



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

26th June 2019

Walk a Mile in their Shoes!

A few months ago, I put a photo on the newsletter of a young black child and a young white child embracing with the caption, "In a world where you can be anything, be kind!". This message still resonates with me (I have the picture on my computer) and never more so than right now as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The essence of this Feast Day has nothing to do with cardiology and everything to do with the love and compassion that Jesus showed to others. This is the same love and compassion that I wish every child to experience and to go out and share with others. We should all be models of love and compassion (kindness).

One thing that I do know is that we don't really know another person until we've "walked a mile in their shoes". How quick are some of us to look at the plight of others and decide we know what is happening in their lives. I've heard people on welfare described as "lazy layabouts" which is very unfair. I suppose some could be in that position but that should not mean that all are condemned to this tag simply because of their situation. Most people who need assistance are in genuine need and we need to spread our generosity to those that we can. Yeah, some will abuse the system but that shouldn't exclude us from helping all who ask as at least we know the needy will be covered.

I love that I live in a society that has organisations such as St Vincent De Paul, Anglicare, The Salvation Army and The Smith Family (to name a few). These organisations are at the heart of the love and compassion that Jesus modelled for us. Whilst some of us are snuggled up with a mug of warm soup, a fluffy blanket and a large screen TV during the holidays, spare a thought for those less fortunate whose life and struggles are vastly different from our own.

I think that love and compassion is that "God element" that lives in all of us and is just waiting to come out to make the world a better place.

Dear Parents,

Well the final few days of the term! The year is just flying by. Thank you to all those parents and students who braved the cold to attend our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews. It was a very strong showing and heartening to know that we are all working towards the best possible outcomes for the students in our care. Parental engagement is key to student success as countless research tells us. When we work together, then everyone wins.

School will officially finish at 2.30pm this Friday, 28th June.
Term Three begins on Monday, 15th July at 9.00am

Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass

This Friday, the students will attend Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This feast day reminds us of the great love and compassion that Jesus had for others and it inspires us to be the same. During this term, we collected blankets for St Vincent De Paul so that those in need could have warm blankets to ward off this bitterly cold winter. In the past, we have donated these blankets straight after this Mass. However, this year, we decided to make the donation earlier as St Vinnies were desperately in need of blankets and it makes more sense to do this before the weather has turned really cold as it has done in the past few weeks. Thank you to the families who donated blankets and to our Social Justice team who assisted by purchasing some blankets from Kmart using money raised for such an event.

Australian Ballet

Today, we had members from the Australian Ballet conduct workshops for our students in Years Foundation to Four. Tomorrow these students will walk up to the PAC to view a performance by the Ballet Company. Who knows, we might even inspire a BILLY Elliott or an Anna Pavlova from within our school. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students sponsored by the Australian Ballet Company.



Maths Conference

As you are all aware, last week staff attended the Maths Association of Victoria Conference. It was a wonderful experience bringing together maths experts from across the country. The teachers are full of enthusiasm and keen to trial new ideas that were showcased.

Congratulations also to Amanda Cassidy who did a brilliant presentation by all reports. Amanda was asked to present following her runner up status for Maths Teacher of the Year last year (Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute).

AFTER SCHOOL CARE – Bookings nearly full

Any family requiring to make a booking for Tuesday or Thursday (or any other night for that matter) will need to contact the office to check availability as these nights are completely full and the others are near capacity. We can take additional students on these nights only if we have students absent on the day, but this needs to be arranged through the office. I have instructed Elena to send students to the office who do not have a booking as we are only licenced for a specific number of children. All bookings must come through Rosie in the office. If your child presents to the service and has not been formally booked in, then we will contact you to collect your child.

We would also appreciate it if families can contact Rosie when their child is not accessing After School Care on a night that they have a permanent booking.

THANK YOU KMART WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Assembly – Friday

This Friday's assembly will be run by "yours truly" so don't go expecting the razzle, dazzle that the class Assemblies often have as they are so much more talented than I. That said, parents and friends are always welcome to our assemblies. 9.00am this Friday

Long Service Leave

For the first few weeks of next term, we have a few staff members taking long service leave. Helen Rickard (Yr 5/6) will be replaced by Marg De Stasio, David Capper (Yr 1/2) will be replaced by Susan Krake and Leonie Brien (Performing Arts) will be replaced by Barry Cook.

