



# 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

19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

# Christmas 2018

Sitting here and typing this, I'm listening to a song through our PA system. The lyrics are saying: "Christmas is the time to celebrate God's love". As I've gotten older, I've really come to realise how synonymous the words "GOD" and "LOVE" are. Everything that is made by God, that comes from God has LOVE at it's centre.

So, at Christmas we remember the birth of Jesus. Sent by God. Made from love.

Thinking about Jesus birth helps me to reflect on what is important. God is important. Life is important. Relationships are important. Think about Jesus' birth. No "ritzy" one-star hotel to stay in there .... Oh no! He was born in a stable. None-the-less I would imagine the love in that stable would have been so strong that you could almost touch it.

GOD – LOVE – Relationship. There it is (I think), the secret to connecting with God. To making the world a better place. Michael Himes, a wonderful theologian that I have had the pleasure to listen to, describes love as being central to understanding God (not that we will ever fully understand God). Love evokes in us a sense of joy which is more than happiness. It is a deep-seated sense of love, contentment and so many other things to connect us to God and provide balance. I think it's the food for our inner self (just my opinion).

So back to Jesus' birth. Do I think that it was all peaceful and calm? Cows gently "mooing", sheep "baa-ing". Mary and Joseph happily chatting, waiting for Jesus' birth. Well, you've all seen enough of child birth to realise that it's not always so peaceful. Like all births, it would have been amazing though. A gift of life. Afterwards, Jesus, wrapped in a swaddling cloth, lying peacefully in a manger for a bed. Mary recovering from the birth and Joseph probably feeling pretty relieved that it had all gone so well, given everything that they'd been through.

On that star filled night, humanity was given a special gift. One that would teach us how to be better people. How to share love in the world and care for others. Jesus is a guide to God and a model as to how we should treat each other. He is a gift that keeps on giving.

May you and your families have a holy, happy and safe Christmas and may the New Year be filled with fun and great adventures.

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

Dear Parents,

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I just wanted to thank all of our wonderful families, on behalf of the staff, for the privilege that it has been to teach your beautiful children this year.

I truly believe that St Patrick's is a very special place because of the commitment that we have from the staff here at school and that of our families.

I am looking forward to 2019 with great anticipation for another fantastic year.

Thank you again.

## TODAY!

### **19<sup>th</sup> December**

- 10.00am**      **END OF YEAR Mass of Thanksgiving**, at St Patrick's Church. Everyone welcome.
- 2.00pm**      Our last school **Assembly** for the year which will be run by the Year 6 students and teachers. Everyone welcome.
- 5.30pm**      Families of Year 6 students pre-dinner get together (on lawns near Catholic Education Office)
- 6.30pm**      **Graduation Dinner** in the Parish Hall.

## Last Day for students – REMINDER

Students will finish today Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December as we will be rearranging rooms and setting up our library in preparation for 2019 on the Thursday and Friday (20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December).

## School Resumes

Term One begins for the students on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am for all students.

**Foundation students** will also begin on the Wednesday, but they will only attend until 1.00pm for that week. Then they will have Wednesdays off until the long weekend in March. This will allow the teachers to gather lots of information on the students as a starting point for their educational journey. Foundation parents have already been briefed about the assessments to be carried out on Wednesdays.

## *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](mailto:abeitzel@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au) or phone the office (0357215795) and Annette put you on the list. If all else fails, you can request a hard copy from the office.

THANK YOU **GABBY HANDMADE RESIN JEWELLERY** 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:

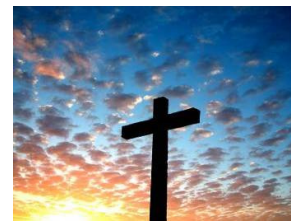
Apple - <https://goo.gl/IHQHGn> or Android - <https://goo.gl/FJWEv>

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)



*Terry*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	3.30pm Last Day of Term 4 - 2018
	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	6.30pm Graduation Dinner
JANUARY	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.00am First Day of Term 1 – 2019



## MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS

WANTED – **COLES** Mini Shop Collectables  
**McDonald's** Toys (in the wrappers)  
**Keyrings, Lanyards** for Mayfair 2019 showbags.

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



THANK YOU **BROWN BROTHERS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

## THANK YOU!

We extend our sincere thanks to Meg and Ros, mother and grandmother of Caitlin in Foundation Levesque, who donated their time to make our school a class set of art smocks (modelled by Foundation students Caitlin and Violet). Thank you very much! Your talent and time is very much appreciated! These will be treasured by students and teachers alike when we are making a mess in the Art Room! Thanks Meg and Ros!



## FROM THE SCIENCE ROOM

Next year in Science we are going to be continuing with some of our STEM activities and need recycled goods. Over the holidays it would be great if you can collect or have any of the following at home that you could donate:

- Bottle tops of any size (the plastic kind)
- CD's for building with (not for computer use)
- Disposable coffee cups/coffee lids (washed well or unused)
- Small clean plastic bottles (eg 300-600ml water bottles)
- Small off-cuts of timber (no longer than 1/2 m in length)
- Cardboard tubes (no toilet rolls please)
- Table tennis balls
- Corrugated cardboard



If these can be dropped into the Science room in the first week of term 1 2019, I would really appreciate it.

Thanks  
Ms Pallot



THANK YOU **MCDONALD'S FAMILY RESTAURANT** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

# *Christmas Masses and Reconciliation*

## *2018*

### *Christmas Anointing Mass:*

*Tuesday 18 December @*

*2.00pm at Our Lady's Church*

### *Christmas Reconciliation (2<sup>nd</sup> Rite):*

*Saturday 22 December @*

*10.30am at St Patrick's Church*

### *St Patricks Church:*

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>7.00 PM</i>
	<i>9.30 PM</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>10.30AM</i>

### *Our Lady's Church:*

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>6.30 PM</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>9.00 AM</i>

*Moyhu: Christmas Eve Mass 5.00pm*

*Whitfield: Christmas Day 10.30AM*

