



St Patrick's Parish School

Upcoming events

Sun 14 Sept

Tournament of Minds
Final

Tue 16 Sept

Yr 5 Leadership Retreat

Fri 19 Sept

Kinder Big Steps

Sun 21 Sept

First Holy Communion

Thurs 25 Sept

Year 9 Leadership
Retreat
Last day Term 3

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Last Sunday, Pope Leo canonised Carlo Acutis. The teenager known as the “patron saint of the internet,” marked a milestone for Catholics worldwide. His life, grounded in faith and technology, continues to inspire a new generation. Our students have been studying the life of Carlo in their Religious Education classes, supported by their teacher and our Parish Priest, Fr Mark Croker. Also canonized was Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, the “man of the beatitudes,” remembered for his deep compassion, activism, and dedication to social justice issues, having joined several charitable organizations in the early 20th century. His canonisation affirms the timeless call to live faith in action.

We held the Secondary disco last Thursday and pleasingly we had close to 70 students attend. It was a great event, and we thank the DJ, Laurent, who provided lighting and a smoke machine with great effect. We also thank the Ex-Services Club for providing the venue.



I was pleased to see the Church full at our Infants Father's Day Liturgy and the strong support shown for our inaugural Father's Day event with former student and Rugby League star, Sam Williams. Sam spoke about the influence of his own father and the important qualities of being a father today. He provided many prizes as part of the lucky door prizes and there are some great short videos to watch on our Facebook page. I thank our administration staff, Mrs Haines, Mrs Kovacs and the community for supporting us with these successful events.

This Sunday, we will be supporting our Tournament of Minds Teams in Canberra. Our school has 3 teams in the Branch Final, and if the teams achieve further success, they will move through to the International Finals, competing against schools all over Australia, Hong Kong, Dubai and New Zealand. We wish our organizing teacher Ms Harris well and thank Ms Kitcher, Ms Madden and Ms Tessy who will be supporting our teams on Sunday.

We are continuing to improve our facilities, with a new retaining wall and sports surfaced top court on the secondary campus. The newly surfaced top basketball court will be re-surfaced around November of this year. We will also be completing the new carpet in the convent building classrooms and offices during the upcoming term break.

In week 2 of Term 4, we will be holding our Open Day on Thursday 23 October from 4pm-6pm, followed by a Year 7 Information evening from 6pm-7pm. There will be a range of classroom displays, exhibitions, music and great food at these events. The next day, we are holding Grandparents and Friends Day on Friday October 24. There are again plenty of events for everyone to look forward to!



Dr Sean Mangan
Principal



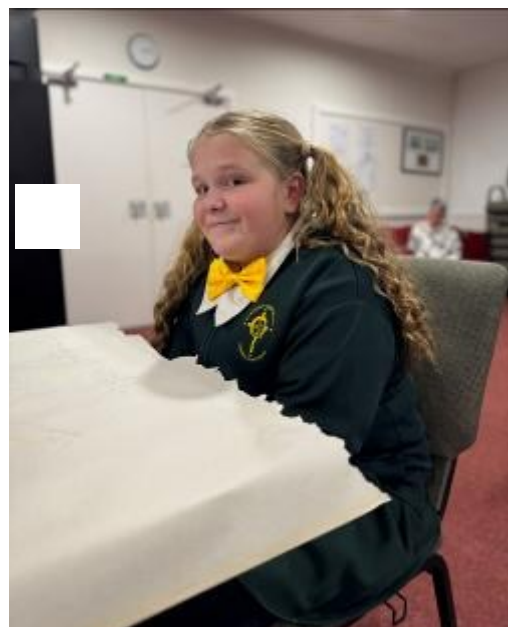
ACT School
Mountain Bike
Championships
Yr 9/10 Team
finished 35th
Yr 9/10 Mixed
Team finished 4th
(our best result
yet!)
Well done,
everyone!





