



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

13th November 2019

It's a Gift

Last night's Sacrament of Reconciliation was a beautiful celebration. Fr Mike and Fr Dean did a great job, as did our Religious Education Co-ordinators (Trish Shaw and Andrea O'Connor), as well as all the staff that attended to share the moment and support the families. It is what community is all about.

As good as all that was, it was something else that will stay with me.

Last night I had the opportunity to stop and look at what was going on around me and what I saw warmed me from the inside out (a pretty big job with a frame like mine - LOL).

I saw parents bringing their child up to meet the priest. I saw love by the truckloads and buckets of pride, both from parents and students alike. The commitment of our parents to embrace Christian values that teach our children to love and care for each other was well and truly on show. It is a gift that they will take them through their lives.

It was a gift for me to watch what was going on. I left the church knowing that parents and teachers are doing a great job in preparing these children for adulthood.

A parent's love is the first experience that children will have of the love God has for them. It's beautiful, unconditional and perfect.

Dear Parents,

Last Monday's Parents and Friends Meeting was well attended. They are doing great work in finding ways to engage families. The Family Breakfast (13th December) should be a great way to build on relationships between home and school and give our parents an opportunity to visit their child's class and enjoy a bacon and egg roll and a coffee (no cost involved). A Trivia Night has been discussed for next year, the Colour Fun Run and the Mayfair.

The P&F are also looking at ways to improve the Ovens Street yard. Katie Pallot, our Science and AG&T teacher made a presentation to the parents around the work the students are doing to have input into this project.

THANK YOU JK DESIGN FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This week will see the culmination of the Sacrament of Reconciliation program. Some of our Year three students have been engaged in this program to prepare for the reception of this Sacrament.

St Patrick's students celebrated this Sacrament last night. It was a wonderful celebration of the Sacraments lead by Fr Mike and Fr Dean. I was so proud of the students.

This Sacrament will be conferred at one of three celebrations all commencing at 7.00pm:

12 th Nov	St Patrick's Church
13 th Nov	Our Lady's Church.
14 th Nov	St Bernard's Chapel

Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they celebrate another stage in their journey of faith.

In Sympathy

Please keep Samara Ahmet and her son Ryder in your thoughts and prayers. Samara's partner, Dwight Ritchie, passed away unexpectedly on the weekend as a result of a sporting accident. He will be sadly missed.

Remembrance Day Thank You

It's days like Monday that I sometimes wish I could get all the families with me to see what beautiful children they have (not that you don't already know that!). Last Monday was Remembrance Day, where we remembered those who died or were injured in war to protect the freedoms that we enjoy today.

We began with a whole school liturgy in the morning. It was a beautiful prayer filled time. The student's attention and participation was amazing. Thank you, Trish Shaw and Andrea O'Connor for organising such a wonderful event.



At 10.45am, our Year 5/6 students "marched" over to the Cenotaph to join the community celebrations for Remembrance Day. Again, these students represented themselves and their school to a very high degree of excellence. I am so proud of them all.

School Council Nominations

Our School Council do a wonderful job of supporting the school by advising on the strategic direction of the school, finding ways to engage families in school life and providing advice and assistance. The three key tasks in 2020 involve looking at our current building plan and ensuring that it still meets our needs, strategies around family engagement and looking at our digital technology strategy for the next five years.

We are calling on parents to nominate for positions which will become vacant at the end of this year. Councillors tenure is a two-year position with an option for a further two years (if they so desire). After that time, they must sit off the Council for at least twelve months before they can reapply for a position.

We currently have five members who will be finishing up at the end of this year and we are calling for nominations to fill these places. The school Council meets monthly (except in term breaks). There are about eight meetings per year. Please consider joining our Council if you have an interest in this area of school life.

A nomination form is attached to this newsletter. If we get more names than places available, then a ballot will be held.

THANK YOU THE LUNCH BOX FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

School Council – Next Meeting

The St Patrick's School Council will meet next Thursday, 21st November in the staffroom, commencing at 5.30pm.

Assembly – Friday

This Friday's assembly will be run by Years 5/6 Ackerly/Elliott. Parents and friends are always welcome to our assemblies. It begins at 9.00am in our school hall.

