In line with our Sustainable School policy, our school newsletter for our families will be electronic only. The newsletter will be emailed to everyone but it also can be accessed through our Skoolbag App (phones & iPads) and our website.
## Canteen

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**Reconciliation Program 2017**

Our Sacramental program for 2017 begins this evening with our first parent and student meeting. Candidates and their parents will work through an introductory session and discuss their at home program which will run for the next 4 weeks.

It is important to remember our first experience of forgiveness occurs in the family dynamic, and as such, the family has an integral role in growing the children’s experiences of God’s forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tonight - Wednesday 7:30 Room 3

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 21st March at 7:00 pm @ St Patrick’s Parish Church.
Dear Parents, Parishioners, Carers, Staff & Students,

We’ve had a busy start to the term but it has been great to see how quickly the children have settled into their school and class routines and how much such excitement they are showing in their learning.

Mass
Thank you to the families and staff who were able to attend our rite of enrolment and commissioning mass on Saturday evening and our opening mass yesterday morning. Our theme for the opening mass was from Matthew’s gospel, “With God, all things are possible”. As a Catholic educational community, it was good to be able to pray together for guidance and hope for a successful year ahead and to encourage us all to make the most of the possibilities that come our way.

Folk Festival
Folk Festival workshops for all classes begin next week. The second round of workshops will be held on Monday March 6 and will culminate in a whole school performance that evening. A family BBQ on the school oval, beginning at 6pm, will precede the performance. Meat and salads will be provided. Please BYO drinks, plates, cups, cutlery, picnic rugs etc. The performance will begin at 7pm. Please complete the order form sent home so that we can cater appropriately.

Class Representatives
We are still looking for a Year 3/4MU class rep. Class reps receive 20 volunteer points. If you can help, please contact the office.

Volunteers
As you may have read recently in the media, the Victorian State Government has made some changes to the requirements of schools in relation to the engagement of volunteers, in line with the new Victorian Child Safe Standards. All schools must now meet minimum legislative requirements in relation to volunteers and child safety. As a result of these new requirements, schools are now required to undergo more vigorous screening and monitoring of volunteers.

An information session will be held for all our current and any prospective school volunteers on Friday March 3rd at 2.00pm in the parent/music room to explain the requirements more fully. Further information has been sent to all families today.

School Fee Discount & Camps, Sports & Excursions Support
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for CSEF support. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. If the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validates on the first day of term one, the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from March 2017.

In the Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools, tuition fee discounts are available to families eligible for a means tested Centrelink or Veteran Affairs concession card. The scheme offers tuition fee discounts to both Catholic and non-Catholic families, to new and current students. Although a family may be eligible to receive a fee discount, families may choose not to apply for the fee discount and pay the full school fee. If you would like to apply for this scheme please collect a form from the office.
Royal Commission into Institutional Child Abuse
The final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse commenced last week in Sydney. Over the next three weeks, evidence presented will be scrutinised and future directions explored as the Church is called to task on what cultural shifts are in place to stop future abuse occurring. This will include what new policies and codes of conduct have been adopted to safeguard children. It is our hope that these hearings help us to understand more fully how best to care for those who have suffered and how best to ensure the safety of children now and for the future.
A link to a pastoral letter from Bishop Paul Bird, the Bishop of our own Diocese can be read at this link: http://web.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au/letter%20about%20the%20royal%20commission.pdf

Regards,
Sue Paulka

Our next P & F meeting will be on Tuesday 21st Feb at 7.30pm in hall foyer. All families are invited to attend any of our meetings.

The P & F would like to thank all the school families that were able to help with catering and serving at the Jazz Festival on the weekend. Fantastic effort by all involved, especially with the busy start to the school year!
ICT NEWS
WATCH THIS SPACE... 2017 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA SCHOOL’S DAY
FRIDAY 3RD MARCH
DETOX YOUR HOME DAY
SATURDAY 4TH MARCH
...MORE DETAILS SOON

Folk Festival - St Patrick’s BBQ

This year we are using google forms for our Folk Festival BBQ interest form. If you are interested in helping on the BBQ for a ticket or you have your own ticket and would like to do a shift. If you are available for assist with set up, pack up or food prep (no ticket required) please follow the link below and complete the form.

https://goo.gl/QMlqaO

CareMonkey
Thank you to all the parents that have completed their child’s profile on CareMonkey. If you have not completed your child’s profile please follow the link emailed to you.
In the future all our permission forms will be sent via CareMonkey.

