



St Patrick's School

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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

30th October 2019

All Saints and All Souls Day

This Friday is All Saints Day. It's an important day in the Church's calendar as it allows us the opportunity to remember and celebrate those people who have devoted their lives to God and made the world a richer place because of their walking on this earth. There are thousands of Saints recorded by the Church and each deserves her or his place in the annals of history. They are inspirational models who, in their time, did extraordinary things. I know that I've said it before, but my thoughts also go to those SAINTS who have never been recognised by the Church. Beautiful, spiritual people who went about their daily lives in the service of others: helping, caring, supporting and loving. Being the face and hands of God in the world and spreading a message of love. These people are equally now in God's care.

All Souls Day falls on Saturday. Many cultures in the world mark this day with extraordinary customs. In Mexico they call this day, "The Day of the Dead (Dia De Los Muertos)". Traditionally, they visit the graves of family and relatives who have passed and spend the day with them, eating and celebrating their lives. I think it's a wonderful tradition, but I don't think sitting on the grass of my parent's grave is for me. I must admit though, that there is rarely a day that goes by that I don't remember my mum and dad in some way. My parents and relatives who have loved me have also helped to sculpt my life as to what it is today. I learnt kindness, forgiveness, tolerance and love from those around me which I try to pass onto others.

If you ever wonder where God can be found, it is in the wealth of these experiences that challenge us to be better and pass along these feelings and values to others. So, "here's to" all those who have walked this earth before me, who made the lives of others better, who showed love to others, especially my family (because we all "think" that we're perfect! – LOL).

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Dear Parents,

Well the warmer weather is well and truly upon us (although I believe that we can expect up to 50mm of rain on the weekend). There's lots of things happening in the next month or so (all mentioned in today's newsletter).

THANK YOU **NUFRUIT** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Grandparent's Afternoon

We are trialling something different for our Grandparents this year. We plan to run an afternoon session which will begin with a liturgy and be followed up with classroom visits. This will take place **THIS** Friday afternoon, 1st November, commencing at 2.00pm under the school pavilion. After the liturgy, grandparents will be free to visit their grandchildren in their classrooms to discover what interesting things that they have been up to.

We'd love as many grandparents as possible to visit us on the Friday.



Twilight Sports



Our Twilight sports will take place **NEXT** Wednesday, 6th November at the Appin Park Sports complex, commencing at 5.00pm (finishing about 7.00pm). There will be **no** BBQ on the night as I did not approach the P&F because I felt that they were fairly heavily committed with Obstacool, pizza lunches and Family Breakfasts at the

moment. If someone would like to volunteer to run the BBQ, then I will happily accommodate them. Let me know if you are interested.

OBSTACOOOL

The Parents and Friends Association have arranged for an OBSTACOOOL event to be held at Merriwa Park this Friday from 9.20am to 1.00pm. Obstacool is an inflatable fitness/gym where lots of climbing, bouncing, sliding etc can take place. By all accounts it's lots of fun.

Also, there will be a piece of pizza for lunch along with some fresh fruit. Parents are advised that they will still need to supply recess snacks and additional food (for the big eaters - as a single piece of pizza may not be enough).



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Some of our Year Three students are well into their preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament will be conferred at one of three celebrations (12th, 13th and 14th November) at either St Patrick's Church, Our Lady's Church and at St Bernard's Chapel.



School Closures

St Patrick's School will be closed on **Monday 4th November** for a Bishop's Holiday and on **Tuesday 5th November** for the Melbourne Cup Holiday.

St Patrick's will also be closed on **Monday, 25th November** for a Planning Day.

Assembly – Friday

This Friday's assembly will be run by Years 5/6 Rickard. Parents and friends are always welcome to our assemblies. It begins at 9.00am in our school hall.

THANK YOU **HEY GORGEOUS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PREP Transition Days

Our Prep (FOUNDATION) Transition days are set down for the following dates and times:

7 th November –	9.15am to 10.40am
20 th November -	9.15am to 10.40am
10 th December -	9.30am to 12.00pm

There will also be a Prep Information Session for parents on Wednesday, 20th November at 6.00pm in the school hall. This meeting should run no longer than one hour. Its aim is to give parents some information on preparing their child for school, letting them know some of the school's processes and procedures to support them and a chance to meet other parents.