PREP Transition Days

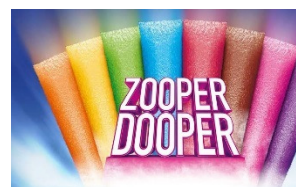
The rest of our Prep (FOUNDATION) transition days are set down for the following dates and times:

20 th November -	9.15am to 10.40am
10 th December -	9.30am to 12.00pm

There will also be a Prep information session for parents on Wednesday, 20th November at 6.00pm in the school hall. This meeting should run no longer than one hour. Its aim is to give parents some information on preparing their child for school, letting them know some of the school's processes and procedures to support them and a chance to meet other parents.

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.



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.

Helpers for Family Breakfast

The Parents and Friends are looking for helpers for their FAMILY BREAKFAST being held on 13th December (Friday).

We need about ten to twelve people to cook and serve. Bridget Hourigan and Kyra Huhn have volunteered to cook so far (although Kyra wants a chip fryer as well as she has a thing for cooking chips – not “gonna” happen Kyra – LOL 😊).

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.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

I _____ wish to nominate for one of the advertised St. Patrick's School Council positions. I understand if there are more nominations than places available, then a ballot will be conducted.

SIGNED _____ *Phone No.* _____

THANK YOU WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

School Closure

St Patrick's will also be closed on **Monday, 25th November** for a planning day.

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.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are set down for Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th November from 3.45pm to 6.45pm. Below is the link for the online booking for parents to reserve a time.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=Hm8iMA>

Event Code is: ngnfw

After School Care 2020

Places are filling up fast for After School Care bookings for 2020, so if you are requiring a spot for your child for next year, please fill out the form below, to avoid disappointment.

Tuesday's and Thursday's are the most popular days, so if you require those days, please let Rosie know asap.

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

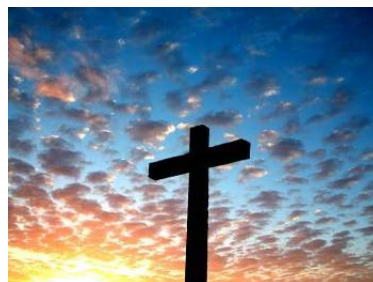
Our newsletter can be accessed on our website and our Facebook page. Annette (in the Office) also has a mailing list that she is happy to include you on. Simply email Annette on:

abeitzel@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au 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.

THANK YOU **BELLA ROCCA** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER	8 th - 22 nd	-	Yr 3-6 Swimming
	20 th	-	9.15am – 10.40am Foundation Transition Day
	20 th	-	6.00pm Prep 2020 Parent Information Evening
	21 st	-	5.30pm School Council Meeting
	26 th	-	3.45pm – 7.00pm Parent Teacher Interviews
	27 th	-	3.45pm – 7.00pm Parent Teacher Interviews
	25 th	-	Planning Day – NO SCHOOL
	28 th	-	5.30pm School Council Meeting
DECEMBER	2 nd	-	6.00pm P & F Meeting
	4 th	-	5.30pm End of Year Concert under the Pavilion
	9 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	10 th	-	Whole School Transition Day
	10 th	-	Galen Orientation Day (Yr 7 2020)
	11 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	12 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	12 th	-	School Council/P & F Dinner
	13 th	-	8.00am Family Breakfast
	13 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	17 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	18 th	-	3.30pm END OF TERM – Student's last day
	18 th	-	10.00am End of Year Mass – All Welcome
	18 th	-	7.00pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner – Parish Hall
	19 th	-	Pupil Free – Staff Planning
	20 th	-	2020 Staff Preparation Day

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A child missing one day a fortnight will miss four weeks in a year, and more than a year of school by year 10. It is important that children develop regular attendance habits at an early age.

THANK YOU **REGENT CINEMAS ALBURY** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2020

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 no later than Friday 6th December 2019.

If you haven't used After School Care previously and require it for next year, you will need to fill out an enrolment form which can be collected from the office.

NAME Phone No

CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME

☐ MONDAY ☐ TUESDAY ☐ WEDNESDAY

☐ THURSDAY ☐ FRIDAY

CHATTER MATTERS

Persuading others

Many children are very good at arguing but have they got the power of persuasion. Can they justify their decisions and provide evidence? The ability to provide a convincing argument both verbally and in written form is a critical life skill that children need to develop.

