



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 September 2019

For the love of Irene!

Last weekend my mother-in-law, Irene (Carmel's mum), passed away. She was ninety-seven and surrounded by her children when she took her last breath. What a beautiful way to exit this life.

You often see stories and movies of people not getting along with their in-laws but not me. I loved Irene to bits and for good reason. She was an inspirational person. She wasn't just my mother-in-law; she was my friend.

She was always very interested in people and their story. In all the years that I knew her, I cannot recall a single time when she was anything but kind and compassionate toward others. She never judged (and if she did, she did it privately because I never saw it), she would do whatever she could do to make someone else's life a little easier. She cared for people and people, by association, cared for her.

To me, Irene was a SAINT in every sense of the word. Kindness, care, compassion and a strong faith in God was at her centre. Oh, she will never be formally made a saint (too many hoops to jump through and not at the top of the well-known list) but, to me, she is as good as any canonised saint that has gone before.

I sat and held her hand a fortnight ago as she lay in bed in an ever-weakening state. We talked of the grandkids and how proud she was of them. We talked of things coming up and how pleased she was about this and that. Not one complaint! Not one ounce of sadness for herself! Just care and love for others. If there was ever a model of Jesus, it was holding my hand that day. Such a beautiful person.

Now, I know that I've painted a picture of a very beautiful person, but she wasn't perfect. She could be very strong willed when she wanted to be. You especially saw this when her children (especially the daughters) tried to get her to do something that she didn't want to do. A mountain would move before she'd give in. I must confess it was fun to watch the "bella mafia" (as we sons-in-law would call them) because as powerful as they thought they were, they were no match for this quiet determined little lady.

Rest in peace Irene who is now reunited with her beloved husband, John. The way you lived your life will continue to inspire all who knew you. May she rest in peace.

Dear Parents,

It was really lovely to see so many Dads come to our Father's Day breakfast last Friday. Thank goodness for Annette who convinced me to over cater and we needed every egg and piece of bacon that we could lay our hands on. We estimated that staff made over three hundred egg and bacon rolls.

Special thanks to Annette for ordering all the gear, to the staff who worked their "tails" off to make the event successful and to the Dads for turning up.

Jeremy and Belinda (The Baker's Wife) donated the rolls and they were fantastic. Thank you also to Belinda Winter and Connie Cudini for being our Baristas for the morning. What a great celebration. The feedback from the Dads was very positive indeed. Thanks everyone.

Father's Day Stall

Last Thursday, we held our Father's Day stall which was also a big hit. Thank you to Daniella Clifford, Laura Rizzato and Karen Auger for purchasing the presents.

Jody Bloomfield, Bridget Hourigan and Amanda Keane, manned the stall and did a great job.

Year 5/6 O'Connor and Mrs Pallot's class also did a bit of gift wrapping.

There are still a few outstanding IOU's for presents. If these could be finalised in the next few days, then that would be most welcome.



Parent Evening

It's a newsletter of "thank yous" this week.

Last Wednesday, Dr Tegan Podubinski gave a talk to interested parents around children and anxiety. It was very well attended (about thirty-three parents that I counted) and the information was very practical and well received.

Special thanks to Connie Cudini and Kristen Glenister for organising such an interesting speaker.

Closure Day Next Monday

St Patrick's School will be **CLOSED NEXT** Monday 9th September for a Curriculum Day.

Lunch Orders

Some parents have expressed difficulty finding the lunch order sheet. I will try to get one put up on the website so parents can print one off as needed. I'll speak to Tony today.

Vacation Care – Booking form

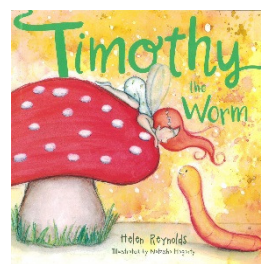
Our Vacation care service is quickly filling, and we are, again, approaching capacity. If you wish your child to utilise this service, could I ask that you contact Rosie in the office (57 21 5795) or email her on: rpane@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

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 September). Cost will remain the same at \$42.00 per day (or part thereof).

