



# 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

11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

# HO HO HO!

SO..... Are you stressed yet? How's that Christmas shopping working out for you? Have you got all the "kids" and "rellies" covered? What about the food, the decorations, the wrapping paper, the mess, the busyness.... THE STRESS!!!!

Who would have thought that the celebration of the birth of Jesus could cause so much commotion! I wonder what Jesus would think about all this. I'm guessing that he'd disappear into the desert for forty days and wait for everything to blow over!

But that's not what Christmas is all about. Christmas is about remembering the birth of the Son of God who, by His example, showed us a better way to live. To care for others, to be non-judgemental, to spread a message of unconditional love. I must confess, I often fail to feel that love at Christmas as I try to get all the jobs done that need doing. It's times like that when I need to stop and refocus.

If the build up to Christmas is all about the organisation and rushing around, then we've missed the point completely. It then becomes NOT a celebration of God's love..... it's just a boost to the economy!

Try to find time for yourselves at this busy time. Time to stop and reflect. Time to think about the true meaning of Christmas. Unless we, as parents, give energy to this, then our children will not only fail to fully appreciate Christmas, they will also become so self-absorbed that the message of love for all, that Christmas is, will be lost in a barrage of presents, food and returned gifts!

Give some thought also, to those who are doing it tough at Christmas with the added financial burdens that it places on some families. If you're not one of those families, then this is a good time to do something positive for others (just as Jesus would have done!). It doesn't have to be about money, it can include your time, talents and energy.

Dear Parents,

Well the jobs/activities are getting smaller and the end of term is fast approaching. There is a sense of excitement with the Year six students as they prepare for their Secondary schooling. They have been a magnificent group and I will be sorry to see them go. It feels like they are moving out of home for the first time (perhaps I'm just "old and clucky" these days).

THANK YOU **FRANKLY ECO** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

## End of Term

Term Four will conclude next Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. The staff will continue to work on until the end of the week before beginning a well-deserved break.

## ADVENT Liturgy

Our next Advent liturgy will take place next Monday at 9.00am in our school hall. It will be run by our Junior School students in preparation for the Christmas season. Parents and families are always welcome to join us.

## End of Year Mass – 18<sup>th</sup> December

Our End of Year Mass will be held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, in St Patrick's Church. It will begin at 10.00am. We would like to invite families to join with us to celebrate the end of the year. This Mass is always a special occasion.

## Graduation Dinner – 18<sup>th</sup> December

On the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> December, our Graduating Year Six class and their parents will participate in a Graduation Dinner. This will be held in St Patrick's Parish Hall commencing at 6.30pm. It is always a wonderful way of celebrating the completion of their primary school years and a great way to look ahead with confidence at the adventures that await in their secondary school years. It is always a highlight of the Grade 6 year.

## St Vincent De Paul Collection – Thank you

Thank you to those who donated to our St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. Your efforts will make Christmas that bit happier and less stressful for those in our community who are struggling a bit under the financial burden of Christmas.

## Family Breakfast this Friday



The Parents and Friends are running a Family breakfast this Friday. We have bacon and egg rolls on the menu. Cooking will begin at 7.45am and finish around 9.00am. I have the coffee machine ready to go for the adults (cappuccinos and lattes are my speciality!). You may wish to bring along a drink for your child (eg orange juice etc). This activity is supported by our Parents and Friends Association in the interests of getting our families together. There will be no charge for the breakfast/coffee. I hope to see you there.

## Helpers for Family Breakfast– PLEASE HELP

The Parents and Friends are looking for helpers for their FAMILY BREAKFAST being held this Friday (13<sup>th</sup> December).

We have ten to twelve people to cook and serve. We have some good volunteers so far but the more the merrier I say. Cooking will get underway between 7.45am and 8.00am.

## School Fees

School fees notices are being sent out today. We would appreciate payment being made as soon as possible. If payment presents a problem, then please make an appointment to see me.

THANK YOU **GINGER & THYME** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

# School Council/Parents & Friends Dinner tomorrow, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Our School Council / P&F Dinner is set down for Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Gateway Hotel. It will be a 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Thank you to those who have responded. If anyone attending has any special dietary requests, could they please email me ([principal@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au)) as soon as possible. I look forward to celebrating another successful year with these two integral groups to the school.

## Reports

Thank you to all the families as we now have everyone's email address. A link to access your child's report will be emailed out to families on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The email will also send out a temporary password. A hard copy can be made available upon request to your child's teacher.

## Assembly – Friday

This Friday's assembly will be run by our beloved Principal (okay – it's just me!). Parents and friends are always welcome to our assemblies. It begins at 9.00am in our school hall.

This will include the last of the "Pat on the Back" for the year.

