

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

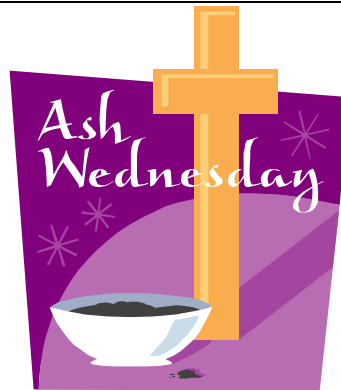
'Strength in Gentleness'

EDITION 2

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THE SHAMROCK



*Turn away from sin
Turn back to the Gospel*

Dear Parents and Students,

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS: CHANGE OF DATE

In the dates for the term ahead in last week's newsletter you would have noticed a school closure day on Friday 7th March. This day has been changed to later in the year (**28th April**). The Catholic Education Office has scheduled another closure day for **Wednesday 12th March** where teachers will engage in Professional Learning about Mathematics. So, we will not be having a school closure day on 7th March but we will have a closure day on **Wednesday 12th March**. Apologies for any confusion caused.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's major annual fundraiser. Caritas is a Catholic Aid agency who helps people nationally and globally regardless of race, religion or political beliefs. Part of the Caritas ethos is to *help others help themselves*. During the season of Lent we are called to give alms. We can do this by supporting Project Compassion. Project Compassion boxes will be set up in classrooms and sent home. Please support this worthwhile cause.

CONDOLENCES

We express our condolences to Neil and Jaynee Bristow and family after the passing of Neil's mother, Ailsa, last week. Ailsa was the grandmother of Abbie, Tim, James, Mackenzie and Georgia Bristow. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bristow family at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emma and Peter Norwood on the safe arrival of Mitchell, a baby brother to Maddie (Grade 1) and Sam.

READING RECOVERY TEACHER

We welcome Genevieve Newman to the staff as Reading Recovery teacher. Genevieve is a familiar face in our school as she has worked here in the past as an emergency teacher in various grades.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Debbie Flanagan will be taking study leave in term 2 this year. We are currently advertising for a replacement for term 2.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 12 th February	* Board Meeting 5.30PM
Thursday 14 th February	* Assembly
Friday 15 th February	* School Nurse forms to be returned.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 22 nd February	Beginning Year Mass
Monday 10 th March	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 12 th March	School Closure Day
Monday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day Grandparents Day
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 5/6 camp (3 days)
Thursday 20 th March	End of Term 1

REMINDER**Swimming money is now due.****MUSIC PROGRAM****GUITAR/SINGING TUITION**

Guitar and singing tuition is starting next **Thursday 14th February**. Guitar children please bring guitar, tuner, capo and A4 plastic pocket. Students are to leave their guitar in the Multi-purpose Room on the morning of their lesson.

Any concerns please call Anita on 51457090.

Anita Hensen. - Music Teacher.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Caring and consideration are the values chosen for this week and the children will be made aware of the importance of showing care and consideration for themselves, others and property.

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM**PREP PARENTS**

Please return questionnaires by this **Friday, February 15th**.

*"Very little is needed to make a happy life,
it is all within yourself"*

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

February 2nd - 15th Condron and Olfers Families.

February 16th - March 1st Boyd and Caffrey families

E.M.A.

The Educational Maintenance Allowance is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 **or** be a Veteran's Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 and Term 3, 2008.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28th February 2008** for the first payment and **3rd August 2008** for the second payment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$210 for primary students and is paid in two instalments.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A FORM

FOR 2008 (even previous recipients)

Application forms are available from the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who last week received the Principal's award for caring and consideration:

Lani A, Caitlyn G, Niamh V, Kaitlyn C, Breeanna I, Blake R & Jack R.

