February Birthdays

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For Art the Year 7 Students have been working on Surreal Art on the theme of “Surreal Hands”. Surreal art presents art that reflects a ‘dream-like quality’ or beyond ‘reality’.

ABSENTEE INFORMATION
TEXT ABSENTEE DETAILS TO 0408 510 583
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Dear Parents and Community Members,

It was lovely for the staff and I to see many existing and new parents at last week’s ‘Meet the Teacher Night’. I hope that you found the information shared by the teachers useful and that you were able to ask important questions which will help you to support your child’s learning at home. At St Patrick’s School we value the engagement of parents in the process of learning and invite you to form a strong partnership with your child’s teacher to improve learning outcomes for your son or daughter.

It was a great pleasure to see 17 parents taking the opportunity to join a reading session of how to help your child with reading skills at home. The high attendance of parents indicates that many parents are keen to develop greater confidence in; asking the right questions when a child is stuck on a word, or how to break a word into smaller chunks. I would like to thank, Ms Trish Pfeiffer, our Key Literacy Teacher, for leading these sessions. From the feedback I have received from a number of parents, you found the session useful.

School Captains

At our last assembly we presented the school captains.

The students who wanted to be nominated as captains prepared a speech and the following students were prepared a speech and the following students were

- An Thien & Ryan
- MacKillop: Monica & Lokesh
- MacDonald: Grace & Anthony

We wish our captains all the success for the year.

Annual General Meeting

As per communication last Monday, we took the opportunity at our last Annual General Meeting to gather thoughts and ideas towards our school masterplan. I encourage as many parents as possible to contribute your thoughts on how can we continue to improve the facilities of the school. Our school continues to build on from the legacy left by the Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and we continue to strive to provide a school that meets the needs of 21st century learning.

School Traffic

I have ongoing concerns about the practice of many parents as they drop off or collect children each day. It is important to note that no parking is allowed in front of the pedestrian barriers near the emu crossing. I am encouraging more parents to use the back of the school on Haddington Crescent to drop off and collect children as it is less busy. Please follow all of the road rules to ensure everyone is safe.

Child protection Curriculum

Each year the students learn of the importance of keeping themselves safe through he Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. It is important that all students understand that they have the right to be safe at all times and if they feel that they are in an unsafe/uncomfortable situation, they MUST do something about it. Through the curriculum, our students learn how to: identify unsafe situations, and feelings and strategies they can apply to help keep themselves safe. Two ways include Identifying Early Warning Signs and A Trust Network.

Early Warning Signs are the signs our body gives us that something is not right, that we are feeling unsafe or uncomfortable about what is happening. The signs include butterflies in the stomach, feeling sick, wobbly knees, crying, shaking and many more. A Trust Network is 5 people, with most of them being adults, that the child trusts enough to talk to if they have a problem, and that that person will do something to help. Helpful actions could include listening, talking and getting more help. We ask that a person on the Trust Network is; old enough to do something, at least one or two can drive so that if the child needs to be picked up from somewhere they can do that, that they are a good listener and that the child feels safe with that person.

Students will be developing their Trust Network in classes this term and we ask that they discuss it with you. Please remind your child of the criteria of the Network so that they can choose people who can and will help them if they are in need.

Thank you.

Prayer and Liturgy Group

Each year our school invites year 6 and 7 students to help lead our school in prayer and Liturgy. It is an important leadership role which involves the students modelling, supporting and leading in all areas of the Catholic Identity of St Patrick’s School. I thank the following students for accepting the invitation to be school leaders in the Prayer and Liturgy Group for 2016.

- Tyson, Jajah, Jason, Tien, Lilee-Anne, Kylie, Petra, Jasmine, Monica, Mi Ha, An Thien, Anthony and Phillip.

Prayer & Liturgy Group 2016