St Patrick's Primary School, Tongala

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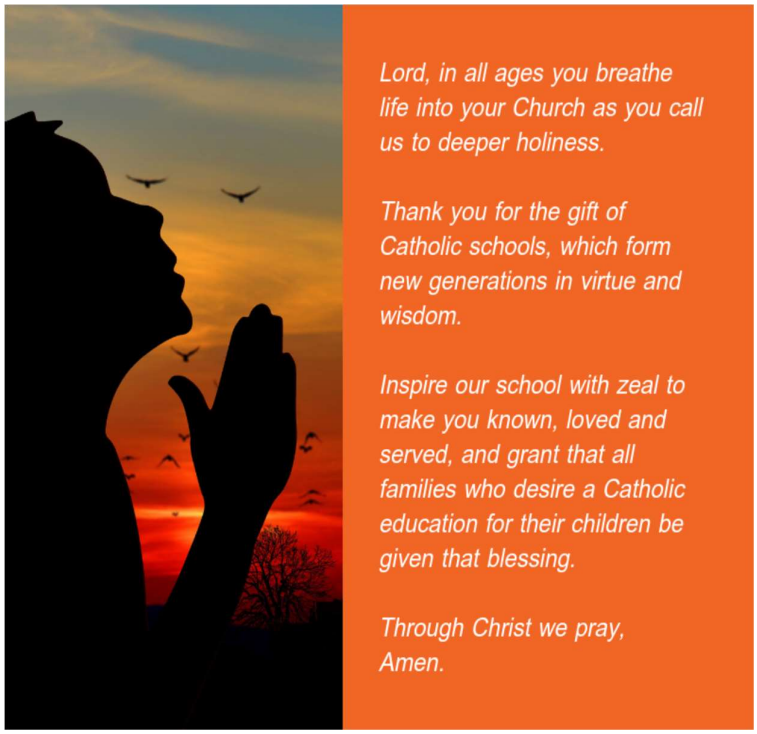
Strength & Kindliness

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



Haven't the mornings been chilly? By lunch time though, we are all loving to get outside and the children have been kicking the footy, playing downball, 'cooking' in the mud kitchen, playing lego and just enjoying our space and the great outdoors.

What a busy couple of weeks we have had:
-'Train Like A Vixen' Excursion
-National Walk Safely to School Day
-School Open Day and Information Night
-The Alpha Show of Sleeping Beauty
-A whole school sausage sizzle lunch
-Education Week multiage rotation activities
-National Simultaneous Storytime
-Bike Education for Grades 3-6
Amongst these events there has continued to be excellent learning happening in all of the classrooms.

We are halfway through Term 2. NAPLAN has been completed, teachers are gathering evidence to put into reports and students have worked with their teacher to establish Term 2 learning goals. Students are continuing to develop habits and attitudes that are seeing them begin to experience success in attaining their individual goals.

Congratulations to the three children who participated in the Division Cross Country last week. You represented our school in an impressive manner and ran very well. Special congratulations to Zac Wakenshaw and Tamara Brennan who have qualified for Zone later this term.

The Victorian Government is acting to re-engage primary and secondary students and to boost their physical and emotional health and wellbeing in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. With the free Positive Start in 2022 program, Victorian students can be more active, reconnect with friends and find inspiration in new and exciting places. Staff who are employed at a government or low-fee non- government school can apply for more opportunities for students to attend camps, swimming programs, sports programs and cultural experiences in 2022.

After hard work and determination with the application process, Katie Rasmussen has secured a school camp experience for our Grade 3-4 and 5-6 students. The details we have regarding the camps at this stage are:

Grade 5-6	Log Cabin Camp in Ballarat	20th-23rd July
Grade 3-4	PGL Camp- Kyneton	12th-14th September

Last week we celebrated 'Education Support Staff Day' we presented Jaleigha, Emma and Harry with these amazing posters. A very special thanks to our Education Support Staff for everything they do for the students, families and staff at St Patrick's.

SCHOOL FEES:

If for any reason you are finding it difficult to pay school fees on time or your financial circumstances have changed, please contact the school. Catholic Schools rely on school fees to help fund the educational needs of our students. A quality education can only be realised when the right resourcing and programs are in place and these come at a cost.

Remember our liturgy and assembly schedule:

Week 5- Friday @ 2:45pm	Grade 2 lead Liturgy (whole school attends)
Week 6- Friday @ 2:45pm	Assembly
Week 7- Friday @ 2:45pm	Grade 1 led liturgy (whole school attends)
Week 8- Friday @ 2:45pm	Assembly
Week 9- Friday @ 12:30pm	Foundation led Liturgy (whole school attends)

All parents and family members are welcome to attend these assemblies and liturgies which are held in the church.