Also class awards to:

Prep:	Mitch D for his wonderful listening skills and terrific manners
Year 1:	Jane D for her fantastic effort in all her work.
Year 2:	Whole class for settling in well to their special new classroom. Emily O for settling in well to her new class.
Year 3:	Zac B for trying his best and doing fantastic writing.
Year 4:	Sam L for settling in really well and being pleased to be here!
Year 5:	Liam G for being a caring and kind person. Shani D for her enthusiastic start to the new year.
Year 6:	Taylor T for taking care and doing the right thing in looking after the cricket gear.

Kind Regards

Nicholas Hall

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our new school year from the Parents and Friends Association. Listed below are a few news items for your attention.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends Association will be held on Monday 25th February, 2008 in the Multi-purpose Room at 7.30 p.m. (More details in relation to the A.G.M. will be included in next week's newsletter)

STRATFORD FRIENDLY GROCERS COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD**RITCHIES COMMUNITY BENEFIT CARD**

A reminder to all parents, and to our new families, shopping at Stratford Friendly Grocers or Ritchies in Sale or Maffra to nominate St. Patrick's Primary School, Stratford as the recipient of bonus funds on your Community Benefit Card. (Remind family and friends that they can also nominate our school).

We receive approximately \$80.00 per month (approximately \$1,000.00 per year). This is a great way to raise money for our School, so please think about using your Community Benefit Card.

EASTER RAFFLE

Our first fundraising event for 2008 will be our ever-popular Easter raffle. We are looking for a parent or parents who would be willing to co-ordinate the Easter raffle. The co-coordinator would need to prepare raffle books to be sent out to our school families and then arrange the raffle prizes when the Easter eggs have been collected at School. If there is a parent or parents who would be willing to co-ordinate our Easter raffle please contact Carmel Boyd on 51456037.

CARMEL BOYD on behalf of the
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY NEWS

STRATFORD POOL UPGRADE COMMUNITY OPENING

A function at the Stratty Pool to celebrate the upgrade works completed to the Stratford Pool including:

- Solar heating main pool**
- New Kiosk/ first aid room**
- Upgrade plant and backwash water recycle tanks**
- New compliant entrance**
- Spectator facilities / sheltered areas**
- Safety hand rails to ramp**
- Landscaping**
- Concourse replacement**

**WHEN –Wednesday February 20th 2008
3.30pm to 5.30pm**

The afternoon will include free entry, sausage sizzle, afternoon tea and the inflatable island!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

STRATFORD NETBALL CLUB –JUNIORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WHEN - MONDAY FEBRUARY 11TH 2008
TIME - 7.30PM
WHERE - STRATFORD FOOTBALL OVAL
CLUBROOMS**

All parents of players aged 7-16 years wishing to play for the 2008 season are welcome to attend.
Enquires-please call Lee Dugan 51456216

MAFFRA MARDI GRAS 2008 STRATFORD & DISTRICT AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION.

Krystal Van Sluys is representing the S.A.D.A.B.A. in this years Maffra Mardi Gras. Money raised will go towards much needed maintenance (floor resurfacing and backboards) and basketball equipment.

Events planned for this week are:

- Tuesday Feb 12th** Coffee morning –10am
Janine and David Boyle's
471 Redbank Rd, Stratford
Raffles, Lucky door prizes,
Trade table
\$5.00 entry
- Friday Feb 15th** Junior Discos -\$4.00 per person
5 - 7pm Kinder-Year 3
7.15 –9.15pm Year 4 -Year 7
Mechanics Hall, Stratford
Prizes and games.

- Saturday Feb 16th** Bus trip to Melbourne NBL Game
Melbourne Dragons v
Sydney Kings
Adults \$40.00
16& under \$20.00

For more information please call-

**Krystal- 51456425
Janine- 51456435
Sue- 0427456274**

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The CDF wishes to remind current and new families that we operate a School Banking Service at most of the Diocesan Primary Schools. Please see your school secretary regarding this. This is a great way to save for Secondary College/ University whilst teaching your children how to save. For more information call Zintra, Karen, Claire & Pat on 5144311 or download an application from the Diocesan Website www.sale.catholic.org.au