**Infants
Father's Day
Liturgy**





Last Wednesday, some Stage 3 students connected with other local schools to participate in a **debating workshop** where they learned about the fundamentals of debating from experienced debaters, Han Worsley and Imogen McGrath. This workshop was the preliminary element in the Inaugural Dugald Mitchell Memorial Primary Schools Debating Competition. This workshop, facilitated by Joelle Azzopardi from Rotary, will be followed by a series of interschool debates over the coming weeks. Students honed their knowledge of debating in a fun and collaborative environment. They are looking forward to the chance to debate some hot topics.

Thank you to our **Year 6** students for the excellent job raising money for Catholic Mission. Well done!



Congratulations to the **Year 6 Debating Team** which took part in Round One of the Dugald Mitchell Memorial Debating Competition. As the Affirmative team they won their case that "All schools should have solar panels on their roof".



The **Yr 10** students were able to gain a lot of knowledge about future careers at the MHS Trade Fair.

A big thanks to Essential Energy and former student Cameron Johnson for the highlights.



**9/10 Wood
Tech Class in
Action!**



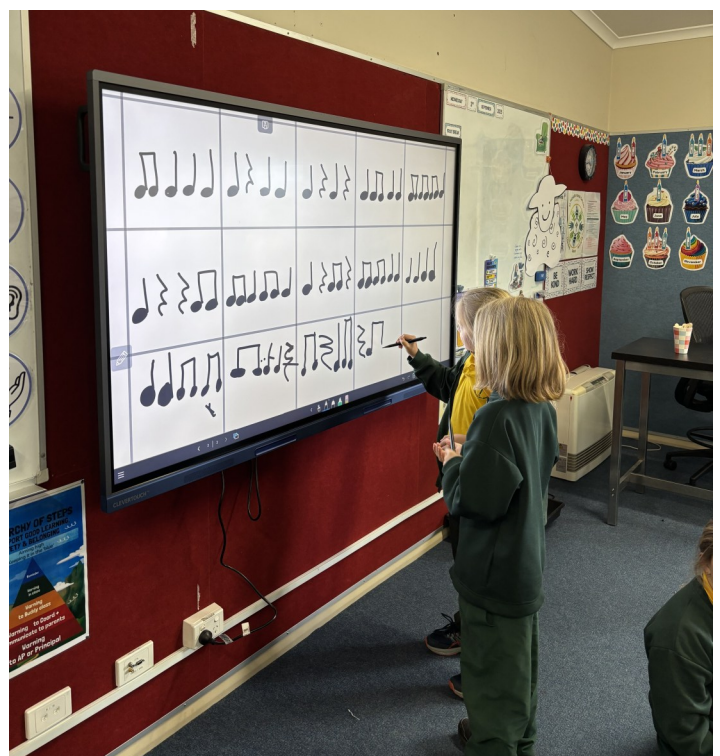
A big thank you to all of the students who ventured far, wide, high, low and even backwards in our 'Reading in unusual places' competition. Congratulations to our winners!



Thank you to the Australian Defence Force for a very informative presentation to our **Yr 10** students.



The students in **3 Green** worked really well last week on creating 4 beat rhythms, choosing 4 of them for a 16 beat composition and performing with body percussion.



Congratulations to all three teams - invited back to the **Tournament of Minds** ACT Branch Finals, on the 14th of September.