The replacing teachers bring a huge amount of experience and I am very pleased to be replacing staff with teachers of this calibre. I'd like to wish Helen, David and Leonie safe travels and a relaxing break.

Closure Days – next term

Please mark this closure date in your diary for next term:

31st July - Level Two First Aid Course for all staff

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



Newsletter

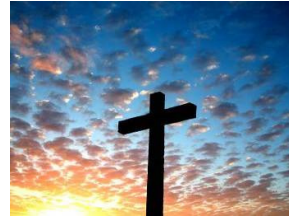
Our newsletter can be accessed on our website and our Facebook page. Annette (in the Office) also has a mailing list that she is happy to include you on. Simply email Annette on:

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.

THANK YOU **MAKEUP BEAUTY BY JOSIE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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

JUNE	26 th	-	3.45pm – 7.00pm Parent/Teacher Interviews
	28 th	-	2.30pm END OF TERM 2
JULY	15 th	-	9.00am TERM 3 BEGINS
	31 st	-	PUPIL FREE - Level Two First Aid Course for all staff
AUGUST	3 rd	-	9.30am Making Parenting a Little Easier Workshop
	5 th – 8 th	-	Book Fair

CHATTER MATTERS

An activity to build vocabulary: Become a food reviewer

Go around the family table take turns in describing something about your meal e.g. carrots, mashed potatoes, chips, chicken schnitzel etc. Try to use different and interesting adjectives such as shape, colour, size, flavour, texture, or discuss where something is grown e.g. dry, smooth, crunchy, lumpy, salty, spicy, scrumptious, boring. If eating in a different setting continue your reviewer role and describe the setting e.g. cosy little restaurant, beautiful picnic rug in the botanical gardens, noisy seagulls stealing my chips.

VACATION CARE

Just a reminder to return permission forms for excursions to school before Friday. Children will not be able to go on excursions without permission notes.

THANK YOU **PAULIE'S CORNER** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships

Help Seeking:

Children can experience all kinds of challenges as they grow and develop. The help-seeking behaviours of children are fundamental to their mental health and wellbeing. Encouraging and fostering help-seeking behaviours is one way to improve mental health and wellbeing. It is important to work with students to make sure they are aware about help-seeking avenues and confident to seek help from an appropriate source when needed.

- *Cybersmart* is an Australian website providing information about online safety for Years 3–12.
<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Kids.aspx>
- *Kids Helpline* is a free 24-hour counselling service for Australian kids and young people aged 5–25 years.
<http://www.kidshelp.com.au/>



BOOK FAIR

MONDAY 5th AUGUST TO
THURSDAY 8th AUGUST

BOOK FAIR TO BE HELD IN FISHBOWL/LIBRARY



As there are a number of classes to look and purchase books at the Book Fair, we will be viewing the books on Monday and Tuesday, where children will make a wish list to send home, then the children will have the opportunity to purchase books on Wednesday and Thursday. Please check the roster (next term) to see when your child's class is purchasing. Parents may wish to come in with their child's classroom or at any time between 9.00am and 3.30pm on Wednesday or Thursday.

Families are not under any obligation to purchase books if they do not wish to.

If children change their minds and want to purchase a different item that exceeds the amount of money they have, they will not be able to purchase that item. We cannot put away books for them until they have the money. If the book they wish to purchase is already sold out, I will be able to reorder most items.

Parents are most welcome to come along also to have a look prior to the Book Fair on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thanks
Rosemary Pane

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

How can I help build my child's numeracy?

