



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 March 2020

CRAZY TIMES!

Well, aren't things crazy at the moment! There is so much uncertainty in the community. Shelves emptying in supermarkets, airlines shutting down, our health departments under extreme pressure, not with just the CONVID-19 virus but all the usual medical emergencies that they face as well.

I have tried to avoid "panic buying", although it's hard when you see shelves emptying, not to buy into the moment. Yesterday, I raced to the supermarket to buy frozen peas and, on noticing the freezer nearly empty, I also bought a packet of frozen baked potatoes because they were there. I don't even like frozen baked potatoes (how stupid am I?). I got caught in the moment!

The drive home made me think, not so much of my own circumstances but those who are struggling with health issues and economic issues who may find it hard to make "ends meet" at the moment. The availability of affordable food will be a real issue for some in this current climate.

We need to stop and take a breath and think about the needs of others. It's when we take this stance that our community grows stronger and we can face things better together. That's the Christian thing to do. If Jesus were here today, I couldn't see him racing around loading a shopping trolley up, unless it was to give the groceries to the poor! Would he fight over a roll of toilet paper? No! If he ran out, he would probably just use the "backyard bidet" (it's called a garden hose! LOL).

This emergency will pass and when it does, I'd like to think that we will all be a bit better for looking out for others and supporting others rather than selfishly hoarding for our own personal ends.

PS. If anyone needs a bag of frozen baked potatoes... then give me a "yell" (LOL).

Dear Parents,

Yesterday's St Patrick's Day festivities was a welcome break from the "madness" of the past few weeks. It was fun watching the students and staff letting off a bit of "steam". I really enjoyed our St Patrick's Day Liturgy in the School Hall yesterday. It was planned and presented by some of our senior students who did a great job.

THANK YOU 360 PLANS BUILDING DESIGN & DRAFTING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

CURRENT CANCELLATIONS

18 th March	-	Parent Meeting for Confirmation/Eucharist
22 nd March	-	COLOUR FUN RUN
24 th & 27 th March	-	Australian Ballet Performance and Workshop
3 rd May	-	MAYFAIR

ABSENT from School

Just a reminder that, if your child/ren are absent from school for any reason, we ask that you contact the school so that we know that they are safe. Failure to contact the school results in an SMS being sent to parents.

Twilight Sports

Last week's Twilight Sports night was a lot of fun. The numbers were down a bit. There was a "Katy Perry Concert" to be factored in by the lower than usual numbers. All the feedback that I've received to date is that the timing was better than the usual October/November timeslot. Any feedback, positive or negative, will be gratefully accepted.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Thank you to all those who have donated an Easter Egg to our raffle. If you haven't donated already, it's not too late to do so.



After School Care (OSHC) –VACATION CARE

To those families that use our After School Care Service and are planning on using our Vacation Care Service. Be advised that these facilities will remain operational whilst the school is open. However, should we be advised that we need to close the school, then these services will also close.

I would advise families that are booked into Vacation Care to have a "back-up" plan just in case. I have spoken to Elena about the Vacation Care Program. Due to the CONVID-19 virus, I have advised her that all planned excursions are to be cancelled (including the trip to the cinema). If the service remains open, then students will be kept onsite. Elena is already concocting a range of interesting "in school" activities.

Please contact me (in person, phone or email) if you have any queries.

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



THANK YOU **ANITA HAMILTON HAIRDRESSING** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

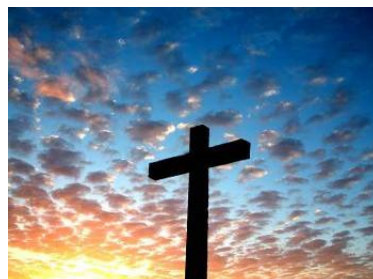
Newsletter

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.

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

MARCH	27 th	-	1.30pm Easter Egg Raffle
	27 th	-	2.30pm END OF TERM
APRIL	13 th	-	EASTER MONDAY
	14 th	-	9.00am Term 2 Commences
	17 th – 18 th	-	Confirmation/Eucharist
	20 th	-	6.00pm P & F Meeting

EVERYDAY MATTERS

Please remember to sign your child in and out at the front office if they are leaving school early or arriving late. If you know you will be picking up your child early, please let the teacher know so they can mark this into the roll.

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



What are reasonable excuses for being absent?

- illness or accident
- Attending or observing religious event
- Bereavement

ZOOPER DOOPERS

We are still selling Zooper Doopers on Friday's at recess. Cost of the icy treats will be 50 cents and all money raised will go to CARITAS. There is no obligation to buy.



PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL

We're doing the Premier's Active April. Help our school to win Rebel Sport Vouchers and visits from High Profile Athletes. It's fun and it's free.

