



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 September 2019

A GREAT MAN

I have just been doing some reading about Nelson Mandela. To me, he is a hero of the twentieth century and an inspiration and a model for all.

Anyone who knows anything about him can't help but to admire a man that spent his life fighting oppression in peaceful ways. Imprisoned for twenty-eight years as a victim of apartheid, I would have expected anger and bitterness. The only model that this man has portrayed is that of tolerance and forgiveness.

Martin Luther King Jnr once wrote, "Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a College degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love".

Although Nelson Mandela is an educated man, he showed the world what a "heart full of grace and a soul generated by love is all about". He epitomised it in everything he did.

Two thousand years ago, a fellow called Jesus showed us the same model of peace and love. I rather think that Jesus would admire what Mandela has achieved especially in the face of such adversity (a bit like Jesus' own story really). I don't know if Nelson Mandela was a religious man, but I do believe that God is at work through people that spread a message of love and tolerance. Nelson Mandela passed away on 5th December, 2013 but his memory will live on through the inspiration that he was to many thousands of others and I know that he is in God's loving care.

Speaking of journeys, I'd like to finish with a quote from Nelson Mandela.

"I have walked the long road to freedom.

I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way.

But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill,

One only finds that there are many more hills to climb.

I have taken a moment here to rest,

To steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me,

To look back on the distance I have come.

But I can only rest for a moment,

For with freedom comes responsibilities, and I dare not linger,

For my long walk is not yet ended"

THANK YOU HARVEY NORMAN WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Well the end of term is fast approaching. Term three finishes this Friday at 2.30pm. Please note the early finish time (to meet bus commitments).

Year 3/4 Camp

Our Years 3/4 students are heading off to Lake Nillahcootie tomorrow for an overnight camp experience. I hope that they have lots of fun. They will return to school by 2.15pm in time for end of term at 2.30pm.

Festival of the Sacred

I was correct. Our Year 5/6 students did a fantastic job at the Festival of the Sacred last week. I was so proud of them all.

Terry Long Service Leave

I will not be at school on Thursday and Friday of this week. I'm taking a few days Long Service Leave. In my absence, Helen Lyons and Trish Shaw will be Acting Principals.

End of Year Reports – We Need Your EMAIL ADDRESS please

This year St Patrick's will be offering parents the opportunity to view and download students End of Year Reports electronically, using our reporting software nForma and its Parent Portal. We are currently setting this up and will let you know when it is ready to go.



To take advantage of this environmentally preferable alternative we will need an email address to which we can send the secure log in details.

Please update your email contact details (along with any relevant phone number or address updates that we may need to know) by contacting the office or completing the attached form.

Alternatively you can email Annette (abeitzel@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au) or Rosie (rpane@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au) and in doing so, we will have your address that we can add to our data base.

Your contact details will not be shared with anyone and it is simply to allow parents to have access to the secure Parent Portal on "nForma".

Lunch Orders

Some parents have expressed difficulty finding the lunch order sheet. There is one posted on our website for your convenience (www3.spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au).

Assembly – Friday

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

THANK YOU MAWSONS CONCRETE & QUARRIES FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

School Hats

As we are only a few weeks away from Term Four, I thought it wise to remind parents that 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!).



Things coming up (in the next few weeks):

19th to 20th Sept Year 3/4 Camp to Lake Nillahcootie
20th Term Three ends at 2.30pm

Vacation Care – Fully Booked

Our Vacation Care service is now **completely booked!!** Please ensure that Permission Forms are returned as soon as possible. If forms are not returned, children will not be able to attend excursions.

Assembly – Friday

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

Web Calendar

If parents access the school's website (www3.spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au) you will have access to a calendar of events as they come up. A calendar of events is also published in our newsletter.

I will have as many available dates as possible on this site within the next week or so. Please check it periodically as I also add dates as they become known.

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



EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR REPORTS

Name Email Address

THANK YOU LAVISH HAIR & BEAUTY SALON 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

SEPTEMBER	19 th -20 th	-	Year 3/4 Camp – Nillahcootie
	20 th	-	2.30pm END OF TERM
OCTOBER	7 th	-	9.00am Term 4 Commences
	7 th	-	6.00pm P & F Meeting
NOVEMBER	4 th	-	Bishop's Holiday – NO SCHOOL
	5 th	-	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
	7 th	-	9.15am – 10.45am Foundation Transition Day
	18 th -22 nd	-	Yr 3-6 Swimming
	20 th	-	9.15am – 10.45am Foundation Transition Day
DECEMBER	10 th	-	Whole School Transition Day

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

CONTACT DETAILS



Everyday counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up. Remember, everyday counts.