As parents you play a significant role in your child's learning by setting expectations, nurturing curiosity, and encouraging a love of learning. You can help build your child's numeracy through doing the following:

- be positive about their numeracy experiences and praise effort and perseverance
- let your child know that everyone can be successful
- seize everyday opportunities to capitalise on numeracy development
- involve your child in numeracy-related activities
- describe what you are doing in situations that involve numeracy
- explain why you make certain numeracy choices
- explore numeracy with your child
- learn alongside your child and encourage a sharing of numeracy ideas and thoughts

Helping children to become numerate does not need a high level of mathematics. It means:

- encouraging children to try, then keep trying
- encouraging children to think (reason)
- supporting children while they do homework (which means encouraging them and taking an interest, but not doing the thinking for them)
- modelling numeracy with children (including interpreting data, charts and diagrams)
- talking aloud when solving problems (every day or mathematical)
- getting children to check their answers (Does this answer make sense?)
- encouraging children to help with
- cooking (especially measuring out ingredients)
- paying bills
- scheduling events in the day
- reading maps and giving directions
- shopping
- measuring — and thanking them for their support
- do not say “Maths is hard” or “I was never good at maths”. **Numeracy capability is not inherited but attitudes are contagious.**

PAT ON THE BACK

- Foundation**
Mrs Levesque
Congratulations to **IMOGEN JOHANSON** for the consistent and positive approach she has towards writing. Imogen is so proud that she has mastered spaces when she writes words.
- Foundation**
Mrs Shaw
Congratulations to **XAVIER OVERBERG** for his excellent reading efforts in the classroom. He is really thinking about spelling patterns and beginning blends to help him with unfamiliar words. Great work, Xav!
- Year 1/2**
Mrs Bray
A big pat on the back to **LEWIS WATT** for his wonderful semester of learning. We are all so proud of you! Keep it up superstar!
- Year 1/2**
Cassidy
Congratulations to **JACK MAIDEN** for an excellent presentation at this week's expo, explaining all the cool and interesting facts he had learnt about rabbits. Jack's diorama was detailed as was his information report which included all the important elements required. Well done, Jack!
- Year 1/2**
Ms Rinaldi
A big pat on the back to **BRIDIE BURNS** for organising all her materials for our recent expo. She did a great job of explaining how you can reduce, reuse and recycle!
- Year 1/2**
Mr Capper
Congratulations to **LILY REID** for having an enthusiastic manner and takes part in all learning activities. She is a quiet achiever who is always keen and eager to learn and always exhibits a kind, polite and friendly nature. It is a pleasure having Lily in 1/2DC!
- Year 3/4**
Nicoll/Lynch
Congratulations to **KYLE TONKIN** for the way in which he worked collaboratively to research the flora and fauna of Bolivia and for the informative and entertaining slideshow that he produced.
- Year 3/4**
Mrs Newton
A big pat on the back to **ABBY DENNEHY** for developing good work habits in order to complete her tasks in a timely manner and working on good choices in and outside the classroom. Keep it up superstar!
- Year 3/4**
Mrs Rizzo
A big pat on the back to **JORDAN MOIR** for the focus and persistence she is applying to her learning. It is great to see Jordan accepting challenges with positivity and determination. Love it Jordy!
- Year 3/4**
Mr Levesque
A big pat on the back to **JENSEN PERNA** for being a responsible learner by setting up his table each morning with his drink bottle, fruit, reader and his pen ready to learn.
- Year 5/6**
Mrs O'Connor
Congratulations to **ANDREI LESTINO** for his amazing attitude towards learning. Andrei's "can do" attitude and willingness to challenge himself has led him to achieving great results. Well done!
- Year 5/6**
Ackerly/Higgs
Congratulations to **LENNY CLAYTON** for the focus and strategies he applied to Maths Game Contest 2. Well done Lenny, keep up the good work!
- Year 5/6**
Mrs Rickard
Congratulations to **TED CLAYTON** for the cooperative way he has been working with his partner on his Travel Expo project. Together with John, he has presented a very informative poster on their chosen country Bulgaria. Awesome work, Ted!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

Well, here it is, the end of Term Two! A whole half of the first year of schooling for your children has been and gone. What a start they have made!

Thank you all for your continued support in your child's learning journey.

REMINDER

School finishes at 2.30pm this Friday for the end of term.

Walk to Merriwa Park, tomorrow, Thursday the 27th of June 9.30am-11.00am approximately.

