

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

27th November 2019

Celebration of a Life

On Monday, I attended the funeral of Dwight Ritchie, stepdad to Ryder in Year One and a proud Yorta Yorta man. It was a beautiful funeral (if there is such a thing) because it was a celebration of Dwight's life and all that he has achieved in a relatively short time on this planet. The love of this man hung off every syllable of those who spoke about him. I watched, I listened, and I learnt.

I learnt of his life growing up that was never always easy, but he was surrounded by people who loved him and he loved them.

Dwight was a boxer and a very good one. He was highly rated across the world in this sport and his future looked bright until tragedy struck. In spite of all the success that he had, to me, it wasn't what defined him. During the funeral, a clip was played of an interview that he had regarding his boxing. In that interview, he expressed that the love of his children (and no doubt his partner Samara) was the most important thing. He spoke of the importance of telling them often that they were loved. He wanted to be a good dad to his children because he never knew his own father. That was a wise head on young shoulders. He was a loving father and partner, and a role model to many. He was a religious man who has no qualms about expressing his faith in God to others. In this way, he was the hands of God at work in the world (one of many millions).

Finally, I learnt about what it must mean to be a Yorta Yorta man. The funeral was attended by a huge number of mourners. It made me realise that we have so much to learn about the richness of community through the many Indigenous groups around Australia.

Rest peacefully Dwight, in God's loving embrace. Your legacy will live on in your family and through your model of love, respect and kindness.

Dear Parents,

The end of the term is approaching faster than I realised. I thought that I had weeks to talk about the "End of Year" concert. I haven't! It's next Wednesday! The children have been preparing their performances so I'm sure families know about the event. Still, I wasn't expecting it to come around this quickly. See the following for details.

SCHOOL CONCERT- NEXT WEDNESDAY - 4th December

Our school concert will take place next Wednesday night commencing at 5.30pm. "Showtime" will be at 6.00pm. The concert itself will run a little over an hour. At this concert we will be presenting roses to our departing families, as is our tradition. Families may wish to bring a picnic tea and have a picnic (and or pizza etc) prior to the performances starting. There will be seating available, but families are welcome to bring their own fold up chairs if they so desire. I look forward to seeing you there.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These have taken place last night and tonight. I am so proud of the staff who give so generously of their time to ensure that communication between home and school is mutually supported. If you didn't get the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher due to any number of reasons, then you are still welcome to make contact to find a mutually agreeable time.

Helpers for Family Breakfast – PLEASE HELP

The Parents and Friends are looking for helpers for their FAMILY BREAKFAST being held on 13th December (Friday). We **DESPERATELY** need about ten to twelve people to cook and serve. We have three volunteers so far.



Prep Transition Days

The last of our Prep (FOUNDATION) Transition days is Tuesday 10th December from 9.30am to 12.00pm

School Council Nominations

Our School Council do a wonderful job of supporting the school by advising on the strategic direction of the school, finding ways to engage families in school life and providing advice and assistance. The three key tasks in 2020 involve looking at our current building plan and ensuring that it still meets our needs, strategies around family engagement and looking at our digital technology strategy for the next five years.

We are calling on parents to nominate for positions which will become vacant at the end of this year. Councillor's tenure is a two-year position with an option for a further two years (if they so desire).

We currently have five members who will be finishing up at the end of this year and we are calling for nominations to fill these places. The School Council meets monthly (except in term breaks). There are about eight meetings per year. Please consider joining our Council if you have an interest in this area of school life.

A	nomination form is below. If we	get more names than places available, then a ballot will be held.					
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SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM							
-		wish to nominate for one of the advertised St. Patrick's School Council ons. I understand if there are more nominations than places available, then a ballot will be conducted.					
	SIGNED	Phone No					

Year 5/6

The year 5/6 have been working on making products for their Bizarre Bazaar. Please see the attached advertisement.



Some of the products on sale are:

Lures, Cork floats, Yabby cans, lip balm, lip scrubs, scrunchies, bath bombs, body scrubs, paint, slime, stress balls, keyrings, book marks, 3D Action Figures, Erasers, Crayons, Mugs, second-hand sporting equipment, Kinetic sand, fiddle pegs, Face masks, Magnets, Tie dye shirts and Oobleck.

