



Thursday 18th March 2021



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

- I am calling on all parents to assist in promoting our school as the perfect place for new students to attend. If you know of parents who have preschool children ready to start school in 2022 and beyond, please take the opportunity to let them know about St. Patrick's Asquith as the school for them. Please encourage them to attend one of our School Open Day sessions on Tuesday 30th March to see and hear why St. Patrick's is the perfect place for their child. Parents can register by contacting the school (9477 3800) or click the following link: [St. Patrick's Asquith Open Day Registration](#)
- Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 9 (March 23rd – 26th) with an evening session scheduled for Wednesday 25th March. A Google Form was sent to parents via Compass. Attending parents can indicate their preference for the meeting method i.e. face-to-face, online via Zoom or a mixture of both. A link to access the Parent/Teacher Meetings via Zoom will be sent home tomorrow.
- St. Patrick's Day celebrations were a great success. It started with a well-attended Men in the Morning event with many dads onsite for some fun play before school. A huge thank you to Mr. Sean Collins for his energy and commitment to make it a great success. I was very proud of the way the Year 2-6 children attended mass to celebrate the Eucharist together with the singing from our Year 6 choir, Tara C, Eudora T, Rebecca C, and Aerin R. being a highlight. We also acknowledged and inducted the Mercy Action Group who commit to serving those in need. Thank you to our volunteers in the canteen, Mrs Tiphonie Condon and Mrs Fabiola De Fina who were swamped with excited customers at recess and to Mr John Dalton who assisted on the BBQ for the free sausage sizzle. It was a great day for everyone!
- The school Cross-country has been re-scheduled for next Wednesday 24th March at Mills Park. Parents are welcome to attend and volunteer to assist. The scheduled program is 9.30-11.30am. **Order of events** – 1km Year 2, 2 km 8yrs girls & boys, 9yrs girls & boys, 10yrs girls & boys. 3 km events - 11yrs girls & boys, 12yrs girls & boys.
- Don't forget that Harmony Week culminates tomorrow, Fri 19th March with a mufti day (wear a touch of orange e.g. t-shirt, ribbon, or another accessory). By wearing orange on this day, we show our support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. There will also be a short Harmony Week assembly at Friday morning assembly. **Harmony Competition Posters** - for students who are working on these at home they are also due to the school office by tomorrow. For those able to do so we request students to ***please bring a gold coin donation for Project Compassion.***
- The children in Years 3-6 will participate in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee on Tuesday 23rd March. We look forward to acknowledging the class and school spelling champions.
- **P&F General Meeting Term 1** We are looking forward to hosting a P & F General meeting on Monday 29th March at 7:30pm. Prior to the meeting at 7:00pm we will have a 'Meet the Principal' session to learn some of Mr VT's background and vision for St Pat's. We are hopeful that we can meet at the school, details will be sent closer to the time. ALL WELCOME!
- St Pat's Cookbook – A School Community project for Term 1 & 2. Harmony Day 2021 will see the launch to start the creation of our St Pat's Community cookbook! Families of St Pat's can start planning which of your favourite recipes you would like to have published in our very own school cookbook. Have a favourite family recipe that you keep coming back to? We would love you to share it with us. If you would like to offer any assistance with this, please email the P & F at pandfstpats@gmail.com . We're seeking a creative name for our cookbook too - prize announcements to come!
- A reminder that the Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) in partnership with the eSafety Commissioner are offering two free webinars. Tech, Teens and Time Online is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd March between 7:30-8:30pm and Helping Kids Thrive Online on Thursday 25th March between 12:30-1:30pm. To register click on the link provided: [Tech, Teens and Time Online](#) and [Helping Kids Thrive Online](#)

God bless you and your families.
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