



St Patrick's School

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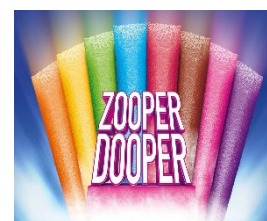
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JANUARY	30 th	-	9.00am First Day of Term 1 – 2019



AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2019

As we are approaching the end of the year, we require confirmation as to what days you will be requiring After-School Care for next year, to ensure that your child receives a place. Could those who utilise the After-School Care program, please fill out the form below to show what days your child will be attending next year. Your prompt response would be appreciated. Please return this form before the end of term.

NAME Phone No

CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME

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- MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY
 THURSDAY FRIDAY

THANK YOU **BROWN BROTHERS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PAT ON THE BACK

- Foundation**
Mrs Bray
A big pat on the back to **FOUNDATION BRAY** for their wonderful year of learning and I wish them well for 2019. It has been a pleasure to teach them this year!
- Foundation**
Mrs Levesque
Congratulations to **VIOLET VIHM** for her wonderful transition to school life. She is a friendly and caring girl who has made new friendships. She works enthusiastically and uses a positive mindset to complete tasks.
- Foundation**
Mrs Shaw
Congratulations to **CHARLOTTE SMITH** for her excellent leadership skills during the Reader's Theatre sessions. She was an excellent organiser of roles and always used constructive and inclusive language. Well done, Charlotte!
- Year 1**
Cassidy/Garnham
Congratulations to **YR 1 CASSIDY/GARNHAM** for a fantastic year's work. We are so lucky to have had such an amazing class this year and we loved watching you grow in confidence and progress in your learning.
- Year 1**
Mrs Dayman
Congratulations to **EVA KELLY** for the pride and care she is putting into the presentation of her work. You should feel very proud of yourself, Eva!
- Year 2**
Ms Rinaldi
Congratulations to **WILL JAMES** for finishing the school year on such a positive note! He has demonstrated beautiful manners and great listening. Well done!
- Year 2**
Mr Capper
Congratulations to **HARRY MATHESON** for having a kind, polite and friendly nature and an excellent work ethic. He always tries his best and takes pride in the presentation of his work. It was a pleasure teaching Harry this year!
- Congratulations to **KAI GULEY** for working hard and listening carefully at all times. He has been a kind and responsible member of 2C who has contributed great ideas. Keep up the great effort!
- Year 3/4**
Miss Smith
A big pat on the back to **LUCAS WEBB** for the wonderful term he has had. He has demonstrated terrific leadership skills assisting his peers with their work and teacher with any jobs needed doing around the classroom.
- Year 3/4**
Mrs Rizzo
A big pat on the back to **YEAR 3/4 RIZZO** for being a wonderful class this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you! Thank you!
- Year 3/4**
Mr Levesque
Congratulations to **BRAYDEN LINCOLN** for consistently giving his best effort each day which helped him to persist when he was challenged.
- Year 5**
Nicoll/Lynch
Congratulations to **YEAR 5 NICOLL/LYNCH** for their thoughtfulness and willingness to help and co-operate at this very busy time of year. You have been a wonderful and trusting group of students. Thank you!
- Year 5**
Mrs O'Connor
Congratulations to **CHARLES MAIDEN** for settling into Year 5 O'Connor so well.
- Year 6**
Mrs Ackerly
Congratulations to **ELLIE MILLER** for the comprehensive learning reflection she wrote for her report and the outstanding way she has conducted herself this year as our School Captain. I am very proud of you, Ellie!
- Year 6**
Mrs Rickard
Thank you to all my students in **6 RICKARD**. You are all superstars, ready for your next adventures at Secondary School. Don't forget to call in and say "Hi"!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz, Karen & Trish

Well here it is, the second last week of term 4! What a busy week it has started off with the swimming swinging into gear. Thank you to everyone for making sure your child's clothes are named. Yesterday, transition day was a huge success and your children showed their growth in maturity with the wonderful way they went to their respective classrooms and teachers.

Please ensure all readers and reader bags are returned to classrooms so that teachers can pass them along to the teacher for next year.

Any outstanding library books are to be returned also. Thank you.

REMINDER

The Prep children will be singing the Blessing song to their Year 6 buddies at the end of Year Mass on the 19th December @ 10.00am.

Religion

In the unit, 'We celebrate Christmas', the children have continued to listen to The Christmas Story and learnt about Advent being a time of waiting. The children have been learning about, 'The True Meaning of Christmas', and what it means.

Literacy

We will begin to listen to stories about The Nativity and the children will complete activities to respond to the story.

Mathematics

This week, the students will continue to revise their understanding of place value and continue to count forwards and backwards from various numbers.

Inquiry

The students have been looking at the needs of animals and how the animal's body characteristics help them to survive. Using this knowledge, the students will be given the opportunity to create their own animal as a conclusion to our unit 'Great and Small'.

Show and Tell:

This week - Favourite Christmas Carol

Next Week - Favourite Christmas Decoration

Dates to Remember: please check

Monday, 10th - Friday 14th - Swimming

Monday 17th - Swimming

Wednesday 12th December - 5.30pm Christmas Concert

Nearly there everyone, thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

THANK YOU **MARIANNA'S BEAUTY STUDIO** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

YEAR ONE/TWO – Janina, Amanda, David, Fran & Erin

Swimming continues Thursday, Friday and Monday.

Could all library books please be returned this week to avoid receiving a fine for overdue books. A very big thank you to all the wonderful parents who have assisted us in class and on excursions throughout 2018. We appreciate your commitment and valuable time.

Literacy

Year One

Reading: We are looking at ‘**making connections and summarising**’ as a strategy to help us comprehend while reading again using great picture story books.

Writing: We are continuing to look at Persuasive writing and the different forms it can take. The children will have an opportunity to express an opinion and do their best to persuade others through their persuasive writing pieces.

Year Two

Reading: An emphasis on using appropriate expression, eg pitch and pause, and attending to punctuation. They will also continue to use comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning to expand content knowledge, integrating and linking ideas and analysing and evaluating texts.

Writing: We will continue to revise correct choice and consistent use of pronouns throughout writing. In handwriting we are revising the correct formation of letter ‘**Jj**’.

Spelling: We are looking at many of the spelling blends that we have covered this term, as revision.

Mathematics

Year One - This week in Numeracy we will continue to do lots of revision work in all areas of mathematics.

Year Two - The children will be revising the semester’s curriculum in mathematics.

Religion

This week in Religion we continue our work on Advent and the meaning of Christmas

IMPORTANT DATES:

12th December: 17th December: F-2 Swimming begins

12th December: Christmas Concert

14th December: Reports go home

17th December: F-2 Advent Liturgy

19th December: Last day school for students/End of Year Mass 10.00am

YEAR THREE/FOUR – Sarah, James & Karen

All of the Year 3/4 students would like to congratulate Miss Smith’s marriage to Brent Newton last Saturday. It was a lovely afternoon and Mrs Newton looked absolutely stunning!!

Here are a few reports from Miss Smith’s students, who attended the ceremony:

THANK YOU **THE BAKER’S WIFE/APPIN STREET BAKERY** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

When Miss Smith arrived, she was smiling, crying and waving all at the same time. Brent, who was really tall, was waiting for her at the front. Miss Smith was really funny when she said her vows. She looked really pretty. She had lots of make-up on and her hair was in a bun. There were lots of guests, some were sitting and some were standing. Everyone kissed Mrs Newton after the ceremony!! **Cooper, Harvey and Hayden**

As some people know, Miss Smith got married on the 8/12/18 and became Mrs Newton. Her wedding was under the old oak tree at Brown Brothers. When Miss Smith and Brent had to give their mums a rose, Miss Smith gave her mum a big hug. Miss Smith looked beautiful in her dress, she looked as beautiful as a princess. Brent was really tall and looked smart in his suit. Above where they were married, there was a decorated arch with flowers and leaves on it. We all got to have a group hug and a photo with Miss Smith. **Piper, Lily and Charlotte**

Miss Smith popped her head out of the car nervously and got back in! Before the ceremony Miss Smith and Brent gave their mum's a rose each. Miss Smith hugged her mum and Brent didn't, but then he came back and kissed his mum. At the end we were very lucky to receive three chocolates and some plastic diamonds. Miss Smith looked like a princess with her eyelashes, make-up, hair and her beautiful dress. **Remy, Ally and Brooke**

On the 8th December, it was Miss Smith's wedding. She was very nervous. She peeked her head out of the car and waved. Miss Smith was crying when she walked down the aisle. She looked very pretty. Mrs Newton's dress was very beautiful, with lots of pretty little details. Brent looked very smart in his suit. Mrs Newton gave her mum a flower and a long hug and Brent gave his mum a flower then went back to the wedding. Brent and Mrs Newton make a very cute couple. After the wedding Mrs Newton got all of the kids together for a photo. We also got a group hug with her. **Makayla and Rhiannon**

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30th January, 2019: **Start of Term 1**

Religious Education:

We started this week with a liturgy of the second week of Advent. The students are reflecting and completing activities involved with the unit, 'Christmas the Message of Joy and Peace'. The students are continuing to develop their understanding of Christmas as a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and a time to share joy and peace with family, friends and the wider community.

