



ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Strength in Gentleness'

EDITION 20

DATE 16/07/07

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 3. We trust you enjoyed your break and were able to spend some quality time with your children.

Today we welcome Debbie Flanagan back, after a term absent to pursue her studies. Children and staff alike welcome Debbie's return.

Also happening today is the commencement of four weeks long service leave for our hard working Admin Officer, Jo Fletcher. On behalf of the school community we wish Jo a most enjoyable holiday and a well deserved rest.

Sharon Cunningham will be at the front desk during Jo's absence.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 18 th July	Gymnastics
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GYMNASTICS This component of our sports program commences this Wednesday and will run for 6 weeks in total. All children will travel by bus to the Maffra Gymnastics Centre to participate. They will be accompanied by classroom teachers and also trainees Megan Hadden and James Bristow who will take turns to help out.

Permission slips at end of newsletter need to be returned by tomorrow please.

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS For this term sports uniforms are to be worn on Mondays for P.E. and on Wednesdays for gymnastics.

All grades will be having PE on Mondays this term.

VALUE OF THE WEEK:

This week's value is courage. Children will learn that courage is doing things when they are scary or very difficult. They will be made aware that without courage, fear would be in charge and no one would try new things.

TUCKSHOP Due to the earlier school closure because of the floods at the end of last term we were unable to hold one of our tuck shop days. This will be held sometime next week. More information in next newsletter.

"Tomorrow is not promised to us, so take today and make the most of it"

WALKING SCHOOL BUS This program was introduced to the school last year and was most successful. We are keen to get the program up and running again in the not too distant future. Volunteer 'drivers' and 'conductors' are needed to assist with the program. If you are interested please complete the attached form and return to school by Friday.

(A walking School bus is a bus of powered legs. It is a safe, easy and healthy way for children to get to and from school. The walkers are the bus! Children are accompanied to and from school by volunteer 'drivers' and 'conductors.')

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM This program recommences **week 3** of the term, that is **Monday July 30th**

WELCOME A warm Saint Patrick's welcome is extended to Kaila Goodwin and parents Peter and Cindy. Kaila joins our year one class today. We trust your association at Saint Patrick's is a long and happy one.

WEBSITE Our rather dreary website is in the process of having a major face lift and shortly we will have an exciting new site to view. As part of the process photographs of some children are to be included. Under the privacy act, permission is required from parents to use these photos. If your child/ren are to be included, a request slip has been attached to today's newsletter for you to sign. Please complete and return to school by Friday.

Sincere thanks to Anika for her input in helping to get this website up and running.

THANKYOU Sincere thanks to Jaynee and Neil Bristow for maintenance work in the school grounds during the holidays.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD Members of the board have recently submitted an application to the Australian Government for a Community Water Grant. The project is to include the installation of rain water tanks for toilet flushing and garden and lawn watering.

Our sincere thanks to Nick Lee for his work in submitting the application.

SCHOOL CONCERT

As mentioned previously the annual school concert will be held next term. Dates for the concert are

THE SHAMROCK

Friday 7th September and Monday 10th September.

Anita is still in need of volunteers to help with the arduous task of costume making. If you think you may be able to help in anyway please contact Anita on 51457090 or Anya 51457104 or let us know at the office.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
Tristan D, Max R and
James S**

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received the Principal's award for Tolerance:
Aimee R, Max R, Maddisyn C, Georgia S and Alleena B.

Also class awards to:

Prep:	Kye M for his improving attitude towards his school work.
Year 1:	Thomas D for being organized and ready to work everyday. Charlie S for being a good friend in the playground.
Year 2:	William W for bringing a delicious pink Lady apple in for Mrs. Duncan. You are a champ!
Year 3:	
Year 4/5:	Year 4/5 for being brilliant!
Year 5/6:	Tahlia H for terrific work and dedication to her studies. Deon C for her beautiful presence in the grade.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

July 7th – July 27th: Olfers and Condron families

Best wishes

FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS

COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERNET SAFETY

In recent months there has been much publicity and debate about the on-line dangers faced by young people. Greg Gebhart, a guest presenter from Net Alert, Australia's Internet safety advisory body is conducting two sessions to members of the community.

Parent Seminar: Thursday 19th July 16, 2007

7.30pm – 9.00pm

St Mary's Hall

Macalister St Sale

Teacher Seminar: Thursday 19th July, 2007

4.00pm – 5.15pm

St Mary's Hall

Macalister Street, Sale

For catering purposes please contact the school office tomorrow **Tuesday 17th July** if you will be attending.

STRATFORD JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Junior Basketball is hoping to start up in term three. Competition will be on a Tuesday night. If you are wishing to play you will need to register your name. Please attend a **Registration Night on Tuesday 24th July from 3.30pm – 5.00pm at the Stadium or phone Donna Missen 51 456 915 anytime.**

**PERMISSION TO ATTEND
GYMNASTICS PROGRAM**

I give permission for my child/ren.....
to attend the gymnastics program at the Maffra Basketball Stadium on Wednesday July 18th and 25th and August 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. I understand that transport to and from the excursion will be by bus. I authorize the person in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Signed.....

Printed name:.....

WALKING SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

I am interested in becoming a volunteer to assist with the Walking School Bus Program.

Name: (Please print).....