Wanted!

Do you have any interesting natural objects in your garden or on your farm? The grade six Yard Solutions team need your help! Over the holidays if you are able to make a small collection of objects to bring in next term we would appreciate it. Natural objects we are looking for include:

- pine cones
- large hard seed pods
- largeish interesting leaves
- gum nuts/acorns etc



We are also looking for some natural wood to build with and log stump seating for a separate project. If you have any of these items could you please contact Ms Pallot at school or via email kpallot@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

Thankyou in advance,

John Blake, Ryan Dillon, Lucy O'Connor and Layla Steer

St Patricks Wangaratta

NAME: _____

YEAR/CLASS: _____

TOTAL PRICE: _____

PARENTS PHONE: _____

ITEM	PRICE	QTY
		lunch only
Small Lemon Slice	2.00	
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	
Cheese & Bacon Roll Buttered	2.00	
Chicken & Salad Roll <i>W'Meal / White (please circle)</i>	5.00	
Ham & Salad Roll <i>W'Meal / White</i>	5.00	
Ham & Cheese Sandwich <i>W'Meal / White</i>	4.50	
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich <i>W'Meal / White</i>	4.00	
Chicken & Mayonaise Sandwich <i>W'Meal / White</i>	4.00	
Roast Pumpkin & Sweet Pot Soup with buttered dinner roll (winter only)	5.00	
Small Chick & Quinoa Salad	4.50	
Large Chick & Quinoa Salad	8.50	
Mayonaise Dressing	0.30	
Orange & Poppyseed Dressing GF DF	0.30	

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 FINISHING TOUCH BODY, HAIR & BEAUTY FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Levesque	Congratulations to ZAYDEN DYSON for being a positive and enthusiastic worker who always tries his best and completes all set tasks.
Foundation Mrs Shaw	Congratulations to LIAM HENNESSY for his wonderful reading efforts, working very hard to match the words with his eyes and sound out the words quickly. He is also slowing down and using his reading strategies to make meaning of the text. Great work, Liam!
Year 1/2 Mrs Bray	A big pat on the back to COOPER ROMAN for his amazing learning this term. We are all so proud of your achievements and enjoy seeing your wonderful work. Keep it up superstar!
Year 1/2 Cassidy/Barry	Congratulations to BILLY YOUNGER for working on his phrasing whilst reading. We love listening to you read. Keep it up superstar!
Year 1/2 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to ELI HACK for showing positivity and greater perseverance with work tasks. Well done, Eli!
Year 1/2 Mr Capper	Congratulations to MILLIE MCGENNISKEN for having a strong work ethic and completes any activity to the very best of her ability. It is truly an enjoyment to observe the passion Millie puts into her work.
Year 3/4 Nicoll/Lynch	ON CAMP
Year 3/4 Mrs Newton	ON CAMP
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo	ON CAMP
Year 3/4 Mr Levesque	ON CAMP
Year 5/6 Mrs O'Connor	Congratulations to DARCY MENNIE for his amazing academic progress this year. Darcy sets high expectations for himself, resulting in him achieving excellent results in both English and Mathematics!
Year 5/6 Ackerly/Higgs	Congratulations to ZARA HUGHES for the outstanding organisation she demonstrates in class and with her homework. Zara uses her Google calendar and task bar to manage her learning in a mature way to ensure she completes all set tasks before the due date. Keep up the fabulous work!
Year 5/6 Mrs Rickard	Congratulations to NOAH HANSEN for his creativity with his writing piece and also his presentation to the class on his slam poetry. Well done, Noah!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

Well here it is! Last week of Term 3!

What a busy term it has been, but the children have coped beautifully and continue to work hard. We especially enjoyed the 'Possum Magic' performance last week.

Mrs Shaw will be away on Long Service in weeks 1 and 2, Term 4. In her absence, Ms Eleanore Sirianni will be in Foundation Shaw. We welcome Eleanore and know that she will have a lovely time as will the students.