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.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are set down for Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th November from 3.45pm to 6.45pm. In the coming week, we will put up the online booking form for parents to reserve a time.

Things coming up (in the next few weeks):

OCTOBER:

31st Sink or Swim – Life Saving Victoria
Year 6 Robotics at GoTafe

NOVEMBER:

1st OBSTACOOOL (at Merriwa Park)- with Pizza lunch
GRANDPARENT'S AFTERNOON
4th **School Closed** – Bishop's Holiday
5th **School Closed** -Melbourne Cup Holiday
6th Twilight Sports at Appin Park (5.00pm to 7.00pm)
7th First Transition for Prep (Foundation) students
11th Remembrance Day at Cenotaph (10.45am)
Parents and Friends Meeting
12th Sacrament of Reconciliation – St Patrick's Church (7.00pm)
13th Sacrament of Reconciliation – St Bernard's Chapel (7.00pm)
Year 6 Robotics at GoTafe

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

14 th	Sacrament of Reconciliation – Our Lady’s Church (7.00pm)
18 th to 22 nd	Years 3 to 6 swimming lessons at the Barr Reserve
20 th	Second Transition Day for 2020 Prep intake
20 th	Parent Information night – for the 2020 Prep parents (6.00pm)
25 th	<u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u> – Planning Day
26 th & 27 th	Parent/Teacher interviews
28 th	School Council Meeting

December

2 nd	Parents and Friends Meeting
9 th & 11 th	Responsible Pet Ownership
9 th , 11 th , 12 th	
13 th & 17 th	Junior Swimming Program (Moore’s Pool)
10 th	Transition Day – All classes
12 th	School Council/P&F Dinner
13 th	Parents & Friends Family Breakfast (8.00am to 9.00am)
18 th	Last Day for students End of Year Mass (10.00am) All welcome. Year 6 Graduation Dinner (7.00pm – St Patrick’s Parish Hall)
19 th	Planning/Handover Day
20 th	Last Day for staff – preparation for 2020

End of Year Reports – WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS please



This year St Patrick's will be offering parents the opportunity to view and download students' **End of Year Reports** electronically, using our reporting software **nForma** and its Parent Portal. We are currently setting this up and will let you know when it is ready to go.

To take advantage of this environmentally preferable alternative, we will need an email address to which we can send the secure log in details.

Please update your email contact details (along with any relevant phone number or address updates that we may need to know) by contacting the office or completing the form below.

Alternatively you can email Annette (abeitzel@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au) or Rosie (rpane@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au) and in doing so, we will have your address that we can add to our data base.

Your contact details will not be shared with anyone and it is simply to allow parents to have access to the secure Parent Portal on “nForma”.



EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR REPORTS

Name Email Address

THANK YOU **FORTY WINKS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PARENTS AND FRIENDS EVENTS –

ObstaCool: ObstaCool will run at Merriwa Park on Friday 1st November. ObstaCool is an inflatable fitness facility designed for fun and supporting activity. This is being funded by the Parents and Friends for the benefit of our beautiful students. The P&F are also supplying a piece of pizza for lunch. This will be a bit of a treat for the children from the P&F. They will still need to bring other food on the day (recess and extra lunch for the big eaters!).

Family Breakfast: This is set down for Friday 13th December from 8.00am to 9.00am. It is hoped that we can attract lots of families to join us for breakfast and a catch up with other families and teachers. The P&F are “running the show” and all costs will be met by them. It’s a great opportunity to get together.

The P&F are also exploring other activities for early next year. The Colour Fun Run will occur in Term One (sometime in March - date to be set). They are also discussing a social get together for early next year to welcome new families and welcome back existing families.

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



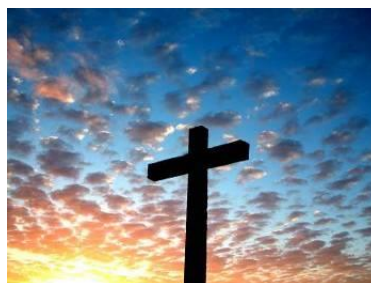
Newsletter

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.