THANK YOU **DYSON BUS HIRE WANGARATTA** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

An Author in our School

Last week, author Helen Reynolds (Cooper Roman's great Nana) donated her most recent children's book to our school. It's called "Timothy the Worm". The students in Cooper's classroom (Yr 1/2 Bray) have already enjoyed reading the book and looking at the beautiful illustrations. Thank you, Helen. We can't wait to read your next book.



Congratulations Netballers

Last Saturday our Year 6 Netball team won the Grand Final. Congratulations to The Thunder. They won 19 to 12. Equally as exciting, our Year 5 Netball team (Super Shots) won their Grand final (21-15). Congratulations to both teams and to all of the students who competed.

I can wait to get my first free tickets to go and see the Vixens or the Magpies play in Melbourne in a few years watching past students (as their "favourite" Principal, I'd have to score a free ticket – surely!).



Assembly – Friday

This Friday's assembly will be run by Year 3/4 Newton and Nicoll/Lynch. 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):

4th September	Interschool Athletics (at Appin Park sports ground)
9th September	SCHOOL CLOSED (Curriculum Day)
11th September	Festival of the Sacred at Galen (Years 5 and 6) Performing Arts Day
19th to 20th September	Year 3/4 Camp to Lake Nillahcootie
20th September	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.

THANK YOU **PULSATE DANCE ACADEMY** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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



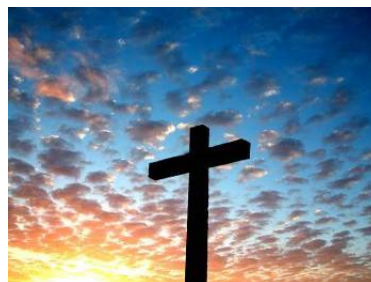
Newsletter

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@spwangeratta.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

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER	4 th	-	3 – 6 Athletics at Appin Park Complex
	9 th	-	PUPIL FREE
	11 th	-	Festival of the Sacred (Galen College)
	18 th	-	3.00pm – 3.45pm Secondhand Uniform Stall
	19 th - 20 th	-	Year 3/4 Camp – Nillahcootie
	20 th	-	2.30pm END OF TERM
OCTOBER	7 th	-	9.00am Term 4 Commences
	7 th	-	6.00pm P & F Meeting
NOVEMBER	4 th	-	Bishop's Holiday – NO SCHOOL
	5 th	-	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
	7 th	-	9.15 – 10.45am Foundation Transition Day
	20 th	-	9.15 – 10.45am Foundation Transition Day

THANK YOU **THE POULTRY PLACE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL



THANK YOU NU FRUIT

On behalf of St Patrick's Year 6,
we would like to thank
Nu Fruit Wangaratta
for their generous donation of fruit
for our Bluearth Day.

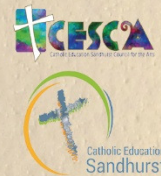


*Featuring the
5/6 Students & selected College performances
Benalla, Wangaratta, Myrtleford & Yarrawonga*

Wednesday 11 September 2019

Gymnasium - Galen Catholic College Wangaratta
12.45 pm - 2.00 pm

This is a FREE event for all parents & friends of our school communities



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 **KMART WANGARATTA** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

CHATTER MATTERS

Pragmatics and Social skills

Focus: Students recognise and appreciate the uniqueness of all people.

Play the Same and Different game in the car with your child. Take turns to name any 2 people in the world (they can be friends or famous people you are both familiar with).

Discuss 2 characteristics of how those people are similar then 2 differences ie: what makes them unique. This could be their likes/dislikes, race, gender, religion etc. Talk about how we are lucky that everyone is a little bit different, we can learn from each other. How people from different cultures etc contribute positively to our world.

For example: Justin Bieber & Beyonce. Similar = Entertainers, American eg. Differences: gender & race

“Toppling” by Sally Murphy is an excellent, easy read that covers issues such as accepting other’s differences, building relationships and dealing with hardship.

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.

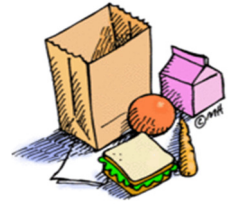
There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

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.

LUNCH ORDERS

Appin Street Bakery offer school lunches to your children on **Fridays**. They offer fresh food that will be delivered on time to St Patrick's school for your children to enjoy. Lunch orders need to be in the office by 9.00am on Friday mornings. Lunch order forms are available from the office or use the template below and write your order on a paper bag, not forgetting your child's name and grade.



