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**This Week at St Patrick's**

**Tuesday 14th May**  
*NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5*  
*School Board 5.30pm*

**Wednesday 15th May**  
*NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5*  
*Caritas Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle*

**Thursday 16th May**  
*NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5*  
*Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop 6.30pm*

**Friday 17th May**  
*Catholic College Sale Open Day*  
*Grade 4/5 assembly 3pm*

**Sunday 19th May**  
*Confirmation Day 9.30am St Mary’s Cathedral Sale*

**Dates to Remember**

**Monday 20th May**  
*HDSAA Cross Country*

**Tuesday 21st May**  
*P & F AGM 2.30pm*

**Thursday 23rd May**  
*St Patrick’s Stratford Open Day 9.00am-11.00am*  
*Sale Eisteddfod 1.15pm*

**Friday 24th May**  
*St Patrick’s Stratford Open Day 9.00am-11.00am*

**Monday 27th May**  
*Wellington Zone — Cross Country @ Yarram*

**Friday 31st May**  
*Caritas Presentation @ Assembly*

**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 21st June**  
*Tuckshop*

**Friday 28th June**  
*Last day term 2 Finish 2.30pm*

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**The Ascension of the Lord**

‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Luke 24: 49

This Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost when we remember the commissioning of Jesus Disciples as they were sent forward to spread the good news. We are fortunate that also on this day the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in our parish. Confirmation is the second Sacrament of Initiation (the first is Baptism) where candidates are sealed with the Holy Spirit that strengthens them in their faith journey. It is a wonderful moment where the candidate confirms the promises taken for them by their parents and Godparents at Baptism.

This Sunday Lucy, Ruby, Ebony, Hannah, Aimee and Caitlyn celebrate their Confirmation and we keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

**Dear Parents and Students,**

Happy Mother’s Day! I hope all mum’s in our school community had a wonderful day yesterday. Thank you to all the ladies who came along for our annual Mother’s Day afternoon tea last Friday. It was a fantastic turn out on a beautiful Autumn afternoon and everyone appeared to enjoy the good food and good company. Special thank you to Sharon, Sharon and the students involved in set up, service and clean up.

This week the Grade 3 and 5 children will take part in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy). NAPLAN is conducted annually for students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 and all students are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN provides governments, education authorities and schools with important information about student learning and at St Patrick’s it is part of our extensive, ongoing monitoring of student learning.

This Wednesday the Grade 1/2 class has organised a sausage sizzle to raise money for Caritas. The children will be selling sausages for $1 each at lunchtime and this will be our final fundraising effort for Caritas to finish off the great work completed through Project Compassion. On Friday 31st May we welcome a representative from Caritas to our school to receive the money raised.

This week our value of the week is Wonder and Awe.

Have a great week,

Nick

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*Carly, June, Leslie and Imogen enjoying Mother’s Day afternoon tea.*
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 16th May
*Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop - 6.30pm

Confir**mation
St Mary’s Cathedral Sale: Sunday 19th May
Pentecost Sunday—9.30am
First Communion
Stratford: Sunday 25th August 11.00am

CARITAS
Grade 1/2 will be holding a sausage sizzle this Wednesday 15th May. $1.00 a sausage.

Please have all your caritas money in by this Friday 17th May. We will be presenting a cheque to Susan Grout (Caritas Australia) at assembly on Friday 31st May.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE
SION AND ST PATRICK’S OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 17TH May, 2013
Information Session to be held in Bishop Phelan Stadium at St Patrick’s Campus, Desailly St. Sale
Information Session for St Patrick’s School Students will be at 9.30am.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 21st May at 2.30pm
All welcome.

SPORT NEWS

TENNIS
Congratulations to Tom T who represented St Patrick’s in the School Sports Victoria Region Tennis Championships at Traralgon last Thursday.

HDSSA—CROSS COUNTRY
Good luck to our students who are competing in the HDSSA Cross Country next Monday. We wish them all the best.

BOOKCLUB

We have two orders from issue 2 that have no names on the order form. Please check at the school office if you think the orders belong to you.

STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to the following students who received the principal’s Award for Understanding: Seth C, Ryley H, Ethan C, Abigail C and Harry C.

Class Award:
Year Prep/One: Molly A for writing a beautiful narrative.
Year 1/2: Katie G for your all-round great work and positive attitude.
Year 2/3: Sarah D for doing her best work and presenting it neatly.
Year 4/5: Madison S for her understanding and sorting out situations.
Year 5/6: Jonathan L for your consistent work ethic across all curriculum areas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to these students celebrating their birthdays this week.

Ruby-Angelica H-T

Mary Mackillop’s Daily Thoughts:
In every difficulty apply to St Joseph with confidence and you will never be disappointed.