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Dear Parents and Community Members,

The new sandpit, quite understandably, is proving to be very popular with the students in the early days as they explore their new playing area. I would like to thank the Linke family and a number of staff who have donated toys for the new sandpit. Please continue to bring any donations of sandpit toys or thick chalk for the outside blackboard in this area, and give them to Mrs Faulks in the front office.

Walk Safely To School
I heard recently that studies show that children in Australia in general do not exercise enough in comparison to many other countries. We know there are many factors for this continuing problem so being able to take part in ‘Walk Safely to School’ is a reminder for all families of the importance of walking. Even if you need to drive the car to school every day, you could park a little further away from the school. Last Friday the weather was kind to us once again and 45 students and a number of parents walked along beautiful Medika Boulevard to reach the school. Once the students arrived at school we shared breakfast together, once again highlighting the importance of having a healthy breakfast each day.

Resource Centre
The Resource Centre, also sometimes referred to as the Library, is the most frequented learning area in the school. It is open for students and family members each morning (except Tuesdays) at 8:30 and is also open each day at lunch time. Students really enjoy having the additional time to read, play games or simply connect with others.

As part of our continuous improvement at St Patrick’s School, the Resource Centre furniture has been upgraded with some new shelving and new seating area to provide a more contemporary learning environment. I would like to thank Mrs Marley and Ms Huong for the time they have put towards planning for these changes.

Uniforms
I would like to thank parents for your patience surrounding the lack of school jumpers. As a school we pride ourselves on having high uniform standards so not having supplies can be frustrating for families and for our school. Jumpers have now arrived so if you have been waiting for them to arrive please see Rosa or Maria in the Uniform shop.

Ms Lavender and I have met with our uniform supplier to express our concerns and they have apologised, explaining there were some elements outside of their control, that were the cause for the delay. We hope that orders will arrive on time in future.

As we move into winter I wish to highlight that students are required to wear their jumper before a navy jacket. Only school navy jackets are allowed. It is also important to only have white coloured T-shirts under their school shirts or sports polo tops.

God Bless, Frank Congedi

Journey to Emmaus
Journey to Emmaus is a Service Leadership Program involving our year 7 students. We are all made in God’s image and deserve love and respect in our lives. Some members of society do not feel that love and respect and we are called to help those people who are unable to help themselves. In the program the students identify ways that they can be images of Christ as they serve others.

Yesterday we had our first gathering for the Journey to Emmaus Program and were joined by the senior students from St Joseph’s Ottoway. Together they identified ways they can be of service to communities in need. It is very encouraging to see the leaders of the future dedicated to helping others in so many different ways. We will gather together two more times this year.

St Patrick’s School Disco
Last week I sent a letter home asking for parent helpers for the Disco Planning Committee. It is an excellent opportunity for parents to be involved in school experiences and will only require meeting a couple of times, as well as setting up and supporting on the evening of the disco. We still need more parents to be on the committee. Please consider joining. You do need a current Catholic Clearance to be able to help at the disco. We are having a meeting tomorrow morning @ 9am in the Meeting Room. We hope to see some of you there.

The Ascension of The Lord – Sunday 12th June
The Ascension of the Lord is a Feast day which celebrates Jesus’ Ascension into heaven. Forty days after Jesus’ Resurrection, he rose to heaven to take his place with God. The Scriptures tell us Jesus rose on a cloud. The Ascension marks the end of Jesus’ physical presence on earth. The Catholic community formally recognises Jesus’ presence in the Sacraments and in the actions of God’s people. Jesus promised to send The Holy Spirit to the disciples and told them that He is with them always.

Important Dates
- Sunday 8th June Pentecost Sunday
- Wednesday 11th June 4/5PC and 1/2AP Class Mass
- Thursday 12th June World Environment Day focus at St Patrick’s
- Sunday 15th June Holy Trinity Sunday
- Wednesday 18th June 5/6S and 3/4JC Class Mass
- Friday 20th June School Disco
- Wednesday 25th June Mass for Sacramental Students

Have a fantastic week
Anne-Marie Platten, APRIM

Maths puzzle 4-7 students
(answers to Mrs Scott please)
A jacket costs $100.00 more than a jumper. Together, they sell for $211.00.

What was the price of the jacket? $ 155.50
What was the price of the jumper? $ 55.50