



St Patrick's School

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St Patrick's Primary School, Wangaratta, would like to acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation, whose clans include Bangerang (Pangerang) Kaitheban, Wollithiga, Moira, Ulupna, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba and Ngurai-illiam-wurrung, as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is situated.

This school supports the CHILD Safe Standards (Ministerial Order 870) and actively seeks to ensure that all students are kept safe from all forms of harm at all times.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th August, 2021

LIFE DOES NOT LOOK BACK!

“When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back.”

*Paulo Coelho,
The Devil and Miss Prym*

COVID has certainly taught us to be resilient and change our plans at the drop of a hat. Some people do this easily, whilst others struggle. We are all in this storm together manoeuvring our way through it, however, some of us may be struggling or encounter some or many hurdles along the way. Be patient, take time for yourselves and your loved ones, check in regularly with others around you and be present for your peers, friends, family and loved ones.

Dear Parents,

We are so pleased to see all our students at school once again! Thank you for supporting us once again through a snap lockdown and being present for your children. As always, if your child has a cold, runny nose, sore throat, or headache, please follow directions from Health authorities and keep your child home until they are well.

Parents, we ask that if you need to drop anything to school for your child or pick up them up early for an appointment, please do this through the front office whereby Annette and Rosie can assist you. We ask that all adults continue to wear a mask upon entering the office as per COVID regulations.

We ask that you phone the office if your child will be away for the day so we can mark them accordingly. Please note that school now begins at 8:55am and concludes at 3:25pm.

WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating our school website and we welcome your feedback. Take a look: <https://spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au/>

THANK YOU **STAMP ELECTRICAL** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Confirmation/Eucharist

The Steps in Faith Program is underway, as we prepare our 16 candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. This celebration will take place on the weekend of the 28th and 29th of August, celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay. Families will be informed of their Mass allocations and the covid regulations of this Mass over the next week, by Ms. Andrea O'Connor. Please keep our candidates in our thoughts and prayers, as they continue in the preparation of their sacraments.

Vacation Care – Cancelled for next Term Break



Unfortunately, we will be unable to run a Vacation Care service during the next term break due to our impending building program. I have recently received word that the term break will be used by the contractors to establish the building site. This will include the temporary relocation of some of our demountable classrooms to the Ovens St yard in order to house students during the build. Given that information, it is deemed too dangerous to run a Vacation Care service on the site.

Enrolments for 2022

Do you have a child starting school in 2022? If so, can you notify the office so that we can reserve a place.

A message from our Librarian

Dear Parents,

We are currently packing up the Library to get ready for the removal of the Portal classrooms. As a result, children will be unable to borrow anymore books from our Library until the new buildings have been completed.

We now request that children return all Library books as soon as possible so they can be packed away.

In light of this, the school has taken up an offer from the CEO Library, to have digital books available for the children to borrow books through the SORA app.

This app is available on children's iPads at school and they are able to borrow books to read through this app.

Below is a link for your children to be able to access these books from home, should they wish to continue reading.

<https://soraapp.com/welcome/login/340127>

They will need to choose our school from the dropdown box and login with their email address. If they can't remember what it is, they will need to ask their teacher and they will supply it to them. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Rosie

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will continue this Friday. Please write your child's name and class on a paper bag, with their order, and put the money inside.



**Time to return
the Library
Books.**

Newsletter

Our newsletter can be accessed on our website and our Facebook page. Annette (in the Office) also has a mailing list that she is happy to include you on.

Simply email Annette on: abeitzel@spwanganaratta.catholic.edu.au or phone the office (0357215795) and Annette will put you on the list. If all else fails, you can request a hard copy from the office.

St. Patrick's PS APP REMIND

If you want to keep up with what's happening around the school, you can join REMIND.

It can be downloaded from the app stores to your devices using either of these links:

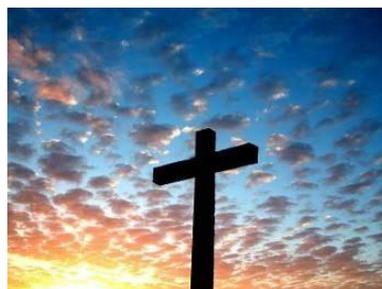
Apple - <https://goo.gl/IHQHGn> or Android - <https://goo.gl/FJWEv>

You will need to join our "Class" after you install and sign up - @spatwang, or St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta



Mass Times

- * Saturday 4.00pm Our Lady's
- * Saturday 6.00pm St Patrick's
- * Sunday 8.00am St Patrick's
- * Sunday 9.00am Our Lady's
- * Sunday 10.30am St Patrick's
- * Sunday 10.00am Moyhu
- * Sunday 10.30am Whitfield (1st Sunday)



<https://catholicwanganaratta.wixsite.com/wanganaratta>

Helen

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST	27 th	-	Book Parade Dress Up
	28 th & 29 th	-	Confirmation/Eucharist
	30 th	-	PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff First Aid Course
SEPTEMBER	3 rd	-	Father's Day Breakfast
	3 rd	-	School Photos
	9 th & 10 th	-	Grade 3/4 Camp to Harrierville
	17 th	-	AFL Footy Colours Day
	17 th	-	2.30pm End of Term 3

THANK YOU MGR SOLICITORS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Trish & Grace

I'm sure we all breathed a sigh of relief on Monday when we heard we were back once again. Thank you for adjusting so well to these snap lockdowns.

