

St Patrick's School

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ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28th August 2019

Happy Father's Day!

As it's Father's Day this Sunday, I want to dedicate this newsletter to our DADS.

Being a Dad is perhaps my greatest accomplishment. It's also provided me with plenty of sleepless hours of worry, self-questioning when you have to take a stand and you're not sure if you've done the right thing, fear that something will happen, and you can't be there for your child.

However, all of this is quickly forgotten when I think of the incredible joy that my son has brought me over the years. I love him to bits. I am so proud of the young man that he has become, his kind and compassionate nature and a "leave no-one behind" attitude. I also look forward to seeing what the future holds for my beautiful boy.

If all this seems a bit soppy well I don't really care because it's these lessons that he has taught me since I first held him all those years ago. I was brought up in an age of stoic males. A "big boys don't cry" attitude and a never let on you are sad, anxious or frightened. We can no longer afford to embrace these models for our children as we know that they often lead to anxiety and mental health issues as young adults.

In an age of technology, where cyber bullying is rife, we need to make absolutely sure that we have a strong relationship with our children, to support them in the tough times and, equally important, celebrate their successes. To be a positive part of their lives and, in doing so, they become a positive part of our lives.

I know that I've said it before but the first real experiences any of us has of God, is through the unconditional love given to us from our parents. In that way, we are actually being the hands of God in the world. What better way to learn to love God than through the love of our parents? It worked for me, even when I would question my faith as a young fellow, mum and dad's love was an ever present constant.

Just for the record, I think "big boys DO cry" when they are sad and it's not only a good thing, it's also healthy as it helps us to cope with the world. Having said that, it won't be the same sort of crying that I'll be doing when Collingwood fail to win the Premiership this year! They'll be tears of frustration!

Dear Parents,

I want to begin by wishing our Dads a HAPPY FATHER'S day. Take some time to reflect on all of the wonderful experiences that you have had with your beautiful children. If it doesn't make your heart glow, then I'm a Tibetan mountain goat!

Parent Evening – TONIGHT – 28th August, 2019

The <u>School Council</u> have been exploring ways to support our families. During a survey of parents back in May, a few themes were identified. One of those themes was regarding children with anxiety. To this end, the Board has asked Dr Tegan Podubinski to present on this topic to interested parents.

Tegan will give a talk TONIGHT (28th August) from 5.30pm to 6.30pm for interested parents. It will be well worth listening to Tegan as it is hoped that she will provide advice on what to look for and strategies for supporting children. An hour well spent I'd say!

Father's Day – BREAKFAST – This Friday

Our Father's Day breakfast is **THIS FRIDAY**. So that we can best cater for people attending, can you fill out the form at the end of this newsletter or phone the school to let us know that you are coming (for catering purposes). You can also email Annette (<u>abeitzel@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au</u>) or Rosie (rpane@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au) if that is easier.

I will also have the coffee machine "cranked" up (for adults only). There is no cost involved.

Dad's and their child/ren will also be free to enter the classrooms to see what their child has been up to at school. We will have an Assembly at the usual time but, as we've had the breakfast for dads, it will be our usual Assembly.

Thanks Jeremy and The Bakers Wife Sandwich Shop

Special thanks to Jeremy Winter for so generously offering to supply the bread rolls for our Father's Day breakfast at no cost. We really do appreciate the generosity shown by you and Belinda. It's also a fantastic bakery as our dads will discover on Friday morning.



Father's Day Stall – This Thursday

Goodness, talk about a Father's Day theme this week. On <u>THURSDAY</u> (tomorrow), we will be holding a Father's Day stall where the children can go to the hall and purchase a gift for Dad for Father's Day. This year, we will not be gift wrapping presents due to lack of volunteers. We also think that part of the fun of buying Dad a present is to wrap it.

All gifts will be \$4.00 each. There is no compulsion to purchase anything as you may just wish to get Dad a ticket to Las Vegas or something equally exciting!

We desperately need a few volunteers to help run the stall, as last time we only had a couple of helpers. Let's hope we can get a few more this year! It's not hard and it only goes till about 11.00am. Please help if you can (even if only for a short while).

Book Parade

What a fantastic Book Parade we had last Thursday. The children looked spectacular. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents attending. Thank you to the parents for making this celebration so memorable. I had some grandparents see me to tell me they come every year and they wouldn't miss it for the world. They love it. How nice is that?

Closure Day

St Patrick's School will be **closed on Monday 9th September** for a Curriculum Day

Reconciliation Sacramental Program

The combined Parishes of Wangaratta and the King Valley will be offering a Sacramental preparation program for children in the lead up to celebrating Reconciliation in November this year and Confirmation and First Eucharist midway through next year. Typically, the program is for children in Years Three and Four who have been Baptised but can also be available for students in later grades.