Parents, could you please give your child some money to purchase our products. Products will range from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

Profits made will be donated to UNICEF Australia.

Classes for 2020

We are well and truly down the track with our planning for next year.

Class structures will remain the same although the allocation of staffing has yet to be completely finalised. I will announce those changes once I have finalised the advertised position.

Here are a few changes that we do know:

- I am delighted to announce that Eleanore Sirianni will be replacing Sarah Newton whilst she is on maternity leave. Ellie has been taking the class since Sarah has had her baby (Harper) and she has quickly become part of the school.
- Next year, we are putting in a specialist Physical Education teacher. James Levesque has agreed to come out of a classroom to fulfil this role. He will also work one day per week in the senior area.
- The Italian program will continue on with Italian classes being taught weekly for the year across all classes. To this end, we welcome Tanya Cardamone who will work in the middle/ Senior area of the school.
- Tony Fram is currently on extended leave
- The school will still run the following programs: Music, Science, Art, Italian, Physical Education, BluEarth, Able, Gifted and Talented (AG&T), Reading Recovery, Adding to Numeracy Thinking (ANTs) as well as extra remediation support where possible. Our Education Support Officers (ESOs) will also continue to support student learning across all grades.

Assembly – Friday

This Friday's assembly will be run by FOUNDATION Classes. Parents and friends are always welcome to our assemblies. It begins at 9.00am in our school hall.

After School Care for 2020

Thank you to the parents who have registered their child for After School Care next year. We have strong numbers across the week. In fact, there are **NO** places available on Thursday nights. To this end we will investigate what it takes to extend our licence to accommodate extra students. We pride ourselves on over staffing the facility to make sure that the children are very well supervised. That will not change.

Zooper Doopers

Annette is coordinating the sale of Zooper Doopers at the first break each Friday. Cost is 50 cents and any money raised will go to Caritas.



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.

School Council – Next Meeting

The St Patrick's School Council will meet next Thursday, 21st November in the staffroom, commencing at 5.30pm

Vacation Care

We have had a few inquiries regarding running a Vacation Care service over the Christmas holidays. Unfortunately, we are unable to run the service over the Christmas holidays. In 2020, we plan to run Vacation Care for the full two weeks of terms one, two and three holidays which will support our families by providing a valuable service which has already achieved sustainable numbers.

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.



After School Care 2020

Places are filling up fast for After School Care bookings for 2020, so if you are requiring a spot for your child for next year, please fill out the form below, to avoid disappointment.

Tuesday's and Thursday's are the most popular days, so if you require those days, please let Rosie know asap.

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/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:

<u>abeitzel@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au</u> 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)





DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER	27 th 28 th	-	3.45pm – 7.00pm Parent Teacher Interviews 5.30pm School Council Meeting
DECEMBER	2^{nd}	_	6.00pm P & F Meeting
	4^{th}	-	5.30pm End of Year Concert under the Pavilion
	9 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	10^{th}	-	Whole School Transition Day
	10^{th}	-	Galen Orientation Day (Yr 7 2020)
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	12^{th}	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	12^{th}	-	School Council/P & F Dinner
	13 th	-	8.00am Family Breakfast
	13 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	$17^{\rm th}$	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	18 th	-	3.30pm END OF TERM – Student's last day
	18 th	-	10.00am End of Year Mass – All Welcome
	$18^{\rm th}$	-	7.00pm 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

CHATTER MATTERS

Focus: Using a variety of language genres

Communicating to socialise

We all use a particular style when we email or use the internet to access social media but are our children explicitly aware of these styles? How can they adjust their language/style to get more out of their interactions with others?

Ask your child to tell you they might write an email to the following people about a recent holiday. Grandma, their best friend, the school principal, a prep student, the school magazine. What sort of words, phrases do they use for each of these different audience? Why?