Register online for Active April and request to join our team using the Team ID - stpatrick's
When you register, you are entitled to:

10 free visits to the YMCA

20% off Fitbit watches and trackers

15% off entry to Run Melbourne

One free trial of Cardio Tennis

50% off training program with Sam Wood



THANK YOU **DESIGN HOUSE INTERIORS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Levesque	Congratulations to FLYNN CHANDLER for being such an enthusiastic learner, especially when counting and doing all the movements with Jack Hartman.
Foundation Mrs Shaw	Congratulations to RYLIE HOUGHTON for her excellent writing. She is consistently writing down sounds and letters as she hears them. Great work, Rylie!
Year 1/2 Bray/Cornish	A big pat on the back to LEWIS WATT for the wonderful way he works in our classroom. He shares his kindness with us all; in the way he helps others to learn. We all enjoy hearing the great things Lewis shares with us about his learning. Keep it up superstar!
Year 1/2 Cassidy/Barry	Congratulations to SAMUEL PATTERSON for being an enthusiastic learner and always demonstrating a positive mindset when completing tasks. Samuel is a role model to all his peers, keep up the great work!
Year 1/2 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to CHLOE LESTINO for the amazing effort she put into all her work tasks. She is always focused and completes her work with great diligence. Chloe sets a wonderful example to others!
Year 1/2 Mr Capper	Congratulations to FRANKLIN FLETCHER for completing great work in Mathematics and is a great problem solver. He is always keen and eager to learn. Keep up the super effort, Franklin!
Year 3/4 Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to HENRY ACKERLY for the kindness and consideration that he consistently demonstrates towards his peers. Henry is always inclusive and encouraging others. Well done, Henry!
Year 3/4 Miss Sirianni	Congratulations to FINLAY MATASSONI for being a positive learner. Finlay has a fantastic attitude towards her work which reflects well in all learning areas. Well done, Finlay!!
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo	A big pat on the back to GALAXCIA MARONEY for the focus and persistence she is applying to her learning. It is great to see Galaxcia accepting challenges with positivity and determination. Love it! Well done, Galaxcia!
Year 3/4 Miss Whitehead	A big pat on the back to ANNABELLE JOHANSON for the way she organises her school workbooks. Annabelle sets a great example to others in the classroom and should be proud of her efforts. Keep up the great work, Annabelle!
Year 5/6 Mrs O'Connor	Congratulations to GEORGINA BLAKE for her excellent biographical poster of Michelle Payne. Georgina used excellent text structure to convey her message and inform the reader. Well done!
Year 5/6 Ackerly/Levesque	Congratulations to ALYSSA FORGE for the kind and caring nature she displays each and every day. Her delightful personality is an asset to our class. Well done!
Year 5/6 Mrs Rickard	Well done to MARSHALL SEMMENS & EDWARD ROBERTSON for the problem-solving skills they displayed whilst working on our Maths Problem of the week. They showed great positive mindsets and worked well together listening and sharing ideas. Great work!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

Welcome to week 8. Yesterday we celebrated St Patrick's Day, our school's Patron Saint. We celebrated as a whole school gathering for a liturgy and sharing cake.

Religion: We will finish our unit, 'What do we know about Jesus?' by continuing to read stories about Jesus. Next week will begin the Holy Week Story, in preparation for Easter.

Literacy: Big Books – Levesque - 'Dan the Flying Man,' Shaw - 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'. The students will continue to enjoy listening and reading the big books each day. The students will focus on looking at the pictures and the starting letter to help them read. The students will continue to rhyme and use syllables. During writing, the students will continue to 'write' and draw a message for others to read. They will focus on, 'I can write down what I hear,' and 'I need spaces between words when I write a sentence.'

Reader bags: These are to come to school every day. In this bag there is often important notes or messages as well.

Mathematics: Our topic is 'Subitise'. Subitise is when we look at a collection and know how many are in it without counting. This is an important skill for students to have. Students who play many board games with a di can subitise really well. What board game will you play this week?

Inquiry: The students will construct a bridge in class, they will determine how and what materials they will use to build it. We are sad to inform you that after much consideration the intended excursion to visit the bridges has been cancelled. Due to the coronavirus it has been recommended that we do not take the children outside the school grounds as a group. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

4R's - Emotional Literacy - Students will recognise the kinds of experiences that may trigger particular emotions.

Dates to remember -

This Friday 20th March - Foundation Assembly

Friday 27th March - Last Day of Term - **School finishes at 2.30pm**

Have a wonderful week everyone,

Carolyn and Trish

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

Welcome to Week 8

It is hard to believe how quick this term has flown. We should all be proud of the wonderful achievements of the students.

Yesterday, it was wonderful for our school community to celebrate St Patrick's Day in style with our clothes of green and of course, the famous giant cake.

THANK YOU **GINGER & THYME** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

This week's learning focus -

We will also listen to the stories of Holy Week and prepare for our Stations of the Cross which are happening next week.

