



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

2nd June, 2021

A world of LOVE!

Brace yourselves because I may get a bit “slushy” today.

The older that I get, the more in tuned that I am to moments of love in my life. These not only warm my heart, but they are the reason that give purpose to my life and inspire me to make sure that it exists in all areas of my life.

For example, last Wednesday, I raced to Seymour after school to pick up my son from the train so that he could attend a wedding. Nothing much in that except that it was done with love and the beautiful connectedness that I have with my boy! (Twenty-Five years old and he's still my boy! Go figure!!!! LOL). Driving him back to the train in Seymour the following day, I suddenly felt his hand on my shoulder as I was driving. Although he didn't say a word, that hand said more to me than any book. It was unspoken affection. Love!

Now I have no real way of knowing how much I am loved by God except through these experiences. To me, that simple hand on my shoulder was, to draw a long bow, God at work in the world. It makes me understand the importance to love and to be loved.

A world of love is, I believe, a world where God exists. So, I no longer go looking for God up there, over there or around there. I look for God “in there”. Much easier to find that way too.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” (John 3:16)

Dear Parents,

I wanted to begin by thanking you for your support and patience this week. It certainly hasn't been easy for students, parents and staff. The positive support and feedback from many of you is appreciated and never taken for granted.

THANK YOU **GATEWAY HEALTH** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

I have just this minute been given this current advice from the Catholic Education Office (CES Ltd) and Department of Education (D.E.T):

BE PREPARED FOR CHANGES IN REGIONAL VICTORIA

*With no community transmission in regional Victoria this week, regional restrictions are proposed to begin easing from 11:59pm tomorrow night. The Victorian Government will use the next 24 hours to continue tracing and testing and **confirm that this change can go ahead.***

If the easing of restrictions in Regional Victoria are confirmed, this will be in accordance with the [Table of Restrictions](#) released by the Victorian Government today.

I can only hope that the situation remains unchanged and we can welcome students back to school on Friday. I am confident (and hopeful) that this will occur.

I will notify parents if we are unable to welcome students back. At this stage, it's all systems GO!

School Photos Rescheduled

School Photos that were scheduled for last Friday have now been put back to Thursday, 17th June. We will include the booking form again at the end of this newsletter. If you have already booked, then this will carry over to 17th June.



Report Writing Day – postponed

The Report Writing Day set down for Friday week (11th June) has been put back until later in the year. This may see our report timetable adjusted for mid-year but that's a better option, given the need to get the students back to a bit of normality after the COVID lockdown.

Lockdown Protocols

In compliance with government regulations, we would ask that parents refrain from entering school during lockdown. You are certainly allowed to enter the office, providing that social distancing and capacity requirements are met. Until the lockdown ends, I would prefer students to be picked up from the gate. If there are issues of anxiety (etc) then certainly speak with me and we will look to modify the general rule so that it best meets the needs of those individuals.

Musical instruments

We have a few musical instruments to sell/give away. There is an organ to give away to a good home. There is also a drum kit available. The drum kit is for sale for \$200.00.

Let me know if you are interested in either. You are also welcome to come and take a look (after the lockdown!)

Reference Names for School Fees please

Families who pay their school fees via bank transfer, could I ask that you include the family name in the reference line. Without a reference name we cannot tell who is making the deposit which means that we may take the fee payment from the wrong family.

Anyone who has made a deposit to the WAW Credit Union in the last two months, could you please notify the Office (57 21 5795) as we still have unknown payments which cannot be deducted from individual fee accounts.

THANK YOU DESIGN HOUSE INTERIORS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is set down for 8th, 9th & 10th June at St Patrick's Church. The Year Four and above students have been preparing for this sacrament over the past weeks. At the time of writing this newsletter, I am still unsure that it will proceed as I am waiting on some clarification and direction regarding the COVID lockdown. Once I know what is happening, I will communicate it to families involved in the program. Reconciliation for Year Three students will take place later on in the year.



School Fee notices

School fee notices were sent out last week. We would appreciate these attended to promptly. If payment presents a problem, then you will need to make an appointment to see me to discuss what can be done and establish a payment plan.

