



St Patrick's School

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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

17th February 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY

Today is Ash Wednesday. This marks the beginning of Lent which is the liturgical season for the preparation for Easter. It has its origins in an old Jewish tradition of fasting and penance. In the early Catholic Church fasting and prayer were seen as a way of being drawn closer to God.

I must confess when I was younger, I found the whole thing a bit negative. The priest would make the sign of the cross on your forehead with ashes and say, "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return". As a ten-year-old the prospect of being reminded that one day I wouldn't physically be around anymore was a bit daunting. My experience of dying back then, was limited to a dead budgie that my aunt owned. As an adult, I understand that it's a call to be better because we will all ultimately return to God. That didn't help in those days though!

These days we say, "Turn away from sin and believe in the Good News". In other words, make right the things in your life that are at odds with God and try to be a model of Jesus by showing care and compassion for others (a beautiful message). Even if you find that a bit of a challenge to your faith, it's still worth doing because, in doing so, you are making the world a better place (and who doesn't want that – with the exception of perhaps Donald Trump! LOL).

So, as we embark on this Lenten journey, perhaps we can make a conscious decision to go out of our way once a day to do something for someone else. That is the easy and best way of spreading Jesus' message of love.

Dear Parents,

Well! What a week it's been. This time last week, we were moving along nicely and then BAM! We get told, at a few hours' notice, that we are closing for three days! I have to thank everyone for their care and co-operation these past few days. This wonderful staff at St Patrick's have been brilliant yet again. Everyone chips in and does their bit! It's at times like this that speaks to me of the dedication of all staff from Admins to ESOs and teachers. Whatever I needed from them; they were happy to give.

Thank you to our marvellous families, too, who have been so supportive and understanding during this difficult time. Let's just hope the rest of the year is non-eventful as far as COVID is concerned.

THANK YOU MILAWA HOTEL FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI)

Every few years, schools in Sandhurst Diocese undergo a survey to assess our strengths and areas for development in relation to our Catholic Identity. This survey has been developed by Catholic University (Leuven, Belgium) in cooperation with relevant personnel from various Australian Diocese. The results from the survey will guide our thinking and planning in this critical area of school life for the next few years.

In coming weeks, all staff and Year 5/6 students will be taking the survey. I also need fifty-two parents to undergo the survey. It is a predominately “tick the box” style of survey and it takes thirty to sixty minutes to complete. If you are happy/interested to take the survey, could you email Andrea O’Connor (aconnor@spwanganaratta.catholic.edu.au) and she will send you the relevant registration code. All responses are strictly confidential. The school and Diocese get the results from the survey without any identification of the people who completed it. Your support in this is greatly appreciated. If we don’t get the required number of parents to complete the survey, then we will have to come begging (on bended knee! LOL).

Pancake Day – Postponed

Unfortunately, Pancake day did not proceed due to the COVID lock down. We will try to do something special in the coming weeks as we have loads of pancake mix, so a little pancake lunch could be on the cards. More on this later.

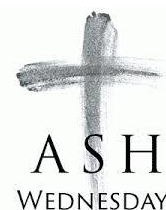


Foundation Parent Information Night

“Thank you” to the parents who attended last Thursday’s Foundation Information Night. Grace and Trish did a great job. There was lots of information and it’s important to us that all parents make sure that they contact the school for any information that they need. No query is too big or too small. We know that when parents and schools work closely together, then the big winners are the students.

Ash Wednesday – Today

Students attending school today participated in an Ash Wednesday liturgy.



SAVE THE DATE – Friday 19th March

The Parents and Friends are organising an **Outdoor MOVIE Night**. This is a free event with an emphasis on getting together and having fun. There will be more on this in coming weeks, once suppliers (etc) have been found.

If parents know of anyone who does this sort of thing, could you please let me know as soon as possible. I’m having trouble finding the person who did it last time (I think he was from Yackandandah).

Hats and Drink Bottles

Just a reminder that your child/ren will need a hat and a drink bottle whilst at school. Please make sure that both items are well marked. Children without a hat will be restricted to playing under the school pavilion in the interests of sun safety.



Bulb Drive

There will be a Bulb Drive fundraiser during March/Early April. Details will come out a little closer to the event.

THANK YOU ANITA HAMILTON HAIRDRESSING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Personal/Medical Information

If your personal details have changed (ie home address, phone numbers, emergency contact details etc), then could you please contact the office and let Annette or Rosie know. This can be done by phoning (57 21 5795) or by email:

abeitzel@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au (Annette)

rpane@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au (Rosie)



If your child's medical details have changed (ie new Asthma Plan, Anaphylaxis Plan) or they have developed a medical condition that we need to be aware of, could you please contact the school as a matter of urgency. Asthma / Anaphylaxis plans are available from the office.

