22 February 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Resources and their effective use are a vital component in increasing students’ outcomes in Literacy. It is crucial not only to have these resources, but that staff and students have full and appropriate access to them.

We are purchasing a large number of home readers, initially for the Prep to Year 2 classes. The readers will be situated in or close to the classrooms so that students will be able to have them changed daily if necessary. This means that children who are able to read more books will not be limited to two or three a week.

Help will be needed to change readers in the mornings. If you are available on any morning before school it would be appreciated if you would offer assistance to your child’s teacher.

May I encourage all families to attend our P & F Family fun afternoon on this Friday from 3:00pm -6:00pm. Last year’s fun day was a great success, with close to 200 attending to join in the fun, with Home Bake, Sausage Sizzle, popcorn etc, all at $2 each. There will be no charge for the Jumping Castle.

Since the activities are not staff-supervised, children who are staying at school for the Fun afternoon will be asked to wait outside the office to wait for their parents to arrive prior to joining in.

Susan Geaney
Principal

RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE SCHOOL AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

Thank you very much to Mrs Borchert and Year 5B for leading us in our assembly on Friday morning and for the way they helped us focus on our Term 1 Founder, Father Matthew Horan. They helped us understand the important qualities of Matthew Horan and why he is an important role model for us today at St Patrick’s. Matthew Horan will be our focus for next couple of weeks.

...and the year 6 students getting the whole school moving.... Almost a disco in the church. Matthew Horan would have been well pleased
Saturday Night Family Mass

Thank you to those families who were able to come along and support the Parish Mass on Saturday night. Those children, families and staff members who were able to attend made a big contribution to the celebration of the Mass for members of the parish community. Thanks very much to Mrs Liz Last and Mrs Joahn Rohan for their generosity in coming along to provide the music for the Mass. Mrs Rohan was a member of staff at St Patrick’s until she moved from the area five years ago. We look forward to seeing more of Mrs Rohan around the school and parish now that she has moved back to Kilkivan.

The Season of Lent

Next Wednesday, 1st March, we begin the season of Lent. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is a special time of 40 days to prepare for the great 50 days of Easter. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. The main focus in Lent is to pray with greater purpose and to see the real needs of our neighbour.

This journey through Lent encourages us to remember our relationship as sons and daughters of God and as followers of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives it is so easy to forget, or ignore the voice of God in our hearts.

In the words of Henri Nouwen:

“We need a way of living in the Spirit by which all we are and all we do becomes a reminding … of our relationship with God. The pace of our modern world can often seem bewildering and lead to a feeling of alienation and of being lost and adrift in a sea of change. The period of Lent helps us to step back and take the time to become aware of the presence of God in our lives … and experience God as “a silence in the midst of chaos, a voice in the midst of confusion, a promise at the centre of the tumult” (The Breath of God, p 46).

As Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our season of Lent, all of the children will receive a cross of ashes on their forehead at liturgies during the day. Children from Years 3 to 6 will attend the Parish Mass at 9.45 am. Very simply, we wear this cross on our foreheads as a sign of our willingness to become aware of the presence of God in our lives.

What’s Happening: Religious Life of the School Calendar

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<td>Ash Wednesday</td>
<td>9:45am</td>
<td>Mr Campbell</td>
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I hope you have an enjoyable week at St Patrick’s and please feel free to approach me if you need more information about any of these subjects mentioned in the newsletter.

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During Term 1 Years 4-6 will be attending swimming lessons at the Gympie Memorial Pool as part of the Physical Education Program. Students will be bused to and from the pool. Swimming will begin in Week 4 and continue through to Week 8 with our Interhouse Swimming Carnival for Years 4 – 6 being held on Friday 24th March.

**YEAR LEVEL** | **WEEK** | **DATES** | **TIME**
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Year 4B Blue and 4H Gold | Weeks 4 – 8 inclusive | Tuesday 14th, 21st, 28th February, 7th & 14th March | 9.00am - 10.00am
Year 5 and 4/5 White | Weeks 4 – 8 inclusive | Friday 17th, Friday 24th February 3rd, 10th & 17th March | 10.00 - 11.00am
Year 6 | Weeks 4 – 8 inclusive | Thursday 16th, 23rd February, 2nd, 9th & 16th March | 9.00 – 10.00am

Reminder: Student Requirements
- Swimming cap (This is mandatory for both boys and girls and students will not be able to participate without one)
- Sunscreen of a 30+ rating.
- Swimsuit/Sunshirt
- Sandals or thongs to wear to and from the pool in order to eliminate the time taken at the pool to put shoes and socks back on.