P & F Meeting

The P & F Meeting set down for next Monday will need to be postponed, as I am still unsure if we will continue to be in lockdown.

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@spwanganaratta.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.

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>

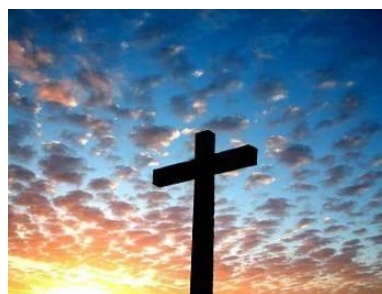
You will need to join our "Class" after you install and sign up - @spatwang, or St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta



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)

<https://catholicwanganaratta.wixsite.com/wanganaratta>



Terry

THANK YOU **GLOW DAY SPA** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

	7 th	6.00pm P & F Meeting
8 th , 9 th & 10 th	-	Reconciliation
14 th	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday
17 th	-	Photo Day
25 th	-	2.30pm End of Term



Prioritise Learning Time -
Appointments are not
an excuse

- non-urgent appointments made before/after school or during holidays
- disrupted learning time disrupts learning

MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS

WANTED PLEASE –

McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers),
COLES Little Treehouse Books
SAFEWAY Lion King Ooshies, Keyrings, Lanyards
Woolworths Tiles for Mayfair 2022 Showbags

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



THANK YOU **LINDENWARRAH** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF KIDS WITH APPLE PRODUCTS

Whenever we do a parent presentation, we have at least one or two parents explain how frustrating it is to keep up with and on top of the changes within technology and social media. It's very fast-paced and to some, it is very confusing. To quote one parent from this week, 'it feels impossible to know everything and make sure my kids are safe'. But that is why we are here and do what we do.

We are in front of kids every day who want to talk about the different apps and games they play, we are constantly researching, exploring, investigating to share with parents what to watch and what to keep an eye on. You don't have to do all the work because we will do it for you.

Recently Apple updated their IOS system to version 14.5 (although the previous update 14.4.2 also had this update) which has brought a new little update that parents of Apple products should be aware of. If you or your children haven't done an update recently then this feature may not be available to the device yet.

Apple has enabled within the 'edit home screen' function for additional screens/pages to be hidden from the main home screen. Meaning that when you hide the screens/pages, the only screen visible is the first screen or the screen/page you want to be shown when you unlock the phone.

Why this may cause some issues for parents? If you are a hands-on parent monitoring your child or teenager's online usage and keeping an eye on what is going on with their devices then there is definitely potential for them to hide something you may not agree with or approve of. But it is a very simple thing to check and fix.

Step 1. Hold down finger over an icon until the 'edit home screen' menu pops up.

Step 2. Click on edit home screen. The menu will disappear and all the icons on the iPhone will be jiggling or dancing.

Step 3. Tap on the slide icon for your home screen. It looks like a grey shape with round dots in it depending on how many screen/pages are on currently shown the phone. (Located below your apps and above the bottom bar of the iPhone or device.)

Step 4. You should now have an edit pages screen with a reduced image of all the pages on the phone. They will have a tick/check underneath them in a circle if all are shown and an empty circle if not. To ensure that all pages/screens are shown check/tick them all and click done on the top right corner.

Step 5. Click on a spot anywhere on the screen and the home screen/page will stop jiggling and can now be used.

Please also check the screenshots and screen recording to help you navigate through checking this feature on your own phone or your child's phone/devices.