## Final Assembly for 2019

The final Assembly for the year is traditionally run by the Year 6 students. This will take place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm in the school Hall. Please feel welcome to come and join us as we reminisce about the journey these students have had through the school.

## Year 6 Fun Day

There are lots of things that traditionally happen at this time of the year. The Year 6 Fun Day is just another activity where we allow the Year 6 students to celebrate their journey through St Pat's by finishing with a Fun Day. This Monday (16<sup>th</sup> Dec) the Year 6 students will be going to the pool and having lunch.

## Zooper Doopers

Annette is coordinating the sale of Zooper Doopers at the first break each Friday. Cost is 50 cents and any money raised will go to Caritas.

Zooper Doopers will be sold for the final time next Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> Dec) at the first break.



## Mayfair Donations Co-Ordinator

Our Parents and Friends Association is looking for a DONATIONS CO-ORDINATOR for the Mayfair. This role does not require you to collect donations, simply co-ordinate the collection so that we do not inadvertently approach the same businesses a number of times.

If you can help, then please contact Annette or Rosie in the Office (57215795) and put your name on the list. I'll have the coffee machine "cranked" up as well on the day.

THANK YOU REES & REES FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

## School Council Nominations

Thank you to those who have nominated for our School Council. I will be contacting the nominees next week. It is great to know that we have people willing to step up and assist with the future direction of the school. Next year the major areas will be the development of a new master Plan and the ongoing commitment to parental engagement/support.

## School Hats



Students are expected to wear a hat at recess and lunch times in Terms One and Four. This is in keeping with our SunSmart policy. Children without a hat are required to restrict their play to under the pavilion to avoid excessive sun exposure. Children with a hat are free to roam at will (so to speak!). The school also provides sunscreen in each class which the students are free to use. Some parents elect to send their child along with their own sunscreen from home and that is perfectly fine as well.

## 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



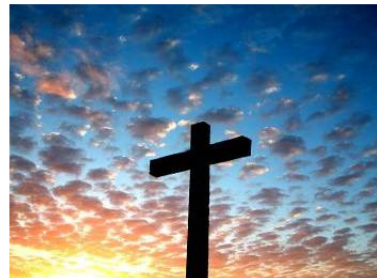
## Newsletter

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@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au](mailto:abeitzel@spwangaratta.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.

## Mass Times

- \* 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)



*Terry*

THANK YOU **HAMEX** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

# DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	6.30pm School Council/P & F Dinner
	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	8.00am Family Breakfast
	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	3.30pm <b>END OF TERM</b> – Student’s last day
	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	10.00am End of Year Mass in Church – All Welcome
	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	6.30pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner – Parish Hall
	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>Pupil Free</b> – Staff Planning
	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	2020 Staff Preparation Day
JANUARY 2020	28 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.00am Staff Return to School
	29 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.00am Students Return to School

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Just a reminder that there will be no more borrowing books for this year. All books must NOW be returned. Also, if you have any readers at home, please return them as well. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!



Rosie

## CHATTER MATTERS

Focus: Understanding and Using longer and more complex sentences

Here is a list of the best books for language and literacy development from the Speech Pathology Australia 2018 book of the year awards.

- Rodney Loses It - by Michael Gerard Bauer
- Danny Blue's Really Excellent Dream - by Max Landrak
- The Grand Genius Summer of Henry Hoobler - by Lisa Shanahan
- Sorry Day - by Coral Vass



When asking your child questions encourage them to repeat part of the question to extend their responses  
For example; What was your favourite part of the story? My favourite part of the story was when.....  
Why did you like that part? I liked that part because....  
What would you do if you were that character? If I was that character I would.....