Terry's - "On the bot"

Does anyone have a hessian bag that I could have? I need to make it into a shirt for a dress up party that I'm attending in a few weeks' time. It would have to be big enough to house this "massive frame of mine" (LOL). I'm happy to pay for it, if need be.

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.

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>

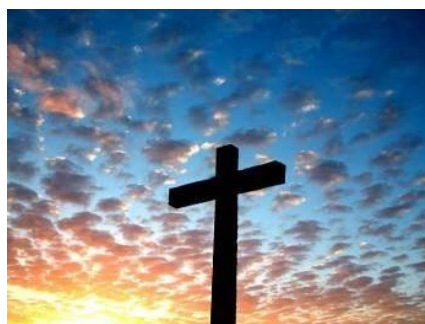
You will need to join our "Class" after you install and sign up - @spatwang, or St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta



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)

<https://catholicwangeratta.wixsite.com/wangeratta>



Terry

THANK YOU GABBY – HANDMADE RESIN JEWELLERY FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY	17 th	-	Ash Wednesday
MARCH	1 st	-	6.00pm P & F Meeting
	17 th	-	St Patrick's Day
APRIL	1 st	-	2.30pm End of Term 1
	2 nd	-	GOOD FRIDAY
	19 th	-	9.00am Start of Term 2

HELP PLEASE

Does anyone have any orange and/or yellow Fun Run glasses lying around that I could borrow please.



I'm also chasing Shrek ears to borrow as well!

Elena in ASC is collecting the Woolworths Discovery Garden pots to use in ASC. If you are not collecting them for yourself and shop at Woollies, could we please have them?

Pots can be left in the office.

Thank you,
Annette



ZOOPER DOOPERS

We are selling Zooper Doopers at recess each Thursday and Friday. Cost is 50 cents and all money raised will go to Caritas.



THANK YOU WANGARATTA JEWELLERS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Chatter Matters

Encourage your child to listen to sounds at the beginning of words. Choose two words from their reader/book and ask them to judge if the two words start with the same sound (say some that match and some that do not). Encourage them to say the two words and feel the first sounds with their mouth. Then, point out the two sounds at the start. For example, “Mouse and Moon start with the same sound.... Mmmmouse, Mmmmoon. They both start with the ‘mmm’ sound”.

While on a long car trip ask your children to write down some of the letters of the number plates that they pass on the way. Eg; SWP or NAR Then get them to make up a funny phrase using these letters as the first sound in the word. for example: Sally Wears Pyjamas or Not Always Right. Gives scores for the funniest sentence but they have to explain why it’s funny.



Every
minute matters

Start of Day Matters

- aim to be at school by
8.45 am
for a
9.00 am start

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.









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



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)*, have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



Contact

your local Saver Plus Coordinator

Phone

1300 610 355

Email

WangarattaBenallaSP@berrystreet.org.au

Online

saverplus.org.au

Find us on Facebook 



Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

JUNIOR RACQUETBALL / SQUASH SQUAD PROGRAM

@ the Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre

This exciting program is designed for kids up to 16 and runs from 4th February. It will run each Thursday from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Please ensure you arrive 10mins before this time for COVID Safe Check In. Racquets, eyewear, and balls are all supplied (non-marking footwear please). All players need to bring their own water bottles.

There is a one-off yearly membership fee of \$15 (due now) which covers club membership for the 2021 calendar year and includes insurance cover.

The first program for the year will run for 9 weeks (final date 1ST April) and the cost will be \$45 (\$5 per week) and is payable by the second week of the program (Feb 11th). Following programs will differ with the number of weeks depending on school terms.



SPACES ARE LIMITED SO GET IN EARLY!

To register your interest or for further information on this program please contact Club President - Barry Patterson on 0409 801 951.

 **WANGARATTA**
SQUASH & RACQUETBALL Club Inc.

For Parents of TikTok users under 18yrs

It is vital that all parents check that their child has entered the correct DOB when creating an account.

The new security provision for u16s that has been recently released by the app, will not function if your child has **lied** about their age. We have received numerous messages from parents saying the security doesn't work. It does if your child actually entered their real date of birth.

Changing and checking this is not simple.

In January 2021, TikTok has advised that errors in entry for DOB may only be altered in the following way.

The account holder or parent must request a privacy report

<https://www.tiktok.com/legal/report/privacy>

Enter in the applicable account information.

Choose the Request information about account data option, listed under the What is your request subheading. Where you are asked to provide details, submit an explanation that the accounts date of birth is incorrect, and advise that proof of age can be provide.

Then, and this is problematic. The app requires proof of identification. And this must be some form of official identification. This cannot be advised or recommended.

Parents are left with two main options. Family pairing or requiring their child to delete their account and start again truthfully. The latter is likely to be very difficult and may cause conflict with your child. Family pairing will provide a parent with sufficient controls over the teens account to replicate most of TikToks new security features for younger users.