Ask your child to provide 3 reasons for and against each of these situations:

- Are dogs better than cats?
- Are athletes better role models than rock stars?
- Do students need longer holidays?
- Should pets be allowed at school?
- Should students be allowed to bring phones to school?
- Should be allowed to eat sweets everyday?

UPDATED LUNCH MENU TERM 4

St Patricks Wangaratta

NAME: _____

YEAR (please circle) Prep - Grade 1/2 - Grade 3/4 - Grade 5/6

TEACHER _____

TOTAL PRICE: _____

PARENTS PHONE: _____

ITEM	PRICE	QTY
		lunch only
Blueberry Muffin	3.00	
Cinnamon Donut	2.20	
Lamington	2.60	
Party Pie	1.00	
Party Sausage Roll	1.00	
Pie	3.70	
Sausage Roll	3.20	
Tomato Sauce	0.30	
Chicken & Salad Roll (please circle) W'Meal / White	5.00	
Ham & Salad Roll W'Meal / White	5.00	
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich W'Meal / White	4.00	
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich W'Meal / White	4.00	
Small Chick & Quinoa Salad (please circle) Mayo / O&P / Bals&Oil	5.00	
Large Chick & Quinoa Salad (please circle) Mayo / O&P / Bals&Oil	9.00	
Strawberry Milk	2.50	
Chocolate Milk	2.50	
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	2.50	

Dressings for salads available Mayo / Orange & Poppyseed dress / Balsamic & Olive Oil

Please note any allergies here _____

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 **CHEMIST WAREHOUSE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Levesque	Congratulations to MAX O'KEEFE for being such a kind, considerate friend, always making sure his friends are happy and have someone to play with.
Foundation Mrs Shaw	Congratulations to CHLOE LESTINO for showing warmth and caring for other students. Chloe always includes others and asks them to join in her games. She is always willing to help others. Well done, Chloe!
Year 1/2 Mrs Bray	A big pat on the back to MAISY PERNA for her wonderful year of learning. We are all proud of the way she always achieves her best!
Year 1/2 Cassidy/Barry	Congratulations to CHARLIE HOURIGAN for always displaying a positive attitude and giving everything a go. Charlie has brightened his peers and teacher's day each and every day this year and we are so lucky to have had him in our class!
Year 1/2 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to INDI-LEE BOLTON for the focused start she has made back at St Pat's. Indi has remembered all classroom routines and expectations, and it is wonderful to have her back!
Year 1/2 Mr Capper	Congratulations to TOM BEVAN for the mature way he approaches all learning tasks. Tom is an important member of the class who oozes a great desire to learn.
Year 3/4 Nicoll/Lynch	Congratulations to CHARLOTTE STEADMAN for the persistence she has demonstrated when learning about equivalent fractions.
Year 3/4 Miss Sirianni	Congratulations to CAMERON DALTON for displaying maturity and independence during class lessons. Cameron has been a great role model for his classmates by focusing on his learning tasks and working hard to complete them on time.
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo	A big pat on the back to JAKE O'CONNOR for his positive outlook and attitude in the classroom. This term, he has shown initiative by offering to help others and looking for new ways to challenge himself. Love it Jake, well done!
Year 3/4 Mr Levesque	A big pat on the back to MEG WINTER for approaching her learning with a positive mindset which helps Meg to give her best effort every day. Well done, Meg!
Year 5/6 Mrs O'Connor	Congratulations to TAHLIA POOL for applying existing knowledge to new learning in mathematics. Well done!
Year 5/6 Ackerly/Elliott	Congratulations to ALASDAIR BRETT for consistently making good choices in the classroom with his learning. Keep up the great work habits, Alasdair!
Year 5/6 Mrs Rickard	A big pat on the back to BLAKE WINSLADE for his positive outlook and attitude both in and out of the classroom and always being an enthusiastic learner. Well done, Blake!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

Well here is week six! The weeks are flying!

Tomorrow the Foundation students will have a Liturgy in the Hall at 9.05am. All welcome!

Foundation Levesque will be going to Mass on Friday at St Patrick's at 12.05pm.

Next Monday, 18th November, the students will be going on an excursion to Our Lady's Church. Please send your child's permission note back ASAP.