St Patricks Wangaratta

NAME: _____

YEAR/CLASS: _____

TOTAL PRICE: _____

PARENTS PHONE: _____

ITEM	PRICE	QTY
		lunch only
Small Lemon Slice	2.00	
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	
Cheese & Bacon Roll Buttered	2.00	
Chicken & Salad Roll <i>W'Meal / White (please circle)</i>	5.00	
Ham & Salad Roll <i>W'Meal / White</i>	5.00	
Ham & Cheese Sandwich <i>W'Meal / White</i>	4.50	
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich <i>W'Meal / White</i>	4.00	
Chicken & Mayonaise Sandwich <i>W'Meal / White</i>	4.00	
Roast Pumpkin & Sweet Pot Soup with buttered dinner roll (winter only)	5.00	
Small Chick & Quinoa Salad	4.50	
Large Chick & Quinoa Salad	8.50	
Mayonaise Dressing	0.30	
Orange & Poppyseed Dressing GF DF	0.30	

Please note any allergies here _____

St Patrick's Vacation Care – Mon - Thurs 23rd – 26th 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)

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Monday 23rd September

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Tuesday 24th September

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Wednesday 25th September

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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.....

“JUNIOR MUSTER DAYS”

The Wangaratta Magpies Cricket Club is holding two Junior Muster Days. These days are for all junior girls and boys who are playing or thinking of playing in our Girls team, or our Under 12s, Under 14s or Under 16s teams.

A BBQ will be held afterwards.

All current and new players, and their parents are encouraged to come along.

When: **Sunday 8th September &
Sunday 15th September**

Time: **10.00am**

Where: **Cricket Nets, Norm Minns Oval**

Contact Club President Darren Grant on 0427 978 485 with any questions

THANK YOU **MAKEUP BEAUTY BY JOSIE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Levesque	Congratulations to MAX O'KEEFE for always thinking of others. Max helps his peers and teachers with enthusiasm.
Foundation Mrs Shaw	Congratulations to ZARA HAMILTON for the wonderful facts she wrote about Australian Animals. She showed great listening skills in order to write informative facts and her writing and presentation was beautifully done. Great work, Zara!
Year 1/2 Mrs Bray	A big pat on the back to MYA ANDERSON for the wonderful way she settles into her learning, sharing her ideas and helping others. Keep it up 'Superstar'!!
Year 1/2 Cassidy/Barry	Congratulations to ANNIE HUYNH for working diligently on writing more and more each session by adding more detail to her writing. We love reading all your wonderful stories, Annie!
Year 1/2 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to SAM NEWTON for the improvement he has shown with the presentation of his handwriting. Sam is forming his letters very well and placing them correctly on the lines. Well done!
Year 1/2 Mr Capper	Congratulations to CHARLIE MATHESON for being a very attentive student and gives 100% in all subject areas. He always uses his time wisely and makes our classroom a better place.
Year 3/4 Nicoll/Lynch	Congratulations to PIPPA O'CONNOR for the interesting multiplicative strategies that she is applying in order to efficiently solve mathematical problems.
Year 3/4 Mrs Newton	A big pat on the back to GRACE FAHEY-PYLE for the confidence she shows when she shares her thoughts and opinions with the class. It is also lovely to witness her inquisitiveness, asking insightful questions to further her knowledge.
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo	A big pat on the back to JAKE O'CONNOR for the wonderful effort he is putting into his handwriting and developing his focusing and listening skills, which has enabled him to give his best effort. Well done Jake, keep it up!
Year 3/4 Mr Levesque	A big pat on the back LILLY TAHIN for approaching maths task with confidence which is helping her to solve problems independently.
Year 5/6 Mrs O'Connor	Congratulations to HANNAH O'CONNOR for always bringing her best to every task she undertakes. She is one of the leaders in the school and will go a long way. Well done, Hannah!
Year 5/6 Ackerly/Higgs	Congratulations to ADA OVERBERG for the outstanding piece of writing she constructed for the recent Writing competition. Keep up the fantastic work!
Year 5/6 Mrs Rickard	Congratulations to HANNAH STYLES for her creativity with her writing piece when writing her slam poetry on Poverty. I look forward to her final piece and her presentation. Well done on your effort so far!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

We hope all fathers had a wonderful Father's Day with their families. It was terrific to see so many of our dads and special friends enjoying the Father's Day breakfast at school last Friday morning.

