Community Corner

FREE PLAYGROUP FUN DAY
ALL WELCOME

When: Thursday 24th April 2014
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Where: Parks Children’s Centre
Fun with NATURE!
School holiday fun for everyone!
For 0-5 years
Supported by UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide, Uniting Care Wesley Bowden, Woodville Garden School, St. Patrick’s School, Junction Community Centre Inc., and Parks Children’s Centre

Chau Tran and Huong Nguyen
School Community Workers
North West Communities for Children is funded by the Australian Government

At ST PATRICK’S SCHOOL
Quality Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Programme

- Before School 7.30-8.30am
- After School 3.10-6.00pm
- Tuesdays 2.30-6.00pm
- We have experienced staff who enjoy being with children.

Children have been doing fun Lego building this term.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tam Do Jaiden Ngo
Anastasia Soilemezis Decontee Daye
Bennita Mak Mai Linh Carr
Tony Le Anton Luc
Anita Tran Tristan Tran
Michael Tu Oliver Massaquoi
Sian Paul Riley Pascoe
Lieu Weng Alfred Gilee
Kevin Diep Sharniqka Pin
Jenny Tang Dayal Vasantha Kumar
Presley Prach Elizabeth Vu

March Birthdays

Canteen Volunteers

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St Patrick’s Day
Buddy Class Activities
Green Jelly
Whole School Mass

In Omnia Caritas
in all things love

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Celebrating 50 years as a Church and School
1964 - 2014
Dear Parents and Community Members,

St Patrick’s Day Mass

Last Friday, the whole school had the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick’s Day at Mass with Father Maurice. St Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland, the Archdiocese of Adelaide and St Patrick’s School. On this occasion we also took the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate 50 years since the School and Church was blessed on the 15th March 1964 by Archbishop Beovich together with Father Michael Murphy who was our first parish Priest.

State Election

Thank you to the parents and staff members who were able to help out on the sausage sizzle on Election Day. This was a great opportunity to raise money for the school and created a great atmosphere at our school.

Family Cultural Festival

We were blessed with beautiful weather for this event which was organised by Mt Carmel College and six local Catholic primary schools. The venue for this community event was held on the grounds of Mt Carmel College. The event had a variety of foods from different countries, multicultural dances and jumping castles. All who attended appeared to enjoy gathering as a community and having fun. Thank you to Ms Chau for organising a food stall and Ms Huong for preparing the Vietnamese Dancers.

Student Progress Meeting

Over the next week we begin our first round of Student Progress Meetings for the year. This is the first formal opportunity for parents to gain a deeper understanding of the learning that has taken place and to ask important questions about your child’s education. It is important for all parents to engage in these conversations as it supports each child’s learning and the child views their learning as important which in turn could lead to improving learning outcomes. I thank all parents in anticipation for ensuring that you meet with the teacher to discuss the work and efforts your child is putting into their learning each day. Thank you for your efforts to attend and see the also to the teachers for their preparation for these meetings.

Our next formal reporting to parents occurs next term with our Mid-Year Reports. However, if you have any concerns or questions in regards to your child’s education please do not hesitate to make a time to speak to your child’s teacher. Regular communication promotes the important partnership between home and school.

Maths & Reading Test

This week students in Year 3 to 7 will complete an electronic Mathematics test (PAT-M) and Reading Test (PAT-R). This will be repeated in just over 6 months to see how students have progressed. Thank you to Ms Scott and Ms Pfeiffer for their hard work in setting all this up.

I look forward to catching up with you over the next few weeks as you meet your child’s teacher/s.

Frank Congedi
Principal

St Patrick’s Day

We had a lovely day last Friday celebrating the Feast of St Patrick a few days early. We celebrated St Patrick’s life and his mission of sharing the Good News of God with the people of Ireland. St Patrick grew closer to God through prayer and wrote many prayers that we still pray today. He felt protected by God as he went about teaching the people of Ireland of the life of Jesus and the love of God.

At our Mass we also celebrated 50 years as a School and Parish and thanked God for bringing all members of our community, past and present, to this school and Church. These people have helped make our St Patrick’s School the caring and nurturing learning environment that it is.

Parents/Carers Group

On Tuesday morning we had a nice gathering with parents and carers who were able to attend. We spent the time in friendly conversation and enjoyed getting to know each other a little better. All parents/carers are invited to join us when we next meet on 1st April 2014.

St Joseph’s Day – March 19

This Wednesday the Church celebrated another important Saint, St Joseph, the husband of Mary. St Joseph was special to many people, including St Mary Mackillop. Joseph was Mary’s special patron who she prayed to often. Joseph was a compassionate and caring man who left everything he had to keep Jesus and Mary safe. He had great faith in God and supported Jesus through his life and ministry.

Maths puzzle R-3 students

(answers to Mrs Scott please)

How many days are there in Winter _________?

Have a lovely week
Anne Marie Patten

World of Maths Road Show

As part of this semester’s work, the World of Maths Roadshow will be visiting our school. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how Maths is applied to some real life situations. Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also various Maths principles which are part of the Australian curriculum this term.

It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!

Parents are able to attend, especially with junior grades (at no cost).

Dates are:

Tuesday 25th March:
- Session 1 Recs class + R/1NR class + 3/4J class 9:30-10:40 (70 mins)
- Session 2 1/2AP class + 2/3RM class 11:30-12:40 (70 mins)

Wednesday 26th March:
- Session 3 4/5P class + 5/6S class 9:30 – 11:00 (90 mins)
- Session 4 5/6L class + 7B 11:30 – 1:00 (90 mins)

From our APRIM……...

From our Principal…….........