RECONCILIATION:

Thank you to all the Year 4 students and parents who have organised groups and welcomed new members to their groups. The Steps of Faith Reconciliation Program will commence this week as the families work through the program to prepare the children for their Reconciliation in the second week of June. If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Andrea O'Connor. I have also attached the 2021 Sacramental schedule:

2021 - Sacramental Timetable

4th May, 2021	Reconciliation Parent Information, 2021 Our Lady's Church, 7.00pm (Current Year 4 students) Students pay \$25.00 and return enrolment forms to school.
5th May, 2021	Commence Steps in Faith Program
8th - 10th June, 2021	Reconciliation 8th June 7.00pm - Our Lady's Church 9th June 7.00pm - St Patrick's Church 10th June 7.00pm - Our Lady's Church *Candidates to be evenly divided into ceremonies.
15th June, 2021	Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Evening 7.00pm Our Lady's Church. - Students pay \$30.00, return enrolment forms to school and collect Steps in Faith.
12th July, 2021	Commence Steps in Faith Program
19th July, 2021	Candidates receive Creed from Fr Nathan at school assemblies. 19th July - St Bernard's 22nd July - Our Lady's 23rd July - St Patrick's
10th August, 2021	Faith Formation Evening 7.00pm Our Lady's Church.
26th August, 2021	Rehearsal 7.00pm - St Patrick's and Our Lady's Churches
28th and 29th August, 2021	2021 Confirmation/Eucharist Mass
14th September, 2021	Reconciliation Parent Information, 2021 Our Lady's Church, 7.00pm (2021 Year 3 students)
11th October, 2021	Commence Steps in Faith Program
16th - 17th November, 2021	Reconciliation 16th November 7.00pm - Our Lady's Church 17th November 7.00pm - St Patrick's Church 18th November 7.00pm - Our Lady's Church *Candidates to be evenly divided into ceremonies.

THANK YOU **HAMEX** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PHOTO DAY Thursday 17th June

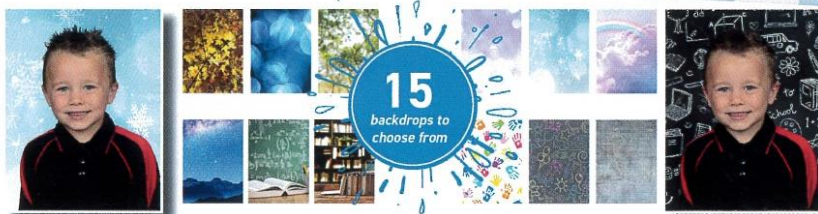
ONLINE BOOKING



Your school has decided that school photos will only be available to order online this year.
We are now also offering green screen online.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING ONLINE

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office.
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags.
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 15 different backdrops to choose from.



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Contact: info@leadingimage.com.au or call 1800 750 586

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY



To order your school photos you need to log onto

<https://www.leadingimage.com.au>

Click on Order your school photos.
and enter the access key below.

Preferred Browser is Google Chrome

Access Key: H5CX3YP9

Packages are available to order with this access key.

Family photographs must be ordered by 4:30pm the night before photo day.

IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BEFORE THIS TIME YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE A FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN.



THANK YOU **FRANKLY ECO** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL



Dear Parent/Carer

Loss at any time can be challenging. We recognise that when changes occur in families through separation, divorce, bereavement or other loss experiences, young people may benefit from learning how to make sense of these changes. To support our children and young people, we are offering an evidence-based education program called *Season for Growth*.

Season for Growth is a small group program that supports children and young people to learn change is part of life, naming and caring for feelings, problem-solving, making good choices and developing support networks. The children will attend the weekly sessions of 40-45 minutes for eight weeks, concluding with a 'Celebration' session. Each child is given a journal to record their experience and learning during the program.

Further information about *Season for Growth* please contact me or visit www.goodgrief.org.au

Participation in the program is voluntary and we encourage you to talk to your child about the program.

Date Program commences:

Please complete the consent to provide permission for your child's participation in the program and please also take the time to complete the *Season for Growth* Parent/Carer survey. Survey feedback is an important aspect of the program as it helps us to ensure that the program continues to support children and young people.

We are pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for your child.

Season for Growth Companion Signature

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I consent for my child _____ to attend the Seasons for Growth program. I have discussed with this with him/her.

I understand that information completed in the program surveys may be shared with an external agency in the future to help ensure the continued quality of the *Season for Growth* program for children and young people. (At no time, now or in the future will personal information be disclosed.)

Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature

Child's Signature