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

THANK YOU **GABBY HANDMADE RESIN JEWELLERY** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER	30 th	-	3.00pm Secondhand Uniform Stall
NOVEMBER	1 st	-	2.00pm Grandparent's Day
	1 st	-	Obstacool in Merriwa Park – with pizza lunch at school
	4 th	-	Bishop's Holiday – NO SCHOOL
	5 th	-	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
	6 th	-	5.00pm - 7.00pm Twilight Sports
	7 th	-	9.15am – 10.40am Foundation Transition Day
	7 th	-	Year 7 (2020) Parent Information Night at Galen
	8 th	-	Transition Day for Galen
	12 th	-	7.00pm Reconciliation at St Patrick's Church
	18 th - 22 nd	-	Yr 3-6 Swimming
	20 th	-	9.15am – 10.40am Foundation Transition Day
	20 th	-	6.00pm Prep 2020 Parent Information Evening
	25 th	-	Planning Day – NO SCHOOL
DECEMBER	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)
	11 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	12 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	13 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	13 th	-	8.00am Family Breakfast
	17 th	-	P/1/2 Swimming Program
	18 th	-	3.30pm END OF TERM – Student's last day
	19 th	-	Pupil Free – Staff Planning
	20 th	-	2020 Staff Preparation Day

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.

THANK YOU HARVEY NORMAN WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

CHATTER MATTERS

Extending children's sentences:

Have a look at the pictures and sentences with your child. Encourage them to extend the sentence using the following prompts: Who (e.g. The man); Where (e.g. at the bank, in Australia); When (e.g. time, day) What doing (running); What like (big, blue)



For example:



Short sentence: The Tiger is in the water.

Extended sentence: The famished tiger waded through the water before he caught his prey.

Ask your teacher about how they are using these sentence prompts in class.

What Parents Need to Know About Tik Tok

Tik Tok is an app that is open to the world, so mature content can (and does) appear in the stream. Thankfully, the app has privacy settings available. You can decide whether or not you want others to find you; set your account to private so other users cannot view your uploaded content; and select who can send you a message, leave comments, and singalong with you.



The app store rating is 12+, however [Common Sense Media](#) rates it at 16+. However, there is no system in place to verify a user's age, so anyone can download it. Because of the access to inappropriate content, and the use of popular music that may contain explicit language, this is not an app for young kids. Concerned parents can use the [parental control settings](#) on their children's devices to prevent them from downloading the app.

Like all games and social networks, it is certainly imperative parents do their homework if they are going to allow their child on apps that are generally not recommended for their age. That means finding out all you can on how to set it up safely, recognising the risks and having the appropriate and ongoing conversations with your child. I am often reminded that if we are allowing them to play in public places, we must recognise that the cognitive brain development of most young people is simply not there yet to make some of the important decisions and engage in the critical thinking that is expected of them at this level of playing.

THANK YOU **MAWSONS CONCRETE & QUARRIES** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Second Hand uniform stall

There will be a second-hand uniform stall on Wednesday 30th October 3.00pm – 3.45pm, out the front of the fishbowl. Uniforms will be sold for gold coin donation or as a swap. We rely on donations to supply this service, so if you have anything in your cupboards that is in good condition but too small or no longer worn, please drop it in to the school office. If you can't make it to the stall, and need something, message Sandra Smithwick on 0407 933 972 and she will check the clothing on the day and put it aside.

Every Day Matters

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	over 13 years of schooling. That's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



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

THANK YOU **CELINE MUIR - SINGER** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

OBSTACOOOL!

On Friday 1st November the St Pats P & F committee are saying THANKS to our fabulous students for all that they do to support our school.

The P& F will be bringing an inflatable obstacle course to Merriwa Park for the kids to run amuck and have some fun. We will also be providing a Pizza lunch for all of the students.

The Obstacool Course is made up of a mix of inflatable's including wedges, inflatable tyre run plus the Big Bopper which is 40m long! Along with this, there are walls, tunnels, commando nets and more!

Don't forget to Wear your Sports Uniform on the day.

Piece of pizza provided back at school.

We will need some parent helpers to make the day run safely & smoothly - please let Annette know if you are available to help with the morning.

