St Patrick's Primary School, Tongala

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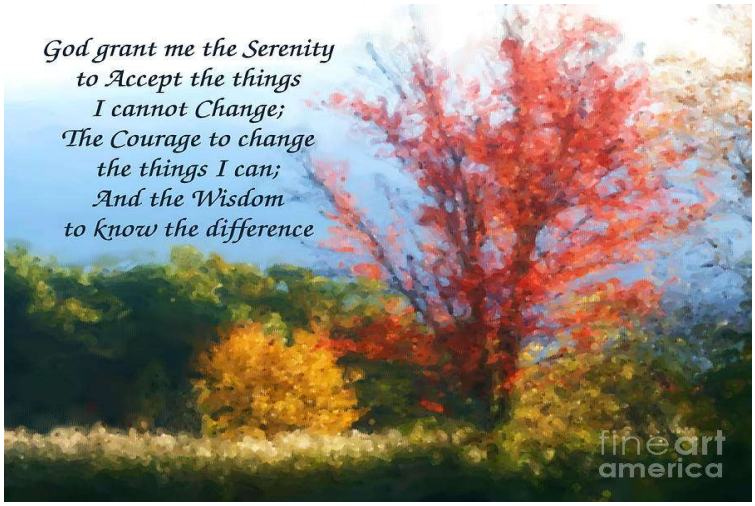
Strength & Kindliness

St. Patrick's will provide a child safe environment where all children have the right to be treated with respect and will be protected from harm.

Principal's Message



I hope you all enjoyed happy, family time during the school holidays. I also hope you have a lovely Easter celebrated with family and friends.

What an amazing end we have had to Term 1! We celebrated Easter with our Easter egg hunt, Easter bonnet/mask parade, Easter raffle and most importantly our Holy Week Liturgy. Thank you to all of the families who attended these events. The students and staff love having family members back onsite again.

We then began Term 2 with a significant community event- ANZAC Day celebrations. Thank you to everyone who attended the ceremonies and were involved in the march. A special congratulations to Sienna, Ruby, Caylee and Shila for making a speech during the ceremony. Also a special thanks to Will and Xavier for presenting our school wreath.

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Thank you again to all of the families who have been attending our whole school assemblies. Our next assembly was scheduled for Monday, however, due to the Bendigo excursion we have moved the assembly to **Thursday the 5th of May at 2:40pm**. Moving on from this week assemblies will return to Friday afternoons at 2:45pm. These will occur in Week 4, 6 and 8 next term. All parents and family members are welcome to attend these assemblies.

Last term we had our school review, which was a really great experience for everyone involved. The verbal feedback we received was really positive. It also highlighted areas we can improve on in the future. When I receive the written report I will share it with families. I would like to say a super big thank you to those families who were involved in the review.

Congratulations to the Grade 2 students for the outstanding way they conducted themselves during the school sleepover. Their attitude, behaviour and engagement was outstanding! Thank you to Mrs Billing and David for ensuring the experience was a great success.

Our Grade 3 and 5 students are getting ready for NAPLAN assessments that will take place in Week 4 of Term 2.

This week we welcomed back Mrs Sarah Hill. She will be working on Thursday's and she will be teaching Art as a specialist subject to every class. We are all looking forward to having this artistic, talented teacher back at St Patrick's. During Sarah's time away from St Patrick's she has been busy with her new baby Alba and she has also illustrated two very special children's books. This is Sarah's explanation about her work:

"I've illustrated two very special children's books about grief which were written by the beautiful Mikhailla Fitzgerald, in honour of their son Foxx who passed away at 3 days old.