Literacy & Inquiry:

This week the students are integrating their Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry units as it involves activities about 'Our Island Home'.

Reading/Writing:

Students are completing reading and writing tasks involved with their Inquiry unit, 'Our Island Home'. In groups the students are naming, creating and designing their 'island home'. It will include designing a flag, a coat of arms, writing a national anthem, finding a location on a world map and describing the island's climate, weather, natural vegetation and wildlife.

Numeracy:

The students are continuing with the units, 'Location' and 'Mapping'. While they are creating their 'Island Home' maps using 1cm grid paper, the students will include a scale, a legend and co-ordinates.

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The students will also be revising some concepts covered through the year through games, activity cards and digital technology.

It is hard to believe how quickly this year has flown! The teachers of Year 3/4 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Nara, Paul, Andrea, Helen, Sharyn

Thank you to all Year 5 and 6 parents, guardians and students who have helped make 2018 a productive and enjoyable year. The teachers and teacher aides have thoroughly enjoyed supporting the students on their learning journey this year. We take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to our departing Year 6 students and families. Thank you for all you have contributed to our school community! We look forward to seeing our Year 5 students back next year as the leaders of our school. May your Christmas and New Year be filled with loving family time and joyful experiences. All the best, Year 5 and 6 Teachers 2018.

Literacy/ Inquiry

In Inquiry, Year 5 students have already presented their product ideas to the Year 2 students and this week Year 6 students are presenting their product ideas to their Foundation Buddies. Students have had developed surveys to use data to inform their product development. Foundation students will listen to the 'product pitch' this Thursday afternoon and will vote on their favourite idea. Some ideas include – Swimbeats - waterproof headphones to use whilst having swimming or surfing lessons; Sensor/face recognition door opener - for when your hands are full; JLR Yabby Nets - with an inbuilt sensor to tell you when your net is full. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch the presentations starting at 2.30pm this Thursday in the Foundation rooms.

Religious Education

Students are discussing the Christmas Story in the lead up to the Christmas Star concert to be held this Wednesday 12th December commencing at 5.30pm. The concert will take place under our school pavilion. Families who are leaving St Patrick's Primary School at the end of 2018 will receive their rose at the conclusion of the concert. **Whilst we understand that it is a very busy time of the year it would be wonderful to see as many people in attendance as possible, so that we can celebrate the conclusion of our school year together.**



Some gorgeous versions of the story (told by children) can be found at these links:

<https://youtu.be/suowe2czxcA>- Christmas According to Kids (very funny!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PURToRRq7qM>- The Real Meaning of Christmas

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End of Year Thanksgiving Mass: Wednesday 19th December

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Communication

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WANTED – COLES Mini Shop Collectables
McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers)
Keyrings, Lanyards for Mayfair 2019 showbags.

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



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When Miss Smith arrived, she was smiling, crying and waving all at the same time. Brent, who was really tall, was waiting for her at the front. Miss Smith was really funny when she said her vows. She looked really pretty. She had lots of make-up on and her hair was in a bun. There were lots of guests, some were sitting and some were standing. Everyone kissed Mrs Newton after the ceremony!! **Cooper, Harvey and Hayden**

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This week the students are integrating their Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry units as it involves activities about 'Our Island Home'.

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Students are completing reading and writing tasks involved with their Inquiry unit, 'Our Island Home'. In groups the students are naming, creating and designing their 'island home'. It will include designing a flag, a coat of arms, writing a national anthem, finding a location on a world map and describing the island's climate, weather, natural vegetation and wildlife.

Numeracy:

The students are continuing with the units, 'Location' and 'Mapping'. While they are creating their 'Island Home' maps using 1cm grid paper, the students will include a scale, a legend and co-ordinates.

