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27 March 2013
Term 2: SCHOOL COMMENCES
MONDAY 15th APRIL 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank-you

• To Mrs Major and Mr Pountney for organising the St Patrick’s Day Activities last week. The children all had a great day
• To Mr Ellem and Mrs Grimish for the huge amount of work that went into organising the swimming carnival and to all of the staff and parents that assisted in making the day a really calm, smooth, enjoyable day.
• To Sue Bahr, Grigor Gordon, Julie Gerhardt, Kim Lewis, Marco Preznel, Loretta Shaw, Frances Klein, Cathy Leis, Mark Denham, Karen and Tony Chamberlain and Anita and Terry Ferguson for running the canteen at the Speedway on behalf of our school to raise funds for the Canberra Trip
• To our wonderful Year 7 Students, David G, Jack D, Raegan P, Cyan M, Annalysse C and Ben C for the work that they put into assisting the St Pat’s Villa with some art work that needed to be done.
• To Anita Ferguson, Sue Bahr, Lauren Wall, Karen Reeves, Kaylene Hall, Carmel Curry, Jill Gould and the Ladies from the Villa who helped with the wrapping and tagging of all the Easter Raffle prizes.

Thank you to all of our parents who have assisted us in making this term such a successful one for our students. We have had to work through the disruptions caused by two floods with some of our school families being affected greatly. We have also welcomed new staff and many new families to our community.

Some of the events that have taken place in a very short space of time have been Parent Information Nights, School Fete, Visit from the Bishop, Curriculum & Differentiation Planning Days, ISP meetings, Disco, Swimming, Life Education, Inter-school Sport, further work on the implementation of the RE curriculum, History Curriculum, Reading Data Project and new data collecting strategies, Year 7 Leadership Day, St Patrick’s Day Activities and a swimming carnival.……and most importantly the enormous amount of work that goes into the daily planning of the teaching and learning that takes place in classrooms and the supporting of all our students.

It is hard to believe that all this has happened in only 6 full weeks of school!!! There is a very positive feel in the school at the moment thanks to the dedication of our staff and the support of so many of our parents.

Thanks for the enormous effort that everyone has put into making this term so smooth and productive for our students - despite the different circumstances that have been thrown our way.

It is great to be a part of these challenges and successes that are happening in the lives of your children and as a staff we really look forward to the remainder of the year as we continue to build relationships with everyone in the school and aspire to make St. Pat’s the best school it can be.

Term 2 Dance

A reminder that all of our students will be participating in the Dance Fever Dance Program next term. This program has been a huge success over the last two years and we are again looking forward to seeing the skill and development of all of our students in this area.

Holy Week

This is a very significant week for us all. Not only because it marks the end of the first school term but because it is the time in the liturgical year when we celebrate as a school the centrality of our Christian beliefs. The week began (and remembered on Monday here at St Patrick’s) with recalling Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, and the crowds greeting him with waving palms. Today we reflected on the Last Supper where we were first reminded of the commandment that we should love one another as Jesus loved us, that we are servants to each other and that we should be at peace with each other. This day reminded us that Jesus celebrated the Passover with his companions and gave depth to the Eucharist.

On Thursday we gather as a school at 10.00am to pray the “Way of the Cross”

Good Friday with its story of the passion and death of Jesus is a time when we witness the willingness of God in Jesus to embrace a violent and unjustified death as the supreme expression of God’s love.

Holy Saturday concludes with the Easter vigil, the Easter story which starts with the fire and lighting of the paschal candle. It is a celebration of the resurrection that is the basis of our belief. It is this promise of New Life that unites us and is the wonder of Easter.
I would like to wish all our St Pat’s families a happy, spirit-filled and reflective Easter.