Thanks

P & F Committee



THANK YOU **LAVISH HAIR & BEAUTY SALON** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

ObstaCool Timetable

Time	Classes
9:45am - 10:30am	Foundation Levesque, Shaw 1/2 Capper and 1/2 Rinaldi
10:30am- 11:15am	3/4 Newton & Levesque & 1/2 Bray
11:15am - 12:00pm	3/4 Rizzo & Nicoll & 1/2 Cassidy
12:00pm - 12:45pm	5/6 Ackerly, Rickard & O'Connor
12:45pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break



THANK YOU **AUSTRALIA POST WANGARATTA** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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). After that time, they must sit off the Council for at least twelve months before they can reapply for a position.

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 to nine meetings per year.

Please consider joining our Council if you have an interest in this area of school life.

Next week, I will be sending home a nomination form for you to fill in. If we get more names than places available, then a ballot will be held.



What do I miss out on when I am not at school?

Lots!

Class discussions with friends and teachers.

Information and work that you will have to catch up on.

You will also miss out on seeing your friends

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.



THANK YOU **FINISHING TOUCH BODY HAIR & BEAUTY** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

UPDATED LUNCH MENU TERM 4

St Patricks Wangaratta

NAME: _____

YEAR (please circle) Prep - Grade 1/2 - Grade 3/4 - Grade 5/6

TEACHER _____

TOTAL PRICE: _____

PARENTS PHONE: _____

ITEM	PRICE	QTY
		lunch only
Blueberry Muffin	3.00	
Cinnamon Donut	2.20	
Lamington	2.60	
Party Pie	1.00	
Party Sausage Roll	1.00	
Pie	3.70	
Sausage Roll	3.20	
Tomato Sauce	0.30	
Chicken & Salad Roll (please circle) W'Meal / White	5.00	
Ham & Salad Roll W'Meal / White	5.00	
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich W'Meal / White	4.00	
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich W'Meal / White	4.00	
Small Chick & Quinoa Salad (please circle) Mayo / O&P / Bals&Oil	5.00	
Large Chick & Quinoa Salad (please circle) Mayo / O&P / Bals&Oil	9.00	
Strawberry Milk	2.50	
Chocolate Milk	2.50	
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	2.50	

Dressings for salads available Mayo / Orange & Poppyseed dress / Balsamic & Olive Oil

Please note any allergies here _____

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Levesque	Congratulations to ISABELLA CARLYON for the care and kindness she shares with her peers.
Foundation Mrs Shaw	Congratulations to DARBY HUNTER for the excellent work she is doing with her reading. Well done Darby, you are using your strategies to help with your understanding of more unfamiliar words. Keep up the excellent work!
Year 1/2 Mrs Bray	A big pat on the back to HARPER MILLER & TOM OVERBERG for the way they have contributed to our “Kindness Project” – showing from one small act – kindness can spread!
Year 1/2 Cassidy/Barry	Congratulations to ANNABEL MARTINO for always displaying a positive mindset and trying her best!
Year 1/2 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to ARABELLA BRETT for using great spelling strategies in her writing. Arabella uses her knowledge of spelling patterns and blends to help her spell complex words!
Year 1/2 Mr Capper	Congratulations to MANI D’AGOSTINO for taking responsibility for his learning. He exhibits a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom, shows initiative and looks for new ways to get involved.
Year 3/4 Nicoll/Lynch	Congratulations to EBONNIE CLIFFORD for being an enthusiastic learner and demonstrating a positive mindset when completing challenging tasks.
Year 3/4 Miss Sirianni	A big pat on the back to AVA JAMES for the kind and caring way she supported her classmates this week. She has shown maturity in her approach to work and displayed initiative by offering help to others. Thanks for being a great role model!
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo	A big pat on the back to BILLY BRIGHT for the extra responsibility and kindness he has shown towards his peers, especially when they are unable to do things. Thank you, Billy!
Year 3/4 Mr Levesque	A big pat on the back to HANNAH NOLAN for working hard to develop her organisational skills to help her to begin each day ready to learn with her book, pencil and reader.
Year 5/6 Mrs O’Connor	Congratulations to CALEB MATASSONI for his mature approach to his work and for his co-operative nature when working with others.
Year 5/6 Ackerly/Elliott	Congratulations to MAKAYLA POOL for the way she listens during lessons and always gives 110% with her learning. Keep it up!
Year 5/6 Mrs Rickard	Congratulations to JOHNNY BRIGHT & HANNAH STYLES for their persistence and hard work in problem-solving the maths task “City of Cubes”. They worked well together, listening to each other’s ideas and using a positive mindset when the task seemed too tricky. Well done

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

This Friday we will be thrilled to welcome, pray and share our learning with our Grandparents and Special Friends. We will begin at 2.15pm under the shed for a prayer time together then the children will show their Grandparents their classrooms.