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The students will also be revising some concepts covered through the year through games, activity cards and digital technology.

It is hard to believe how quickly this year has flown! The teachers of Year 3/4 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Nara, Paul, Andrea, Helen, Sharyn

Thank you to all Year 5 and 6 parents, guardians and students who have helped make 2018 a productive and enjoyable year. The teachers and teacher aides have thoroughly enjoyed supporting the students on their learning journey this year. We take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to our departing Year 6 students and families. Thank you for all you have contributed to our school community! We look forward to seeing our Year 5 students back next year as the leaders of our school. May your Christmas and New Year be filled with loving family time and joyful experiences. All the best, Year 5 and 6 Teachers 2018.

Literacy/ Inquiry

In Inquiry, Year 5 students have already presented their product ideas to the Year 2 students and this week Year 6 students are presenting their product ideas to their Foundation Buddies. Students have had developed surveys to use data to inform their product development. Foundation students will listen to the 'product pitch' this Thursday afternoon and will vote on their favourite idea. Some ideas include – Swimbeats - waterproof headphones to use whilst having swimming or surfing lessons; Sensor/face recognition door opener - for when your hands are full; JLR Yabby Nets - with an inbuilt sensor to tell you when your net is full. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch the presentations starting at 2.30pm this Thursday in the Foundation rooms.

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Students are discussing the Christmas Story in the lead up to the Christmas Star concert to be held this Wednesday 12th December commencing at 5.30pm. The concert will take place under our school pavilion. Families who are leaving St Patrick's Primary School at the end of 2018 will receive their rose at the conclusion of the concert. **Whilst we understand that it is a very busy time of the year it would be wonderful to see as many people in attendance as possible, so that we can celebrate the conclusion of our school year together.**



Some gorgeous versions of the story (told by children) can be found at these links:

<https://youtu.be/suowe2czxcA>- Christmas According to Kids (very funny!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PURToRRq7qM>- The Real Meaning of Christmas

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End of Year Thanksgiving Mass: Wednesday 19th December

The End of Year Thanksgiving Mass will be held at **St Patrick's Church at 10.00am** on Wednesday the 19th of December. All families, both immediate and extended, are invited to attend.

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Communication

To contact your classroom teachers, we encourage you to use the school emails listed below or to call the school directly (57215795). As always you are also welcome to visit the classroom.

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MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS

WANTED – COLES Mini Shop Collectables
McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers)
Keyrings, Lanyards for Mayfair 2019 showbags.

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



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5 lessons over 5 days in age and skill appropriate groups.
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ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th December, 2018

One Solitary Life!

I've just been watching a bit of the rehearsal for tonight's school concert. It truly is a beautiful time of the year (albeit it a little hectic at times!). I love the Nativity (The story of Jesus' birth), because it is a beautiful beginning to a life story that has taught humankind so much about joy and compassion. It's nice to take time to reflect on the birth of Jesus. As I got older, I came to appreciate more the depth to Jesus' story. I found this reflection a number of years ago and it still causes me to think deeply on what the birth of Jesus truly means:

Here is a man who is born of Jewish parents, the child of a peasant woman.

He never wrote a book; He never held an office;

He never owned a home; He never had a family;

He never went to university; He never set foot inside a big city;

He never travelled 200 miles from the place where he was born.

He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness

He had no credentials, but himself.....

While still a young man, the tide of opinion turned against him

His friends ran away..... One of them denied him.....

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property that he had on Earth, his coat

When he was dead, he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Twenty wide centuries have come and gone, and he is the centrepiece of the human race and the leader of a column of progress

I am far within the mark when I say..... that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built have not affected the life of people upon Earth as powerfully as has that

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THANK YOU MAKEUP BY JOSIE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Well the last full week of school. Where has the year gone?

Tonight, we are celebrating our Christmas Concert commencing at 5.30pm. It should be a bit of fun. Running time should be a little more than an hour. I'd like to thank the staff for all that they do. I know that they are tiring but they always put the needs of the students first and I am so proud of them for that. It's what makes our school so special.

Advent Liturgies

Next Monday the Years Foundation to Year 2 classes will lead us in our final Advent liturgy. The liturgy begins at 9.00am in the school hall (instead of our usual flag raising and national anthem). Everyone is welcome.