THANK YOU **MILAWA HOTEL** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

# PAT ON THE BACK

- Foundation**  
Mrs Levesque  
Congratulations to *IMOGEN GRAY* for the consistent positive approach to her learning. Imogen has a growth mindset that has enabled her to produce and achieve outstanding work. Yr 1/2 area is very lucky to have such a great leader next year.
- Foundation**  
Mrs Shaw  
Congratulations to *ANTHONY MELOURY* for always showing kindness and inclusiveness towards others. Well done Anthony and keep up the great work!
- Year 1/2**  
Mrs Bray  
A big pat on the back to *JACK TONKIN* for his great year of learning. Thank you for being a wonderful classmate to us all!
- Year 1/2**  
Cassidy/Barry  
Congratulations to *1/2 CASSIDY/BARRY* for being an exceptional class this year. How lucky we have been to be your teachers. We have had such a fun year, learnt lots and made lots of friends along the way. Well done everyone!
- Year 1/2**  
Ms Rinaldi  
Congratulations to *HARRISON O'BRIEN* for the maturity he is demonstrating in class. He contributes to class discussions and is developing great listening skills. Keep it up, Harry!
- Year 1/2**  
Mr Capper  
Congratulations to *ANNABELLE JOHANSON* for having worked very hard this year and I am proud of all her accomplishments. She shows interest and enthusiasm for classroom activities and enjoys learning.
- Year 3/4**  
Nicoll/Lynch  
Congratulations to *LILY LYSTER & ISABEL MCMAHON* for the work they have completed as part of River Detectives. They wrote informative reports outlining their scientific findings at the conclusion of the research period.
- Congratulations to *YR 3/4 NICOLL/LYNCH* for being an amazing group of students. You have been excellent role models for each other and shown great maturity in the way you treated others with kindness. Your manners have been excellent over the whole year. Well done!
- Year 3/4**  
Miss Sirianni  
Congratulations to *LAINIEY DRAPER* for her wonderful work in Mathematics using decimals. Lainey has kept up her fantastic attitude towards learning, well into these last weeks of Year 4. Well done, Lainey!!
- Year 3/4**  
Mrs Rizzo  
A big pat on the back to *YR 3/4 RIZZO* for being such a wonderful, fun and hard-working class this year. I have really enjoyed teaching all of you. Thank you!
- Year 3/4**  
Mr Levesque  
A big pat on the back to *YR 3/4 LEVESQUE* for sharing and helping each other to learn. Thank you for a fantastic year!
- Year 5/6**  
Mrs O'Connor  
Congratulations to *YR 5/6 O'CONNOR* for being an amazing group of students. You have been excellent role models for the younger students, showed kindness, empathy and a great sense of humour. Good luck and farewell!
- Year 5/6**  
Ackerly/Elliott  
Congratulations to *YR 5/6 ACKERLY/ELLIOTT* for being an amazing group of students. You have been excellent role models for the younger students, showed kindness, empathy and a great sense of humour. Good luck and farewell!
- Year 5/6**  
Mrs Rickard  
Congratulations to *YR 5/6 RICKARD* for being an absolute delight to teach and get to know. You are all going places and I wish you all the best for your future!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

## FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

### Transition Day

All students went off happily to their classrooms for next year and are well and truly ready for next year.

### Religion

The students are continuing to immerse themselves in the story of The Birth of Jesus through reading, listening, creating and watching activities.

### Literacy

The students have been completing activities around the true meaning of Christmas and have worked on cloze activities, reading and writing about Christmas time.

### Mathematics

We have been revising all topics covered this term, especially number.

### Swimming

Swimming continues for Thursday, Friday this week and next Tuesday, the last Tuesday of the school term.

Could we please ask for all readers to be returned and reading bags too as we will get them washed.

Our End of Year Mass will be at 10.00am in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The Preps will be performing The Blessing Song with their buddies.

School finishes next week, **Wednesday the 18th of December at 3.30pm.**

We thank you all for your continued cooperation and support over the last year. It has been a wonderful journey with all of the students.

Nearly there everyone, have a great week!

Carolyn and Trish

## YEAR ONE/TWO – Janina, Amanda, David & Karen

Welcome to Week Ten! Well, it's our final newsletter item for the year!! We are struggling to cope with just how quickly the year has passed us by. It has been wonderful to watch the progress the students have made and the fabulous young people they are growing into. We couldn't do this without your support and thank you sincerely for supporting us in and out of the classroom.

We hope the students enjoy their well-earned rest and make time to keep up some reading and writing throughout the holidays.

### ***Vinnies Christmas Appeal***

Thank you to those families who sent in an item for our Vinnies Christmas collection. It is much appreciated. The collection period has now ended, and items will be presented to Vinnies representatives at our assembly on Friday.

### ***Swimming Program***

Our swimming program has commenced very positively, with the students having completed two sessions thus far. A reminder that next week's single session will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> NOT Monday 16<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU **LINDENWARRAH** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Students are required to continue bringing the following items...

Bathers  
Towel  
Goggles (if necessary)  
Thongs/slides/crocs (or other suitable footwear)  
Plastic bag for wet bathers and towel

### **Books**

We kindly request that you look at home for any readers or library books that are yet to be returned to school. Those students who have overdue library books, in particular, have been advised of this by our library staff.

We also ask that green reader bags are returned to school so that they can be washed and re-labelled for 2020. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **Dates to Remember**

12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December: 1/2 swimming  
13<sup>th</sup> December: P&F Breakfast  
16<sup>th</sup> December: F-2 presenting Week 3 Advent Liturgy (9.00am in the hall)  
18<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of school for students

**We wish you all a safe and holy Christmas, in the company of your loved ones. Thanks again for all your support!**

### **YEAR THREE/FOUR – James, Karen, Paul, Nara & Ellie**

Welcome to Week 10! It is hard to believe how quickly this year has flown! The teachers of the Year 3/4 unit would like to thank all of our families for their wonderful support, time and effort this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, relaxing holiday.