You are most welcomed to join us; you need to have a Working with Children's Check.

No siblings, as the priority is our students. THANK YOU!

Religion: Students will continue to verbalise their wonderings and explore the many beautiful things in God's Creation through the unit, 'I Care For God's World.'

Literacy: The students will work through a variety of activities related to the big book in their class. They will continue to write lists, letters and wanted posters relating to the big book. The students will continue to practise the most used words daily and sounds and letters.

Foundation Levesque - 'Mrs Wishy Washy's Birthday'

Foundation Shaw - 'The Shark in the Park'

Mathematics: The students have been investigating 2D and some 3D shapes and revising topics we have worked on throughout the term.

Inquiry: This week during the unit, '**Our Sustainable World**' the students will continue to work on how we can help look after our world. We will be visiting the playground and school gardens to see what we can do to make a change!

RRRR's: The children will listen to problems they may encounter. The students will ponder the problems and discuss with their peers who can help them.

Show and Tell:

This week - A magic trick....very exciting!

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and enjoy your break with your children. We look forward to seeing you all on **Monday, the 15th July for the first day of Term Three.**

Carolyn and Trish

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

Important Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th June – Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 28th June – Last day of Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

Literacy:

This week in spelling we are focusing on the 'r' as in rat and 'bl' as in black. We will also be looking at word families. In our literacy groups we are looking at antonyms. For writing this week we are learning to write persuasive texts.

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

News:

This week – If I could have any superpower I would like to...

Numeracy:

In numeracy this week students are focusing on the topic 'Chance'. Students have been identifying activities and everyday events that involve chance. Outcomes of these events have been described as "likely" or "unlikely", "certain" or "impossible". We have enjoyed playing lots of different games involving chance such as dice and card games.

Inquiry:

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our expo yesterday. The students loved sharing all the cool and interesting facts they had learnt and were experts, sharing their information reports and dioramas on their chosen animals.

Next term we will also be creating some musical instruments, linking in with our inquiry for term 3. Any cylinders from cling wrap or foil containers would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Meetings:

Please note that the Year 1/2 teachers have meetings scheduled every Tuesday morning before school and Wednesday after school. Just a reminder that teachers can be contacted via email on:

acassidy@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au
dcapper@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

kbray@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au
jrinaldi@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

We would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in term 3.

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

Reminders:

- This Friday is the last day of term. Just a reminder to parents that we finish at 2.30pm.

Literacy/Inquiry:

This week students will be continuing to work on their information report on their chosen endangered animal. Students have looked at their information and have written notes under their subtitles. These subtitles include 'what does my animal look like, what is its diet, habitat and why is it endangered? From these notes students have expanded the information into proper sentences. Students will then complete a good copy either in a poster form or powerpoint presentation.

Our spelling focus this week continues to be initial (beginning) digraph blends (2 letters making the one sound): cr_, gr_, tr_, br_, dr_, pr_, fr_ and wr_ .

Emphasis is also placed on phonemic awareness and isolating the different sound components in words. This is a vitally important skill to have in place so that we can make accurate approximations when spelling unfamiliar words.

Example: The word 'draw' can be broken into two sound parts - **dr-aw**

THANK YOU **PARK LANE NURSERY** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Religion:

This week we will be finishing up our topic of 'Sacraments of Eucharist'. On Friday the whole school will be attending Church celebrating the 'Feast of the Sacred Heart', if you are free you are most welcome to join us. The Mass starts at 12.00pm.

Homework:

This week the students have not been given any homework due to school holidays commencing at the end of the week. We do however, encourage that your child reads at least 20 minutes a night through the school holidays.

Numeracy:

This week we are finishing up our topic of subtraction and moving onto problem-solving using addition and subtraction. Students will be asked to brainstorm different problem-solving strategies that they are familiar with, such as drawing a diagram, making a number sentence, making a table, estimating and checking or acting it out. Students will be given a variety of open-ended problem-solving questions and they will systematically work through the given problem.