On Friday we also have the 'Obstacool' to enjoy at Merriwa Park, please make sure your permission note has been returned. Your child will receive a slice of pizza and icy pole.

Religion: We continue the unit, 'Our Church'. The students will begin to develop an understanding of Church as a welcoming and caring community that gathers to celebrate.

Literacy: This week's fairy-tale texts are - Foundation Levesque – 'The Little Red Hen' Foundation Shaw - 'The Ugly Duckling'.

Students will investigate the texts, they will rhyme, find syllables, antonyms, synonyms from the words in the text. They will discuss the problem and resolution in the story. This week you and your child could discuss the problem and resolutions in their readers. It is EXCITING to see the children develop their reading. Thank you so much for all the reading that has happened at home. So many children have reached or nearly reached 200 NIGHTS! Thank you.

Mathematics: Students will continue to read, write and calculate subtraction stories. What subtraction stories can you make?

Inquiry: Students will continue the unit, 'Topsy Turvy Tales'. They will be asked to think creatively whilst using their imaginations.

RRRR's: Students will continue to listen to stories with a problem. The students will work out who and what they can do in different situations when problems arise.

Show and Tell -

This week - Something in the environment that is heavy. (No need to bring it in!)

Next Week - An object with an interesting sound

Dates to remember -

Friday - 1st November 2.00pm - Grandparent's Day

Monday - 4th November - No School - PUPIL FREE

Tuesday - 5th November - No School - Melbourne Cup Day - PUPIL FREE

Wednesday - 6th November - Twilight Sports 5.00pm-7.00pm Appin Park Oval

Thursday - 14th November - Foundation Liturgy 9.05am Hall

Tuesday, 26th and Wednesday, 27th November - Parent Teacher Interviews

Have a great week,
Carolyn and Trish

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

Welcome to week four!

The students are very excited this week, with our busy day planned for Friday! Students will be walking across to Merriwa Park to participate in the ObstaCool morning. This is being run by our P&F committee. If you have not yet done so, please return permission forms as soon as possible.

THANK YOU **FRANKS FOOTWEAR** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Although a slice of pizza will be provided to each student on the day, we still encourage students bring a packed lunch to school that day.

Later in the day, we will be celebrating Grandparent's Day (2.00pm for a 2.15pm start) at school. Grandparents and special friends are invited to attend.

A reminder also, that our Twilight Sports will be held next Wednesday the 6th, at the Appin Park Sports Complex. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Literacy

This week, the students have focused on the use of pronouns in their writing. We have also continued our text focus on picture story books, particularly focusing on the creativity involved in the storyline and illustrations. This has allowed students to analyse language, illustrations and text structures.

The spelling focus, this week is 'sm' as in 'smog' and 'or' as in 'torn'.

Numeracy

Our focus in Numeracy continues this week on 'money and financial mathematics.' Students have been discussing the properties of Australian coins and notes, including their size, colour and design. Students have also ordered coins and notes according to their value. The concept of money is one that lends itself well to numeracy discussions at home. Talk to your child about the value of money and use coins and notes to role play and/or in 'real-life' shopping scenarios.

Religious Education

We continue with our unit, 'Loving God and Others – Our call to Mission.' We kindly request any unwanted and easy-to-grow plants that you may have at home, in order for us to share love and kindness by giving potted plants to others. We have also been discussing the Catholic Sacrament of Baptism and how this is sharing in the mission of Jesus, as a member of a loving family.