On Monday the 23rd of May we held our annual school 'Open Day' and 'Information Night'. It was an excellent opportunity to showcase our amazing school to the wider community and potential families for 2023.

Thank you to the staff for their commitment to our school, demonstrated once again this week through the preparation for, presence and leadership at this Information Evening.

This is a timely reminder for any of our families who have a child coming into Foundation in 2023 to complete an enrolment form. If you email me I can send you an enrolment form- principal@sptongala.catholic.edu.au

WHAT'S COMING UP…….

TERM 2	
Week 6 Beginning 30th May	Monday: Foundation visit to Tongala Kindergarten Thursday: Grade 3-4 Winter Sports in Kyabram Friday: Grade 5-6 Winter Sports in Kyabram Friday: Assembly @ 2:45pm
Week 7 Beginning 6th June	Tuesday: Grade 5-6 Healthy Lunchbox Session @ 12pm Tuesday: Parent Healthy Lunchbox Session @ 2pm
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

CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS

Foundation: Tom West & Marla Collyer
Grade 1: Frances Cabaraban & Alex Jubin
Grade 2: Hamish Fitzgerald
Grade 3-4: Toby Parsons & Aria Scott
Grade 5-6: Will Keirl & Ethan McGlade
Art: Ryder Morris

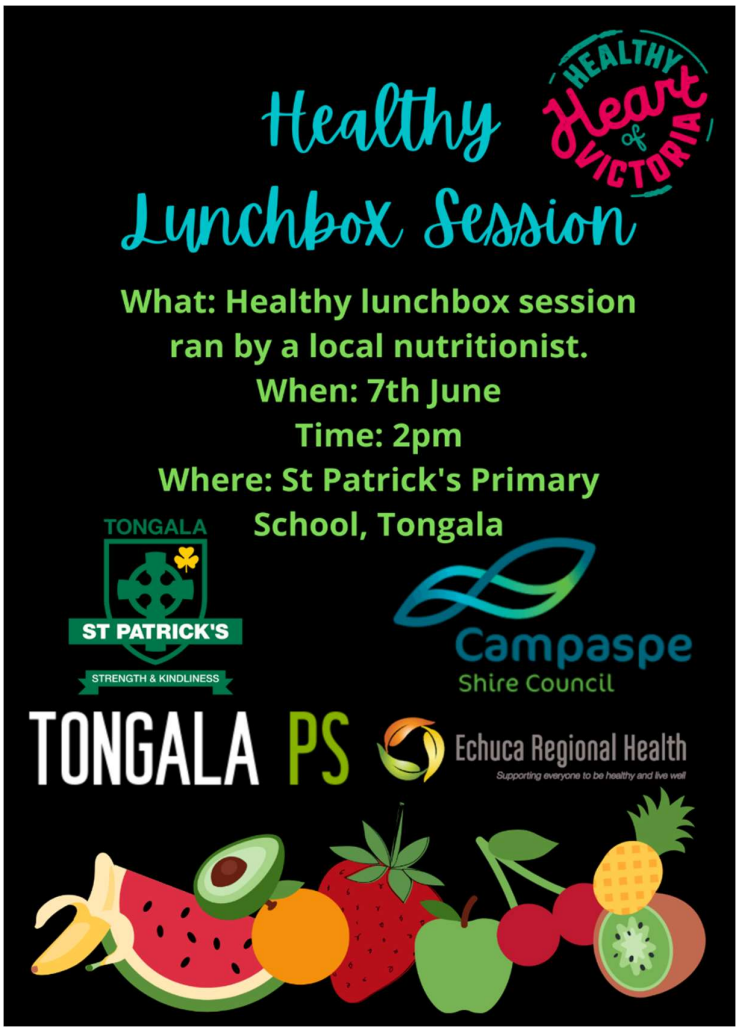
PBIS AWARD WINNERS

Grade 1: Phoebe Grant
Grade 2: George Humphrys
Grade 5-6: Charlie Dicker

READING AWARD WINNERS

BENDIGO BANK AWARD WINNERS

Frances Cabaraban, Rhiann Cabaraban & Kaisha Shepard



Grade One

On Tuesday we completed rotation activities to celebrate Education Week. In multi age groups we moved through the following rotations Art, Sport, STEM and Italian. Zara, Stevie, Phoebe and Maddie really enjoyed the Art rotation. Ben liked Italian. Sydnee, Carter, Edith and Ryder loved the Sport rotation. While Eden, Daphne, Hudson, Liam, Lani, Sophie, Ryder, Ben and Francis really liked the STEM challenge.