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Andrea, Helen & Sharyn

Coming up:

School Finishes @ 2.30pm this Friday

Winter Sports Day - will be held tomorrow. Soccer at the Sth Wang Soccer Oval, Netball and Football at the Barr Reserve and T-Ball at the Baseball ground at South Wang. Games commence at 10.00am and will be running throughout the day. Feel free to come on down and support your child. Students will need to ensure they have enough food packed to last throughout the day and warm clothes to wear over their sports gear.

Bluearth Leadership Day - Our Year 6 students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with the Wangaratta District Special School (WDSS) students the other day. Thank you to Matt Dillon, Chris Harvison, Helen Rickard and the Bluearth team for organising the day.



Australian School Performing Arts (ASPA): Day 1 next term students will be involved in the first of a series of workshops aimed at developing performing arts skills. The workshops will occur at school, culminating in a final performance to be held at Galen later in the term with other schools in our Diocese.

THANK YOU **HAMLA OLIVE GROVE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Travel Expo: Thank you to parents, grandparents and friends who visited our Travel Expo today. This was a snippet of one of the many activities students have been engaged with this term. It was a great opportunity for you to spend time in our school, continuing to develop partnerships between school and home.

Curriculum News:

Numeracy Focus Maths Games Contest 2 this week. The problem solving focus was 'Make a Table' and 'Look for a Pattern'.

Reading Focus Completing our Hitler's Daughter novels, ready for the PAC Performance next term. **Writing** - Travel Expo posters.

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 Stikeezs (in wrappers),
Keyrings, Lanyards
Woolworths Tiles (in wrappers) for
Mayfair 2020 showbags.



Please deliver to the office, thank you.

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**Master Magician
Duck Cameron**
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Wangaratta Library

Enjoy a fun-filled,
magical show full
of surprise,
comedy & intrigue.

**Thursday
4th July
2.30pm**



Duck will also provide a rare glimpse behind the
smoke and mirrors, teaching some fun magic
suitable for ages 5-12 so you can perform your
own magic tricks!

Bookings essential

For bookings or more information please
contact the library on 5721 2366 or
email library@wangaratta.vic.gov.au



RURAL CITY OF
WANGARATTA

A School
Holiday Program

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET

EDUCATION



Wangaratta
Performing Arts &
Convention Centre

Holiday Workshop

MONDAY 1 JULY – FRIDAY 5 JULY

THANK YOU **LONDRIGAN MEATS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Activities for 5 to 12 year olds!
Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre
HP Barr Reserve, Wangaratta.

NINJA GYM

TUESDAY 2ND JULY

12.00 - 12.45pm: 5 - 9 YEAR OLDS

1.00 - 1.45pm: 5 - 9 YEAR OLDS

Ninja Warrior inspired Fun with gymnastics equipment

\$9.00 per child includes 1 session & entry to the pool (under parent supervision)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



MOVE, PLAY & RELAX

THURSDAY 4 JULY
12.00PM-1.00PM

Group Fitness inspired kids class which incorporates high intensity movements & zen (body balance & yoga)

AGE: 6-12 year olds (attending primary school)
\$9.00 per child includes entry to the pool after the session (under parent supervision).

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

GYMNASTICS TRAINING SESSION

TUESDAY 2ND JULY

2.00 - 4.00pm: For intermediate & senior YMCA gymnastics students only.
\$9 per child. Bookings not required.

YMCA DANCE

TUESDAY 9TH JULY
11.00-12.00PM

Get your groove on with Funky dance.
5-9 year olds \$9.00 per child

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

AQUA GUARDS

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY

11.00 - 12.30pm: 8 - 10 YEAR OLDS

1.00 - 2.30pm: 11 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Come & Try Aqua Guards!

The Aqua Guards program provides the opportunity to develop swimming skills, water safety knowledge and carry out aquatic rescues, plus enjoy water games such as water polo.

\$6.00 per child

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

POOL INFLATABLE FUN

THURSDAY 11TH JULY
1.00PM - 3.00PM

Enjoy the giant pool inflatable and lots of fun in the water.

\$6.00 per child includes pool entry.

YMCA Swimming lesson members - Free!

Children must be minimum age 5 years and

competent swimmer. BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre

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