As the swimming program is a part of the St. Patrick’s Curriculum it is essential that a note be handed to the class teacher if for any reason your child is unable to attend swimming lessons.

**GYMPIE ZONE SPORTS TRIALS – Nominations due various dates (refer attached PDF)**

**FEBRUARY**

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**GYMPIE JUNIOR GOLF**

Nominations Gympie District 10 - 12 and 13 - 19 years Golf squads:

Nominations close with Gympie District School sport at 3pm on the 7th March. Intending nominees can collect nomination forms at the school office and such forms must be returned prior to the stipulated closing date.

**Venue:**

This year’s Wide Bay Trials are being held at Murgon Golf Club on Monday the 20th of March.

**Cost:**

$15 payable to the school office (10 - 12 years) and $20 (13 - 18 years)
Travel:
Private travel arrangements are required to and from Wide Bay Trials.

Medical forms and Registration:
Completed Medical Form must be presented to Trials Convenor by 9am for Registration.

Handicaps:
If you have AGU Handicap, please bring a printout from GolfLink.

Have a great week!
THE ST PAT’S SPORTS TEAM – JOE LAFFEY AND GERALDINE GRIMISH

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

REMINDER: Year 6 Marimba Band

As an extension of our Year 6 Music Program this year, students from Year 6 are invited to be part of our Marimba Percussion Band commencing in mid Term 1. The Marimba and Percussion Band will rehearse once a week during a scheduled break time and continue for the whole of the school year. Students who wish to become a member of our Marimba and Percussion Band should meet the following criteria:

- Average or above average ability in music
- Demonstrate a love of music and enthusiasm to perform
- Willingness to work as a team, follow directions and accomplish set tasks.
- Commit to one weekly lunchtime practice for the whole of the 2017 school year.

If you feel that your child meets the above criteria and is interested in becoming a member, please email me your child’s expression of interest within the next week. Once an expression of interest is received, permission notes will then be sent home with those students who meet the above criteria.

Harmony Choir

Our school Harmony Choir rehearses on Tuesday afternoons from 2.10-2.40pm. All permission notes from continuing students should have now been returned. If your child is not a continuing member of our choir and is wanting to join, parents please contact me at school or alternatively email to discuss the possibility of your child joining.

Kait Searles
Music specialist
ksearles@bne.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE LIBRARY

World Read Aloud Day was celebrated in the library last Thursday. At the first lunch break, Miss Robson, Mr Lynch, Mr Campbell and I read to children in the library. Here are a few photographs of some of the happy children and volunteer readers. As well, Mrs Geaney read a chapter from a novel she enjoyed, to the Year 6 Home Helpers and the children who were working with them in the library.

It was lovely to see such enthusiasm from the students and also from the staff who were involved in the organising of this event.

Mrs Kelly
Teacher/Librarian

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent – Teacher Interviews

Semester 1 Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for most classes at the end of this term. Year 6 White L and Year 4/5 White T will conduct their interviews early in Term 2. For these interviews we will be using the internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students!

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer will be available in the School Office during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration. Shortly, you will receive an email from your child’s class teacher with details about interview dates together with instructions for how to retrieve your logon details. Letters will be sent to those parents who have elected not to receive electronic communication from the school. A link to the booking system is available at the bottom of the Home Page of our school website: http://www.stpatrickspsgymie.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

If you have any questions please contact Vicki Major vmajor@bne.catholic.edu.au or the school office.
Reminder - Student Banking

Students may bring in their Commonwealth bank books on any day. Each time you bank you receive a token. Collect 10 tokens to receive your free gift.

If you require further info please contact the office.

Happy Birthday

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

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<td>Daisy T</td>
<td>Prep Gold F</td>
<td>For the confident way you join in with all of our activities and include your class mates in your games.</td>
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<td>Zavier P</td>
<td>Year 1 Blue C</td>
<td>For being an active participant who enjoys sharing his knowledge and always follows instructions and works positively on classroom tasks.</td>
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<td>Amelia G</td>
<td>Year 1/2 White F</td>
<td>For being such a thoughtful, caring classmate by looking after a friend when you saw a need. Well done, Archer!</td>
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Uniform Shop Hours

