



ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Strength in Gentleness'

EDITION 35

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Dear Parents,

The belief that "A positive attitude attracts positive energy" is well illustrated in the following story.

"A traveller entered a medieval town in the middle of a very hot day and observed a number of stonemasons at work on the foundations of what would surely be a very large building. He approached a nearby stonemason and asked what he was doing. The man glared at him and said rather bitterly, "I am cutting stones!" The traveller waited for a while then moved around the site for a few minutes before asking a second stonemason, "what are you doing?" This stonemason put down his hammer and chisel, stood up, wiped the sweat from his brow and with a smile on his face said, "I am building a magnificent cathedral".

Blessing

*"May you arise each day with a voice of blessing whispering in your heart,
that something good is going to happen to you.*

May you find harmony between your soul and your life.

May there be kindness in your gaze when you look within.

May the presence of the Almighty be forever in you. Amen"

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 13 th November	*Board Meeting 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 th November	* Sacramental meeting 10.30am
Thursday 15 th November	*Casual Day * Fete meeting 2.30pm. * Sacramental meeting 7.30pm
Friday 16 th November	*Peter McGauran Visit 9.00am *Year 6 Parent Meeting 3.45pm.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week we continue the value of enthusiasm, which is about doing things with zest and excitement. Children will appreciate that enthusiasm comes from having a positive attitude about the things that they do.

SACRAMENTAL MEETING

All parents/carers of children who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation during 2008 your attention is drawn to the Enrolment/Information Meetings to be held at the Cathedral on **Wednesday 14th November 10.30am** and **Thursday 15th November 7.30pm.**

CASUAL DAY

Thursday of this week children are invited to wear casual clothes and asked to bring a gold coin donation. Proceeds of the day will go towards our efforts to sponsor youth to World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.

SCHOOL START BONUS - 2008

Parents of children enrolled in year prep for 2008 are entitled to the School Start Bonus of \$300.00 from the Government. Please find attached to the newsletter your School Start Bonus payment voucher.

YEAR SIX GRADUATION MEETING

A reminder to parents of year six children a meeting will be held on **Friday 16th November at 3.45pm** in the year six classroom to discuss plans for year six graduation.

VISIT FROM LOCAL MEMBER

On Friday our local member Mr Peter McGauran MHR will be visiting the school at 9.00am to announce the three grants that the school has received in recent times. (Grants are: The Capital Grant for the building project the 'Investing in our Schools Program which will provide stages 2 and 3 of the playground equipment plus shade sails and outdoor furniture and lastly the Water Grant to provide storage water tanks for the toilets and watering of the playground and gardens.

We will gather in the MPR and would love to have parents join us, so if you are free please accept the invitation.

SCHOOL CROSSING UPDATE

In the interests of safety, children are not to use the crossing until notified. It is expected that lines and signage will be added shortly and all should be completed in a week or so.

Remember buses are now dropping off and collecting students from Blackburn Street.

THANKYOU

Sincere thanks to Eilish B, Eireann H, Ely J, Breanna and Kyle M and Amy R who represented the school at the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Memorial Park yesterday. Thanks also to the Mums and Dads for bringing the children along. As well we are grateful to Kate Thatcher, Carmel Boyd, Julie Shingles and Ann Cunningham for providing tuckshop last week.

Our gratitude to Neil Bristow for his assistance to Bill Stothers with the crossing.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Carols by candlelight are being held at the Gippsland Centre Sale on Saturday the **1st December 2007**, commencing at **7.00pm**. Appearing will be a 40 piece Australian Youth Band, a Caledonian Band, Sale City Band, Dora the Explorer, Sponge Bob Square Pants, Shrek 3 Show, Spiderman and will be hosted by Denise Drysdale. The Gippsland Centre has invited St Pats to perform, as they were greatly impressed by our performance in June. I need an indication if you would like your children/child to be involved. This is an opportunity to perform to an audience of 5000 people and would greatly benefit your child.

Anita Hensen (Music Co-ordinator)

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

It is now a legal requirement that all adults who work with children either in a paid capacity or on a voluntary basis must have a 'Working with Children Certificate.' Activities such as helping out in the classroom, preparing tuck shop, working around the school etc. fall into the category of working with children, and therefore all who assist at the school in any way need to apply for this certificate.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter the forms are available from the classroom teachers or alternatively at the post office. There is no cost involved for volunteers – just the paper work!

As applications must be finalized before the end of the year it is most important that those who need to apply to do so ASAP.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

17th November –30th November – Boyle & Bartle families

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students

who received the Principal's award for Excellence: Kade H, Alana S, Josh K, Ashleigh T, Tahlia H. Also class awards to:

Prep:	Kye M for a fantastic recount of his weekend.
Year 1:	Aidan G for an excellent performance in readers theatre. Eireann H for her commitment to her reading.
Year 2:	Alyssa S for 100% effort and concentration.
Year 4/5:	Georgia B for thoughtful generosity.
Year 5/6:	Lachlan S for accepting advice and re-doing work without complaint. Macca B for striving to complete work tasks on time and showing greater concentration during instruction.

Best wishes

Jeannette Duggan

FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS

TWILIGHT FETE MEETING

*There will be a fete meeting this **Thursday 15th November** at **2.30pm**.
All welcome.*

TWILIGHT FETE –TRASH AND TREASURE

Trash and treasure wanted for fete. Please bring items to school, larger items please call Donna George on 51 457128.

TWILIGHT FETE

We are asking for the Prep/1/2/3 families to supply a jar per student for the lucky jar stall. The jar can be filled with lollies, chocolates, pencils, hair bands, stickers etc. Anything that you think the kids would like as a prize. These will be on a stall with a number on each jar. You buy a ticket for \$2.00 and the ticket number will coincide with a jar and that is the one you win.

Also a request for helpers form is in this newsletter for our Fete which is on **Friday 30th November**. Karen Telling.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SALE TENNIS CLUB

**Junior tennis coaching clinic.
Saturday 10th November
8.30am to 9.30 am.**

**Followed by a mini tournament.
Cost- \$3.00 per player.
Place – Sale tennis courts.**

CDF TERM DEPOSITS

Why not make you money work harder!

**Minimum deposit \$5,000
6 Months 5.50%
12 Months 5.75%
24 Months 6.00%**

Call our friendly staff on 51 44 4 311.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Yes I would like my child to perform in the Carols by Candlelight at the Gippsland Centre Sale on Saturday, December 1st commencing at 7.00pm.

Child/childrens name:

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Parent/guardian signature.....

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ST PATRICK'S TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS FETE

I would be able to assist at the Christmas Fete to be held on Friday November 30th Starting at 4.00pm to 8.00pm.

I am willing to help out with:

- () 1 hour BBQ shift
- () Face Painting Co-ordinator
- () 1 hour Kitchen shift
- () 1 hour Fairy Floss/Donut shift
- () Cooking for Cake/Sweet Stall
- () Helping on Stalls
- () Helping to pack up
- () Lucky jar Stall shift

FAMILY NAME.....

PHONE NO.....

COMMENTS.....

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Any queries or questions or if you would like to hold your own stall(Party Plan etc), contact Karen Telling 51456118