Christmas Concert - Wednesday, 4th December

Just an early notice - Foundation students will be performing as angels at the concert and therefore will be asked to wear something red, green or white. This does not have to be purchased especially. If you have something in one or all of these colours to add to their evening outfits, that would be fantastic. Golden halos will be provided for them at school. Any queries, please ask Carolyn or Trish.

Religion: We continue the unit, 'Our Church'. The students will begin to develop an understanding of Church as a welcoming and caring community that gathers to celebrate. The students have been sharing and drawing responses to different groups they belong to. We will be visiting St Patrick's and Our Lady's churches next week to look at what you will find in a church.

Literacy: This week's fairy-tale texts are - Foundation Levesque - 'The Gingerbread Man' Foundation Shaw - 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.'

Students will investigate the texts, they will rhyme, find syllables, antonyms, synonyms from the words in the text. They will discuss the problem and resolution in the story. This week you and your child could find some interesting words and find some synonyms (other words that mean the same) e.g. tired, exhausted. The students are also practising their own 'Reader's Theatre'. They are assigning each other parts to play and learning to read their roles with intonation and creativity.

Mathematics: Students will be exploring money and revising pattern, subtraction and addition.

Inquiry: Students will continue the unit, 'Topsy Turvy Tales'. They will practice using their imagination whilst pretending to be a fairy-tale character.

RRRR's: Students will recognise types of gender-based violence and practice responding assertively to gender-based violence.

Show and Tell -

This week - Favourite song

Next Week - A sentence/story I have written

Dates to remember –

Thursday-14th November - Foundation Liturgy 9.05am Hall

Monday-18th November - Church Visit approximately 10.45am -1.00pm

School Closure Day - Monday, 25th November - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 26th and Wednesday, 27th November - Parent Teacher Interviews

Have a great week,

Carolyn and Trish

THANK YOU **CHENS CHINESE MASSAGE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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

Welcome to week six!

Thanks to those who attended the twilight sports last week. Despite the windy weather, a good time was had by all the students and it was great to see them conducting themselves with great sportsmanship. Thanks for coming along and showing your support.

Literacy

This week, the students will focus on revising the use of commas in their writing, primarily for pauses and when separating items in a series. The spelling for this week is 'ould' as in 'could' and 'sp' as in 'spin.'

Students also continue with their regular morning routine of reading; however, our supply of readers is dwindling. We ask you to PLEASE check for any readers you may have at home and return these to school. Thanking you in anticipation.

Numeracy

In Mathematics this week, we are revisiting the concept of Location and Transformation by incorporating our Inquiry unit and some Digital Technology! Through the use of the Ozobots and Bee-Bots, the students are experiencing the basics of coding by using directional language, commands, sequencing and problem-solving.

Religious Education

As we near Christmas, we will begin finishing off our unit, 'Loving God and Others – Our call to Mission' in preparation for our Advent unit. This week, the students will design posters entitled, 'Christian Mission is to Love'. They will include key words and illustrations to depict the notion of Christian Mission, and what we, as a school, can do to help those less fortunate.

Dates to Remember:

19th November: Galen band visiting St Pat's

22nd November: 1/2 Capper & Cassidy Assembly

25th November: School Closure Day

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

We would like to thank all our families for their support at the Twilight Sports last week. It was a wonderful night and great to see the children supporting and cheering each other on.

We would also like to congratulate the Year 3/4 students who made their Reconciliation this week.

Some dates to remember:

18th – 22nd November: Years 3-6 Swimming

25th November: No school – Planning day

26th – 27th November: Parent/Teacher Interviews

2nd December - 3/4 Advent Liturgy

4th December – End of Year Concert 5:30pm under the Pavilion (netball court)

Religious Education:

The 3/4 classes are continuing to work through the unit, *Jesus Models Forgiveness*. This week, we are reading, discussing and writing about how the four steps of reconciliation (admit responsibility, say sorry, receive forgiveness, make amends) relate to our own lives. To further the children's learning experiences, they will match the story of the Prodigal Son with the four steps or Reconciliation.