In Maths we completed a 2D shape detective activity where we had to hunt for two-dimensional spaces in the playground and yard. Lots of different shapes were found, to mention a few Alex found a triangle while Daphne and Hudson found a square.

ART

We've been super creative and had lots of fun in Art the last few weeks.

The Foundation and Grade 1 students have been exploring collage looking at works of Eric Carle and Tracey English and using Autumn leaves as inspiration, they made their own Autumn leaf collage.

Grade 2 students also looked at Tracey English and Clever Robin who are collage artist and used mixed media techniques with oil pastels to create an Autumn collage work of their own.

Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students have been studying the elements of colour and shape, in particular contrasting colours, and used inspiration from Australian artist Laura Blythman to create mountain landscape and rainbow collages. The students' bright and fun collage pieces are displayed all around the school and definitely make you smile when you look at them!

Year 3/4 Highlights from the past 2 weeks!!!

'On Tuesday, we walked over to Tongala Primary School to watch the Sleeping Beauty play presented by ALPHA shows. My favourite part was the sword fighting.' - Roc

'On Thursday, last week, Tamara, Zac and I went to Moama to run in cross country. We ran 2 kilometres. The 9/10 boys went first, there were 95 people in this race. Zac came 2nd and I came 83rd. Tamara ran in the 10 girls race and came 3rd overall.' - Caleb

'Men's Shed is fun because we get to make lots of things out of wood and we get to work with two men named Spotty and Roy.' - Cyril, Hugh, Colt and Zeb

'Last week we went to the Vixen Stadium in Melbourne to 'Train like a Vixen.' We had lots of fun learning how to shoot goals and pass the ball. We also had a tour of the stadium and joined together to play a game of netball.' - Riann

'On Wednesdays we get to meet with David and create pieces of art. This week we started outlining our images of Darcy Parish and war soldiers. It is so much fun.' - Kane, Lucas and Xav

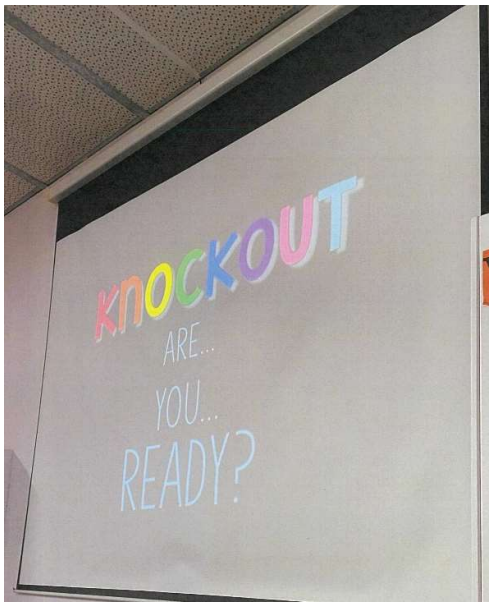
'Last Monday we had two ladies from the ASPA company come to St Pat's to teach us how to sing and dance for a concert we will perform later this year.' - Colman

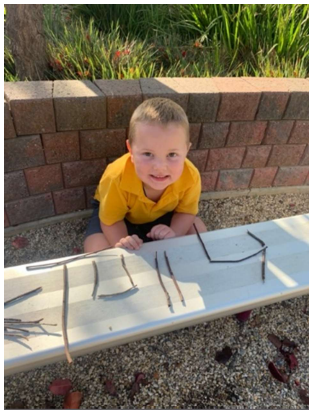
'Each Wednesday we go down to Tongala Community centre to do a sewing group. Nice ladies help us sew by hand and on the sewing machine. We are making a bag out of patches.' - Isla and Tamara

Grade 2

In Grade 2 we have continued with our work on addition. As part of our warm up, we have been playing an interactive game called Knock Out! The idea of the game was to use the addition strategies we have learnt so far to try and solve the addition problem before the other team did. It was so loud in our room, especially when there was only one person left standing in each team!

Here's how we used our addition strategies to win the game!
Charlotte- I find the answer quickly by using what I know about partners to ten.
Angie- I use my knowledge of skip counting to help find the answer.
Isla- I start with the bigger number and just add the smaller number on to find the answer.
Noah- I used my knowledge of skip counting by 2's to help me find the answers.
Scott- I used the number chart to help me find the answer.
Lil- I skip count by 2's, 5' and 10's to help find the answer quickly.