Dates to Remember:

1st November: ObstaCool and Grandparent's Day

4th November: Bishop's Holiday

5th November: Melbourne Cup Holiday

6th November: Twilight Sports

8th November: 1/2 Capper attending Mass at 12 noon (all welcome)

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

Some dates to remember:

Friday 1st November - Obstacool at Merriwa Park & Grandparent's Day Celebration

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th November - Bishop's Holiday & Melbourne Cup Holiday

Friday 8th November - 3/4 Rizzo (Midday Mass)

Monday 11th November - Remembrance Day Liturgy (9:00am)

Tuesday 12th November - St Patrick's Reconciliation (7:00pm)

Monday 2nd December - 3/4 Advent Liturgy

Friday 6th December - 3/4 Levesque (Midday Mass)

THANK YOU **WATERMARC DINING** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Hats:

Could you please ensure that your child has a hat for outside play and Physical Education! All items of clothing including the hat must be labelled with their name.

Religious Education:

This week we continue to reflect on the scripture stories we are reading, e.g. The Lost Son - to identify the Four Steps of Reconciliation: admit responsibility, say sorry, receive forgiveness, make amends.

Inquiry & Literacy:

This will link in with our Inquiry unit, which will focus on the creation of a play.

Spelling focus:

Words ending in a consonant followed by 'y' changing 'y' to 'i' and adding 'es' is to make them plural.

The children are continuing to develop their characters to help them to plan their scripts.

Numeracy:

This week in Numeracy Students are continuing to explore 'angles' and 'shapes'. They will be developing an understanding of the names of angles such as acute, obtuse, right angle, reflex angle, straight angle and their size. The children are being introduced to measure angles using a protractor, to measure the size of angles.

Uniform:

Please ensure that students come to school in correct summer school uniform, including correct coloured socks (girls white & boys grey, not black) and 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:**

Wednesday 30th October: T20 Blast Cricket

Thursday 31st October - Year 6 to GoTAFE for Day 1 of Robotic coding

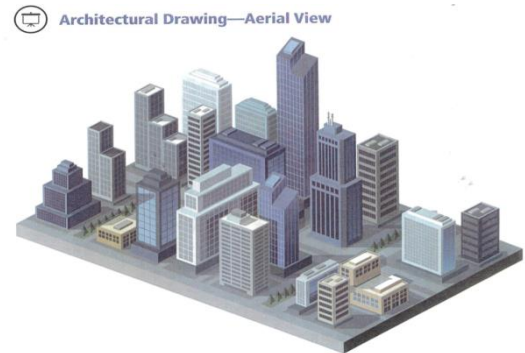
Friday 1st November: ObstaCool Course (see permission notes)

Grandparent's Day - Liturgy under the shelter at 2:15pm followed by activities in the classrooms.

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Curriculum News:

Numeracy Focus -This week we are building upon the knowledge gained about calculating volume last week, by using nets of shapes to create 3D objects. Students are also using multiple views of block towers to construct cities that match the views given. Students will learn that the number of cubes used to build the city is its volume. Using visual perspectives is a vital ingredient in this task.



Robotics - Year 6 students have completed the build stage of their robots and are ready to head to GoTafe to program the robots to perform simple tasks on Thursday.

Reading Focus - Students will investigate the Jackie French natural disaster series to make comparisons and analyse French's style. Over the next four weeks, students will explore the picture story books and critically analyse vocabulary choice, intended tone and how French has used research knowledge of historical content to create the fictional texts. They will also explore the symbolism of Bruce Whatley's illustrative techniques during class and Art time.

Writing Focus - Students will use techniques learnt during reading sessions and experiment within their own historical narrative writing.

Inquiry - In the Bizarre Bazaar unit, students will gain a real-life understanding of the design and production process when creating a brand for a new product. They will produce and sell a product at the **Bizarre Bazaar Market** later this term. We will be aiming to use as much recycled materials as we can. The students are looking for the following if families have these could they drop them into the 5/6 area:

1. Fishnet Stockings
2. Small cylinder-shaped Containers (like camera cartridges)
3. Small plastic rectangle containers
4. Elastic
5. Fabric of any type

RE - Students explore the enduring questions '**Why do we have Sacraments?**' and '**How can the Sacraments influence my life?**'. You might like to discuss Sacraments with your child at home.

Oak FM - Unfortunately radio sessions have concluded for this year. We would like to thank Di Farmer from Oak FM for all of the hard work she put into volunteering to support our students!

RRRR'S - This term we will be exploring positive gender relations.

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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