



St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

PREP TO YEAR 6

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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Last weekend I was invited to write a eulogy for a family funeral. It was an honour to be asked, but fairly challenging. Eileen was 94 years of age. She had been a sister, a wife, a mother to five children, a grandmother to her 11 grandchildren, a great grandmother to a further 12 great grandchildren.

Writing on behalf of a whole family was difficult, because everyone was important to her and yet each had a unique and different relationship with her. In looking for those things that everyone who knew her would recognise, two stood out.

One was the sense of family belonging she created. In a collection of note books and diaries, she listed all important events - birthdays, anniversaries and so on so that she could always send a personal handwritten card for the occasion. One thing all could depend upon, was the card from their grandma. Everyone needs to know that they belong to a family.

The second was a sense of purpose. Everyone who knew her was well aware that her purpose in life was to be the best parent and grandparent she could be. Eileen herself went without many things, so that her family could be cared for. She provided for them all, and when necessary, she also protected them. That sense of purpose both motivated and defined her.


When writing about others, and how people see them, we are all compelled to examine our own lives, and how others may view us. Someday my family will tell my story, and your family will tell yours. I wonder what they might say?

The good news is, that both you and I can decide the story that our children will tell about us. We are in fact, the authors of that story. Kids need to know that they are a special part of the family. If we want our children to remember us fondly, then we have to put in the effort now. We can play outside after work, or go for a family bike ride. We can play a board game, rather than catch up on Facebook. We can eat dinner together and share our day rather than eat as we watch TV. We can pack up the X-Box and take our kids down to the beach. We can read a book with them before they go to bed.

We have to connect with our kids if we want to have a relationship and create memories that they will treasure. Maybe now is a good time to start a new chapter.

Mark For

KEY DATES FOR WEEK 9

MONDAY	Junior Strings Ensemble 7.30am
TUESDAY	Senior Choir Ensemble 7.30am
WEDNESDAY	Senior Strings Ensemble 7.30am
FRIDAY	Sausage Sizzle 



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Monday 20th July



Click our school crest to go our school website calendar.



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COURTYARD PRAYER

Courtyard Prayer during COVID

Prayer, and in particular courtyard prayer is such a special part of our school culture. I have to admit that I dearly miss the beautiful Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday whole school courtyard prayer gatherings. I miss the feeling of community, I miss seeing so many parents, grandparents, and family members who love to stop by and join with us in prayer. I miss seeing the smiling faces of our 500 or so students joining in by praying and singing. I miss the bravery of young children who will get up in front of 500+ people to read, sing, and dance. I miss the interactions between staff members when they feel silly, but join in that dance to encourage the participation of all. I truly miss all of this. However, courtyard prayer has not gone away. Our new form of prayer has still been enthusiastically supported during learning at home. I have had many emails expressing thanks that we can still pray together as a community even though we are separated by distance. Since having all students back at school we have continued courtyard prayer within individual classes. I have been privileged to join in with classes each morning for courtyard prayer; it brings joy to my heart to hear our students still reading, singing, and dancing along with our prayers. We are certainly blessed to have such a beautiful community.

Tracey Cook
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SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday Sausage Sizzle is on each and every Friday.

Each week we require up two volunteers to assist with the serving and clean up of the sizzle. If you are able to help out for your child's year level from approximately 10.45-11.45 on a Friday, please contact the office.

Week	Year Level	Volunteers Required
Week 9	Year 4	1 Volunteer Required
Week 10	Year 3	2 Volunteers Required



SCHOOL PHOTOS

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Monday 20 July 2020

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit advancedorder code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au