Literacy - we will look at the spelling patterns involving the long 'ee' sound as in 'meet and seen'. Through brainstorming and spelling activities, the students will explore ways of recognising this sound in words. Through handwriting sessions, the students will continue to focus on correct pencil grip and body posture.

Mathematics - through a variety of activities, the students will be encouraged to further their understanding of 'Number and Place Value'. Using games such as 'What's in my number?', the students are asked to name numbers that are more/less than their number and name values in the number they have chosen. The students will focus on recognising, modelling, reading and writing numbers. We will also have the focus of 'Subtracting in your head' through the exploration of choosing appropriate mental strategies such as making 10 and counting back. We encourage the students to use their existing knowledge such as friends of 10 and doubles to solve new mathematical equations.

Week 9 - Friday 27th March

- Easter egg raffle
- End of Term at 2.30pm

Important Dates:

26th March: End of Term **2:30pm**

This week we celebrated Saint Patrick's Day. In class students learnt about Saint Patrick's achievements in Ireland and how he used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. This week is

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also, the fourth week of this year's Lenten Journey towards Easter. For Caritas Australia's project compassion this week, our students will learn about the story of Sakun, a Gond Indigenous woman living in a village in central-east India. Sakun developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. Caritas Australia helped fund a program which provided strategic guidance and support to Sakun, helping her to learn new skills and gain important mobility. Sakun now earns her own income and makes a small profit which goes towards her family's basic needs. Thanks to Caritas, Sakun is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Literacy:

In **Reading** this week, we are practicing maintaining fluency while reading through a focus on punctuation in texts. We will be looking for full stops, quotation marks, commas and exclamation marks in writing and aiming to reflect these with our voice through intonation and pausing. Pausing and taking strategic breaths while reading, can calm our voices and allow us to read words smoothly, improving our ability to read with fluency.

In **Writing** this week, students are completing their multiple choice questions or statements in their online quizzes related to our Inquiry study of 'Forces and Functions. Students are also composing their independent persuasive texts on different topics.

Spelling Focus: **ore** as in **store** and **more**. We are also looking at other graphemes which create the **or** sound, such as, **aw** in **saw**, **or** in **stork** and **au** in **sauce**.

Homework:

This week the students have tasks related to Reading, Spelling and Mathematics. Please support your child to complete each component of the homework and fill in their reading log in their homework book (including a comment). The Spelling task involves creating a word ladder using spelling words which feature different graphemes for the 'or' sound. For Maths, students are asked to write a set of numbers in expanded notation, such as $345=300+40+5$ and teach/play the game, 'Wipeout' with a family member. As the students are learning a variety of maths games and activities each week, we encourage them to keep playing them at home. Homework is due back this **Friday the 20th March**.

Mathematics:

This week we are finishing our focus unit on Place Value in Numeracy. Throughout this unit students have learnt how to read, write, represent, order, rename and partition numbers up to and above the ten thousand place value. Next week we will be starting a new unit on Time. Students will learn about reading the time from digital and analogue clocks and making sense of time related data and information.

Inquiry:

During Technology sessions in school, students have created interactive online quizzes on a website called Scratch. This week students will be finalising their quizzes and creating links to share their work on seesaw. Stay tuned for a link to these quizzes for you to try at home.

4Rs (Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships)

This week in our Thursday rotations, students are learning about positive peer support by exploring factors that contribute to positive and negative relationships with fellow students. Students are identifying ways they can positively influence other's emotions and identify peer support strategies for the classroom and the playground.

THANK YOU **HAMEX** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Student's School Day Absences, Late Arrivals & Early Departures

We would like to remind families of procedures regarding student's school day absences. If your child is arriving to school late, departing school early, or spending part of the school day out of school grounds, please ensure that the adult escorting your child has recorded their absence in the sign in and out **book at the front office**. We also ask that an adult inform your **child's class teacher** of their absence before or at the time it occurs, rather than retrospectively. This allows the class teachers to update our online attendance system with on time information. Please note, we are unable to confirm student absences through student's word alone. We can, however, be contacted via email, phone messages, notes or in person. Thank you!