Vacation Care Program

Elena, from our Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Service, was keen to trial a Vacation Care Service in the last week of January. A letter was sent to families who already utilise our OSHC service to gauge interest. Unfortunately, we did not have enough numbers to make it cost effective. However, it was pointed out that there may be other school families who might avail themselves of the service. If you would be interested in a Vacation Care Service at school, can you please contact Rosie or Annette in the office (57215795) or send them an email : rpane@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au, abeitzel@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

The information gathered will allow us to explore providing Vacation Care next year. It won't happen in January though, as we need time to adjust our licences.

Fee notices

Fee notices are being sent home today. Please attend to these in a timely manner. If payment presents a problem, then please make an appointment to see me to discuss the issue.

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Foundation to Year 2 Swimming

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19th December: Last day school for students/End of Year Mass 10.00am

YEAR THREE/FOUR – Sarah, James & Karen

All of the Year 3/4 students would like to congratulate Miss Smith’s marriage to Brent Newton last Saturday. It was a lovely afternoon and Mrs Newton looked absolutely stunning!!

Here are a few reports from Miss Smith’s students, who attended the ceremony:

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When Miss Smith arrived, she was smiling, crying and waving all at the same time. Brent, who was really tall, was waiting for her at the front. Miss Smith was really funny when she said her vows. She looked really pretty. She had lots of make-up on and her hair was in a bun. There were lots of guests, some were sitting and some were standing. Everyone kissed Mrs Newton after the ceremony!! **Cooper, Harvey and Hayden**

As some people know, Miss Smith got married on the 8/12/18 and became Mrs Newton. Her wedding was under the old oak tree at Brown Brothers. When Miss Smith and Brent had to give their mums a rose, Miss Smith gave her mum a big hug. Miss Smith looked beautiful in her dress, she looked as beautiful as a princess. Brent was really tall and looked smart in his suit. Above where they were married, there was a decorated arch with flowers and leaves on it. We all got to have a group hug and a photo with Miss Smith. **Piper, Lily and Charlotte**

Miss Smith popped her head out of the car nervously and got back in! Before the ceremony Miss Smith and Brent gave their mum's a rose each. Miss Smith hugged her mum and Brent didn't, but then he came back and kissed his mum. At the end we were very lucky to receive three chocolates and some plastic diamonds. Miss Smith looked like a princess with her eyelashes, make-up, hair and her beautiful dress. **Remy, Ally and Brooke**

On the 8th December, it was Miss Smith's wedding. She was very nervous. She peeked her head out of the car and waved. Miss Smith was crying when she walked down the aisle. She looked very pretty. Mrs Newton's dress was very beautiful, with lots of pretty little details. Brent looked very smart in his suit. Mrs Newton gave her mum a flower and a long hug and Brent gave his mum a flower then went back to the wedding. Brent and Mrs Newton make a very cute couple. After the wedding Mrs Newton got all of the kids together for a photo. We also got a group hug with her. **Makayla and Rhiannon**

Dates to remember:

12th December: **Christmas Concert 5:30pm** under the Pavilion

14th December: **Reports** go home

19th December: **End of Year Mass** 10:00am

19th December: End of Term 4

30th January, 2019: Start of Term 1

Religious Education:

We started this week with a liturgy of the second week of Advent. The students are reflecting and completing activities involved with the unit, 'Christmas the Message of Joy and Peace'. The students are continuing to develop their understanding of Christmas as a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and a time to share joy and peace with family, friends and the wider community.

Literacy & Inquiry:

This week the students are integrating their Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry units as it involves activities about 'Our Island Home'.

Reading/Writing:

Students are completing reading and writing tasks involved with their Inquiry unit, 'Our Island Home'. In groups the students are naming, creating and designing their 'island home'. It will include designing a flag, a coat of arms, writing a national anthem, finding a location on a world map and describing the island's climate, weather, natural vegetation and wildlife.

Numeracy:

The students are continuing with the units, 'Location' and 'Mapping'. While they are creating their 'Island Home' maps using 1cm grid paper, the students will include a scale, a legend and co-ordinates.

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The students will also be revising some concepts covered through the year through games, activity cards and digital technology.

It is hard to believe how quickly this year has flown! The teachers of Year 3/4 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Nara, Paul, Andrea, Helen, Sharyn

Thank you to all Year 5 and 6 parents, guardians and students who have helped make 2018 a productive and enjoyable year. The teachers and teacher aides have thoroughly enjoyed supporting the students on their learning journey this year. We take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to our departing Year 6 students and families. Thank you for all you have contributed to our school community! We look forward to seeing our Year 5 students back next year as the leaders of our school. May your Christmas and New Year be filled with loving family time and joyful experiences. All the best, Year 5 and 6 Teachers 2018.