Here is week 8 and the end of term is just around the corner! Three weeks left of exciting learning for the students ahead.

This Friday, Mrs Levesque will finish for five weeks and is going to England to see her daughter Zoe who works there. We wish her and Mr Levesque a truly wonderful holiday. In Carolyn's absence, Mrs Ros Capper will be taking her classroom. We welcome Ros and know that she will enjoy the beautiful students in Carolyn's room.

Religion: This week the students will continue the unit, 'I am special, so are you.' During the unit the students will explore and express their unique identity. They will be asked to identify their talents and gifts, to rejoice in their individuality, and to thank God for the life given to each of them. Students will develop a sense of respect, wonder and an appreciation of diversity.

Literacy: This week's non-fiction books.

Foundation Levesque - 'Insects'.

Foundation Shaw - 'Australian Animals'.

Students will create words that have the short 'i' vowel sound, focussing on 'ish' and 'ing'.

What list do you need written this week? Can your child write this for you?

Mathematics: The students will be using practical situations to model sharing and they will be using a range of practical strategies for sharing small groups of numbers, such as visual displays or concrete materials. At home you could use verbal action stories to model situations that involve sharing eg; If I have 4 baked potatoes and two plates, how many potatoes would go on each plate so there was the same amount on each?

There are three paddocks and the farmer has twelve sheep. He wants the same number of sheep in each paddock. How many sheep does he need to put in each paddock?

Inquiry: Students will make a friendship goal. They will draw a picture about what this will look like.

RRRR's: Students will discuss, 'Everyone can be strong and gentle'. We will explain to the students that we all need to know how and when to be strong, and how and when to be gentle.

Show and Tell:

This week - An object that is shaped like/or a cube

Next week - A joke or a poem

Dates to remember:

Monday - 9th September - SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY- NO STUDENTS

Friday - 20th September, last day of Term 3, 2.30pm finish

Friday - 1st November, Grandparents Day

Have a great week,

Carolyn and Trish

THANK YOU **ANITA HAMILTON HAIRDRESSING** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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

Welcome to Week 8!

Spring is here! Let's hope the sun shines brightly.

We hope all the Dad's had a wonderful day last Sunday. It was also great to see so many Dads and special friends last Friday at our breakfast.

Our learning focus for the week -

Religion

We continue with our 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. Through stories such as 'The very hungry caterpillar' and 'The tiny seed', the students will see how change affects all living things.

Literacy

Our spelling topics this week, are 'ell' as in 'bell' and 'ang' as in 'bang'. We will also further explore short and long vowel sounds in words - that is, looking at sound patterns when reading and using this knowledge, when writing. This week, we continue to explore 'prefixes' and their use. Through the listening to and discussing picture story books around our Inquiry theme 'Celebrating differences', the students will be encouraged to predict, make inferences and personal connections to the text. Our writing for the remainder of the term will focus on 'Narrative writing'.

Mathematics

Our topics this week, focus on number sequences and number sentences. Through further exploring of skip counting from starting numbers other than zero, students will be encouraged to see patterning eg. counting by 10's means all the numbers end the same way and counting by 5's has two ending numbers. Looking at number sentences, students will be encouraged to see how the order of these sentences can be reversed to show 'equality' eg. $12 + 8 = 20$ is the same as $20 = 12 + 8$ and if you know number facts, you can solve the missing element eg. $12 + 7 = 19$ so what is $19 - 7$?

Inquiry

We will continue to explore our unit 'Celebrating differences' by looking at different cultures through their music and celebrations. We will be encouraging the students to think about a culture that they would like to explore, culminating with them creating their own musical instrument.

**We would greatly appreciate any boxes, cardboard tubes
and other craft materials that
could assist us with this project.**

Dates to remember -

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

THANK YOU **WANGARATTA LOTTO CARD & TOBACCONIST** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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

Some dates to remember: -

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 email Mrs Newton on snewton@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au if you require a medication form via email. **Please do not leave any medication in your child's possession.**

****Last Friday students were sent home with another note regarding what to take on camp. **Please be advised, students will need to bring a fruit snack, recess, lunch and a refillable drink bottle for the first day of camp.**

Religion: This week the 3/4 classes are continuing to explore the new Religious Education unit, ***Community of Believers***. Over the next couple of weeks students will be researching the key events that shaped the early Church. These key events include 1. Jesus' birth, 2. The work of John the Baptist, 3. Jesus teaching, 4. The death and resurrection of Jesus and 5. Pentecost.