Kathy Fuller
PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all Winners of the P&F Raffle from the Fete.
1. Specsavers - Julia Black
2. Best & Less - Chatfield Family
3. Bronco Tickets - Debbie Weier
4. Akubra Hat - Amanda Tombs
5. Gardells - Kane Searles
6. Priceline Products - Samantha Ardley
7. Hair Review Products - Michelle Bailey
8. Millers Voucher - Liam Corbett
9. Ben 10 Fishing Rod - Rushton Family

FAITH & MISSION

Look and See …

the goodness of God in us and others

Project Compassion 2013.
As the culmination of our Lenten Project Compassion focus, all children are asked to bring in, on Thursday, any of the money they have saved for Project Compassion. This will include any money they have saved as a result of the commitment they made last week as part of their homework activity, as well as any money they have saved in their Project Compassion Boxes during Lent. On Thursday we will have the drawing of a large water pipe, tap and water bucket on the floor of the hall. Using all of the Project Compassion boxes and money bought in by the children, we will try to fill the pipe and bucket with boxes and coins. Thank you for your support of Project Compassion during Lent. We appreciate that the rain and flooding has caused many difficulties for families. The great thing about Project Compassion is that little amounts combined together can make an enormous difference in the lives of many people and there is never any element of competition to see who can bring in the most money. Every cent is greatly appreciated.

Holy Week
This week we have been reflecting on the events of Holy Week. On Monday at 9.30am we reflected on the Christian meaning of the events of Holy Week and Easter. The story of Holy Week and Easter will be told through a series of freeze frames and songs. Today, Wednesday, at 12 midday we gathered in the church for the celebration of the Eucharist with particular focus on the events of Holy Thursday and the Last Supper.

Tomorrow, Thursday, at 10.00 we will gather in the Church to pray The Way of The Cross: Jesus’ Way – The Way of Love. All parents and families are invited to join us for this celebration.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge’s visit
Thank you to all students and families who were able to participate in the mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, on Monday. This was a special celebration for our school and parish so it was wonderful to see so many people able to attend.

St Patrick’s Parish
During the time of Holy Week and leading into Easter there are special celebrations taking place within our Parish Community at St Patrick’s Church

- Holy Thursday (Thursday 28th March) – 7.00pm
- Good Friday (Friday 29th March) – 3.00pm
- Easter Vigil (Saturday 30th March) – 6.00pm
- Easter Sunday (Sunday 31st March) – 9.00am

You are warmly invited to join the St Patrick’s community for these very special celebrations.

This Week –Week 9

27/03 Wednesday Holy Week Celebration Mass
28/03 Holy Thursday Church 12midday Whole School

Easter
With Easter Sunday Christ is risen! Lent is over. We rejoice in the glory of Jesus and the share he has given us in his resurrection. Easter is not just one day. It is the whole season of 50 days which will last until Pentecost. We take even longer to celebrate Easter than we took during Lent to prepare for it. Eastertime is about new life. We rejoice that all of us are renewed by the life of God whenever we share in the Easter sacrament of the Eucharist.

May we all be renewed by the Easter experience.

Peter Campbell
Assistant Principal

APA & SPORT NEWS

St Patrick’s Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will take place at One Mile Oval on Friday 19 April. Children who are serious about doing well in this event should start doing some training now in preparation. The distance of the run will be 2kms for 9 and 10 year olds and 3kms for 11, 12 & 13 year olds. Those students successful at this school event will have the chance to represent St. Patrick’s at the Gympie Zone Cross Country which is being held on Tuesday May 7 on the same course. The distances of the zone event will be the same as the school event. We may nominate up to 5 competitors in each Age Division for Boys and Girls in the Primary trials but will only send students who are going to be competitive at this level. Remember that this is a competitive selection event and students will only be competitive if they are able to run within a pace of 6 minutes per kilometre (i.e. 2km-12min, 3km-18min).
The Easter holidays would be a good opportunity to put in some training for the cross county event.

Inter-House Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival for Yrs 4 – 7 took place at Memorial Pool last Friday March 22. The carnival flowed very smoothly and the children who attended are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and team spirit. A big thankyou to the parents who helped out on the day and Mrs Grimish, who spent hours compiling the program and making sure everything was organised and ready to go.

Winners on the day were Flynn, closely followed by Rice and Horan. Unfortunately McCauley finished a fighting 4th but there is still the Athletics Carnival to come!!