<u>Timetable for Year 5/6 Bizarre, Bazaar Stalls</u> <u>Thursday 28th November</u>

Time	Class
2:35 - 2:45pm	Foundation Shaw, Year 1/2 Bray & 1/2 Cassidy
2:45 - 2:55pm	Foundation Levesque, Year 1/2 Capper & 1/2 Rinaldi
2:55 - 3:05pm	3/4 Nicoll & 3/4 Sirianni
3:05 - 3:15pm	3/4 Levesque & 3/4 Rizzo
3:15 - 3:25pm	PACK UP

If there are any products left, there will be another stall on the Friday.

Thanks for supporting the students.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Just a reminder that there will be no more borrowing books for this year.

All books must NOW be returned.

Also, if you have any readers at home, please return them as well.

Rosie





PRODUCTS AT OUR <u>BIZARRE BAZAAR</u> MARKET ARE ..

Lures ,Cork floats ,Yabby cans, lip balm, lip scrubs,Scrunchies, Soap, bath bombs , body scrubs, Paint, slime, stress balls, Keyrings, book marks, 3D Action Figures Erasers, Crayons, Mugs, Second hand sporting equipment, Kinetic sand, fiddle pegs, Face masks ,Magnets ,Tie dye shirts and Oobleck.

Parents, could you please give your child some money to purchase our products. Products will range from \$1 to \$10

Profits made will be donated to a chosen charity.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2020

As we are approaching the end of the year, we require confirmation as to what days you will be requiring After-School Care for next year, to ensure that your child receives a place. Could those who utilise the After-School Care program, please fill out the form below to show what days your child will be attending next year. Your prompt response would be appreciated. Please return this form no later than Friday 6th December 2019.

If you haven't used After School Care previously and require it for next year, you will need to fill out an enrolment form which can be collected from the office.

NAME	•••••	Phone No	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME			

□ MONDAY □ TUESDAY □ WEDNESDAY □ THURSDAY □ FRIDAY

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.



PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Congratulations to *HARLAN WITTE* for having a positive mindset in everything he does. He has achieved wonderful results this year.

Foundation Congratulations to *ISABELLE HUHN* for the way she always cares for others and shows an interest in her classmate's learning too. She is a kind and inclusive girl who is always willing to help her teachers and others. Well done and thank you, Isabelle!

Year 1/2 A big pat on the back to *AMY MCGENNISKEN* for her wonderful year of learning. Thank you for being a great classmate to us all!

Year 1/2 Congratulations to *MASON DAVERN* for reading over 230 nights so far this year.

An amazing effort! All your practicing has certainly paid off, you are a fantastic reader, Mason!

Year 1/2 Congratulations to *PHOEBE WRIGHT* for the wonderful progress she has made with her reading, throughout the year. She has worked hard to improve her literacy skills and I am very proud of you, Phoebe!

Year 1/2 Congratulations to *HARLEY SMITH* for being a happy student and making our classroom a better place. She is truly eager to learn and asks questions appropriately when needed. I have enjoyed being her teacher this year!

Year 3/4 Congratulations to *ALYSSA FORGE* for the positive mindset and persistence that Sicoll/Lynch she demonstrates when engaging in challenging tasks.

Year 3/4 Congratulations to *RILEY WEBB* for the wonderful effort he has put into his reading and writing tasks this week. He did particularly well in his Reader's Theatre performance. Well done, Riley!

Year 3/4 A big pat on the back to *LUKE DILLON & DOMINIC CICCONE* for the enthusiasm and wonderful artistic designs they are creating for the kindness garden in the school. Love it boys! Well done!

Year 3/4 A big pat on the back to *MAKYBE AUGER* for always challenging herself to Mr Levesque give her best effort in all set tasks.

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Mrs Rickard

Mrs O'Connor

Ackerly/Elliott

Congratulations to *SUMMER SMITH & KATIE CLIFFORD* for the effort they have put into designing and creating their 3D figures, using the 3D printer for the Bizarre Bazaar. Well done!

Congratulations to *EMILY BEVAN* for the creative ideas and independence she displayed when making her product for Bizarre Bazaar. Well done, Emily!