Foundation

Literacy

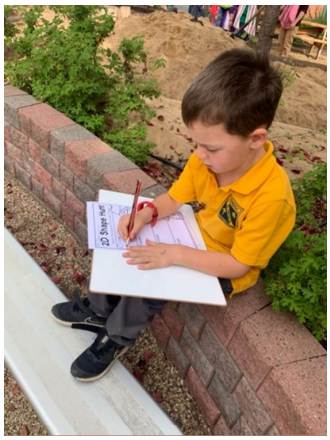
In Foundation over the past two weeks, we have just finished revising the letters and sounds in our name. The students enjoyed practicing writing their name using both uppercase and lowercase letters. Through the week we had a name challenge where we had to go outside and make our name using any nature objects we found. See Tully's name made out of sticks.

Also, in literacy we have a new word of the week: HAND. The students had their favourite craft activity so far, where they got to make Hand Minions.

See Henley and Marla in photo left.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we have been enhancing our knowledge of shapes and addition. We have also had a large focus this term on making sure we have been writing our numbers the right way. This week to finish off our Shape unit we have made some shape animals (see Max and Will below) and we also completed a shape hunt in the school yard (see Tom below).



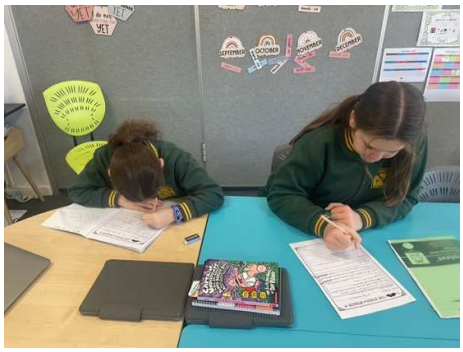
In Inquiry we are looking forward to starting our assessment task for the showcase. Stay tuned for some more amazing learning over the coming weeks.

Grade 5/6

We have had another couple of busy weeks in the senior classroom.

We spent time with Australian School of Performing Arts (ASPA) to begin rehearsals for "Sandhurst Arts on Show". We enjoyed learning dance moves to the song "Fly Away" by Tones. We will also perform "We're All in this Together" from High School Musical as well as one of our favourite church songs – "An Irish Blessing". We loved the high energy session with the ASAP girls and cannot wait to welcome them back next term.

In English we have been drafting, editing and publishing our final persuasive piece of writing, convincing others what is the best dessert. It has been a mouth-watering experience.



During Inquiry we have been learning about earthquakes. We were able to use Mars Bars to recreate an earthquake and see how the disruption to the layers of the earth causes damage above ground. We filmed the reaction with iPads in slow motions so we get a better insight into the way the earth's crust cracks and crumbles.

PROJECT + **Parents & Carers**

Gratitude

Working on gratitude helps us to be **thankful** and **appreciate what we have in our lives**, rather than focussing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to **scan the world to look for positives** – **this only takes 21 days**!

Benefits of **practising gratitude** everyday are:

Increased **levels of energy**.

Feeling **happier**.

Become more **focussed**, **determined** and **optimistic**.

Better **sleep**.

Lower levels of **anxiety** and **depression**.

Less likely to **get sick**.

Here are some **quick** and **easy ways** to **include gratitude into your daily routine** with your whole family:

Think about a **friend** or **family member** you are grateful for and write them a letter. Tell them why they are **important to you** and what **you love about them**.

Around the dinner table or before bed, have everyone talk about **3 things that went well** for them that day.

Have a discussion of what you are **looking forward to** the following day, week, month.

Check out TRP@HOME!

Here, you will find more **activities and ideas** you can use with your family to incorporate **Gratitude** into your lives. There are also **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy** activities you can use to **spread happiness** and **build resilience**. **TRP@HOME activities** change throughout the year, so don't forget to keep checking in! Click on the image below to check it out.

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THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

PBIS

As part of PBIS at St Patrick's Primary School we focus on a Blitz every fortnight. The fortnightly Blitz is introduced by our PBIS student leaders at our school assemblies. Our current Blitz is 'leave the toilet as you found it'. Teachers and PBIS student leaders keep an eye out for students that are demonstrating this behaviour and they can get a token to go in their class letterbox.

Here is the Blitz poster which is displayed around the school for the fortnight and created by our PBIS student leaders.