Information on how to set up Family Pairing can be found here:

https://www.safeonsocial.com/single-post/tiktok-s-family-pairing-has-expanded-into-australia?fbclid=IwAR1_eWwvlqo3Wv0H6H3CFOksU4S_Q4fGu3qAuNseEDDVgjkQ_1kKm9ZPxrg



Did you get Child Care Subsidy for 2018-19?

If you got Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for the 2018-19 financial year, you must confirm your income.

Most parents have already done this. If you haven't, do it now.

If you don't confirm your income by 31 March 2021, your CCS will reduce to 0%. This means you'll need to pay full fees when you access child care.

The deadline for confirming your income was extended from 30 June 2020 to 31 March 2021 because of COVID-19.

If you confirm your income after 31 March 2021 we can start your CCS again.

But if there's a gap between your CCS stopping and starting again, you'll miss out on CCS for that time.

We sent letters to families in February 2021 asking them to confirm their income.

How to confirm your income

You don't need to call or visit us to confirm your income.

You need to either:

- lodge your tax return with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- tell us you don't need to lodge one and confirm your income online.

If you have a partner, they'll need to do this too. If you separated during the year, we'll also need your ex-partner's income.

To check if you need to lodge a return, use the [Do I need to lodge a tax return? tool on ato.gov.au](#)

If you've lodged your tax return, the ATO will send us your income information. We usually get this within 28 days from when you get your Notice of Assessment.

If you or your partner don't need to lodge a tax return, you need to let us know.

You must do this, even if you've told the ATO that you don't need to lodge. You can do this and confirm your income for the year using either your:

- Centrelink online account through myGov
- Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

Where to find more information

For more information about Child Care Subsidy go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/ccstimelimits



Safe on Social

Social Media Tips for Parents

Cheat Sheet

Social Media - Top Tips for Parents

- Talk to children about online privacy issues, making sure they know to never to identify personal information such as their full name, address, age, school and don't ever post photos in school uniform.
- Teach your children to respect people's privacy and don't share anyone else's personal information online without permission.
- Don't tag photos of your children at their school if your accounts are not set to completely private. This is a child safety issue as anyone driving past can search the school on Instagram and see all of the photos that have been tagged at the school, often by parents who have not set their account to private on Instagram. If your account is not completely private, anyone can see your photos of your child, their name, the name of the cat ,where you go on holiday, what your family does on weekends, when birthdays were and other information about your family and your life. Therefore a complete stranger could make up a story that could be very convincing to your child by using the information you have shared in a public forum of more than 500million users.
- If you are going to post anything with a significant fact, check it first.
- Teach your children to understand the importance of passwords, keeping them private and changing regularly.
- Learn how to recognise a scam. If it is too good to be true, it probably is.
- Make sure the apps you allow your kids to use are age appropriate.
- Don't be patronising or insulting to anyone. This kind of behaviour validates bad behaviour in children as they often see it if you are connected to young people on social media.

- Ban devices from the bedroom from as young as possible. Set boundaries around use.
- Share pictures and videos only with consent. And respect the privacy of others.
- Keep your love-life and arguments off social media.
- Stay positive. If you see something you disagree with – don't engage.
- Consider the fact that children in the background of photos or videos you take at your child's school may be on "no publish" lists. Some children are in protective custody or witness protection and an innocent photo posted on social media could be disastrous.
- Teach young people not to say, or repeat anything that they wouldn't say if the person were standing right in front of them.
- Recognise that other people's opinions may be different to their own and that does not give them permission to attack those opinions online.
- Remember that even an emoji can be taken out of context by someone reading it.
- Use your head and your heart and don't let emotion be the only thing driving you to post.
- Make sure you respect classification on games, they are there for a reason.
- Make sure the young people in your care know that under no circumstances they should go and meet up with anyone they meet online. Stranger Danger rules apply because they are now literally on digital steroids and 24x7.



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Galen Catholic College

Year 7 2022 Enrolment Information

Enrolment at Galen - 4 easy steps

Step 1	Attend our Information Evening	Date: Wednesday 3 rd March Time: 7.00pm Location: Galen Catholic College Stadium	We invite Parents and guardians to attend our information evening
Step 2	School Tours: see Galen in action	Available dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th March 9.15am & 1.50pm • 5th March 9.15am & 1.50pm • 9th March 9.15am, 1.50pm & 5.00pm • 10th March 9.15am, 1.50pm & 5.00pm • 11th March 9.15am, 1.50pm & 5.00pm 	For all bookings and enrolment information please visit our website www.galen.vic.edu.au/enrolments
Step 3	Submit your application	Applications available from: www.galen.vic.edu.au/enrolments Due date: 12th March	
Step 4	Attend an interview	Interview dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March: 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th • April: 20th, 21st, 22nd, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th 	

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