



ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Strength in Gentleness'

EDITION 22

DATE 30/07/07

Dear Parents,

A tendency of being human is that we sometimes allow our ideals to be pushed aside by the disappointments that enter, often uninvited, into our lives. Christ Himself, in His humanity was not immune to disappointment. On one occasion, after many weeks of preaching, He withdrew, knowing full well that His preaching had been in vain and His message had been rejected. The gospel tells us that Jesus used this opportunity to deal with His disappointment and to contribute many positive and sympathetic messages of encouragement to others to help them deal with their disappointments.

Christ's example is definitely one that we can apply to our children. When they fail or feel disappointed with themselves we need to take care not to make their failure our own, otherwise we could find ourselves saying things to them that are not positive and could become emotionally incapable of being sympathetic or offering words of encouragement.

Lord, if I can't avoid disappointment in my life then please may I rejoice at all my successes. Amen

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

Monday 30 th July	*A.A.S.C Commences
Tuesday 31 st July	*Aim Test Years 3 & 5
Wednesday 1st August	*Gymnastics *Aim Test Years 3 & 5
Thursday 2 nd August	*Briagolong Kinder Visit
Friday 3 rd August	*Mass 9.30am *Head Lice Check

GYMNASTICS TIME TABLE

The gymnastic program will be held at Maffra each Wednesday concluding August 22nd :

Prep and Year 1 12.30pm – 1.15pm
Year 2 and Year 3 1.15pm – 2.00pm
Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 2.00pm – 2.50pm

Please no lunch orders on Wednesdays during gymnastics.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS COMMUNITIES This program recommences after school today and will be held from 4.00pm to 5.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays for the next seven weeks. Students currently enrolled in the program are automatically accepted to the program and do not need to re register.

Any students who would like to join the program on either Monday or Wednesday are asked to return the form at the end of the newsletter by tomorrow.

Mrs. Jenny Bacon will be assuming the role of coordinator and Sam Tyler will continue as facilitator on Monday evenings. The Wednesday program has been revamped and will involve Southern Taekwondo facilitated by Gerry Laughton. Gerry is trained in Taekwondo techniques and has worked at other schools in the area. He encourages his students to adopt good sportsmanship and to be aware of the importance of safety and common sense in the areas of Taekwondo.

A.I.M TESTING The A.I.M. testing for year three and five students concludes this week. Tomorrow, Tuesday, the children will be assessed in Maths and on Wednesday they will have the English assessment. It is important that every effort is made to ensure all year three and five students, wherever possible, attend school on these days.

BRIAGOLONG KINDER VISIT

These youngsters will be visiting us on this **Thursday, August 2nd**. An information session and uniform display will be available for the adults, whilst children will be engaged in fun activities.

Morning tea will be served to our visitors.

All welcome to attend.

HEAD LICE

*All children's hair will be inspected on **Friday 3rd August** at school. Pat Lamb from the Wellington Shire will be assisting on this day.*

UNIFORM

At Saint Patrick's we have a very smart uniform and indeed one that we can be proud of. We are grateful to those who encourage the correct wearing of the uniform, including ties straight, shirts tucked in, uniform shoes etc. Part of uniform discipline is children's hairstyles. *All long hair needs to be tied back; extreme styles and coloured hair are not permitted.*

"A misty morning does not signify a cloudy day"

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

As you are aware, our year two teacher Anika Duncan will soon be taking maternity leave. A School Community farewell for Anika will be held on Friday evening August 24th. This farewell will be held in conjunction with the Fathers' Day BBQ.

THE SHAMROCK

OOPS!

In the term calendar that was sent home with last's week newsletter, we had listed that P&F meet on the 4th Monday of each month. These meetings are actually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, which means the next P&F meeting will be Wednesday August 22nd.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

An extraordinary meeting of the Board was called last Thursday. Also present at the meeting were Jo Tantaro, the architect and Bill McMahon, Financial Administrator/Deputy Director at the CEO. The reason for the meeting was to discuss issues relating to the quotes recently received and which are somewhat over budget figures. Surprise! Surprise!

After a lengthy discussion it was felt that although some 'pruning' will be necessary the general consensus was that every effort be made not to compromise on quality and standard.

Jo is to have further conversation with Peter Gloag from Capital Grants at CEO Melbourne and also negotiate with the builders.

Any of you who have ever been involved in a building program, I'm sure, could relate to all of this and other obstacles encountered along the way in a building program. I guess this hiccup will further delay the process - not for too long we hope - but in the end, rest assured, we will have quality, functional buildings that are aesthetically pleasing and within the parameters of our budget.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Any year 6 students wanting graduation photos must order by tomorrow. Children are to let Mrs Eastman know. Photos are \$15.00 each.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received the Principal's award for Courage: Isabelle C, Kaila G, Rory V, Paige F, Luke H, and Jack R.

Also class awards to:

Prep:	Shannon C for his great attempt at writing.
Year 1:	Eireann H for wearing her uniform with pride.
Year 2:	Ryan T for taking his learning to another level.
Year 3:	Sean L for producing some fantastic work.
Year 4/5:	Blake R for beautiful book work. Rylea J for being a mature and sensible reader.
Year 5/6:	Samantha S for working with effort and concentration at all times.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

July 28th – August 17th: Caffrey and Boyd families.

LOST JUMPER

Will Webb has lost his green woollen school jumper. The jumper was labelled but it may have come off. Please check to ensure it has not inadvertently made its way to the wrong home.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
Olivia M, Dylan H, Kyle
M.**

Best wishes

Jeanette Duggan

FROM THE PARENTS & FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

A reminder that all book club orders for Issue 5 need to be back at school by **Wednesday 1st August**.

Thankyou

Donna Missen Book Club Co-ordinator.

RECIPE BOOKS

A reminder that the Parents and Friends would like to produce a recipe book containing recipes from the students. They are still in need of 2 recipes from all students. If your child/ren have not handed in recipes the P & F would appreciate them doing so as soon as possible.

Active After-school Community Program – Registration Form (for new participants only)

I would like my son(s) daughter(s) _____

to participate in the A.A.S.C program.

Mondays

Wednesdays

Parent/Guardian (full name) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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