The program will start with a meeting for adults **NEXT Tuesday 3rd September**. The meeting will be held in the Our Lady's Church Community Room (beside Our Lady's Church) starting at 7.00pm. The meeting will last no longer than an hour.

Vacation Care – Booking form

Our Vacation Care service is quickly filling, and we are, again, approaching capacity. If you wish your child to utilise this service, could I ask that you fill out the form below, contact Rosie in the office (57 21 5795) or email her on: rpane@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au

As the Friday of that week is a Grand Final day holiday, it will run for the four days (from Monday to Thursday 23rd Sept to 26th Sept). Cost will remain the same at \$42.00 per day (or part thereof).

Assembly - Friday

This Friday's assembly will be run by Year 3/4 Rizzo and Levesque. Parents and friends are always welcome to our assemblies. It begins at 9.00am in our school hall.

Things coming up in the next few weeks.

28th **August** Dr Tegan Podubinski (talking on children and anxiety (5.30pm to 6.30pm)

29th Father's Day stall 9.00am to 11.00am (all presents \$4.00)

30th Father's Day Breakfast 8.00am to 9.00am

School Assembly (9.00am)

4th September Interschool Athletics (at Appin Park sports ground)

9th SCHOOL CLOSED (Curriculum Day)

11th Festival of the Sacred at Galen (Years 5 and 6) Performing Arts Day

19th to 20th Year 3/4 Camp to Lake Nillahcootie

20th Term Three ends at 2.30pm

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/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

AUGUST 28th - 5.30pm Parent Evening Dr Tegan Podubinski

29th - 9.00am Father's Day Stall

30th - 8.00am Father's Day Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 2nd - 6.00pm P & F Meeting

3rd - 7.00pm Reconciliation Meeting

4th - Athletics

9th - **PUPIL FREE**

11th - Festival of the Sacred (Galen College)

18th - 3.00pm – 3.45pm Secondhand Uniform Stall

19th -20th - Year 3/4 Camp – Nillahcootie

20th - 2.30pm END OF TERM

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.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

DON'T FORGET our Father's Day stall, tomorrow Thursday 29th August at 9.00am in the school hall. This is an opportunity for your child to purchase a small gift for Dad.

Special thanks to Daniella Clifford for co-ordinating this event. If there is anyone available to help out on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.

Gifts are priced at \$4.00 each and there is a wide range to choose from.

Some families may wish to go it alone and purchase a gift for Dad independently. That is perfectly fine. There is no obligation to also purchase something from school too. The parents provide this as a service and an opportunity for the children to do something nice for their dad.

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.



CHATTER MATTERS

Pragmatics and Social skills

Focus: Strategies for coping with difficult situations. They persist with tasks when faced with challenges and adapt their approach when first attempts are not successful.

Find a game or activity that your child is really good at, this could even be one of their favourite computer games. Pretend that you know nothing about this game and want to learn more. Encourage your child to give you explicit instructions on how the game is played.

Make constant mistakes but use the phrases such as; "That's ok, I'm just learning" or "I'll get there, I just need to practise, thank for your help". Continually check that you are on the right track. Give your child lots of positive feedback about their instructions and how much you enjoy the game. Your child could teach a number of family members or friends how to play this game.

Reverse this activity by working with your child as they tackle a tricky learning situation, encourage them to adopt similar phrases as they make mistakes and take risks.

Using books can be an effective way to encourage children to gain and different perspective and develop their ability to identify and acknowledge the strengths and skills of others and give praise.

Parent Mathematics Survey

I am currently studying my Masters of Education with a specialisation of Mathematics Education (University of Melbourne). I have constructed a survey which will form part of my research project investigating Maths Education in a regional context. All data collected will be confidential.

To participate in the survey click on the link below.

https://forms.gle/5oRyxeLGRRnYyrnj7

If you wish to discuss the survey with me feel free to contact me at school.

Thanks
Andrea O'Connor

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST	
FAMILY NAME	
Number Attending	

LUNCH ORDERS

The Bakers Wife Sandwich Shop In conjunction with Appin Street Bakery would like to offer school lunches to your children. We have a limited number of items initially until we find our feet but basically all items will be made on premises fresh on the day that your child receives their lunch. At this stage it will be lunch only on **Fridays**. What we do offer is fresh food that will be delivered on time to St Patricks for your kids to enjoy. Lunch orders need to be in the office by 9.00am on Friday mornings.