A big pat on the back to *LUCY NOLAN & EMILY YOUNGER* for their organisation and display for their Bizarre Bazaar stall. They were also a great help to other teams who needed an extra pair of hands. Well done girls for seeing a need and doing something about it!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION - Caz & Trish

Well here is week 8 and the weeks are flying!!

Religion: Thank you for the boxes you sent in for the children to create their own churches. Ask them to explain to you all the elements they have added to their churches. Why does the church have these things? They worked very hard on the churches and it was lovely to watch them explain to each other their creations. The students will be beginning their last Religious Education unit for this year in, 'We Celebrate Christmas'. In this unit students will explore the celebration of Jesus' birth and explore the concept of waiting and preparing for special events in our lives. They will have an understanding of waiting and how it applies to their lives. They will be led to appreciate that Mary and Joseph waited for the birth of Jesus. They will be encouraged to relate their experiences of giving, receiving and celebrating to this important liturgical event. It will be reinforced that the Bible contains many stories that tell us about Jesus' life on earth.

Literacy: This week's fairy-tale texts are - Foundation Levesque - 'Little Red Riding Hood' Foundation Shaw - 'The Three Little Pigs'. The students are looking at the originals of these stories and adaptations. They will be writing their own books about their fairy tales and using their imaginations to change the story.

Word Study: (from big book) Levesque - le, oo, Shaw - thr, ee and le

Mathematics: The students will continue to identify the number words in sequence, backwards and forwards, and reasoning with the number sequences, establishing the language on which subsequent counting experiences can be built. They are consolidating fluency with forwards and backwards counting in meaningful contexts, including stories and rhymes.

Inquiry: Students will continue the unit, 'Topsy Turvy Tales'. They will be asked to think creatively whilst using their imaginations. The children will be making their own puppet theatres and characters to tell a story.

RRRR's: The students will participate in the Controller Colours game. It is used to develop students' skills in concentration and their confidence in their capacity to control their body.

Show and Tell – This week - Something that rolls Next Week - A book I can read

Dates to remember –

TONIGHT, Wednesday, 27th November - Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday, 28th Grade 5/6 Bizarre Bazaar!

Students can bring money on this day to purchase some items if you so wish.

Friday, 29th November - Foundation Liturgy

Wednesday, 4th December - End of Year Concert @ 5.30pm under school outside pavilion.

Children can wear Christmas colours - red, white or green.

We thank you all for your continued cooperation.

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

Welcome to week eight!

We begin the week by asking for your generosity, as we commence the lead up to Christmas. Our annual Vinnies hamper collection has commenced, collecting goods for families in our community. In the 1/2 area, we are requesting chips, cheezels, pretzels, shapes etc. Any donations of this kind are appreciated.

THANK YOU ALPINE GRANGE DEVELOPMENTS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

We have had three reported cases of head lice in the 1/2 area... please check your child's hair and treat accordingly (if necessary). Thanks for your support.

We apologise for the recent influx of permission notes!! It's that time of year!! Please return these as promptly as possible.

Curriculum:

With only 15 school days left for our students (hard to believe, isn't it?!!), we have decided to begin incorporating a Christmas focus within our Literacy, Numeracy and Religious Education program. We have also been busily rehearsing our carols for our end of year concert next week. We can't wait to impress you with our singing!!

Dates to Remember:

28th November: TAFE visit

4th December: End of year concert 5.30pm 6th December: 1/2 Rinaldi & Bray assembly

9th, 11th, 12th, 13th & 17th December: 1/2 swimming

10th December: Transition Day 13th December: P&F Breakfast

18th December: Last day of school for students

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

Some dates to remember:

2nd December - 3/4 Advent Liturgy

4th December – End of Year Concert 5:30pm under the Pavilion (netball court)

Religious Education: We begin a new unit, Christmas - The Promise Fulfilled

In this unit students will explore how Christmas is a fulfilment of God's promise and a time to celebrate Jesus' birth. Advent is a time of looking forward to the fulfilment of that promise. At Christmas we celebrate Jesus with us today by living lives of love and service to others.