#### **Dates to remember:**

13<sup>th</sup> December: P & F Family Breakfast 8:00am  
18<sup>th</sup> December: End of Year Mass 10:00am. All welcome!  
18<sup>th</sup> December: End of Term. School finishes at 3:30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> December: Pupil Free Day

**Religious Education:** Last Monday the 3/4 classes led the Liturgy for the second week of Advent. We are finishing the unit, 'Christmas – The Promise Fulfilled' with stories from the Bible about the journey leading up to the birth of Jesus. The children have also been researching about the Jesse Tree.

**Literacy & Inquiry:** This week we are finishing our stop motion films. Students have worked with their inquiry group to plan, create, build or improvise using materials for their scenery, characters and props. For these last few days in school we are adapting the speed and length of films to ensure our dialogue fits in time with the images. The children will be finalising their projects and presenting them to the class early next week.

**Numeracy:** This week the students are finishing their investigations about the connection between decimals and fractions. Using concrete materials and digital technology the children are exploring how the place value system can be extended to tenths and hundredths.

**From all of us to all of you,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR AND A SAFE HOLIDAY!!!**

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



## **YEAR FIVE/SIX – Andrea, Helen & Sharyn**

The Year 5/6 teachers are very proud of the effort all students have placed into their learning this year. We have enjoyed watching the year 5 and 6 students form new friendships and support each other this year. The Year 6 students have provided wonderful leadership across the school and we wish all of them the best as they begin their new learning adventures. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### **Events Coming up:**

**Monday 16th December** - Year 6 Fun Day. Students must have a rashie and hat for the pool.

Please advise of any sunscreen allergies, as students will also be expected to wear sunscreen.

**Wednesday 18th December** - End of Year Mass at St Patrick's Church at 10:00am

**Wednesday 18th December** - Year 6 Final Assembly **2.00pm** in the school hall

**Wednesday 18th December** - Year 6 Graduation Dinner at St Patrick's Parish Hall at 6:30pm

### **Year 6 2020 TShirts**

The colour was taken to the vote again and Navy with a Gold trim and gold writing was a very close winner. Therefore, the navy and gold have been ordered. The T-Shirts are at the printer as we speak and should be ready for distribution next week. Stay posted!

### **Bizarre Bazaar Success!**

The students have completed their profit and loss statements and we have combined the total profit. We are very pleased to say that this week UNICEF Australia will receive a cheque for **\$1,153.20**. What a fabulous effort and wonderful example of Social Justice during this special season of Advent.

## **MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS**



WANTED PLEASE –

McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers),  
COLES Minis,  
SAFEWAY Lion King Ooshies,  
Keyrings, Lanyards  
Woolworths Tiles (in wrappers) for  
Mayfair 2020 showbags.

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



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

# Christmas Masses and Reconciliation 2019

## Anointing Mass:

Tuesday 10 December @ 2.00pm at Our Lady's Church

## Christmas Reconciliation (2<sup>nd</sup> Rite)

Saturday 14 December @ 10.30am at St Patrick's Church

## St Patricks Church:

Christmas Eve	6.30 PM
	9.00 PM
Christmas Day	10.30AM

## Our Lady's Church:

Christmas Eve	7.00 PM
Christmas Day	9.00 AM

Moyhu:	Christmas Vigil Mass	5.00PM
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Whitfield:	Christmas Day	10.30AM
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# Kids



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Monday to Friday

During School Terms

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Commencing late January 2020**

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Pangerang Community House is looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic Diploma Qualified individual to lead our vibrant team in our Child Care Centre, as Room Leader. This is a 21.5 hour per week role during school terms only. Consisting of Monday to Friday 8:45am – 12:45pm (3.5 hours face to face delivery), plus planning.

**Applications are invited from suitably qualified and committed Educators who have:**

- Diploma in Early Childhood Education
- Working with Children's Check
- Willing to undergo a National Criminal History Check
- First Aid (or willing to undertake)

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Previous experience in working as an Early Childhood Educator/Child Care Worker
2. Strong written and oral communication skills and a demonstrated focus on families

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please send your letter of application addressing the selection criteria above, along with a current resume and cover letter to:

[coordinator@pangerang.org.au](mailto:coordinator@pangerang.org.au) or 38 Ovens Street, Wangaratta 3677

Further information about the role can be provided by contacting Tennille Hall – Executive Officer 03 5721 3813.

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