**FROM OUR ACTING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORIDATOR, Lauren Lewis**

“There all ate as much as they wanted”

*(Matthew 14).*

Next Sunday will be the eighteenth Sunday of the church Year A. Matthew’s Gospel tells the wonderful story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with only a few loaves and some fish. Jesus not only managed to feed this large crowd but had over 12 basketfuls in leftovers! The message of this story is simple but so important. If you turn and believe in Jesus you will receive more than you could ever need!

It was great to see so many students and their families at last Sunday’s family Mass. Thank you to Mrs. Mandell, Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Murray for organising the students to participate in so many of the ministries of Mass. Also, a special thank you goes out to Ms. Cumming and Mr. Coote for singing and playing at the Mass.

Our next whole school celebration will be our Mary MacKillop mass at 9.00am on Friday the 8th of August. Parents and friends are most welcome!

**FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, Nicole Cumming**

**Cultural Studies**

This term each grade studies a different country, which culminates in a Cultural Day at the end of term. Our Cultural Day this year will be held on Thursday, 18th September. On this day the children are encouraged to dress in clothes/costumes appropriate to their country of study and bring in food traditionally associated with that country. Countries being studied are:

- Y1 Australia
- Y2 Italy
- Y3 France
- Y4 Egypt
- Y5 India
- Y6 China

**St Patrick’s Trivia Night**

Tickets, $10, are now available for our school Trivia and Games Night on Saturday, 23rd August. Please come along...it is always a fun night! Book a table with friends or buy individual tickets and we’ll place you with some very welcoming people.

The organising committee would greatly appreciate support from our school families by either attending the event and/or making donations to be used for prizes eg gift cards, vouchers, boxed chocolates, wine etc... Your contribution to our community is greatly appreciated.
School Disco
Primary parents are still needed to help at the Primary Disco. The Disco can not go ahead with parent supervision, so please help if you can.... email Annabel at mahcockerton@bigpond.com Thank you to those who have already volunteered their time, the roster is later in this newsletter.

Pupil Free Day
The next pupil free day is scheduled for Friday, 29th August. Please see There are no other pupil free days this year.

Coming Up
6th Confirmation Parent Information Evening
8th 9am Mary MacKillop Mass
     10am Assembly
     School Disco run by P & F
14th School Photos
15th 9am Assumption Mass
19th CCC Y6 Public Speaking Final
20th 9am Kinder Liturgy
21st 7pm P & F AGM
22nd Mini Vinnies PJ Day $2 donation
     2pm Assembly
23rd School Trivia Night

Let us remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and show one another the face of God through our words and actions.

Nic

STUDENT BANKING CHANGE OF DAY
PLEASE SEND IN STUDENT BANKING ON WEDNESDAY FROM NOW ON, THANKYOU!
Thankyou to Janell & Annabel our two Banking Volunteers, we appreciate your time and effort!

GREETINGS FROM FR TADEUSZ
Parents of children enrolled into the Confirmation program are reminded that the education evening will take place in the LARC this Wednesday August 6 at 7.30pm, and attendance is required. Parents are reminded though of their obligation to bring the children to Mass each Sunday of the program.
Below are some programs which we are to hold at St Patrick’s Parish during August that perhaps you, or someone you know may be interested in so please come along, or extend an invitation to someone else.

May God bless you.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME PROGRAMME
Commencing at St Pat’s [Jordan Room] on Monday August 11 @ 7.30pm for anyone who has been distanced from the Church for any reason and would now like to reach out and make contact once more.
If you have any questions call the Parish Office, 4325 1042.

RCIA PROGRAMME
This programme is for those who may be enquiring about becoming a Catholic.
If you know of anyone who would be interested please let them know to come along on Thursday August 14 to a meeting at St Pat’s Admin Centre at 7.30pm.
For enquiries call 4325 1042.

THE FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP
We look forward to the school Mass next Friday August 8 at 9am to celebrate St Mary MacKillop, Australia’s first saint, and founder of the Sisters of St Joseph who were responsible for the establishment of a Catholic school in the Gosford district. The Sisters opened Our Lady of the Rosary School at Gosford in 1910 which by the end of the ’50s needed to be expanded, and then transferred to East Gosford as our St Patrick’s School which opened in 1960.

DON’T FORGET OUR NEXT FAMILY MASS
at 9AM ON SUN 31 Aug!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY [For Age 4 +]
Each Sunday of School Term at 9am Mass
**IT NEWS from Damian Mitchell**

This week Year 6 have enhanced their learning with the use of Chrome books:

**Maths** – They have been researching the Pyramids of Giza. This Project involves the students, in groups of 2-3, building a scale model of the three main pyramids. The Project covers the Maths strands of Geometry, Scale, Multiplication and converting Measurements.

**HSIE** – They have been working collaboratively in groups of 4 to research how each of the Australian states trade with China. Each group was allocated a state and entered their research into a ‘live’ pro-forma that everyone was working on at the same time. The information was being actively updated during the lesson. Students were also editing each other’s work fixing spelling, grammar errors and commenting on research facts obtained for each state.