Project Consent Forms

Any students who make a Gympie Zone team must collect a Project Consent Form (ED QLD media release form) from the Office. We hold onto these forms when they are completed and they only need to be filled in once while you are enrolled here at St Patrick’s.

We are still waiting on a number of Project Consent Forms from students who have been selected in Gympie Zone teams. Please return these as soon as possible.

Celebrating Our Heritage

A very big thank-you to the 70 people who responded to our survey regards reassessing our House team names. No decisions have been made yet but I would like to pass on to you some of the results:

- 70% of people supported the idea of reassessing the names of our Sport’s Houses.
- Around 90% of people were in favour of keeping the names Horan, Rice and Flynn.
- 47% of people were in favour of keeping Flynn however Flynn was the house name that people were the most comfortable with changing. 90% of people who answered this question were comfortable with changing the name Flynn. Each of the other names were selected less than 20% of the time.
- 70% of people supported the idea of using Mackillop as a House name.

There were quite a few very well thought out ideas and reasons given both for and against any changes. All of the information we have gathered will be taken into consideration before a decision is made. We will keep you informed of any further progress on this matter.

Upper School PE – Semester 1

The emphasis so far has been on working co-operatively, being aware of others and playing fairly. We have also focussed on improving our catching and throwing in a number of team games and activities. Our next focus will be improving our hand eye coordination through badminton. We will be playing a modified version of the very popular Olympic sport and may even have the St Pat’s Open in each class where we can look at how a tennis type draw is developed.

In Term 2 we have the School Cross Country in week 1 and Zone Cross Country in week 4. We will also be preparing for our School Athletics Carnivals which will be held later in the term.

The Protectors

On the first Tuesday of next term, April 16, all students will be attending a Brainstorm Production show titled The Protectors. This show is an exciting and entertaining way to help children learn different strategies to deal with bullying and to take brave, assertive actions when it comes to making hard choices at school and online. The message is clear – Don’t be a bully or a victim and stand up for what is right and fair.

Show Times: 9am Yr. 4-7 10:30am P-3

(We will be adjusting the school timetable on this day to suit these show times.)

Gymnastics/Dance

This week is our last week of Gymnastics and what a success this program has been. Our first ever introduction of the gymnastics program offered by DanceFever has been very well received by both students and teachers. The instructors have been wonderful and our students have really enjoyed and benefitted from these sessions. The good news is that DanceFever will be back next term with their dance program, which we have been implementing here at St Pats for a few years now.

Best wishes to you and your family. Hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Eric Ellems

APA and Sport’s Coordinator

SCHOOL NEWS

Archbishop Visit

Thankyou to the staff, students and families of St Patrick’s Primary School who sang and participated in the Mass of the Distribution of the Oils on Mon 25 March 2013.

This was a great occasion and His Grace made special mention of the students of St Patrick’s Primary School Choir.

Holy Week is a busy and yet prayerful week and this celebration was enhanced by the participation of St Patrick’s Primary School.

Tony Hallam
Chairperson
St Patrick’s Pastoral Council

Easter Raffle

Dear Families and Friends
Thank you to everyone who has supported the Year 7 Fundraising Easter Raffle. All money raised will aid our Year 7’s visit to Canberra later this year.

Tickets and money should have been returned to the office yesterday.

Any outstanding tickets and money should be returned to the office before 9am Thursday

MULTIPLE PRIZE DRAW
on Thursday 28th March.

Due Back at Office

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Wallet handed in at Fete. If you think it is yours, please come to the office to describe it to collect.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday this week:

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<td>Lachlan S</td>
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<td>Kaelan M</td>
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<td>Charlie E</td>
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Tuckshop Roster

NO TUCKSHOP ON THURSDAY THIS WEEK

TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPERATING ON FIRST DAY OF TERM

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<td>Wednesday 27th</td>
<td>Amanda Stevenson</td>
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<td>Monday 15th</td>
<td>Kerri McDonnell &amp; Kylie Ellaby</td>
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<td>April</td>
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<td>Wednesday 17th</td>
<td>Maria Norris</td>
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<td>Annette Fletcher</td>
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Tuckshop Menu