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Andrea, Helen, Sharyn & James

Events Coming up:

22nd March - Colour Fun Run *Cancelled*

27th March - LAST DAY TERM 1. Stations of the Cross Liturgy in the school hall commencing at 9:00am. School finishes at 2:30pm

YEAR 6 LEADERS 2020

School Captains - Andrei Lestino (Galen), Caleb Matassoni (Chanel), Zara Hughes (Chanel) and Piper Atteridge (Chanel)

House Leaders -

Gold - Delaney - Elle Gibson, Blake Winslade, Patrick Jesse-Reidy

Blue - Chanel - Rhiannon Whybrow

Red - Galen - Sophia Pasquali, Brooke Del Mastro and Makayla Pool

Administration Team - Katie Clifford, Trinity Castle and Summer Smith

Maintenance Team - Marshall Semmens, Cooper Eykenboom and Noah Hansen

Sustainability Team - Christian Prestianni, Hayden Devers and Ted Clayton

Social Justice Team - Emily Bevan, Mollie Hogan, Gwynneth Fraser and Ada Overberg

Art Team - Johnny Bright, Hannah Styles & Helaina Martino

Science Team - Edward Robertson & Alasdair Brett

Media Team - Koen Eykenboom, Olivia Fahey-Pyle, Matilda O'Brien, Keenan Peruzzo and Lucas Webb

Late Arrivals/Early Absences

Please ensure if your child arrives late to school or leaves early that you sign your child in and out at the front office. If your child is absent for the day, please inform your child's teacher via email or a phone call.

Twilight Picnic Sport

Thank you to all families who attended the Twilight Sports this year, your participation helped ensure the evening was a success. We were extremely proud of our Year 5/6 Leaders who supported the junior school and helped make the night run smoothly.

Curriculum Foci

Numeracy Focus - ReSolve Investigation.

In mathematics we are investigating algebraic patterns of chicken boxes. The students are

THANK YOU **LINDENWARRAH** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

constructing different shaped boxes and formulating relative rules using algebra to express the pattern of the array. The students are also using excel spreadsheet to model the pattern and checking their devised rules against the computer's algorithms.

Literacy Focus - Reading and writing a variety of information reports

We will be focusing on information reports for the rest of the term linking in with our Inquiry topic as we research and learn about discoveries.

Religious Education -

The Project Compassion theme this Lenten season is ***Going Further Together***. We will be focusing on the stories of the people who have benefited from the fundraising from Caritas and their projects around the world. The Social Justice and House Leaders will be organising the Caritas Ks walkathon which will be held during Term 2.

Inquiry - The Journey to Discovery (Game Changers and Change Makers)

Each class will learn about a STEAM concept relating to the topic of Game Changers and Change Makers. Classes will work together to plan and develop an Expo to share their understanding of the concept. Within classes, students will work in small creative teams to contribute information/displays/exhibition/experiments to share within their classes.

Homework

This week students should be finalising their homework tasks to ensure they are ready to hand in on **Thursday 26th March**. Students must have a table outlining evidence of their learning for each week and how they have allocated their 30 minutes of homework time.

Year 7 in 2021 Galen Enrolment Process

Please see the newsletter for dates and information regarding the enrolment process for students in Year 6 this year who are going to Galen in 2021.

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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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 **ATL PRESSURE CLEANING** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL



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12th March, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our first priority at St.Patrick's Primary School is the health and safety of our school community.

We are being provided the latest advice from the Australian and Victorian Chief Medical Officers by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd to ensure that our school practices are helping to keep our school community safe from the coronavirus outbreak.

Any incidents that arise will be addressed in accordance with our Critical Incident and Emergency Management Plan. We will also have access to resources and support from Catholic Education Melbourne/Sandhurst and the Department of Health and Human Services.

As parents, you have a critical role in helping the school manage this situation:

- Exercise good judgment by keeping children home if they are feeling unwell for any reason
- Talk to children about the situation, as they may be feeling anxious or stressed. You have a key role in helping students feel prepared and safe
- Encourage children to be proactive and committed to their schoolwork, and to stay connected with the school and their teachers
- Talk to your children regarding good Hygiene. Please refer to this link which outlines the **Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus**
- <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

The Department of Health and Human Services has a number of resources on its website, which explain the virus, detail risk-reduction practices and behaviours, and answer frequently asked questions. These are available at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

You can also find information about Catholic education's response at:
<http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents>.

This is an evolving situation, but we will keep you updated as things change.

I ask that you continue to work closely with the school and to contact us should you have any concerns on principal@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your support as we work to keep our students safe.

Kind Regards

Terry Corrigan
Principal

WE'RE DOING PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL!

HELP US **WIN** REBEL SPORT VOUCHERS
AND VISITS FROM HIGH PROFILE ATHLETES



NEW IN 2020 – SYNC YOUR FITBIT TO THE ACTIVE APRIL APP

The all-new Fitbit integration makes it even easier to track your activity throughout April. **Register now** to win great prizes that will help you move more!



FEATURED OFFERS:

YMCA

10 free visit pass



Fitbit

20% off watches and trackers



Run Melbourne

15% off event entry



Cardio Tennis

One free trial of Cardio Tennis



28 by Sam Wood

50% off online training program



Around the Bay

10% off event entry



IT'S FUN & IT'S FREE!

Move more with Premier's Active April
and help our school win great prizes*

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Step 1: Register online for Active April

Step 2: Request to join our team using
the Team ID below

TEAM ID: stpatricks

Register today – activeapril.vic.gov.au

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