



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

16th December, 2020

Merry Christmas to all!

You will have to forgive me if I get a bit “slushy” today, but this time of the year always brings it out in me. I have just watched the students Nativity play. This year, each area of the school filmed their contribution and Helen Rickard compiled it for us. Perhaps I am biased, but I found it to be heartwarming. In some ways, it helped me to reflect on the students perception of the Christmas story as I watched it alone and I was able to take in lots of things going on, as opposed to my teacher – one eye on the play and one eye on the students watching – approach!

My prayer is that, on Christmas day, they can take a moment away from the excitement of presents and giving, to reflect on what we are celebrating.

I hope and pray that each and everyone of you have a happy and holy Christmas and that the New Year is everything you want it to be, filled with love and laughter.

Dear Parents,

Well, the last newsletter for the year! There is nothing more to say than thank you for your support throughout the year. It's been a tough year in many ways (although much tougher for our Melbourne friends!). Still, it has been great to see the students grow and develop in spite of all the obstacles placed in their way.

I'd like to thank our families for their ongoing support of this beautiful school of ours. I firmly believe that our school is the special place that it is due to open communication between home and school and our shared goal of each student reaching their potential.

Farewell Fr Dean

In January, Fr Dean will be moving onto a new parish. Dean has done great work in our schools and he has helped to bring the gospel stories to life. I will always remember the innovative ways that he creatively presented the Christian message to the students especially in his homilies. He will be sadly missed by the staff and students here. Our loss will be Wodonga's gain. We wish him every success in his new venture.

THANK YOU PLUMBFORCE PLUMBING & GASFITTING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Finishing Staff

Unfortunately, we must say goodbye to some staff members at the end of this year.

David Capper retires

David Capper is retiring from fulltime teaching at the end of this year. David began with us in August of 2016 (although he did have a short “stint” with us in 2013 and he had done emergency relief teaching in the interim). David quickly embraced the school culture and became a valued member of the staff. He’s always been quick to lend a hand and support people when needed.

I’d like to thank David for his dedication to our school and I pray that the future holds great joy and good times ahead. David won’t be gone from us completely as he is keen to do emergency teaching with us next year as required, which is a blessing in itself.

Thank you, Leah Cornish

Leah Cornish has been with us this year and it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge her contribution to St Patrick’s. She has done an outstanding job of co-teaching with Karen Bray in a Year 1/2 classroom. Prior to starting her family, Leah also worked in a few maternity leave replacement positions here at St Pat’s as well. I am hopeful of seeing Leah back at St Patrick’s in the future as she is a very good teacher.

Leah, thank you for your continued professionalism and dedication to your chosen career and for all the gifts and talents that you brought to your role here.

Thank you, Elise Barry

We were also fortunate to have Elise Barry co-teaching with Amanda Cassidy for the past few years. Elise has been a valued member of staff. Her strong teaching and learning skills and her commitment to St Patrick’s have also given the students in her care every opportunity to thrive. She also has integrated into school life here at St Pat’s extremely well. I would also like to see Elise return to St Pat’s in a teaching capacity once something becomes available. In the meantime, Elise has indicated that she is happy to do some emergency teaching at St Pat’s, so she will not be lost to us completely.

Thank you, Elise, for all that you have brought to our school. You have made St Pat’s a better place for your involvement.

End of Year Liturgy

Today, Fr Mike led us through our End of Year liturgy. It was a beautiful celebration and a lovely way to end the year.

Last day of Term for students – TODAY

Students finish for the year today at 3.30pm. Staff will work on for the following two days preparing for next year.

Welcome to the world Matilda

Kate and Shannon welcomed Matilda into the world last week. A little sister for Jack, Ava and Will James. Mum (and Dad!) are both doing well, albeit with a few sleepless nights no doubt! (LOL)



THANK YOU LIGHTING & DECOR FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Year Six Graduation – TONIGHT – 16th December at 6.30pm

Well, in spite of the COVID restrictions, the Year 5/6 teachers have managed to design a special evening tonight for our Graduating Year Six class. I'd like to thank them for all of their hard work at what is always a busy time of the year anyway.

School Concert

I sent a link out to families yesterday so that they could view our online Christmas play. I think that the teachers and students have done a brilliant job in adverse conditions. It certainly isn't a "Lucas Film production" (ie Star Wars) but it is most definitely heartwarming.

Please let me know if you didn't receive the link.

Closure Days for Term Four

The closure days set down for this term:

17th & 18th December – Planning Days

Staffing for 2021

There have been a few changes in the past few weeks, so I thought that I'd list the staffing for next year:

Deputy Principal	-	Helen Lyons (Pastoral Wellbeing)
Instructional Leader	-	Andrea O'Connor
Foundation	-	Trish Shaw and Grace Patterson
Year 1/2	-	Karen Bray, Carolyn Levesque and Sarah Smith
Year 3/4	-	Nara Nicoll, Abby Batey, Eleanore Sirianni, Karen Rizzo and Janina Rinaldi
Year 5/6	-	Helen Rickard, Sharyn Ackerly, Amanda Cassidy and Jess Whitehead
Music	-	Leonie Brien and Corena Bennett
Physical Education	-	James Levesque
Science	-	Katie Pallot
Visual Arts	-	Abby Batey
Able, Gifted & Talented	-	Katie Pallot
Italian	-	Lucia Alesiani & Nara Nicoll
Reading Recovery	-	Helen Lyons
Administration Officers	-	Annette Beitzel and Rosie Pane
Library co-ordinator	-	Rosie Pane
Learning Support Officers	-	Shirley Southwell, Michelle Prestianni, Lyn Walker, Alison Simonetti, Jodie Mays
After School Care	-	Elena DeFazio

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@spwangeratta.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 **GLOSS MAKEUP & BEAUTY** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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>

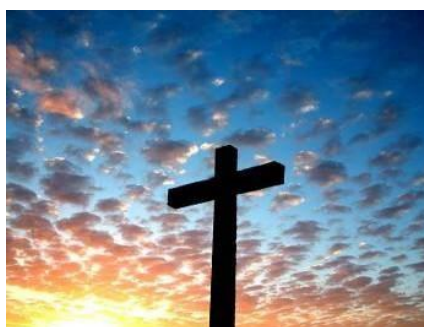
You will need to join our "Class" after you install and sign up - @spatwang, or St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta



Mass Times

- * Saturday 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)

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Terry

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER	16 th	-	6.30pm Grade 6 Graduation
	16 th	-	Last Day of Term 4
	17 th	-	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – Planning Day
	18 th	-	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – Planning Day
JANUARY	27 th	-	Staff Planning Day
	28 th	-	Students Start Term 1 - 2021

MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS

WANTED PLEASE –

McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers),
COLES Little Treehouse Books
SAFEWAY Lion King Ooshies, Keyrings,
Lanyards
Woolworths Tiles
for Mayfair 2021 Showbags

Please deliver to the office, thank you.