St Patrick's Vacation Care – Mon - Thurs 23 rd – 26 th September	
Please complete the form and return to the office.	
Name and Age of Children	
1)	
2)	
3)	
Please indicate the day/s of interest	
Days of attendance for Week One (please tick)	
 Monday 23rd September Wednesday 25th September Tuesday 24th September Thursday 26th September 	
Please know that all activities and any excursions will be told prior to commencement of the holidays. All meals will be provided by parents.	
Signature of Parent(Mother/Father/Guardian)	
NOTES	

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Congratulations to **SOPHIA HISKINS** for always being a helpful and happy friend to her peers and teachers. Mrs Levesque **Foundation** Congratulations to **PIPPA KEANE** for her excellent reading efforts and always Mrs Shaw putting in 100% with her reading groups and home reading. Great effort Pippa keep up the wonderful work! Year 1/2 A big pat on the back to **JYE EYKENBOOM** for the confidence he has shown Mrs Bray in his learning. Keep it up superstar! Year 1/2 Congratulations to MICHAEL CARLYON for the positive way he has interacted Cassidy/Capper in class this week and with his confidence in sharing his reading with the class during show and tell. Year 1/2 Congratulations to **MATILDA PARK** for consistently having a positive attitude Ms Rinaldi towards all work tasks. She puts in a wonderful effort into everything she completes, regardless of the subject or topic. Well done, Tilly! Year 1/2 Congratulations to VIVIENNE GIGLIO for having a positive attitude and is a joy to teach. She is an attentive student and is working well in all subject areas. Mr Capper Year 3/4 Congratulations to **XAVIER RECH** for the extra time and effort that he is Nicoll/Lynch devoting to developing automatic recall of multiplication facts at home. Xavier is displaying great persistence and determination. Year 3/4 A big pat on the back to *CRUIZ POOL* for the effort and dedication he has shown Mrs Newton in his biography on Jim Abbott. Cruiz has tried his best to complete the task independently. Keep up the wonderful research, Cruiz! Year 3/4 A big pat on the back to *HARVEY LYSTER* for his wonderful leadership skills in the classroom and the understanding he demonstrates when applying Mrs Rizzo multiplicative problem-solving strategies to irregular arrays. Fantastic Harvey! Year 3/4 A big pat on the back **SOLOMON STEER** for reading fluently with expression. Mr Levesque Well done, Solly! **Year 5/6** Congratulations to *LUCAS WEBB* for his growth mindset. Lucas has successfully Mrs O'Connor auditioned for a speaking role in the Festival of the Sacred. Well done for being brave, Lucas! **Year 5/6** Congratulations to **RYAN DILLON** for the improved mindset he has shown Ackerly/Higgs towards showing his thinking on paper in mathematics in order to solve multistep problems. Well done Ryan, keep up the great work!

Congratulations to *LUCY O'CONNOR* for a wonderful radio presentation on

OAK FM last week with Lucy Dwyer. It had some wonderful and different

music and we loved your humour as well. Great work, Lucy!

Year 5/6

Mrs Rickard

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION - Caz & Trish

Thank you for your wonderful support towards last week's Book Parade. It was great to see so many creative costumes and the children were very appreciative and proud. We also enjoyed a fantastic Bluearth sport morning, ably organised and run by our Year Six leaders. It was a great morning. Thank you to Matt Dillon, our Year Sixes and their teachers for providing such a fun event.

Religion

We will continue our unit 'I am special so are you'. This week the students will identify the gifts and talents God has given them.

Literacy

This week the students will continue to read non-fiction texts and create their own facts and present them in a variety of ways.

Shaw - Baby Elephants Levesque - Dinosaurs

Mathematics

The students will begin the new unit 'Sharing'. The children will use materials and share them evenly. Can your child share the biscuits between the family evenly? Can your child share the Lego pieces evenly between their siblings?

Inquiry

We continue to discuss what it means to be a good friend. We will investigate what it sounds like? How do friends speak to each other?

4 RRRR'S

This week the students will continue to discuss everyone can do or learn to do activities that they like, regardless of whether they are a girl or a boy.

Show and Tell:

This week - An object that is shaped like/or a sphere. **Next week -** An object that is shaped like/or a cube.

Dates to Remember:

- * Thursday 29th August Father's Day stall
- * Friday **30th August -** Father's Day breakfast 8.00am 9.00am

Have a wonderful week Carolyn and Trish

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

It is amazing how quickly this term is going. We thank you for your continued support with our home reading, checking your child's See Saw posts and letting us know if your child will be absent from school.

We look forward to seeing as many dads and special visitors for our 'Father's Day Breakfast' this Friday morning.

Our learning focus for the week -

<u>Religion</u> - We begin our new unit 'Grief and Loss' by exploring the nature of change and loss in relation to changes in creation, the seasons and in the life cycle of people and animals. This unit will focus on how we can share special memories of others in our life.