Religion:

This week the students will continue the unit, '**I am special, so are you**'. The students have been busily defining what each member of their class brings to their classroom in their talents and gifts as an individual. Each student will bring a book about themselves home to share with you.

Literacy:

This week's fiction books
Foundation Levesque - 'Wacky Wednesday'
Foundation Shaw - 'The Foot Book'

Students will create words that have the short 'u' vowel sound, focussing on 'ust' and 'ung'.

Mathematics:

The students will be exploring what objects are heavier than others (hefting) and what container holds more or less. We will use words such as: heft, mass, balanced and unbalanced.

Inquiry:

Students will draw a picture showing good choices and how we treat each other, especially our friends.

RRRR's: Students will discuss different jobs where both men and women work.

Show and Tell –

This week - An interesting item found in the environment.

Dates to remember –

Monday - 7th October Term 4 begins.

Friday - 1st November, Grandparent's Day

Thank you all for your continued support with your child's learning. We wish you all a very happy and safe holidays and look forward to seeing you all again on the first day of Term 4.

Have a great week,
Ros and Trish

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

The end of the term is here. We should all be proud of the children's achievements and we thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you enjoy the holiday break and look forward to hearing all about the holiday adventures.

We welcome Mrs Newton into Year 1-2 Bray on Thursday and Friday while Mrs Bray attends camp with the Year 3/4 students.

Our learning focus for the week -

Religion - We will finish our unit 'Grief and Loss' by looking at the memorial garden in our school and discussing how we can care for those who are experiencing sad times such as the loss of a loved one.

Literacy - our spelling topics this week, are 'and' as in 'hand' and 'ull' as in 'bull'. We will also further explore short and long vowel sounds in words - that is, looking at sound patterns when reading and using this knowledge, when writing. This week, we will explore 'suffixes' and how the use of these can change the meaning of the word. Through the listening to and discussing traditional fairy tale and other versions of these stories, the students are encouraged to predict, make inferences and personal connections to the text. Our writing will focus on 'Narrative writing' and we will be encouraging the students to use elements of the fairy tales they have heard and changing or adding something new.

Mathematics - our topics this week, will see us continue to focus on 'equal shares' and 'number sentences'. Through activities such as planning for a birthday party and planting garden beds, students will use mathematics in context to model sharing, represent and solve mathematical operations involving division eg. There were 5 children at the party, and they had 20 balloons between them, how many balloons did they have each? Activities will centre on grouping into equal sets and solving simple problems using these representations.

Inquiry - we finish our unit 'Celebrating differences' by giving the students time to plan and finish creating their own musical instrument inspired by another culture. This has been a wonderful unit and we are very impressed with the insights the students have shared about our uniqueness and acceptance of others.

Next term, our unit is called 'Robot Buddies' and focusses on creativity. If you have any wonderful creative ideas, picture story books or ideas for incursions, we would love to hear from you.

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

It is hard to believe the end of term is here. We would like to thank all our parents and families for their wonderful support this term.

Dates to Remember:

19th -20th September – 3/4 Camp to Nillahcootie

Friday 20th September Term 3 ends at 2:30pm

Monday 7th October - 9:00am Term 4 commences. Don't forget to wear a **school hat (clearly labelled with name)** and **summer uniform.**

THANK YOU WATERMARC DINING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

SCHOOL CAMP: With our 3/4 camp to Nillahcootie almost upon us, please remember to see Mrs Newton for a medical form if your child is taking any medication on camp. **Medication is not to be left in your child's possession.** All medications are to be given to the child's teacher on the day of camp, with the relevant form filled out. ***This also includes travel sickness medication.*** Please email Mrs Newton at snewton@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au if you require a medication form via email.

Also please remember that your child will need to take a fruit snack, recess, lunch and a refillable drink bottle for the first day of camp.

Religious Education: This week in 'Community of Believers', the students have finished off researching the key events that shaped the early Church and the beginnings of St Patrick's Church.

Literacy & Inquiry: This week students completed their research of a well-known person with a disability as part of the Inquiry unit, ***Someone Else's Shoes.*** During Reading sessions, students have practised the skills of locating specific information and note-taking. In Writing sessions, they have learnt how to organise their research notes into sentences and paragraphs using a biography scaffold. They have presented their information about a well-known person with a disability either in the form of a slideshow or a written biography.