My Sibling Above 🎀 *For all the earth siblings with siblings above.*

Love From Above 🦋 *For the little (and big) people who love someone special above.*

My illustrations are dedicated to my very special brothers up above, whom I lost at a young age but think about everyday. It was extremely emotional (especially being heavily pregnant) but I can't help but think how they have led me to believing in myself and using this passion to help other children and families like mine going through immense grief. I only hope they can help many other families and I know so many of my friends here have special loved ones up above too 💕"

EASTER RAFFLE

Our winners:

1ST Mia Clydesdale
2nd Zac Wakenshaw
3rd Parker Mackrell

Other prize winners:-
Alex Jubin , Georgia Fitzallen, Sally Hutchinson, Jay West, Ange, Lachie Sullivan, Ricky Keirl, Jim Stewart, Troy Mackrell, Indi Wild, Marley Elliott, Caylee Crilly, Kristy Grant, George Micheel

FRIDAY FEEDS

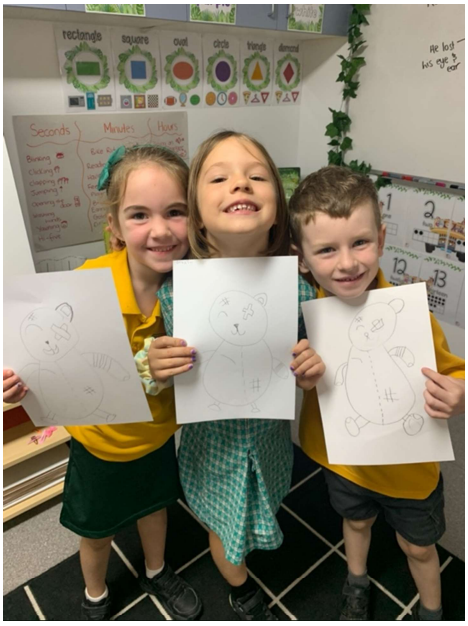
A special thank you to the mums who have volunteered to support our Friday Feeds program for this term. We would like to remind families that orders must be in by Wednesday, 2 days prior to the Friday Feed.

To acknowledge all of the wonderful women in our lives we are have 2 upcoming events:

WHAT'S COMING UP…….

TERM 2	
Week 2 -Beginning 2nd May	Monday: Bendigo Excursion to the Discovery Centre F-6 Wednesday: Mother's Day Stall AFL Clinics F-6 Thursday: Abaze Excursion Grade 5-6 Assembly @ 2:40pm Friday: 3-6 Athletics Day
Week 3 -Beginning 9th of May	Tuesday: Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN Wednesday: Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN AFL Clinics F-6 Thursday: 'Wonderful Women's Breakfast' Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN Friday: Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Week 4 -Beginning 16th May	Monday: ASPA visit for Grade 3-6 **Tuesday: Curriculum Day** Wednesday: 'Train Like A Vixen' Excursion to Melbourne Friday: National Walk Safely To School Day Assembly @ 2:45pm
Week 5 -Beginning 23rd May	Monday: School Open Day & Information Night Tuesday: Bike Education Session Grade 3-6 Wednesday: National Simultaneous Storytime @ 11am
Week 6 -Beginning 30th May	Friday: Assembly @ 2:45pm
Week 7 -Beginning 6th June	
Week 8 -Beginning 13th June	Monday: Public Holiday Thursday: Term 2 Mass @ 2pm Friday: Assembly @ 2:45pm
Week 9 -Beginning 20th June	Thursday: Inquiry Learning Celebration @ 2:30pm Friday: Last day of term for students

Foundation



Wow! How awesome is it to be back at school. The Foundation students have started their second term with a bang! Miss Bennett has been so impressed with how they have remembered the routines and school expectations. With so many adventures had in the last two weeks all of the Foundation students were keen to share what they did and where they went on the holidays, it was excellent to hear the questions all the students were asking their peers about their time on holidays.

To learn about ANZAC Day and why it is important, the Foundation students read the picture storybook: "ANZAC Ted". They then drew a picture of ANZAC Ted to be displayed on the classroom WOW wall. See ANZAC Ted creations on the right:

The Foundation students have also been learning about data collection. This week they have counted fruit and put it into a graph and discussed anything they noticed about the data. Next week they will be creating a class question and surveying students around the school to collect their data. See data collecting right:

Our classroom friend OTIS the Orangutan is excited to get back to visiting everyone's homes this weekend after a two-week holiday with Miss Bennett. I wonder whose house he will visit this weekend…

Foundation joke of the week:
"How do you get a Pokémon on the bus?"
"You pok-em-on"
-Tom West

Grade One

This week during our Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships lesson the Grade Ones remembered a time when they had displayed an act of kindness. We thought about a time when we were friendly to another child or to someone in their family. We then shared it with the class and drew a picture about the act of friendship/kindness that we displayed. We thought that we would share our acts with you.