On Tuesday at school we celebrated the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop as a Foundation group. We celebrated the life of Blessed Mary MacKillop. She was a great Australian, who taught children how to pray and showed adults how to love Jesus. We ask God to help us to become more like Mary MacKillop in our love for Jesus. "Never see a need without doing something about it." Mary MacKillop.



REMINDERS:

* Today (Wednesday) we sent home the information for our 100 days of school celebrations to be held on Friday the 20th August. We are counting days 'at school' not remote, and we have finally made it! Please check your child's reader folder for information.

* This Friday 13th Mrs Shaw will be away. Ms Caitlyn Elliot will be taking the class.

* Each Friday we send home any work from previous weeks. Please be sure to check their folders/bags and remove any work.

DATE CHANGE: School Photos are now Friday 3rd September.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday	20th August: 100 days of school celebrations
Friday	27th August: Book Parade Dress Up Day.
Monday	30th August: Pupil Free Day (staff attending First Aid/Anaphylaxis training).
Friday	3rd September: School Photos. Students are to be in full winter uniform please.
Friday	3rd September: Father's Day Breakfast (COVID pending).
Friday	17th September: AFL Footy Colours Day & Foundation classes presenting assembly.
Friday	17th September: Term 3 concludes at 2:30pm.

CURRICULUM

Religion: 'I CAN TALK TO GOD'

The children are enjoying learning 'The Our Father' and 'The Aboriginal Our Father'. In the Lord's prayer we are asking God to forgive our sins after we forgive the sins of others. Remember, we must first forgive others for their sins or mistakes. Then, we can ask God to forgive our sins. We refer to 'sins' as making a bad choice. We ask the students to think about how they can make better choices.

English:

In Writing, we will continue to focus on ways of solving words in writing. This week we will continue to use sound boxes. The words are based on the daily Heggerty lessons which are now progressing further into more complex spelling sounds. We are explicitly teaching the children how to use the THRASS chart to assist them with their spelling. Handwriting will also be a strong focus.

THANK YOU **THE BAKER'S WIFE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

In Reading, we are moving into non-fiction books and sharing the features of these. There will continue to be a particular focus on active participation in reading groups, whole class explicit teaching of reading using all different types of reading strategies to help us read. Does it sound right, does it look right and does it make sense.

Big Books (Non-Fiction): Mrs Patterson - 'Elephants'
Mrs Shaw - 'Baby Elephants'

Mathematics:

This week the students will continue to focus on 'counting on'.

The students will represent practical situations to model addition and subtraction. We will be using a range of practical strategies for adding and subtracting small groups of numbers, such as visual displays and concrete materials. The students will be making their own number stories about addition, eg: 'There were two people at the park and then five more arrived', 'If there were five in the basket and I put in five more, how many were there altogether?'

Inquiry (MAPPEN): 'FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE'

In this unit the students will: Listen with empathy and understanding, follow classroom and family rules, use appropriate actions in different places, understand 'right' and 'wrong' and dealing with conflict, practise social skills, how to be friendly and cooperative in group games.

4Rs Program (Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships): 'POSITIVE COPING'

In this unit the students will: Reflect on their emotional responses, discuss ways in which they can take responsibility for their actions, describe ways to express emotions to show awareness of the feelings and needs of others, practise techniques to deal with feelings of fear and anger.

Show and Tell

5 9th August	A number/s in a catalogue that you can read.
6 16th August	Your choice this week!
7 23rd August	Favourite picture story book and why.
8 30th August	Something you love to do with your dad/pa/grandpa.
9 6th September	Favourite board game.
10 13th September	Favourite AFL football team.

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YEAR ONE/TWO – Karen, Caz & Sarah

How wonderful to be back in the classroom to continue our learning journey at school. Once again, THANK YOU so much for your support. We are hoping and praying for continued weeks of learning at school.

THANK YOU **360 PLANS BUILDING DESIGN & DRAFTING** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Religion -

This week the students will continue the unit, 'We can pray in different ways.' The students will learn the formal prayer, 'Hail Mary' and begin to create a book of prayers.

Literacy -

This week the students will concentrate on the formation of letters and how they are formed on the dotted thirds. They will write every day focussing on spelling high frequency words correctly. The spelling phoneme this week is, 'ow' as in cow and 'ou' as in house. Thanks to the many 'ou' and 'ow' lists that were created at home! The students will revise reading strategies, especially the understanding of punctuation helps us read fluently.

Mathematics -

The students will begin the topic, 'Multiplication.' The students will investigate adding multiple of groups and relate this to repeated addition. They will be introduced to the word Array - objects in columns and rows.

Inquiry –

'Celebrating Differences.' Students will watch a clip called, 'Different is normal' and discuss how lucky we are that Australia is made up of different cultures.

4 R's –

'Positive Coping' - Students will explore the difference between calming and cheering coping strategies. They will identify times when they need to use calming or cheering coping strategies.