***NEW TO MENU***

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<td>Chicken Pie</td>
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<td>Spinach &amp; Feta Pastie</td>
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<td>Veggie Burger (Pattie with lettuce and mayo)</td>
<td>$3.50 With salad</td>
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Uniform Shop Hours

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Multipurpose Room – Mercy Wing

Range of good second hand items available

Term 2 SCHOOL COMMENCES MONDAY 15th APRIL 2013

DATE CLAIMER-P & F Trivia Night Friday

19th April 6.30pm

2013 Term 2 Calendar

Week 1

Easter Season

15th April

Term 2 begins (Tuckshop operating)

19th April

School Cross Country

P&F Trivia Night 6:30pm

Week 2

Easter Season

23rd April

Year 4 Camp 2 days

6:30pm Parent Meeting Sacramental Program (Confirmation + Reconciliation) or

24th April

1:30pm Parent Meeting Sacramental Program (Confirmation + Reconciliation)

25th April

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
26th April  
ANZAC DAY – ASSEMBLY IN THE CHURCH 
(with David Gibson)

Week 3
Year 6 Camp

Encouragement Awards

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<td>Jaylen M</td>
<td>For being so enthusiastic in class</td>
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<td>Mackenzie A</td>
<td>For being so organised presenting neat work and listening well</td>
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<td>1 Gold</td>
<td>Austin P</td>
<td>For great reading and fantastic spelling of his Magic 100 words</td>
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<td>1 Blue</td>
<td>Ayden M</td>
<td>For the great improvement you have made in your reading</td>
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<td>Rose V</td>
<td>For always trying to stay on task to produce your best work</td>
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<td>2 Blue</td>
<td>Tate V</td>
<td>For working so well on all your tasks</td>
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<td>2 Gold</td>
<td>Maria A</td>
<td>For being a studious worker all term</td>
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<td>2/3 White</td>
<td>Lincoln B</td>
<td>For always trying your hardest and happily participating in everything, especially gymnastics</td>
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<td>3 Blue</td>
<td>Morgan M</td>
<td>For being a kind and caring friend by welcoming others into your games at play time</td>
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<td>3 Gold</td>
<td>Romy S</td>
<td>For working wonderfully in class and showing kindness to others in the playground</td>
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<td>4 Blue</td>
<td>Jessica L</td>
<td>For your hard work and fine effort on your Life Cycle poster</td>
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<td>4 Gold</td>
<td>Adam B</td>
<td>For the energy and enthusiasm you bring to our classroom each day</td>
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<td>4/5 White</td>
<td>Jaden A</td>
<td>For trying really hard to listen to instructions and then getting straight to work</td>
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<td>5 Blue</td>
<td>Amy B</td>
<td>For a focussed student who has put a tremendous effort into your biography</td>
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St Patrick’s College Enrolments Year 8, 2014

Transitioning to a new school is an exciting time for schools, parents and students.

St Patrick’s College welcomes enrolment applications for Year 8 in 2014.

In applying for St Patrick’s College, parents are committing to a faith based education for their child. The College and parents will work in unison to prepare the students to be full and active members of the community and to make a difference in the world.

St Patrick’s College is committed to providing a quality education. The enrolment process is an exciting time as we begin to work with our new families and students.

Enrolments occur in Term 2 so that data regarding enrolment numbers can inform curriculum, orientation, transition and financial planning.

The enrolment timeline is as follows:-

- Ms Kennedy and senior students speak to Year 7’s and to distribute Enrolment Packages at Primary school [Week of 16 April].
- An Information Evening for parents and students is held on Tuesday 23 April at 6 pm (Tour of facilities available from 5 pm –approximately 20 mins).
- Interview with Parents/Caregivers and students. Interview times –
  - Friday 26 April 9.00 – 4.30 p.m.
  - Monday 29 April 9.00 – 4.30 p.m.
  - Saturday 4 May 9.00 – 12.00 p.m.
  - Tuesday 7 May 9.00 – 3.00 p.m.
  - Wednesday 8 May 9.00 – 6.00 p.m.
  - Saturday 11 May 9.00 – 12.00 p.m.