Thursday: 8am – 9:30am
The Uniform Shop operates from the Tuckshop

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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<td>For the confident way you participate and join in all class tasks and discussions.</td>
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<td>Prep Gold F</td>
<td>Abbey L</td>
<td>For the confident way you join in with all of our activities and include your class mates in your games.</td>
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<td>Year 1 Blue C</td>
<td>Thomas S</td>
<td>For being an active participant who enjoys sharing his knowledge and always follows instructions and works positively on classroom tasks.</td>
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<td>Archer B</td>
<td>For being such a thoughtful, caring classmate by looking after a friend when you saw a need. Well done, Archer!</td>
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<td>Year 2 Gold P</td>
<td>Ben S</td>
<td>For settling in so well to St Patrick’s School and for sharing your soccer skills with others. Well done, Ben!</td>
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<td>Year 3 Blue M</td>
<td>Ned K</td>
<td>For your fantastic work ethic. You are a great listener and you are working very hard on all your learning tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>Year 3 Gold L</td>
<td>Cohen B</td>
<td>For being an attentive and respectful student who always strives to do his best.</td>
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<td>Year 4 Blue B</td>
<td>Hunter M</td>
<td>For the positive way you work and contribute in class. It has been wonderful to see how keen and willing you are to learn and try to do your best.</td>
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<td>Year 4 Gold H</td>
<td>Channing L – B</td>
<td>For the great concentration and care you give to all your learning tasks and for the wonderful way you come and say &quot;Thank you&quot; at the end of each day. Well done Channing!</td>
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<td>Year 4/5 White T</td>
<td>Anickin S</td>
<td>For settling into our class beautifully and sharing your creative writing skills with us. It is a pleasure to have you join us.</td>
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<td>Year 5 Gold A</td>
<td>Nathan E</td>
<td>For approaching all aspects of school with a positive attitude, you are always willing to have a go. You are showing the other students the importance of taking responsibility for your learning and not following the crowd.</td>
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<td>Year 6 White L</td>
<td>Amelia G</td>
<td>For always being a positive and dedicated learner willing to take risks and persist with her work while helping others with theirs.</td>
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<td>Tdonson H</td>
<td>For correctly answering a tricky question in a library discussion. Well done, Tdonson!</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Joshua C</td>
<td>For the valuable contribution you have already made to our school Marimba Band.</td>
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**P & F NEWS**

Our first event, the Family Fun Afternoon, is this Friday 24th February! The children will be kept busy with the free jumping castle, games and ice block, whilst you enjoy our yummy home bake, cold drinks and popcorn on sale at the event. Dinner is also taken care of with our $2 sausage sizzle. If you are able to contribute items of home bake for us to sell, we would love to hear from you (email address below).

Each year the P&F allocates funds to support the Year 6 Canberra trip. While this trip is an amazing experience for all who go on it, we appreciate it is also a major expense. The P&F for many years has helped to make this trip more affordable for families.

At our P&F meeting last Tuesday night, it was decided that we will contribute this year through payment of the coaches needed to transport the children, parents and teachers to and from the Brisbane Airport. We are thrilled to be able to make this contribution whilst managing our repayment of the air-conditioning that the whole school is now benefiting from.

Don’t forget to join our Facebook group: St Patrick’s Primary Gympie P & F, to keep up-to-date with our news and events. https://www.facebook.com/groups/130319910449017/

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**St Patrick’s Primary School Family Fun Afternoon**

Friday 24th February
3pm – 6pm
St Patrick’s Primary
Main Oval

Sausage Sizzle, Popcorn, Home Bake and Drinks
(available for sale $2 each)

Free Jumping Castle & Games
Free Ice Block For Each Child
(until 3.30pm while stocks last)

Come along and join us for an afternoon of fun and games.

Amy Malone - President
amyquasi@hotmail.com
Ph. 0434 851 204

St Patricks Primary School Gympie has a new app!

SZapp is a great way to keep up to date with all of our latest news and information. Using SZapp will give you easy access to information such as:

- Newsletters on the go
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- Calendar
- Forms and Documents
Installing SZapp

Apple Devices:
1. On your device, open the App Store.
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3. Download and install SZapp.

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Franki’s Fingers

Hi Mums & Dads!

Term 1 Piano fees are due & enrolment forms need to be returned. Please keep an eye out for reminders, but be sure to text or call me if you need replacement paperwork (0478 216 393).

There are only a few spots left at this stage, so do get in touch soon if you have a potential pianist in your family.

Congratulations to everyone who has commenced. From the preps to Year 6, you have all put in a huge effort. Thank you!

Franki
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