Know that we are enjoying teaching your child at school today,
Have a lovely rest of the week.

YEAR THREE/FOUR – Karen, Nara, Ellie & Janina

Some dates to remember:

28th & 29th August: Confirmation/Eucharist - **subject to restrictions**

Monday 30th August: School Closure Day

Friday 3rd September: School Photos - **subject to restrictions**

9th & 10th September: 3/4 Excursion/Camp to Harrierville

What a lovely feeling it is to emerge from the current lockdown earlier than expected and to resume 'normal' school life! It has been wonderful to have our students back in the classroom with minimal disruption to Week 5.

Religion:

This week students are reflecting on the life and contribution of Saint Mary MacKillop. Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ was an Australian religious Sister who was declared a saint by the Catholic Church, as St Mary of the Cross. Her feast day is the 8th August. Mary is best known for establishing the first school in South Australia, allowing even the most poor to access an education. She was the first Australian beatified by the Roman Catholic Church.

Literacy:

This week during **Reading** and **Writing** sessions students are continuing to develop their understanding of the structure of an autobiography and its language features (that is, use of first person, appropriate tense and time connectives). The students are also listening to, reading and exploring some autobiographies about well-known people with a disability. Students are currently writing their own autobiography.

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Spelling: This week's phoneme/grapheme focus is:
'f, ff, ph, gh, as in fish, coffee, dolphin, enough' **and** 'v, ve, as in voice, sleeve'

Numeracy:

This week students are continuing to work on developing automatic recall of the multiplication tables. They are also revisiting mental addition strategies and they are beginning to explore efficient written strategies.

Inquiry:

This term in our Inquiry unit, 'Someone Else's Shoes', the students are learning about social justice issues experienced by people with disabilities. The students will also research a variety of people with disabilities who are successful and positive in our community and worldwide. The students will then create a presentation about the biography of a person with a disability and present it to the class.

Uniform:

Please ensure that students come to school in the correct school uniform and sports uniform on the appropriate days. This includes the correct footwear. If your child is required to be 'out of uniform' for some reason, please advise your child's teacher.

Boys Winter: Long grey pants, green and gold polo shirt (short or long sleeve), bottle green windcheater, grey socks, black shoes.

Boys Sports: Bottle green sports shorts or tracksuit pants, green and gold polo shirt, white socks, sports shoes – preferably black or white (no extremes of colour).

Girls Winter: St. Patrick's tartan slacks or skirt, green and gold polo shirt (short or long sleeve), bottle green tights or white socks, bottle green windcheater or cardigan, black shoes.

Girls Sports: Bottle green sports shorts or bottle green tracksuit pants or bottle green netball skirt, green and gold polo shirt, white socks, sports shoes – preferably black or white (no extremes of colour).

Library:

As you know there will be no library until after the new building is completed. We are asking the children to return any library books they may have at home so that they can be scanned before being put into storage. Could parents assist their child with this task and return them as soon as possible. Thank you!!

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Helen, Sharyn, Jess & Amanda

WHAT GREAT NEWS, WE ARE BACK TO FACE TO FACE LEARNING! THANKYOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

Dates to remember:

- Winter Sports: Tuesday August 17th **TBC**
- AFL 9s (at Galen Catholic College):
 - Clinic 2: Friday 13th August (11.30am – 12.30pm) **TBC**
 - Carnival: Thursday 2nd September (11.00am – 2.00pm) **TBC**
- 2022 Galen students Testing Day (here at St Pat's): Monday 23rd August
- 3-6 Athletics at Appin Athletics Track - Thursday 26th August

Religion: Life Relationships

This week we will continue discussions around what safe relationships look and feel like. We will begin looking at the human anatomy.

THANK YOU **LAMPLIGHT LIGHTING** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Maths:

This week we will continue our teacher peer coaching sessions in order to further provide the best possible teaching and learning opportunities for our students. We will continue our Scrabble investigation that was set remotely.

Literacy:

This week we have continued looking at a range of picture story books that focus on refugees. Students have been linking these texts and have been involved in rich discussions around the language, use of symbolism and illustrative techniques in addition to making text to text and world connections.

In writing students will continue their biography Information Text on their chosen Indigenous Olympic athlete and work on their information text about an Olympic sport.

Inquiry:

This week for Inquiry we have been looking at a social justice glossary. Students have been defining words like empathy, famine and poverty and learning what they mean for us and the world.

4Rs:

This term we will be focusing on 'Positive Coping' strategies. This week we investigated the concepts of positive and negative self-talk. Students developed a positive self-talk vocabulary and practised using positive self-talk.

Bluearth:

This term both our Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in Bluearth each Friday with Ross Hill.

Homework:

Homework will resume next week when we re-establish routines.

Communication:

To contact your classroom teachers, we encourage you to use the school emails or call the school directly (57215795).

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Have a great week!

MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS

WANTED PLEASE –

McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers),
COLES Little Treehouse Books
SAFEWAY Lion King Ooshies, Keyrings, Lanyards
Woolworths Tiles for Mayfair 2022 Showbags

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



THANK YOU ANITA HAMILTON HAIRDRESSING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL