

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

4th December 2019

ADVENT

This week marks the beginning of Advent, the time of preparation for Christmas, celebrating the birth of Christ. Last Monday, our Year 5/6 students lead an Advent Liturgy in our school hall. It was a wonderful prayerful time.

Next Monday at 9.00am, the Year 3/4 classes will lead the school in an Advent Liturgy and the following week, it will be the turn of our Junior School students. Parents and friends are ALWAYS welcome to join us.

So, why go to all this bother! We all know that we are going to get "slapped" with Christmas related "stuff" from here on in. It's already started on the TV.

However, we think that it's important to push through the commercialism of Christmas and get to the real story which is the birth of Christ.

There is nothing wrong with Santa who, incidentally, draws his traditions from a deep Christian tradition. There is nothing wrong with gift giving which shows love to our family. Certainly nothing wrong with donating to St Vinnies, The Salvos, Anglicare etc who are following a strong Christian tradition – "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my people, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). God is love and at this very special time of the year, love abounds. We just have to make sure that the story of Christmas doesn't get lost in all that commercialism.

That's we want for our children, to be loving and loved people of God. There is no greater time to celebrate this love than at Christmas, surrounded by family and reaching out to others in need.

Dear Parents.

With less than three weeks until the end of term, things will be getting quite frantic at times. There is still so much to do and not enough time to do it. I hope that teachers, parents and students can find some time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Sure, the presents, food and family are fun, but it can sometimes mask what Christmas is really all about. So, let's spread the love and look out for others too. That's a great segway into the next article. Thank you in anticipation for supporting St Vinnies with their Christmas Appeal.

THANK YOU 360 PLANS BUILDING DESIGN & DRAFTING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

St Vincent De Paul Collection

As a school, we are collecting food stuffs for the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers. These will be distributed to local families who may struggle a bit with the cost of Christmas.

St Vinnies have asked us to collect the following items:

Year 5/6 - Soft drink, cordial or lollies

Year 3/4 - Fruit mince pies and long-life custard

Year 1/2 - Chips/Cheezels/Pretzels etc

Foundation - Christmas cakes or mini plum puddings



Of course, any donation of any sort will be gratefully received as long as it is long-life/non-perishable. The People from St Vinnies will be at school **next Wednesday** to collect the items (as they need time to make up the hampers before Christmas).

School Concert - Tonight - 4th December

Our school concert will take place **TONIGHT** 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 (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.

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 need about ten to twelve people to cook and serve. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help.



PREP Transition Days

The last of our Prep (FOUNDATION) transition days is set down for the following day and time:

10th December - 9.30am to 12.00pm

Whole School Transition Day – next Tuesday – 10th December

Next Tuesday from 9.00am to 1.00pm, our classes will change around to the classes and teachers for next year. Unfortunately, one class will be without the teacher that will take the class as we have yet to finalise our employment process for the new staff member.

P&F/School Council Dinner next Thursday, 12th December

Our School Council / P&F Dinner is set down for Thursday, 12th December at the Gateway Hotel. It will be a 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Thank you to those who have responded. If anyone attending has any special dietary requests, could they please email me (principal@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible. I look forward to celebrating another successful year with these two integral groups to the school.

End of Year Mass – 18th December

Our End of Year Mass will be held on Wednesday, 18th December, in St Patrick's Church. It will begin at 10.00am. We would like to invite families to join with us to celebrate the end of the year. This Mass is always a special occasion.

Graduation Dinner – 18th December

On the evening of the 18th December, our Graduating Year Six class and their parents will participate in a Graduation Dinner. This will be held in St Patrick's Parish Hall commencing at 6.30pm. It is always a wonderful way of celebrating the completion of their primary school years and a great way to look ahead with confidence at the adventures that await in their secondary school years. It is always a highlight of the Year 6 year.

Reports

Thank you to all the families as we now have everyone's email address. A link to access your child's report will be emailed out to families on Monday 16th December. The email will also send out a temporary password. A hard copy can be made available upon request to your child's teacher.

Assembly – Friday

This Friday's assembly will be run by Years 1/2 Rinaldi and Bray. 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, we are full 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 50c and any money raised will go to Caritas.



School Council Nominations

Thank you to those who have nominated to be on the School Council. If you are still contemplating nominating for a position, then it's not too late.

Nominations will close on Friday 13th December

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

Ī	wish to nominate for one of the advertised St. Patrick's School Council
positions. I understand if	there are more nominations than places available, then a ballot will be conducted.
SIGNED	Phone No.

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.

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.



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: 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)





DATES TO REMEMBER

4th **DECEMBER** 5.30pm End of Year Concert under the Pavilion **9**th P/1/2 Swimming Program 10th Whole School Transition Day 10th Galen Orientation Day (Yr 7 2020) 11th P/1/2 Swimming Program 12th P/1/2 Swimming Program 12th School Council/P & F Dinner 13th 8.00am Family Breakfast 13th P/1/2 Swimming Program 17th P/1/2 Swimming Program 18th 3.30pm END OF TERM – Student's last day 18th 10.00am End of Year Mass in Church – All Welcome 18th 6.30pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner – Parish Hall 19th **Pupil Free** – Staff Planning 20^{th} 2020 Staff Preparation Day 28th JANUARY 2020 9.00am Staff Return to School 29th 9.00am Students Return to School

LIBRARY BOOKS

Just a reminder that there will be no more borrowing books for this year. All books must <u>NOW</u> be returned. Also, if you have any readers at home, please return them as well. PLEASE, PLEASE!



Rosie

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.

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CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S NAME	
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PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Levesque	Congratulations to ZOE THOMPSON for her enthusiasm to learn. She is always willing to share her knowledge with others and ask inquisitive questions to gain further information.
Foundation Mrs Shaw	Congratulations to <i>SAMUEL GULEY</i> for always putting on a smile and being such a kind and friendly classmate. Well done, Samuel and thank you for your positive vibe!
Year 1/2 Mrs Bray	A big pat on the back to <i>TRISTAN PERUZZO</i> for his great year of learning. Thank you for being a wonderful classmate to us all!
Year 1 /2 Cassidy/Barry	Congratulations to <i>ALEXIS BUTERA</i> for her outstanding letter writing and self correcting for spelling and punctuation.
Year 1/2 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to <i>LOGAN BENTON</i> for the wonderful progress he has made with his reading, throughout the semester. Keep up the hard work, Logan – I am so proud of you!
Year 1/2 Mr Capper	Congratulations to <i>CLARITY WARD</i> for being a flexible learner and adapts easily to new challenges. She attempts to put forth her best effort in all areas, which is wonderful to see.
Year 3/4 Nicoll/Lynch	Congratulations to <i>KYLE TONKIN</i> for demonstrating excellent leadership skills. Kyle has, effectively, managed his team in planning and producing the set for their animated iMotion scene based on the picture story book "The Three Emus".
Year 3/4 Miss Sirianni	Congratulations to <i>SOPHIA DAVIDSON</i> for her wonderful writing in her dramatic play script. Sophia worked independently during class and included clear stage directions and exciting dialogue. Well done, Sophia!!
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo	A big pat on the back to <i>GALAXCIA MARONEY</i> for the wonderful effort she has put into her learning this year. She always has a positive attitude and works hard to achieve her best. Love it, Galaxcia!
Year 3/4 Mr Levesque	A big pat on the back to <i>RILEY CANNING</i> for being a positive learner by challenging himself to give his best effort consistently.
Year 5/6 Mrs O'Connor	Congratulations to <i>DARCY MENNIE</i> for sharing his expertise in teaching us all how to use the Scratch coding program. Well done!
Year 5/6 Ackerly/Elliott	Congratulations to <i>CHARLES MAIDEN</i> for the care and compassion he displayed towards the residents at St Catherine's during the recent Year 6 visit.
Year 5/6 Mrs Rickard	A big pat on the back to <i>TRINITY CASTLE</i> for the excellent effort she has been putting into her maths. She always works hard on her learning and puts in 100%!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION - Caz & Trish

Religion: '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 - 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' Foundation Shaw - 'Cinderella'. 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 - elves, shoemaker etc, Shaw - coach, godmother etc.

Mathematics: The students will be revising mathematical concepts they have covered this year to consolidate their learning.

Inquiry: The children will be making their own puppet theatres and characters to tell a story. They are working collaboratively with partners to create a short play with characters.

Show and Tell -

This week - A book I can read Next Week - A favourite Christmas Carol

Dates to remember -

TONIGHT, Wednesday, End of Year Concert @ 5.30pm under school pavilion.

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

TOMORROW, Thursday, Dec 6th,

Reader's Theatre in Foundation classrooms @ 2.45pm.

Tuesday - 10th Dec - Whole School Transition

Monday - Swimming begins. We will be swimming Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. NOT TUESDAY. (due to Transition day)

Levesque swimming times – 12.00pm-12.30pm Shaw swimming times - 12.30pm-1.00pm

Last week of school, Foundation will swim on Tuesday, 17th December, at the same times as last week. This is to make up for the Tuesday, which is the Whole School Transition Day.

Have a wonderful week everyone! Carolyn and Trish

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

Welcome to Week Nine!

We begin the week by asking for your generosity, as we continue 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.

A reminder to return any outstanding permission notes; these include – TAFE excursion (tomorrow morning) and swimming permission and medical forms. Please return these as promptly as possible.

End of Year Concert

We are hoping to see as many children as possible at the concert tonight. Students are required to wear something in either red, white or green or something 'Christmassy' if these colours are not an option. Please don't purchase anything especially!

Swimming

The 1/2 students commence their annual swimming program next week and you will have received a timetable for the sessions, attached to the permission and medical forms. Dates for these sessions are listed below under 'Dates to Remember.'

Curriculum

With very few school days left for our students, 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 tonight. We can't wait to impress you with our singing!!

School Uniform

As the year draws to a close, it easy to forget about students coming to school in the correct school uniform This includes correct footwear and correctly coloured socks. We do understand that there will be times when children have outgrown footwear or clothing, and that these are expensive uniform items. If your child is required to be 'out of uniform' for some reason, please advise your child's teacher. This can be done with a note or an email. 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.

Dates to Remember

4th December: End of year concert 5.30pm

5th December: TAFE excursion

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

16th December: F-2 presenting Week 3 Advent Liturgy (9.00am in the hall)

18th December: Last day of school for students

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

Welcome to Week 9!

Dates to remember:

4th December: End of Year Concert under the Pavilion (netball court) at 5.30pm.

10th December: Whole School Transition Day 13th December: P & F Family Breakfast 8.00am

18th December: End of Year Mass 10.00am. All welcome! 18th December: End of Term. School finishes at 3.30pm

19th December: Pupil Free Day

Religious Education: This week started with our first Advent Liturgy which led onto the students exploring the unit, 'Christmas – The Promise Fulfilled'. The students have been discussing what their understanding of a promise is and shared personal experiences of times when they have been promised something. The students are brainstorming promises the class could make this Advent, writing them on paper/card and putting them into a box. Each day, at prayer time, a student pulls a card out and the class are invited to keep this promise.

Literacy & Inquiry: This week each 3/4 class are at different stages of planning and preparing the backdrop for their chosen scenes. Each group is preparing, creating and organising the movements of each character in their chosen scene so that it 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. As some students are still bringing in items from home, we have asked them to check with parents before bringing in (named) items. Over the next week we are finishing off refining our scripts and collecting materials, ready for capturing images to use in the creation of our stop motion films using the 'iMotion animation' application. The children have put in a lot of time and effort and they are loving it!!

Spelling: This week in spelling the students are looking at the suffixes – 'ing' and 'ed'.

Numeracy: This week the students are investigating the connection between decimals and fractions. Using concrete materials and digital technology the children are exploring how the place value system can be extended to tenths and hundredths.

Food for thought: Every year the school has a collection for the St Vincent De Paul Society hampers. This year we are asking the 3/4 students to bring in Fruit Mince Pies and Long-Life Custard. We appreciate your support for this worthy cause.

Uniforms: Even though there are only a few weeks of school left, could parents please ensure their child comes to school in the correct school uniform, including appropriate footwear and correct coloured socks (not black). We 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, email or a phone call. Thank you for your understanding.

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YEAR FIVE/SIX - Andrea, Helen & Sharyn

Events Coming up:

Wednesday 4th December - End of Year Concert 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start **Tuesday 10th December -** Year 6 Orientation Day, Yr 5 Orientation morning.

Monday 16th December - Year 6 Fun Day

Wednesday 18th December - End of Year Mass at St Patrick's Church at 10.00am

Wednesday 18th December - Year 6 Graduation Dinner at St Patrick's Parish Hall at 6.30pm

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.

Literacy Focus - Students will write a 'memoir' of a natural disaster survivor. They will use synonyms of 'expensive' vocabulary studied throughout the unit. Students will be aiming to use imagery to make their writing striking and memorable for their reader.

Inquiry – Thank you for supporting the Bizarre Bazaar Market last week. Year 5/6 students have completed their profit and loss statements (most companies made a profit) and collectively students made a profit of around \$512.00 ready to send to their charity 'UNICEF Australia'.

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?

Communication:

To contact your classroom teachers, we encourage you to use the school emails or call the school directly (57215795). As always you are also welcome to visit the classroom.

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MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS



WANTED PLEASE -

McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers), COLES Minis, SAFEWAY Lion King Ooshies, Keyrings, Lanyards Woolworths Tiles (in wrappers) for Mayfair 2020 showbags.

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



Orientation Day School Wear Sale

20% OFF ALL SCHOOL WEAR

Tuesday 10 December to Saturday 14 December 2019



Please visit our website to view your school's price list (No laybys. No accounts)

WANGARATTA UNIFORM ZONE

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LIGHTING OF THE Christmas

TREE





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!

