



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

18th December 2019

Merry Christmas to all!

As this is the last newsletter, I am not going to "rant and rave" as I have been doing for the past year. I have resolved to keep this simple.

If I learnt nothing else over the years, it is the importance of love and how I can identify with a God of unconditional love. Who loves the good and bad in me! Who loves me for me!

At this time of Christmas, I hope that you all "feel the love" that is Christmas. The love of family and friends and, if you find time to stop, the love of God.

As a final reflection, I'd like to thank you, our parents and families, for the trust that you place in us to educate your precious children. They are such a joy (well..... most of the time!). Even the "rocky" bits have their rewards though, as we watch the children grow through their experiences. I am so proud to be associated with this beautiful school, where we get to watch the future grow before our eyes.

Our departing Year 6 class have been exemplary. Parents should be so proud of what they have achieved so far (and so much more to come).

I just love the teachers here. Their professionalism and the great care that they show others (students and adults alike) is what makes St Patrick's so special.

Judging by the lovely letters received from parents over the last few weeks, many agree that the teachers here are second to none. That is so true. They do a fantastic job and I am proud of each and every one of them. That said, the school is what it is because of the tremendous support that we get from you and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

May you all have a HOLY and Happy CHRISTMAS and may the NEW YEAR be the best ever, filled with every good wish.

Terry (on behalf of all staff at St Patrick's School)

Dear Parents,

Well, another year done and dusted. I hope the holiday season is a safe and happy one for all.

End of Term

Term Four finishes **TODAY** Wednesday, 18th December at 3.30pm. The staff will continue to work on until the end of the week before beginning a well-deserved break.

Welcome Jessica Whitehead

I would like to welcome Ms Jessica Whitehead to St Patrick's School. Jess will join the Year 3/4 Unit, replacing Sarah Newton who is on maternity leave. Jess comes to us with a range of high-quality teaching and learning skills and a deep interest in digital technologies. Jess has been teaching at St Bernard's where she has been teaching for several years. The only "drawback" that I can see with her, is that she is an Essendon Football Club "tragic". Still, I'll have time to work on her with that! (LOL)

Graduation Dinner – 18th December

This evening (18th December), our Graduating Year Six class and their parents will participate in a Graduation Dinner. This will be held in St Patrick's Parish Hall commencing at 6.30pm. I look forward to acknowledging their journey through primary school.

New School Council Members

Thank you to the following parents who have nominated for the School Council: Michael O'Keefe, Zoe Konkoly, Jodie Perkins, Andrew Brett, Elizabeth Grogan and Sara D'Agostino.

I look forward to them joining the Council in 2020 and contributing to the strategic direct of the school over the next few years.

I will acknowledge the outgoing members in early 2020. They have done a fantastic job and I have always appreciated their advice and candour.

End of Year Mass – 18th December

We held our End of Year Mass this morning. It was a beautiful way to finish the year as a school and parish community.

School Fees

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

Mayfair Donations Co-Ordinator

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

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

THANK YOU **BRENDAN KEIR CARPENTRY** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

School Hats



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

St. Patrick's PS APP REMIND

If you want to keep up with what's happening around the school, you can join REMIND.

It can be downloaded from the app stores to your devices using either of these links:

Apple - <https://goo.gl/IHQHGn> or Android - <https://goo.gl/FJWEv>

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



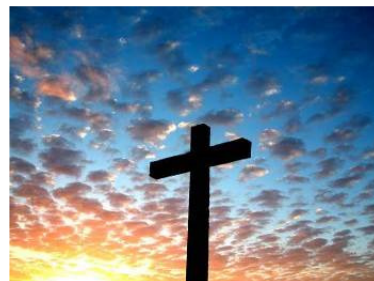
Newsletter

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

Simply email Annette on: abeitzel@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au or phone the office (0357215795) and Annette will put you on the list. If all else fails, you can request a hard copy from the office.

Mass Times

- * Saturday 6.00pm St Patrick's
- * Sunday 8.00am St Patrick's
- * Sunday 9.00am Our Lady's
- * Sunday 10.30am St Patrick's
- * Sunday 10.00am Moyhu
- * Sunday 10.30am Whitfield (1st Sunday)



Terry

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER	18 th	-	3.30pm END OF TERM – Student's last day
	18 th	-	10.00am End of Year Mass in Church – All Welcome
	18 th	-	6.30pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner – Parish Hall
	19 th	-	Pupil Free – Staff Planning
	20 th	-	2020 Staff Preparation Day
JANUARY 2020	28 th	-	9.00am Staff Return to School
	29 th	-	9.00am Students Return to School

THANK YOU **RODAN & FIELDS SKINCARE LAURA PHILLIPS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

Well, here it is, the end of the school year has arrived!

We would like to thank you all for a wonderful first year of school with your children.

We have truly enjoyed the journey with the students and have seen great growth in all areas of their learning and socially and emotionally they have taken everything in their stride. This year's Foundation year has been exceptional and a lot of that is thanks to your guidance and cooperation.

We would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2020 with your Year One students!

Take care everyone and again Thank you.

Carolyn and Trish

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

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

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

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

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

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Andrea, Helen & Sharyn

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

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

THANK YOU **LIGHTING & DECOR** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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.



Christmas Masses and Reconciliation 2019

Christmas Reconciliation (2nd Rite)

Wednesday 18th December @ 7.00pm at St Patrick's Church

St Patricks Church:

Christmas Eve	6.30 PM
	9.00 PM
Christmas Day	10.30AM

Our Lady's Church:

Christmas Eve	7.00 PM
Christmas Day	9.00 AM

Moyhu:	Christmas Vigil Mass	5.00PM
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Whitfield:	Christmas Day	10.30AM
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THANK YOU GLOSS MAKEUP & BEAUTY STUDIO FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL