Monday 25th July 2016

Value of the week: Persistence

In the gospel this week, Jesus teaches us to be persistent in prayer. Prayer is a way of striving to recognise how God is reaching out to us in love and we respond by presenting with our needs.

Like any good parent, God saw that his children needed help. God gave a special gift to reveal his love. What did God give us? Not a thing, but a person—the Father’s beloved Son, Jesus. Jesus, in turn, taught us to approach God as we would approach a loving parent. He gave us the words of a prayer that we call the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

MISSION STATEMENT
The staff of St Patrick’s is committed to the evangelizing mission of the catholic church in the twenty first century and continues in the spirit of the Sisters of Sion. It is a place where all people are valued and recognised for their uniqueness. The school endeavours to cater for the faith, learning and growth of every child by offering a quality Catholic education. We strive to nurture respectful, supportive and collaborative relationships that will enhance the community atmosphere of the school.
Dear Parents and families,

Welcome back to our Principal, Damian Hogan. After several weeks of recovery from an operation, it is lovely to see Mr Hogan back feeling happy and healthy.

**Student Led Conferences: School Closure**
The Student Led Conferences will take place this **Wednesday 27th July** and will be a school closure day.

A strong and positive relationship between parents and teachers serves the best interest for students. Communication throughout the year is essential to support student success and wellbeing. It allows parents and teachers to work together to support student learning and success. Children whose parents actively participate in their education tend to do better in school and students tend to have a better attitude towards school. Interviews will be in 15 minute allotments and bookings can be made via [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au). School event code: v3aju.

**School Renewal Survey**
Each year we are required to undergo a survey that require a selection of parents to participate. Parents are randomly selected and is important that the surveys are completed. The data from these surveys is compiled by an outsourced group and informs our effectiveness as a school community. We use this data to access current procedures and implement changes to current practices. The survey needs to be completed by Friday 29th July. **On completion of the survey, please fill in the raffle ticket to go into the draw for a wine and cheese hamper.**

**St Patrick's School Athletics**
The Athletics is scheduled for Friday 12th August and this year, for logistic reasons, will be at a new location. The carnival will be held at Gippsland Grammar Senior Campus from 9.30am for Years 3 to 6. Students will be bussed to the athletics. The following Friday 19th August will be a fun ‘mini olympics for the whole school.

We will be needing parental assistance on the day. If you are able to help out in a small way, please leave your contact details with Sharon in the office.

**Victorian Curriculum - Coding Conference**
Next year, the new Victorian Curriculum will be fully implemented. The new Victorian Curriculum introduces Digital Technologies. In Digital Technologies, students use computational thinking and information systems to analyse, design and develop digital solutions. The Digital Technologies curriculum recognises coding (programming) as one of the skills to support learning in this area. Our Year 4/5 teacher, Jenny Miller will be attending a 2 day conference in Melbourne this week in readiness for the implementation of the new curriculum.

**Parent/visitors to classrooms**
Parents/visitors/helpers are always very welcome in our classrooms. Whether helping out in the class or just popping in to unpack a school bag with your child, please bear in mind that any observations you make about other students and their work is personal. At St Patrick's we pride ourselves on the expertise our staff bring. Should you have any questions about your child's development please do not hesitate to seek their professional opinion.
**Avon Junior Landcare**
This Friday, our Year 6 children will participate in World Tree Planting Day in association with Avon Junior Landcare.

**First Communion**
Please keep Thomas Boyd in your prayers as he begins preparation to receive his first communion in August this year.

**Wednesday Class Mass**
There will be no class mass this Wednesday 27th July.

**Sign in - Visitors and Parents**
It is important that we know how many parents/visitors are on site. If you are helping out, attending a meeting and/or just spending some time in the school, please sign in at the office. This is a safety requirement that falls in line with our Emergency Management Plan.

**Board Meeting:**
The next board meetings scheduled are Tuesday 16th August, 7pm in MPR and Tuesday 18th October, 7pm in MPR. The final meeting for the year will be a combined social gathering with the Parents and Friends committee on Tuesday 15th November, 7pm in MPR.

**School Disco**
Thank you to the parents who organised and ran a fun night for all our students at Friday night's disco.

**Bike Sheds**
Thank you so much to John Theodore and Gerard Condon who were able to collect the new bike sheds constructed by CCS. Now we await for the bike shed reconstruction.

**School Emergency Gate**
A new gate will be installed on the far southern side of the school fence to comply with our Emergency Management Plan. This will enable an easier evacuation of the school grounds in case of an emergency.

Have a fabulous week,

Kind regards,

*Rose Lee*
Deputy Principal
FIRST COMMUNION

Commitment Mass:
Stratford on Sunday 31st July 9.30am
Parent/child workshop:
Thursday 4th August at 4.00pm or 6.00pm Parent/child final meeting & practice: Thursday 18th August at St Patrick’s Stratford 3.30pm First Communion:
Sale on Saturday 20th August at 5.30pm or Sunday 21st August at 9.30am or Sunday 21st August at 5.00pm Stratford on Sunday 21st August at 9.36am

RCIA INFORMATION EVENING: Thursday August 4 at 7pm in the Bishop’s House.
RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, for those who are interested in becoming a Catholic. It is a gradual introduction into the Catholic Faith and way of life, in a supportive and friendly atmosphere.
The information evening is a casual, no obligation opportunity to discover the process involved and then to decide whether to proceed further. Parishioners knowing someone who may be interested are urged to inform them of the meeting and consider accompanying them to the information evening.
For further details, please contact the RCIA Coordinator, Brenda Bowden 0408 260 955 or the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

Mary MacKillop’s daily thoughts:
“Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God.”