Spelling focus: *This week we are focusing on the final blend digraphs: _wn, _wl, _wk, _mp as in own, owl, hawk and lamp.*

Numeracy: This week in Numeracy students have continued to develop their understanding of the written forms of multiplication, including how to solve algorithms using the split strategy, the grid method and formal vertical multiplication. They have also applied these strategies to problem solving scenarios.

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's sibling or friend cannot be accepted for legal reasons.

We wish all families a safe and relaxing holiday!

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Andrea, Helen & Sharyn

Events Coming up this term:

September 19th: Slam Poetry Contest for nominated entrants @1:00pm in the hall.

October 11th: Zone Athletics

We are very proud of the amount of learning our team has accomplished this term and have enjoyed watching continual growth in our students. We hope everyone has a restful holiday and look forward to what is to come in Term 4!

Lollies/Chewing Gum: Please check in with your child to make sure that lollies and chewing gum don't come to school please. We have discussed this with the students and would appreciate you following up this at home.

THANK YOU TROY DALTON ELECTRICIAN FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Curriculum News:

Numeracy Focus

Students have completed the Maths Games Contest 5. The strategies practised were Divide a Complex Shape and Convert to a More Convenient Form. Teachers have noticed an improvement in student's ability to be able to solve multi-step, worded problems due to the continual practise of the BAR model and the **Understand Plan Do Check** process this term.

Robotics - This term the Year 6 students will be participating in the Robotics program conducted in conjunction with GoTAFE Wangaratta. The students were introduced to the build design by Justin McMahon and have commenced the build stage of their robots.

Reading Focus - Students have completed their Slam Poetry piece which will be presented to their own class and selected students will present to a panel of judges including Jodi Gibson and Councillor Ashlee Fitzpatrick. Students have also completed a Picture Story book for the Foundation students that involved using a microscope and iPad to take photos and editing in Pages then publishing as an eBook. Work will be uploaded to Seesaw for parents to view soon, stay tuned!

Writing - Students continue to recognise and use various writing devices like repetition, imagery, similes, metaphors, alliteration, personification etc. A huge congratulations to Ada Overberg who recently won the Wangaratta Writers competition held by the Rotary Club. We are extremely proud of her fabulous piece of writing.

Inquiry - The Care for the Kids unit draws to a close, as a collective team we pray for those children less fortunate and as a school community will continue to support charities and raise awareness where appropriate.

RE - We will continue with discuss our Life Relationships for the remainder of the term, you might like to have a conversation with your child regarding any questions they might have before the Parent Session. The Parent night will be held early in Term 4.

Radio - Drew, John and Charles will be presenting the St Patrick's Radio Hour on Thursday from 2:00pm on Oak FM.

RRRR'S - This term we have explored issues relating to Gender and Identity.

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 welcomed to visit the classroom.

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THANK YOU **STOCKDALE LEGGO AUCTIONEERS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL



FREE

School Holiday Program

The School Holiday Program is a great way for all primary school aged kids to try a fun new sport while getting active!

Come & Try:

Pickleball - Wangaratta

Lawn Bowls - Moyhu

Cricket - Greta

Cricket - Gapsted

Little Aths - Rutherglen

Softball - Rutherglen

BMX - Wodonga

Waterpolo - Wodonga

& more...



To register your spot today, please head to www.sportnortheast.com.au



North East Regional
Pre School Association

An invitation is extended to all parents and families as well as interested teachers and other professionals to attend an:

INFORMATION EVENING “Setting our Children up for Success”

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER | 7.00 ~ 8.30PM
WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

This presentation asks the question; “what is success?” and unpacks many features of what may constitute a successful and rewarding life for children that goes far beyond reciting the alphabet and counting and being “bright”. Practical ideas and strategies are provided which include, the importance of self-expression, reaching out when you need to, taking on challenges, meaningful relationships and effective communication.



Consultant: Melinda Vander Reest is an early childhood consultant from Early Life Foundations. With 30 years of experience working with young children, families and educators in a variety of settings across Australia and Internationally. She has Early Childhood and Primary qualifications as well as a Bachelor of Special Education and an Advanced Certificate of Child and Family Development.

➤ To attend please register (free) at Eventbrite online at:

<https://nerpsa2019.eventbrite.com.au>

NERPSA: Early Years Management, Wangaratta: nerpsa.com.au