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: *str_*, *scr_*, *spr_*, *shr_* and *thr_*.

Numeracy: This week in Numeracy some grades will conclude their work on multiplication and division mental strategies. Other classes are continuing to work on developing their understanding of the written forms of multiplication, including how to solve algorithms using the split strategy and the grid method, and how to apply these strategies to problem-solving scenarios.

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.

THANK YOU **MALT SHED** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Andrea, Helen & Sharyn

Events Coming up:

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 are working on the strategies for our 5th contest in the Maths Games competition. The strategies we are practising are Divide a Complex Shape and Convert to a More Convenient Form.

Robotics

This term the Year 6 students will be participating in the Robotics program conducted in conjunction with GoTAFE Wangaratta. The students were introduced to the build design by Justin McMahon and have commenced the building stage of their robots.

Reading Focus

Students continue to develop reading skills through Literacy Circles and are working on their Slam Poetry piece which will be presented to their own class and then to a panel of judges including Helen Lyons, Jodi Gibson and Councillor Ashlee Fitzpatrick.

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.

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

Radio - Angus, Darcy & Ryan 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 welcome to visit the classroom.

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

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

MONDAY 2nd September 2019

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm

Present: Sandra Macklan, Sarah Smith, Hannah Robinson, Annette Beitzel, Pip Nolan, David Maroney, Terry Corrigan, Laura Tonkin

Apologies: Kate Bevan, Bridget Hourigan, Sara D'Agostino, Leah Anderson

Minutes of previous meeting:

Passed: Sandra

Second: Hannah

Business arising from previous minutes:

Principal's Report:

- Contacted 4 companies last week about 'imaginative play' quotes, still waiting to hear back.
- Looking at a 4-5 metre area, rubber surface area, lots of colours, shopfronts etc
- Look at more play stuff with another company
- Katie Pallot working with the AGT kids to look at ideas for that area as well
- Previously looked at plastic retractable walls for the undercover area
- Naplan results are released tomorrow (3/9)
- Principal evaluation is currently occurring, you may get a phone call around this
- Holiday Care bookings almost full, looking to extend to the two weeks next year.
- Grade 3/4 camp is coming up (19th/20th) to Lake Nillacootie
- School photo review – happy to use the same company next year
- Anxiety seminar was very well received, next session is Cyber Safety and Bullying
- Father's Day Breaky was a hit! Will do again next year
- Look at doing something similar for Mother's Day as well, rather than the assembly
- Big thanks from David to Terry and all the staff for the Father's Day event.

School Council Constitution:

- Constitution hasn't been received by school council.
- Council would like to run this past the P & F

Ovens St Garden:

- See principals report above

Lunch Orders:

- Parent feedback is there is some confusion around how to order lunch orders.
- Forms available in the office
- Place note in the newsletter reminding them where to find the forms.

May Fair Positions:

- Need to start thinking about who is taking on roles for next year
- Hannah to draft something for the newsletter

Meeting Closed: 6.40pm

Next meeting: Monday 7th October 6.00pm



An invitation is extended to all parents and families as well as interested teachers and other professionals to attend an:

INFORMATION EVENING

“Setting our Children up for Success”

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER | 7.00 ~ 8.30PM
WANGARATTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

This presentation asks the question; “what is success?” and unpacks many features of what may constitute a successful and rewarding life for children that goes far beyond reciting the alphabet and counting and being “bright”. Practical ideas and strategies are provided which include, the importance of self-expression, reaching out when you need to, taking on challenges, meaningful relationships and effective communication.



Consultant: Melinda Vander Reest is an early childhood consultant from Early Life Foundations. With 30 years of experience working with young children, families and educators in a variety of settings across Australia and Internationally. She has Early Childhood and Primary qualifications as well as a Bachelor of Special Education and an Advanced Certificate of Child and Family Development.

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