Inquiry & Literacy:

This week students are continuing work with their group to plan and prepare the backdrop for their chosen scene, as well as organising the movements of each character so that the scene can be turned into an animation. In preparation for filming, we have been exploring the use of stage directions, character actions and their dialogue as instructions for the play. Students have also worked with their inquiry group to plan, create, build or source materials for their scenery, characters and props. If students would like to bring in items from home, we have asked them to check with parents before bringing in (named) items. Over the next few weeks we will continue to refine our scripts and collect materials, ready for capturing images to use in the creation of our stop motion films using the 'iMotion animation' application.

Numeracy:

This week in Numeracy we are investigating the connection between decimals and fractions. The children will recognise that the place value system can be extended to tenths and hundredths. This will help them to make connections between fractions and decimal notation.

Uniform:

Please ensure that students come to school in the correct school uniform, including appropriate footwear and correct coloured socks (<u>not black</u>). We do understand that there will be times when children have outgrown footwear and that this is an expensive uniform item. If your child is required to be 'out of uniform' for some reason, please advise Mr Corrigan and your child's teacher. This can be done with a note or a phone call. Thank you for your understanding.

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 or a sibling cannot be accepted for legal reasons.

YEAR FIVE/SIX - Andrea, Helen & Sharyn

Events Coming up:

Thursday 28th November - Our Bizarre Bazaar Market 2:30pm under the shelter.

Wednesday 4th December - End of Year Concert.

Tuesday 10th December - Year 6 Transition Day

Year 5 - 2020 Yr 6 T-shirts: Students will be choosing their t-shirt colours with all orders due this week. **Year 6 Graduation Information -** Notes have been sent home regarding the Graduation Dinner to be held on Wednesday 16th December 2019. Please return by end of this week and arrange for payment to be made. Students will also bring home notes this week regarding a graduation audio/visual presentation and the Year 6 Fun Day.

Curriculum News:

Numeracy Focus

This fortnight students have been working on a 'projected profit and loss' statement. Students have worked on a Google Sheet spreadsheet set up by Mr Ackerly (helps to have accountant contacts!). Students have had to prove to their teachers that their business was going to make enough profit. They have experimented with changing formulas/values to check intended profits. Fingers crossed that their 'projected sales' happen this Thursday!

Literacy Focus - Students will continue to investigate the Jackie French natural disaster series to make comparisons and analyse French's style. Students will conclude the unit this week by writing a memoir told from the perspective of a natural disaster survivor, using new words learnt from reading to make the memoir striking and memorable for the reader.









Inquiry - The students are working busily on their Bizarre Bazaar unit, as they gain a real-life understanding of the design and production process when creating a brand for a new product. They will produce and sell their products at the **Bizarre Bazaar Market on the 28th of November at 2:30pm**. Parents and friends are welcome to come in and support the market!

RE - As we approach the Advent season, the students will be examining the following enduring questions related to the Feasts of the Christmas Season:

How do we know Jesus?

Where do I find Jesus in my life?

The Year 5/6s will be celebrating the first week of Advent with a liturgy in the hall Monday the 2nd December.

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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SES Christmas Special Friday 29 November

Session One: 4.00pm – 5.00pm Session Two: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Don't know what to buy for Christmas?

Give the perfect gift - a home emergency kit!

- Two fun-filled, child-friendly, sessions with a chance to WIN!
- Spot prizes, a special visitor Paddy Platypus!

21 Docker Street

Bookings preferred wangaratta@ses.vic.gov.au or 0400 877 731

 Learn how to put together a home emergency kit that could save your loved ones life during an emergency.



LIGHTING OF THE Christmas





RIVERSIDE SQUARE THURS 5TH DEC

JOIN US FOR A FUN & FESTIVE GOOD TIME AS WE TURN THE LIGHTS ON AND CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF THE SILLY SEASON! FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, PHOTO BOOTH, DJ AND A VERY SPECIAL GUEST- HO HO HO!

6PM LIGHTS ON AT 8:20!

