



ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Strength in Gentleness'

EDITION 38

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THE SHAMROCK

Dear Parents,

What a blessing Freeways are. Before we get to travel on a Freeway a lot of work has to be done. For months men and machinery push and shove earth to fill in gullies, cut through hills etc, to take out corners and curves, to make the road flat, straight and smooth.

Nearly 2000 years ago John the Baptist announced "Get the road ready for the Lord, make a straight path for Him to travel. Every valley must be filled up, every hill and mountain levelled off. The winding roads must be made straight and rough plains made smooth"

John isn't talking about making a Freeway from one town to another, he is talking about a Freeway where all obstacles have been removed for the coming of Christ into our lives.

Advent is preparation time for the coming of Christ at Christmas, when we are invited to accept Christ, not only into our world, but into our personal lives. Christ is a life long journey that leads to joy and peace, and, like the Freeway, we might have to make changes in our lives before we can get started.

"Lord, thank You for Advent and its insights into Your way of loving and for helping me to examine my own patterns. Help me to support Your work, Your way with those with whom You invite me to journey. Amen"

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK:

Tues 4 th	December	* CPR Training-4.00pm
Wed 5 th	December	* Prep orientation
Friday 7 th	December	* Whole school end of year Mass followed by Year 6 presentations and awards. * Farewell evening in school grounds 7.00pm.
Tues 11 th	December	* Board Meeting – 5.30pm
Wed 12 th	December	* Year 6 Mass & Graduation Dinner 6.00pm & 7.00pm
Wed 19 th	December	* Students last day- 3.30pm finish.
Thurs 20 th	December	*Audit and staff planning day.
Friday 21 st	December	* Final planning day for staff. * Carols by candlelight at Stratford - 7.30pm.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week's value is forgiveness. Children will be made aware that forgiveness is about being prepared to give people who hurt us a second chance. It is also about being aware that we all make mistakes and must be able to forgive others and ourselves.

"To forgive and forget is far better than to resent and remember"

C.P.R. TRAINING

Jean Kemp will be here tomorrow evening, **Tuesday 4th December at 4.00pm** for C.P.R training. Parents most welcome to participate.

Please contact the office if you are interested.

Phone: 41 456463

FAREWELL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Patrick's,

This is your opportunity as a school community to farewell and thank Jeanette for her years of professional service, leadership and most importantly her role in the education of our children. Jeanette has been a beacon of light and hope for many of us and it will be a privilege to say a fond "fare thee well" within the spirit of the St Patrick's community.

We will also be saying goodbye to our lovely Mrs Mac and our little treasure, Mrs Stothers.

Please join us for a BYO picnic, chairs and drinks to the school this **Friday night at 7.00pm.**

All past and present families most Welcome.

Sincerely

Debbie Flanagan

Deputy Principal

END OF YEAR MASS

Next Friday December 7th at 9.30am we will be celebrating our end of year Mass. At the conclusion of Mass the annual awards and presentations will be made to the year 6 students and also to the families who will be leaving St Patrick's at the end of the year. Please join us for this celebration.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

1st December – 14th December – Tacey & Missen families.

MISSING

The school's whipper snipper is missing from the shed. Can anyone shed some light on its whereabouts? Please let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received the Principal's award for Fairness:

Madeleine N, Niamh V, Rory V, Aimee J, Olivia M and Josh C:

Also class awards to:

Prep:	Jane D for her helpfulness to the teacher.
Year 1:	Kaila G for giving her best efforts in reading.
Year 2:	Amelia H for creating a fantastic shape poem.
Year 3:	Tina B for her hard work and improvement in maths.
Year 4/5:	Kiana M for great poetry writing.
Year 5/6:	Calliope P for her attentiveness to class discussions and valuable input. Deon C for her interesting contribution to class discussions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Anita and her music students who performed admirably at the Carols by Candlelight at the Sale Racecourse on Saturday evening. The children, looking splendid in their uniforms were a real crowd pleaser and given that they had nearly a two hour wait at the side of the stage before their performance, their behaviour was exemplary. Well done to all. You are a credit to your families and your school.

FETE REPORT

Congratulations and a huge thank you to the fete committee. All agreed the evening was a huge success both socially and financially. Full report next newsletter.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Charlie S,
James C, Maddisyn C,**

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Please be aware that the last day for students this term is **Wednesday December 19th. Dismissed at 3.30pm.**

Best wishes

Jeanette Duggan

FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS

BEANIE KID FUNDRAISER

Please find attached to the newsletter Beanie Kids order form. All orders must be placed by **Thursday 6th December**. For every Beanie Kid sold the school will receive \$2.95.

Thank you for your support.
Emma Nowak Phone: 51 456 619.

ZOOPER DOOPER

On **Friday 7th December** we will be selling Zooper Dooper icy poles for .50c at lunchtime.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**STRATFORD CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT
FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER -
7.30PM
APEX PARK, STRATFORD
(Inclement weather venue-Stadium)**



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