Literacy - our spelling topics this week, are 'all as in ball' and 'str as in strap'. This week, we will continue to explore 'prefixes' and their use. This week, we will celebrate the uniqueness of our dads through the many picture story books we have in our classrooms. The student's writing this week, will focus on many different text types - such as writing letters, descriptions and wordfinds based on their dad. Through the student's home readers and class stories, we continue to focus on prediction and inference - encouraging the students to discuss what they can see through illustrations and text and discuss why things may or may not occur.

<u>Mathematics</u> - we will continue to focus on 'Multiplication' and 'Skip counting' through various games and practical situations. Students will be encouraged to develop confidence with number sequences to and from 100 with different skip counting sequences. They will also explore 'Multiplication' by recognising and representing this through repeated addition, groups and arrays.

Dates to remember -

This week - Week 7 - Friday 30th August - Father's Day breakfast

Friday 30th August - Mass - Year 1/2 Rinaldi

Week 9 - Monday 9th September - Pupil Free Day
 Week 10 - Friday 20th September - Last day of term

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

Some dates to remember:

29th August – Father's Day Stall 9:00am

30th August - Father's Day Breakfast 8:00am

3rd September – Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm

4th September - Athletics at Appin Park Athletics Track

9th September – Pupil Free Day

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

School Camp: We still have a few Camp permission forms that have not been returned. It is vital that all permission notes and medical forms be returned as soon as possible as this allows adequate time for staff to plan the camp. If your child requires medication on school camp, please see Mrs Newton for a medical form to fill out. 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 do not leave any medication in your child's possession.**

Musica Viva Ensemble: On Monday 26th August and Tuesday 27th August, the 3/4 students were treated to an incursion from Musica Viva by the ensemble "Entourage". The performing group comprised of one male keyboard player and three females on clarinet, cello and voice. Their music focused on the inhabitants of the poinciana tree, including jet fighter lorikeets, swarming fire ants and machine-like cicadas. Many thanks to Leonie Brien for organising Entourage to work with our kids - it was a fabulous experience!

Religion: This week some of the 3/4 classes began a new Religious Education unit called *Community of Believers*. In this unit students will be invited to discover ways in which they can contribute to the Church - through actions of unity and justice. They will be encouraged to recognise ways in which the Holy Spirit empowers them to live, work and love like Jesus. They will also be given opportunities to identify the different ways in which the Church community proclaims the Good News.

Literacy & Inquiry: This week students are continuing to research a well-known person with a disability as part of our Inquiry unit, **Someone Else's Shoes.** During Reading sessions, students are practising the skills of locating specific information and note-taking. In Writing sessions, they are learning how to organise their research notes into sentences and paragraphs using a biography scaffold. This includes an 'introduction' which covers biographical facts about the person and what they are specifically known for, followed by the 'series of events' which documents achievements over time, and a 'conclusion' which sums up the life of the person. **Spelling focus:** _air_ as in fair.

Numeracy: This week students are focusing on applying and explaining the mental strategies of 'doubling and doubling again' (when multiplying by four) and 'halving and halving again' (when dividing by four). They will be challenged to find all of the numbers between 200 and 250, to which they can apply the 'halving and halving again' strategy, with no remainder, and to see if they can identify whether there is a pattern to the numbers they found.

Uniform: Please ensure that students come to school in correct school uniform, including appropriate footwear. 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:

September 2nd: Australian School Performing Arts (ASPA) Workshops at school.

August 30th: 8am Father's Day Breakfast at school

September 4th: Athletics Day at Appin Park Athletics Track

September 9: Closure Day (Pupil Free Day)

September 11th: Festival of the Sacred, Galen Catholic College.

Curriculum News:

Numeracy Focus

Students continue to apply their understanding of the BAR Model to solving multi-step problems that involve fractions and all four processes. We are working with Base 10 blocks and counters to further consolidate understanding of fraction concepts. The students have also completed the 4th contest in the Maths Games competition, the strategies they practised were 'Eliminate all but one possibility and Solve a Simpler problem'.

Reading Focus - Students continue to develop reading skills through Literacy Circles and are beginning our Slam Poetry unit which is directly linked to our Inquiry topic 'Care for Kids'.

Writing - To key into our reading focus the students will embark on developing their own Slam Poetry pieces using various writing devices like similes, metaphors, alliteration, personification etc.

Inquiry - Students have selected a 'problem' they would like to further explore from the list of 'sanitation, poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition'. They have created an 'infographic' to present some information and will begin thinking about how they are going to persuade and inform an audience about the problem and the aid agencies that help children around the world.

RE - We will continue with our Life Relationships for the remainder of the term.

Radio - Tahlia and Layla will be presenting the St Patrick's Radio Hour on Thursday from 2.00pm on Oak FM.

RRRR'S - This term we are exploring 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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