Community Corner

FAMILY PLAY SESSION FOR PARENTS & CHILD

3.15pm- 5 pm Thursday 15th May 2014

Play is about children having fun, but it also has a serious function in their lives. It is what helps them develop different abilities, including their physical, mental and social skills. These skills are what helps them perform well in the different areas of their lives, such as learning new things, making friends, doing well at their school work, solving problems and building self-confidence.

The more that parents get involved in their children’s play activities, the greater these benefits are for the children, now and into their future. It helps children feel good about themselves and about their relationship with their mother and father. So join in with the games and activities your child likes to participate in. You’ll be helping them in many ways, and you’ll discover that you can have a lot of fun yourself!

Hope to see you all there!

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

At ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Programme
Before School from 7.00am & After School until 6.00pm
We provide a variety of educational and fun activities including: games, sport, art and craft, cooking, video games and books to read. Healthy after school snacks provided.
Phone or drop into the school front office. Ph: 8445 1400 - St Patrick's OSHC Coordinator

CANTOON SPECIALS
SMALL HOTDOG $3.00
SMALL HOTDOG WITH SMALL WEDGES $4.50
BOTTLE OF FRUIT FLAVOURED WATER $2.50

Canteen Volunteers

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Happy Birthday

Vishnu Manoj  Amie Lu
Alex Nguyen  Ayok Wiew
Trish Phan  Alex Dinh
Jay Veence Dizon  Alee Le
Andy Pham  Kayden Cao
Sebastian Tech  Ivana Novak-Stanko
Shani Whalan  Lakshan Saravanan
Evelyn Pham  Justin Nguyen
Lisa Le  Asia Giang

Betsy Hailemariam

May Birthdays

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Celebrating 50 years as a Church and School
1964 - 2014

R/1 Rowlands
This term we have been busy investigating shapes. We have made pictures using lots of different shapes. We explored the question: What shapes are the names of the shapes in your picture?

The Year Ones have also looked closely at the different features of the shapes in their picture.

How many shapes can you find?
Dear Parents and Community Members,

This week I wanted to highlight the wonderful effort made by our Year 6 & 7 students whilst at the Wirraway Camp. Our students were tremendous in the way they participated in all of the activities and when having-a-go and learning new skills. Many of the activities required courage and persistence and it was amazing to watch their ever increasing confidence. I also wanted to acknowledge the way they treated each other with respect, especially our students with disabilities, and the respectful way they responded to staff directions throughout the camp.

It was also great to see students and their families returning to school life and routine last week. Students are settling in well to another exciting term of learning.

Next week on Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of May the Year 3, 5, and 7 students complete the NAPLAN tests and it is important that students are at school to complete these tests. Results for these national tests arrive later in the year. In the meantime, St Patrick’s School continues to assess students in literacy and numeracy in many different ways and we continue to closely monitor each students’ progress.

Next week on Thursday the 18th of May from 3:30 to 5:00, we will have the first of our Family Play Sessions for this year. Play is an important part of learning and the play sessions are a good opportunity for parents to come and play with their child at school.

We believe that play is very important so as a school we are committing a substantial amount of money towards developing our playing areas on the oval side. The first stage of this development commenced during the April school holidays and work on the new sandpit play area is continuing. With weather permitting, it should be ready within a fortnight. This will be very exciting for our students as we continue to develop our outside play areas. Our sandpit equipment has been depleting over the last few years and we are asking families for donations towards the new sandpit. If you have any trucks, buckets, shovels etc please bring them to the front office.

I take this opportunity to wish all mothers in our school community a very Happy Mother’s Day. There is no greater role in life than being a parent, shaping a child’s life through a loving relationship. I hope you have a chance to be spoilt on the day by your families and that you are appreciated for all that you do for your children.

I look forward to working with you all in supporting your child to achieve their best.

God Bless
Frank Congedi
Principal

Parish Family Mass
This coming Sunday, 11th May, is the Parish Family Mass. We invite members of our school community to join us at 8.30am in St Patrick’s Church. We will be asking students from our school to bring the gifts forward at the Offertory Procession and would like to see many of our children there.

Parish News – The Annual Marion Procession
The Annual Procession will take place on Sunday May 18th at 11.15pm (early start) in the South Parklands behind Veale Gardens on South Terrace - off Bartells Road. Parishioners welcome to attend.
If someone would like to carry the Parish Banner, please see Fr Maurice or Deacon Long Hai or contact the Office.

Parent/Carer Morning Tea
Our next parent/carer morning tea is planned for Tuesday 20th May. (please note change in date from Term Calendar) Please come along to the Mary MacKillop Room when you have dropped off your children.
Ms Chau is holding exercise classes at 10 so you might like to join in with them after morning tea. We hope to see some of our parents there.

Maths Puzzle Solution
R-3 students
How many Sundays are there in September? 4

St Patrick’s Annual School Disco Friday 20th June
We are looking for people who would like to volunteer some time to help organise the school disco. Last year’s disco was a great success and all who attended had a great time, especially the staff. We hope to organise another great night for the students to dance and have fun in a social environment outside of school hours. Please consider helping, I will send a letter home next week with more information.

Sunday is Mother’s Day and we wish all Mothers, Grandmothers and female Carers and very special day.

Loving God,
We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
Whose love is so precious that it can never be measured
Whose patience seems to have no end
May we see you loving hand behind them and guiding them
We ask you to bless all mothers with your own special love
We ask this in the name of Jesus Amen

Have a lovely week,
Anne-Marie Platten

From our Principal - From our APRIM

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Spirit of Mary MacKillop Award
Congratulations to......
Ken Doan, Jason Chau & Michael Tu
on receiving the 
Spirit of Mary MacKillop Award for ‘honesty and thinking of others’
Well done boys!