Happy Birthday to:
Jake Pendrick and Makayla Harrington.

STUDENT AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to the following students who received the Principal’s Award for Listening:
Ben Brickley, Koby Threadgold, Sammie Straw, Alyssa Greening, Ava Brickely and Allanah Williams.

Congratulations also to these students who received a Class Award:

Prep: Anna Jose for doing a wonderful job settling back into Year Prep.
Year 1: Mac Pendergast for being a great bucket filler.
Year 2: Hailey Lenane for consistently completing all home learning tasks. Keep up the great work.
Year 3/4: Jye Brickley for the excellent impromptu speech and working on your behaviour.
Hamish MacGregor for excellent effort you put into your Olympic Project.
Year 4/5: Esra Babuc for being a switched on thinker who makes connection in her reading.
Year 5/6: Ella-Rose Spence for completing tasks successfully and neatly.

PARISH NEWS
WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 5.30pm: St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 9.30am: St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 5.00pm St Mary’s Cathedral
Sunday 9.30am Stratford
(Please note change of Mass time)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Disco
On Friday night, ninety St Patrick’s students danced the night away in the MPR.
DJ Ryan had a fantastic selection of music playing, lights flashing and fog machine blazing, transforming the MPR into a disco hall.
Our fabulous disco Stu a.k.a. Adrian Spence was the MC for the night and organised games and prizes for the children. Thank-you, you were fabulous.
Finally a huge thank-you to our tireless band of helpers who set up and packed up. Without you all this couldn’t happen.
Disco night was a huge success.

CAR RALLY
Car Rally will be on Saturday 3rd September.
The day before Father’s Day. Please mark the date in your diary as those who attend this exciting adventure have a lot of fun.
The course is under construction.

COOK BOOK
Closing soon. Get your recipes and drawings in by 31st August. Send them to michlou@live.com.au or drop them into the office.

Next Meeting is Wednesday 10th August at 9.10 am in the MPR.
Everyone is Welcome.
Wellington

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<td>Confident Parents, Confident Children</td>
<td>Parentzone Gippsland on 03 5133 9998</td>
<td>Delbridge Hall Community Room, 149 Cunningham Street Sale (Beside St Paul’s Anglican Cathedral)</td>
<td>Tuesdays for 5 weeks 9th August 15th August 23rd August 30th August 5th September 10.00am – 12.30pm</td>
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Facilitated by Parentzone Gippsland. The content will be based around the needs and interests of the participants and may include:
- Factors that influence how we parent.
- Child development.
- Developing a positive relationship with your children.
- Understanding causes of children’s behaviour.
- Ways to encourage cooperative behaviour.
- Strategies to deal with difficult behaviour.

Self Esteem—theirs and yours and any other issues that are challenging you as a parent.

Workshops and other information for parents/carers

Saver Plus - Would $500 assist you with education costs? Saver Plus can help boost your savings for education costs by matching your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to $500. Many Gippsland participants have used their matched savings to purchase computers, school uniforms and text books, sports equipment, excursions and other school related costs. Saver Plus is delivered by Berry Street in your local area and is currently looking for new participants.

For more information contact your local Saver Plus Worker Rick Pemberton on 03 5134 5971 or rpemberton@berrysstreet.org.au or visit http://www.bsi.org.au/Saver-Plus.

To be eligible, participants must:
- have a current Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card;
- be at least 18 years old;
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment;
- be a parent or guardian of a child at school OR be attending or returning to vocational education themselves.
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| **SUNDAY 31ST JULY**   | ● COMMITMENT MASS FOR FIRST COMMUNION  
                           ● COMMUNITY NATIONAL TREE PLANTING                                 |
| **DATES TO REMEMBER**  |                                                                       |
| **TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST** | ● ICAS ENGLISH ASSESSMENT  
                           ● YEAR 5/6 HOOPTIME                                                  |
| **WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST**| ● CLASS MASS YEAR 5/6                                                 |
| **THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST**| ● FIRST COMMUNION PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOP  
                           4.00PM OR 6.00PM                                                     |
| **FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST**  | ● DENIS HUFFER- ATHLETICS TRAINING                                    |
| **WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST**| ● CLASS MASS YEAR 2  
                           ● PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING -9.10AM MPR                           |
<p>| <strong>FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST</strong> | ● ST PATRICK’S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL @ GIPPSLAND GRAMMAR SENIOR CAMPUS  |
| <strong>TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST</strong>| ● ICAS MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT                                         |
| <strong>WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST</strong>| ● SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7.00PM MPR                                   |
| <strong>WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST</strong>| ● CLASS MASS YEAR 1                                                  |
| <strong>TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST</strong>| ● SION YEAR 7 TESTING DAY - YR 6 STUDENTS TO ATTEND                  |
| <strong>WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST</strong>| ● CLASS MASS YEAR 3/4                                                 |
| <strong>SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER</strong>| ● P &amp; F CAR RALLY                                                    |</p>
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**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS**

- WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY
- MONDAY 31st OCTOBER
- TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)