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<td>For being a very kind and compassionate person who truly cares for others</td>
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<td>6 Blue</td>
<td>Tia E</td>
<td>For always being willing to help others without being asked</td>
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<td>6 Gold</td>
<td>Mikayla</td>
<td>For contributing so beautifully to our morning prayer</td>
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<td>7 Gold</td>
<td>Harry M</td>
<td>For the cooperation you displayed in class this week</td>
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<td>7 Blue</td>
<td>Jonathan</td>
<td>For the enthusiasm and cooperative way that you approach your learning</td>
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<td>Library</td>
<td>Matthew</td>
<td>For really enjoying your reading and working so well in the library</td>
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Students attend Orientation on Wednesday 4 December.

Further Timeline considerations:

- Enrolment offers posted Monday 27 May.
- Enrolment offers rescinded if not accepted by Monday 17 June.

The College looks forward to meeting new families and continuing associations with existing families.

Parents may book their enrolment interview now but the enrolment package will not be available until April 16.

Celebration of Success

![Celebration of Success](image)

**What’s Happening in 1P?**

Today we interviewed Ella Jane and Asha in 1P and they told us all about what they did today. Asha told us about making a rollercoaster and all about what they had been doing in class. Ella said that she wrote about the dentist and said that she was playing Dot to Dot on the computer. Asha said that she played Search the Way. They told us that they also played outside in the sand pit.

**Have you met Maya?**

Maya had her 8th birthday in March. She got some awesome presents including a flower watch, $70, an Easter colouring book, a movie and a Barbie doll. She got 2 PINK CAKES and they were really YUMMY. She was so excited in the lead up to her birthday.

Happy Birthday Maya hope you had a great day!!!!

By Lara.P, Jack.D, Kyla.M

### PARISH NEWS

#### Confirmation & Eucharist

Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in 2013 will begin with an information meeting for parents on **either Tuesday 23rd April at 6:30pm or Wednesday 24th April at 1.30pm.** NB: You need only attend one meeting.

Fr Pat and the Sacramental Team will introduce parents to the program which can be completed at home.

Children need to have made their First Reconciliation before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. If your child has not made their First Reconciliation in this parish, a Baptismal Certificate will be required.

The program will run weekly with meetings being held in the church.

The program runs for 7 weeks with a meeting each week in the Church and closes with the celebrations of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the end of Term 2. The Registration Fee for this program is $15. For any enquiries please phone St Patrick’s Church Parish Office on 5482 1213.

Confirmation will be held Tuesday 11th June 2013

First Communion will be held the weekend of 15th and 16th June 2013.

*Vi Brown*  
Parish Secretary  
St Patrick’s Parish  
Gympie  
5482 1213

### Church Cleaning Roster

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<td>Sue Manton &amp; Marie Therese Los</td>
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<td>13th April</td>
<td>Kate Laffey</td>
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<td>20th April</td>
<td>Sarah Kampe &amp; Val Mitchell</td>
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<td>Jan Daly &amp; Karen Gibbs</td>
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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Easter Holiday Junior Tennis Fun Tournaments

Gympie and District Junior Tennis Association coaches will be conducting 2 Fun Tournaments over the holidays on **Wednesday 10th April & Friday 12th April at** The Reg English Tennis Club.
Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Rd. The tournaments will be held from **8.30am until 12.00pm** with morning tea and lunch included. **Costs** are **$25.00 /day / person or $40 for both days / person.** Great prizes and plenty of tennis for all. Levels from beginners to advanced are welcome.

**Note:** players 8 and under can book from 8.30am to 10.30am and leave after morning tea at $12.50 / day.

Enquiries and bookings to Brett Cottrill 0417 746 795.

Entries for each tournament close 10.00am 1 day prior to the event.

**Gympie Cats Auskick**

If you missed out on AUSKICK at school then get down to Six Mile oval every Friday of Term 2. First session is 26th April and join in the fun!

Try for free or sign up to get the Cool AUSKICK gear.

For more info call Mal on 0419 688 939