THANK YOU **BERTSY & CO** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Inquiry & Literacy:

This week students are working in groups and continuing the process of converting a picture story book into a play. It involves deconstructing the group's chosen story and making sure that they have noted all of the important details that they will need to include in their play (setting the scene, characters, problem(s), resolution(s) and how the story ends). The classes are also looking at what a prologue is and who gives this information to the audience. After reading, talking and modelling some examples of prologues, each child in the group will write a prologue for their play and read it to their team.

Spelling focus: Plurals: vowel followed by '_y', add '_s' e.g. journey - journeys
Plurals: change in the basic spelling to form plurals e.g. mouse – mice

Numeracy:

This week in Numeracy we continue with the new unit, 'Fractions'. Students are developing their understanding of the different parts of a 'proper' fraction - the numerator, the fraction bar and the denominator. They are connecting fractions with - visual picture representation, drawing images to represent given fractions and equal parts. To reinforce these concepts the children are working with a variety of concrete materials and activities – playdough, paper squares/shapes, counters and blocks, name and word fractions.

Uniform:

Please ensure that students come to school in the correct school uniform, including appropriate footwear and correct coloured socks (not black). We do understand that there will be times when children have outgrown footwear and that this is an expensive uniform item. If your child is required to be 'out of uniform' for some reason, please advise Mr Corrigan and your child's teacher. This can be done with a note or a phone call. Thank you for your understanding.

Absences/ Late Arrivals:

Please be advised that if a student is absent due to illness, an appointment etc. or if he/she will be arriving to school late, the school office or the classroom teacher must be notified either by phone, email or a note. A verbal notification of absence by the student or a sibling cannot be accepted for legal reasons.

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Andrea, Helen & Sharyn

Events Coming up:

Wednesday 13th November - Year 6 to GoTAFE for 2nd programming session

Monday 22nd November - Friday 22nd November - Swimming Program at WISAC - notes have been sent home. Please return ASAP

Year 6 Graduation Information - Notes have been sent home regarding the Graduation Dinner to be held on Wednesday 16th December 2019. Please return by end of this week. Also sent home is a note regarding the purchase of a Graduation Near/Ball as an option for students.

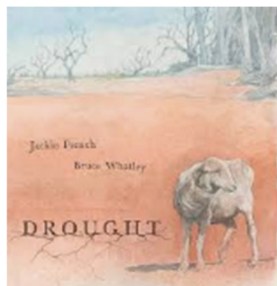
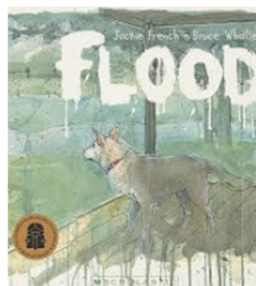
Curriculum News:

Numeracy Focus - This week we are continuing to build upon the knowledge gained about calculating volume last week by using nets of shapes to create 3D objects. Students will also be investigating capacity and angles over the next fortnight.

THANK YOU **APPIN STREET POST OFFICE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Robotics - The Year 6 students had a great first session at GoTafe last week. Each student had programming sessions in the Computer Lab together with a session in the Innovation Hub. Our next visit is TODAY Wednesday 13th November. Our Expo will be scheduled sometime next week.

Reading Focus - Students will continue to investigate the Jackie French natural disaster series to make comparisons and analyse French's style. Over the next four weeks, students will explore the picture story books and critically analyse vocabulary choice, intended tone and how French has used research knowledge of historical content to create the fictional texts. They will also explore the symbolism of Bruce Whatley's illustrative techniques during class and Art time.



Writing Focus - Students will use techniques learnt during reading sessions and experiment within their own historical narrative writing.

Inquiry - In the Bizarre Bazaar unit, students will gain a real-life understanding of the design and production process when creating a brand for a new product. They will produce and sell a product at the **Bizarre Bazaar Market** later this term. We will be aiming to use as much recycled materials as we can. The students are looking for the following if families have these could they drop them into the 5/6 area:

1. Fishnet Stockings
2. Small cylinder-shaped Containers (like camera cartridges)
3. Small plastic rectangle containers
4. Elastic
5. Fabric of any type

RE - Students explore the enduring questions '**Why do we have Sacraments?**' and '**How can the Sacraments influence my life?**'. You might like to discuss Sacraments with your child at home.

RRRR'S - This term we will be exploring positive gender relations.