Literacy/ Inquiry

In Inquiry, Year 5 students have already presented their product ideas to the Year 2 students and this week Year 6 students are presenting their product ideas to their Foundation Buddies. Students have had developed surveys to use data to inform their product development. Foundation students will listen to the 'product pitch' this Thursday afternoon and will vote on their favourite idea. Some ideas include – Swimbeats - waterproof headphones to use whilst having swimming or surfing lessons; Sensor/face recognition door opener - for when your hands are full; JLR Yabby Nets - with an inbuilt sensor to tell you when your net is full. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch the presentations starting at 2.30pm this Thursday in the Foundation rooms.

Religious Education

Students are discussing the Christmas Story in the lead up to the Christmas Star concert to be held this Wednesday 12th December commencing at 5.30pm. The concert will take place under our school pavilion. Families who are leaving St Patrick's Primary School at the end of 2018 will receive their rose at the conclusion of the concert. **Whilst we understand that it is a very busy time of the year it would be wonderful to see as many people in attendance as possible, so that we can celebrate the conclusion of our school year together.**



Some gorgeous versions of the story (told by children) can be found at these links:

<https://youtu.be/suowe2czxcA>- Christmas According to Kids (very funny!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PURToRRq7qM>- The Real Meaning of Christmas

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End of Year Thanksgiving Mass: Wednesday 19th December

The End of Year Thanksgiving Mass will be held at **St Patrick's Church at 10.00am** on Wednesday the 19th of December. All families, both immediate and extended, are invited to attend.

Final School Assembly: Wednesday 19th December

Our last school Assembly for the year which will be run by the Year 6 students and teachers, will be held on **Wednesday 19th December at 2.00 pm**. Everyone welcome to attend.

Last Day for Students: Wednesday 19th December

A reminder that students will finish on Wednesday 19th December at 3.30 pm. We will be re-arranging classrooms and setting up our library in preparation for 2019, on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner: Wednesday 19th December

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be held in the Parish Hall at 6.30 pm. Year 6 students and their families will gather for a pre-dinner get together at 5.30 pm on the lawns near the Catholic Education Office.

Communication

To contact your classroom teachers, we encourage you to use the school emails listed below or to call the school directly (57215795). As always you are also welcome to visit the classroom.

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MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS

WANTED – COLES Mini Shop Collectables
McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers)
Keyrings, Lanyards for Mayfair 2019 showbags.

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



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HOLIDAY PROGRAM JANUARY 7-11 2019

5 lessons over 5 days in age and skill appropriate groups.
Numbers are limited - Enrol today! Tel 57221723 or come in -
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More details: www.wangaratta.ymca.org.au



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FREE Master Blast "come & try"
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5:30pm-7:00pm
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SCHOOL WEAR

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To Saturday 15th December

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*NO ACCOUNTS OR LAYBY'S DURING SALE

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Engaging Adolescents



This program covers

- Parents' role in the life of their teenagers
- Some reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- Understanding adolescence: a time of great physical, emotional, intellectual and social change
- Adolescent brains under construction
- Sorting behaviour and knowing what to do
- Parents' self-check
- The poisons – what harms relationships
- Building relationship with teenagers
- Holding a tough conversations for handling problem behaviour

POSTIVE PARENTING PROGRAM (TRIPLE P)

For parents of children aged 2 – 10 years of age.

You will learn:

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- What causes childhood behaviours
- How to encourage desirable behaviours
- How to respond to and manage misbehaviour
- Teach your child new skills



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TUNING IN TO KIDS

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A program for parents/carers of children aged 2 – 10 yrs

This program helps you tune into your children's emotions and manage their behaviour.

You will learn about 'emotion coaching' by helping children to understand and regulate their emotions.

It will help you to respond to your children's individual needs in ways that suit the child and the family.

MOTHERGOOSE PROGRAM

A group experience for parents and young children under the age of 2 years.



Parents learn through rhymes, songs and storytelling and interact with their child with affection, finger plays, bounces and tickles.

Teaching is designed to enhance the relationship between parents and young children, encouraging language development and building the child's ability to think beyond the here and now.