.30am
St Mary’s Cathedral Sale
Monday 20th May
*HDSSA Cross Country
Thursday 23rd May
*St Patrick’s Stratford Open Day 9.00am-11.00am
Friday 24th May
*St Patrick’s Stratford Open Day 9.00am-11.00am
Monday 27th May
*Wellington Zone—Cross Country @ Yarram
Wednesday 5th June
*School Photos
Friday 7th June
*School Closure Day
Monday 10th June
*Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 11th June
*School Mass—9.15am
Friday 28th June
*Last day term 2
‘I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.’

This morning we gathered to hear the Gospel. Our value of the week is friendship & respect.

Dear Parents & Students,

St. Patrick’s, along with the 40 other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sale, will celebrate Catholic Education Week from Friday 26th April—Friday 3rd May. The theme for this year’s celebrations is ‘Faith in Action’. As Catholic schools, we are called to do more than just pass on the faith: we are invited to translate our faith into deeds so we are truly living God’s Word. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share things that are special about our schools and ethos with families, parish and the wider community. Student representatives from our school will attend the diocesan students’ Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale, on Tuesday 30th April.

This Sunday 5th May is the Faire Day as part of the Shakespeare Festival. The school will again have a stall. This Thursday we will be having a casual clothes day and children are asked to bring a lucky jar to be used on the stall. There is more information about the stall and lucky jars later in the newsletter.

From this week students are expected to wear their full winter uniform. Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform on the correct days, and if for some reason they are not in correct uniform, please send a written explanation for the classroom teacher.

Last term we asked for any interested families who would like to sponsor one of the sports shields presented after our swimming, cross country and athletics. We have one shield still requiring sponsorship. If you are interested please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Janelle Stothers.

Have a great week,

Nick
**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

**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

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)**
The RCIC provides the opportunity for school age children who have not been Baptised, to enter into a journey of faith and prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism.

A new season of RCIC sessions will start on Wednesday 8th May at 4.00pm in the Chapter House. At least one parent needs to be a baptised Catholic.
For enquiries and to enrol please contact Veronica at the Parish Office Ph: 51 444100

**SCHOOL FEES**
The first instalment of School Fees for this year is due Monday 29th April.
Thank-you to those families who have already been so prompt with their payment.
If you require an invoice for your school fee account, please contact the office.

**GUITAR FEES**
Could all outstanding guitar fees please be paid immediately... Thanks...Anita

**Mary Mackillop’s Daily Thoughts:**
Bear in mind that you have only to answer for your own faults.

**WINTER UNIFORM**
All children are expected to be wearing winter uniform as of this week.

**Girls Winter Uniform**
Green check tunic  
White shirt  
Tie  
Green woollen jumper  
Black socks or tights  
Black school shoes

**Boys Winter Uniform**
Grey pants  
White shirt  
Tie  
Green Woollen Jumper  
Grey socks  
Black school shoes.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**
Happy Birthday to these students celebrating their birthdays this week.  
Jonathan B, Jack D, James G and Joshua N.

**STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**
Congratulations to the following students who received the principal’s Award for compassion:
Monty G, Zoe C, Ethan A, Emily D & Prue N.

**Class Award:**
Year Prep/One: Matilda C for working really hard in class.
Year 1/2: Madison L for your excellent voice in your puppet show.
Year 2/3: Ruby R for working hard during maths class.
Year 4/5: Kane D for having very good manners.
Year 5/6: Lachlan S for working through a problem to achieve great results.

**OTHER AWARDS**
Sarah R for finishing her 100 sight words. Congratulations Sarah!!

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CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the Cross Country last week.
A special thank you to all parents who helped out on the day.
Equal 1st – MacKillop & Ryan followed closely by Brice.
Good luck to all those students representing our school at the HDSSA Cross Country on Monday 20th of May.
Janelle Stothers.

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

We will be running a stall on Sunday 5th May at the Shakespeare Festival Faire Day.

Our stall will consist of Lucky Jars. We will need volunteers to help on the day. If you are able to help with the setting up and running of the stall could you please contact Michelle Boyd or the school office.

LUCKY JARS

A Lucky Jar is an empty jar that has a prize of some sort inside. The jars have a raffle ticket placed on the top of the jar. We sell a ticket for $2 and the ticket coincides with one of the tickets on a jar and that is the jar that you win. It is a fun and easy way to fundraise. Ideas for things to put in the jars: Lollies, Pencils, Textas, Highlighters, Crayons etc Small Cars, Small Toys, Hair Bands. There lots of things that can be put inside to the value of $2.

Lucky Jars can be left at the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STRATFORD AUSKICK

This Thursday 2nd May 2013 @ 5.30pm—Stratford Football Oval
Please register online @ AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU
**Singers wanted!!!**

Each fortnight, Fran Sutherland and Carmel Boyd lead our Parish Sunday Masses at 11am with beautiful singing and music.

We would love to have some back up singers to accompany them at Mass on these Sundays. Children do not need to commit to each Mass but need arrive at the Church 10 - 15 minutes prior to Mass.

This is a great opportunity for our Choir singers and any other children interested in singing and being part of our Parish community.

Fran and Carmel do a wonderful job with the music on Sunday and we’d love to see some of our children involved.

Please fill in the attached form as best you can. Filling in the form makes no commitment. It just gives us an idea of how many children we may have each week.

Many thanks in anticipation,
Rose Lee
Religious Education Coordinator

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