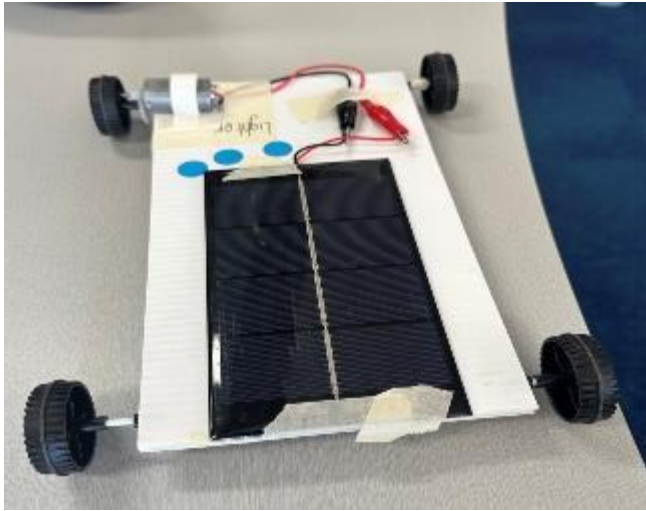
Team 1 - The Arts

Team 2 - STEM

Team 3 - Social Science



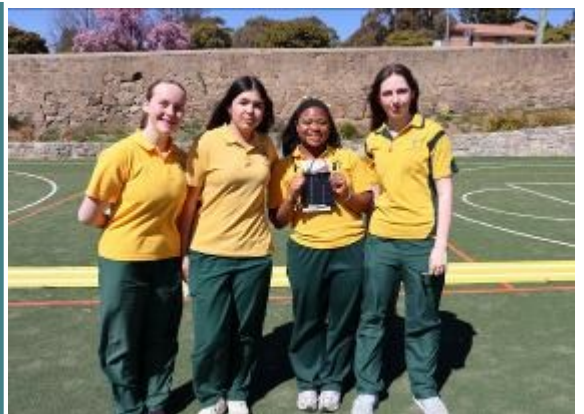
School of PV and renewable engineering day for Year 9/10. Students worked in groups on making and racing a solar powered car.

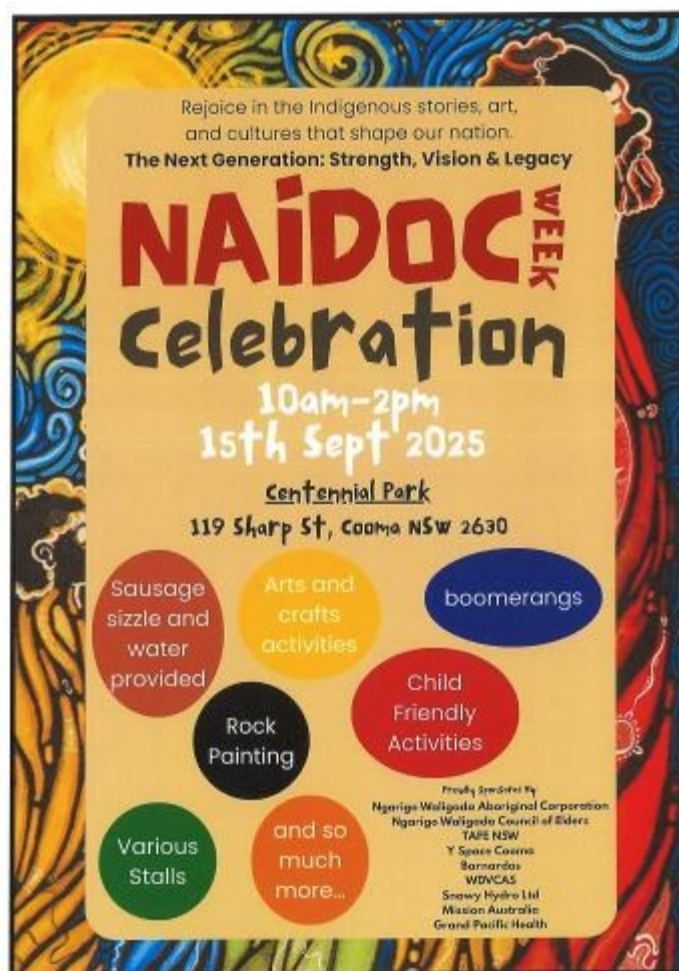


Teams preparing for UNSW Solar car team challenge.



The students showed some very good problem solving and design ideas with their solar car designs. Thank you to the UNSW for making this day available.





South East Sports Academy (SESA) nominations for 2025/26 are now open for talented athletes wanting to progress within their sport. Successful athletes will receive access to high level coaching, physical preparation and sport education.

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