Communication:

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

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sackerly@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

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Dear Parents and Friends,

For Bizarre Bazaar, Zara and Sophia are collecting any sporting equipment you are not using anymore including Basketballs, Netballs, Soccer balls, Footballs, Sneakers, Athletic shoes. We are recycling and redesigning them to sell at our stall. If you would like to donate some sporting equipment, please send them to Mrs Ackerly's classroom.

THANK YOU **WANGARATTA JEWELLERS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

MONDAY 11th November 2019

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm

Present: Annie Nolet, Terry Corrigan, Kyra Huhn, Pip Nolan, Bridget Hourigan, David Moroney, Shae McCoy, Leah Anderson

Apologies: Hannah Robinson, Sara D'Agostino, Laura Tonkin, Annette Beitzel

Minutes of previous meeting:

Passed: Bridget

Second: Pip

Business arising from: nil

Principals Report:

- Congratulations – Obstacool/Pizza/Icypoles etc
- Breakfast will be a winner too.
- No news on Capital Grant – expect by the end of November
- Parental Engagement meeting with Galen
- Students have been looking at the front area to beautify – Katie Pallot to address this.
- Planning Day on 25th November
- Council/P&F Dinner

Treasurer's report : Carried over to the next meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Playground beautification** (Katie Pallot). Katie outlined the work done by the AG&T students regarding the children's preferences for the Ovens St yard. Some changes have already been made (re: a carpeted sitting area and outdoor games storage area near science room). Children have spent considerable time observing current usage and talking with staff and students.

Tan bark area in front of the hall – create a sandpit with raised seating to hold the sand in. It has natural shade.

Biodiversity in the school is important. The students have shown a preference to play with natural things (eg. Sand, tan bark etc)

Big yard – looking to develop a vertical garden along high fence line (near Mr Kelly's house) Katie has an extensive file on student findings and design ideas which Terry will send to the group.

- **School Council Constitution:** Document sent to P&F members. No feedback to date. Terry asked that any feedback could be emailed to him. The document, apart from a change from Board to Council, seeks to bring the constitution (Framework) into line with current practices and definitions of service.

- **MAYFAIR:** (Pip) The search for a donations co-ordinator has faulted. Terry to put into newsletter again and send out a notice on REMIND. The need to recruit came up in the conversation.
- Need to address parents at **Prep Information night** to invite them to P&F. Second Hand Uniform stall (Sandra) needs publicity as many parents won't look at the stall, possibly because they are unsure of what the "go" is.

Recruitment idea (Annie N) hold a Trivia Night early in the year. Annie has sourced a company that will provide all materials at a very good price. She will make further investigations. The group thought it a good idea (date to be set).

- **Colour Run:** Bridget H and Leah A are happy to organise (Shae has promised to help out too). Proposed date a Sunday after the long weekend (either 15th or 22nd March). Date to be confirmed after a little more investigation as to what's on in the area on those dates.
- **Parent's Breakfast:** Need to recruit cooks and servers. Pip and Kyra have already volunteered to cook (more needed – Kyra wants a chip cooker too – 🍟 LOL). Terry to advertise for helpers. Terry to talk to Annette and Hannah re: purchasing good
- **P&F/School Council Dinner:** Message sent out to members regarding collecting numbers. Plan to hold it at the Gateway (if possible – two course meal). Please check my mailing list in case I leave anyone out and make sure they, too, receive an invite. Date set down for Thursday, 12th December (6.30pm for a 7.00pm start)

Meeting Closed: 6.50pm

Next meeting: Thursday, 12th December – P&F/School Council Dinner



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FOUNDATION **ORIENTATION**

These are the dates for our Foundation 2020 Orientation Program:

Thursday 7th November 2019 - 9.15am to 10.40am
Morning Tea for parents 9.30am in Staffroom

Wednesday 20th November 2019 - 9.15am to 10.40am

TRANSITION DAY

Tuesday 10th December 2019 - 9.30am to 12.00pm
(Bring a piece of fruit, drink, hat and snack for playtime)

Children are encouraged to attend all sessions so that they are familiar with their school environment prior to the commencement of school.

There will be a **Foundation Information Evening** for parents on Wednesday, 20th November 2019 in the school hall at 6.00pm. The aim of this meeting is to prepare your child for school life at St Patrick's. The duration of this meeting will be about one hour.