Student	Friendship Act of Kindness
Edith	When my sister was upset I gave her my BFF.
Sydnee	When I got home from a sleepover I said to Zeb that I missed him.
Zara	I invite my friends to complete Art activities with me.
Alex	I missed my friend so I gave him a present.
Francis	I love my bff.
Sophie	When I gave Phoebe my Pop It.
Ben	I helped Mum with the gardening.
Lani	When someone was sad, they didn't have anyone to play with, I asked them to play with me.
Hudson	When I got home I helped Mum.
Stevie	I helped 5 friends with their shoelaces.
Liam	I helped Mum carry in the shopping.
Maddie	One time I helped my Dad water the plants, to help them grow.
Daphne	When my Mum got home I helped her take the shopping out of the car.
Phoebe	When Sophie's bunny ears broke I gave her mine.
Ryder	When Ruby hurt herself I played with her.

The Resilience Project

Throughout 2022, we will be working closely with The Resilience Project to support the wellbeing of our school community.

The Resilience Project delivers emotionally engaging programs and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience.

Our Partnership Program consists of online presentations and fortnightly lessons for students, professional development for staff, and Parent & Carer Hub (inc. digital presentations) for our parent and carer community.

Over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing the Parent & Carer Hub with you. The videos are 5-10 minutes long and will walk through the key pillars of resilience: **Gratitude**, **Empathy** & **Mindfulness**. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our kids' learning and development, and also support you as parents and carers.

This program is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

To view the first presentation of the series please check your email to view: Part 1: Meet Hugh and learn about The Resilience Project

In this presentation, Hugh shares a personal experience about his sister's battles with Mental Illness.

Note: This video contains a story about an Eating Disorder that may be triggering. Please consider this before watching. For mental health resources and support information, visit The Resilience Project's Support Page.
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SCHOOL DENTAL VAN

School Dental forms were sent home with every student this week. If you wish your child to be seen by the Dental Van, please complete the form and return to the office by May 6th.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS will be held in St Patrick's Church on Sunday 8th May at 11:30am

THE MEN'S SHED IS BACK

Shine Bright EYM

SHINE BRIGHT

KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY

Thursday 26 May 2022
9:00 am to 11:30 am

This is a great opportunity to make an informed decision about your child's 2023 3YO/4YO Kindergarten enrolment.

Further information and a full list of participating Shine Bright Kindergartens can be found on the Shine Bright website www.shinebright.org.au

Kyabram P-12 COLLEGE

2023 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

Monday May 2nd, 7:00pm in the Senior Building.

Please come and see how we create a safe learning environment for your child and take this opportunity to meet our dedicated staff and discover the programs we offer

For more information please phone 5851 2100

NET SET GO IS BACK FOR 2022

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TONGALA FNC FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

REGISTER USING LINK BELOW- OR CLICK ON THE LINK ON THE TONGALA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

https://netball-registration.worldsportaction.com/userRegistration?organisationId=5f8b1264-8b04-4eec-96c6-fe74d582ab16&competitionId=fd95eb61-8111-4182-b230-a242800d47d9

Contact Kaitlyn for more info
0400590258

Tongala Auskick Registrations are now open!

WHEN:

	Friday 4.45pm	Sunday 10am	
1	29th April		
2	6th May		
3	13th May		
4		22nd May	
5	27th May		
6		5th June	
7	10th June		Queens Bday Long Weekend
8		19th June	
9	24th June		Parents Vs Kids

Extra: Saturday 23rd July 2022 Sponsors Day, play at half time of seniors

U12's Game: Pie Night (date TBC)

WHERE: Brose Oval, Tongala

AGE: 5 – 12 year olds

*Must be 5yo by 31/12/22

Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au to receive your AFL pack and session dates.

Please contact Tom Pyke 0412236642 for further details.