Facebook Details
Like our Facebook page for updates and news around our school. Our Facebook page name is: St Patrick’s Parish Primary School.
Following a review of alternative playgroup times, it has been decided that the Little Paddies Playgroup will continue to run on Monday mornings from 9am during term 4. All families with pre-schoolers are welcome. Please bring along a gold coin.

Sporting Schools runs each Monday and Thursday for the rest of Term 1 from 3.20pm - 4.30pm. This term’s sports are: Monday - Athletics & Thursday - Golf. Enrolment forms and participation slips can be collected from the office or downloaded from the school website, www.spportfairy.catholic.edu.au. A new enrolment form is required each year.

**Middle School - Kicks off their Inquiry**

Last Thursday the middle school students were introduced to their Inquiry learning with a dynamic and exciting session of Karate with Sensai Frank from the Koshikarate Centre in Warrnambool. He demonstrated some amazing skills and spoke about the importance of being the best you can be. We heard him speak about setting goals, self discipline, positive thinking and making healthy choices. Mr Murphy was a little frightened when he had to face Sensai Frank’s punching which was understandable because he could split wood with his hands!
Little Paddies Playgroup - Coordination Needed
We are looking for a new coordinator for our school playgroup. This role is worth 40 volunteer points. Playgroup time & day is to be confirmed. Please see Sue or Janine if you are interested.
Port Fairy - St Patrick’s & Koroit - Infant Jesus

Mass Times
Saturday February 18 @ 6.30pm Koroit
Sunday February 19 @ 9.00am Orford
Sunday February 19 @ 10.30am Port Fairy

KIDS YOGA
Classes resume next week Tuesday 14th Feb. 3:45-4:30.
Cost is $10 & this includes snacks for the kids after school before class starts. Please let me know if your child intends to come.

ADULTS HATHA YOGA
Timetable as follows - please call to book into classes as places are limited:
• WEDNESDAY 10:30am W'BOOL
• WEDNESDAY 7pm PT FAIRY
• THURSDAY 9:30am PT FAIRY
• THURSDAY 6pm W'BOOL
• THURSDAY 7:30pm W'BOOL

Donella 0428654570

Tae Kwon Do will commence on Feb 28th at the Port Port Fairy Yacht Club.
Contact Damian on: Phone 0429337051 or Email damian-tkd@hotmail.com
Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday...During school terms.
  6 to 10 yrs - 4:15pm to 5pm
  11 to 15 yrs - 5:15pm to 6:15pm
  16+ and Adults - 6:30pm to 7:30pm
JUNIOR SOCCER
Warrnambool Rangers FC will begin their
2017 Sub Junior coaching program
with two "Come and Try" sessions on
Saturday 11th and 18th February
at The Jones Oval
East W’bool Primary School, Ward Street
Starting at 9.30 am
Age group 5 to 12 years. Girls and boys welcome. Cost: FREE.
Come along – bring a friend.
For further details, phone John on 0417 777 938 (after 6pm).
Australia’s favorite summertime activity for kids!

Surf Groms is a National Junior Development Program for 5-12yrs. We’ll get your groms up and riding and teach them important surf and ocean safety skills that will last a lifetime.

PORT FAIRY Term 1
Starts Friday 17 Feb. 4.30-6.30pm (3 weeks)

Register now and get your Quiksilver or Roxy backpack full of goodies. $120 + $25 Surfing Aust. annual registration fee.

To book: www.gosurf.com.au
For more info call Fiona: 0408 310001
GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS
Are there any girls that would like to come & play junior basketball on a Wednesday night. Tim says you don't have to be an experienced player, just come along and have some fun. Please call Jane 0408514382 if you would like to come & have a go.

Grade 5, 6 or year 7 girls
GIRLS WANTED to play basketball
Get fit for FREE!

Free weekly timed run for all ages and all abilities
South Beach Toilet Block, Russell Clarke Reserve, Port Fairy

1. Register for Free at www.parkrun.com.au
2. Print out your Barcode.
3. Turn up, Run, Have Fun.

Don’t want to run - why not help others by volunteering?

Starts 21 January 2017 then weekly