**English** - Students have been co-constructing Response Texts using the chrome books. Each student has been able to work on the same piece of writing but the whole class has been involved in writing and editing the work. They have also been building a class constructed Success Criteria, this helps each student to know what their writing needs to include in order to write an effective response.

They have also used the Chrome Books and headphones to work individually on self-paced comprehension activities.
FROM OUR TEACHER LIBRARIAN, Carmen Hartz
Premier’s Reading Challenge
A wonderful effort is being made by all readers for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. With just 3 weeks left the following children have made it as Puzzle pieces in our “Connecting with Reading” theme: Finn Gilmartin, Julie Trinh, Ana Sofia Rodriguez, James Vassallo, Marcus Tredwell, Vito De Toffol, Andy Trinh and Stevie Smith. Well Done to all these fantastic readers!

MINNIE VINNIES
Pyjama Day is on 22 August, so dig out your warm pj’s and socks $2 donation goes to Minnie Vinnies.

FROM THE SCIENCE LAB with Mrs Suzie Morris
Year 5 are investigating the properties of solids, liquids and gases in Science this term. It is wonderful to see so many scientific thinkers - thinking about what they know from experience, expressing properties, asking questions and engaging in great class discussion! The unit ‘What’s the Matter’ involves some great hands on experimentation and we are learning about the importance of ‘fair testing’ in science so that we know our results are reliable and we can compare them. Here are some snapshots of 5TB conducting ‘runny races’ as they test the viscosity of different liquids.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris
After listening to the beautiful violins and the string family play in many of our orchestral pieces, and watching Katie play the violin last week - we decided we just had to try it out for ourselves! Mrs Morris brought in a violin this week that we could all have a chance to play and it wasn’t as easy as we thought! Most students (and a few of the teachers!) were surprised at how small and lightweight the violin was ‘in real life’ and that it was hard work to get more than a ‘screech’. Well done to everyone who had a go and thank you for being so gentle with the violin!
St Patrick’s OSHC
Ph: 4323 4819 Mob: 0408165671
Will be open for St Patrick’s Pupil Free Day on the 29th August 2014.

Hours of Opening are 7.30 am – 6pm.
Bookings Essential.

TRIVIA NIGHT
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PRIZES
The Trivia Night organising committee are calling on families to donate prizes for the evening.
Ideas include .... Gift cards / gift vouchers/ boxed chocolates / wine
Donations can be delivered to Maria at the office.
Your support is appreciated. All money raised by the evening is to benefit the school and our children.
LOST

Noah Nakagawa from 3RJ has lost his sports hat—please check inside your child's hat it may have been picked up by mistake.

Free to good home St Josephs uniforms, size 10 or 12 free to good home suitable for girl starting in Year 7. Contact Karin 0421 076951.

Do you love cricket?

Then come & play with the Kincumber-Avoca Cricket Club.

We will be fielding teams from under 9s to 17, as well as running an IN2Cricket program for younger players (5-7 years of age).

Sign up at one of our registration days:

**Sunday August 10 - 10.30am - 12.30pm**
**Tuesday August 12 - 5.30pm - 7.30pm**
**Sunday August 17 - 10.30am - 12.30pm**

Contact - Rod Ursem on 0425 210 570 or rodursem@hotmail.com
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**Canteen**

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*Please contact Michelle on 0408 412 408 or michellecormack@bigpond.com if you are able to help out in the canteen in term 3.*

*Mums, Dads, Grandparents – all volunteers greatly appreciated.*
# Kids Disco - Friday, 8th August 2014

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*If you are unable to make it please contact the Infant or Primary Supervisor.*

**Infant helpers please can you be at the school hall by 5pm**

**Primary helper please can you be at the school hall by 6.45pm for hand over.**
St Patrick’s
Annual Trivia Night
Saturday, 23 August
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
$10.00 per person
(BYO drinks and nibbles)
Tickets on sale at the office.
Book a table or come solo. All welcome!
Parents and carers are children’s first and most important teachers when it comes to relationships

The ways you relate to your children and the guidance you provide helps develop children’s social skills. You can help children develop and maintain friendships by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practise interacting with others, and offering support when they go through difficulties. Taking the role of a coach helps children learn the skills they need for themselves.
Make time to play too
Parents and carers can improve their children’s social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!

Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities
Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.

Invite children for play dates
Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children as they develop their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.

Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends
Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children’s friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.

Encourage positive, relevant strategies
Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve conflicts with peers is a strategy that is more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.

Take a problem-solving approach
Parents and carers don’t need to have the answers to all of their children’s problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. For example:

Child says…

“There’s this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her.”

“Why do you think she is being so mean?”

“Maybe she thinks we don’t like her, and so she’s being mean to us?”

“That could be one reason. Do you like her?”

“Well, I like her when she’s not being mean.”

“So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there’s no need for her to be mean?”

“Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?”

Affirms: “That sounds like a great idea to me.”

The following suggestions may be helpful

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au