



# 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

5<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

### **Lots to be thankful for really!**

As we look “down the barrel” of another six weeks in COVID lock down, it's hard not to feel a little trapped, despondent, powerless, hemmed in, need I go on? These are difficult times for everyone. As hard as we are doing it here, spare a thought for the Melburnians who are undergoing the tightest lockdown in Australian history. In a strange way, we are relying on them to keep us all safe.

As hard as it all is, I am buoyed by the fact that such acts of generosity by those who willingly comply with the regulations are saving lives. It especially cares for our elderly who are more grateful for the gift of life than most of the others, given that they have less of it in front of them than the younger ones! Who of us wants to lose a loved one in such a way? Slowly dying with not even family members to console them, to hold their hand, to allow them to feel the love that we have for them. My mum passed away several years ago, but what I wouldn't give to hold her hand one more time.

In our care for others, we are actually giving those in need a great gift. The gift of life. Okay, it might not be with the same selflessness that Jesus gave his life, but it does have an essence of Godliness to it. We are, in effect reaching out to others with love.

So, when you walk around the block to exercise or go to the supermarket and discover they're out of snags or pasta, it's not such a big deal really. We have far more important things to appreciate.

My thoughts and prayers are for those in our world that have leaders that value their economy over people's lives. We are lucky to be in Australia, even if times are tougher than usual. It's actually nice seeing our political parties joining to fight a common cause (well, a couple still like to snipe which is annoying in these times). There are plenty of people around the world who would love to live in a society like Australia because of the value our leaders have put on life.

Dear Parents,

Well, here we go again. Thank you for the support that you have shown as we embark on another period of remote learning.

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It was a little different this time around as, staff had an idea of what to expect so they were able to transition back with greater ease. They still “blow me away” with their commitment and dedication to the students.

Always remember, if you have any questions or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or me. I’m sure the teachers will continue their high-level contact with students as they did before, but it’s important that parents know we are here for them just as they are here for us!

## **Weekly Booking forms – Vital that they are COMPLETED WEEKLY**

We will again be using a weekly booking forms to gauge the number of students attending each day. These will be emailed to families who registered on our original survey. Governmental guidelines dictate that only a minimum number of staff need to be onsite so we cannot have students arriving at school who have not booked a place.

Students who can work from home should work from home as stated by the Department of Education and the Catholic Education Office.

Our essential workers who are sending their children to school often have days where they are at home so the form needs to be filled out weekly so, we know on what days students will be attending.

If you do not fill the form in, then your child will not be expected at school. This could cause safety issues if they fail to arrive at school and the school isn’t expecting them. Furthermore, we possibly wouldn’t have enough staff if people fail to book and the parents would need to be contacted to collect their child who haven’t registered for that day.

**I don’t think that this will be an issue** as you have all experienced the booking system in the past and it seemed to work quite well. Ask if you have questions please.

## **School Photos – Postponed to a date to be fixed**

Our School Photos, which were down for this Friday, have been postponed to a date to be fixed due to Level Three COVID19 restrictions. Once we have a new confirmed date, then we will let you know.

## **Closure Day – 24<sup>th</sup> August**

This is a reminder that St Patrick’s will be closed on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> August for a Curriculum Day. On that day, there will be no lessons planned and no expectation that students will need to complete any work (unless they decide to do so themselves). Staff will be working on planning for the next phase of our Spiral of Inquiry, assessing and comparing data and setting new goals for planning in the aftermath of COVID19.

## **Early Arrivals at school**

Please ensure that students attending school do not arrive prior to 8.30am. Ideally, at this time 8.45am is the best time.



## **St Patrick’s Church Services**

**UNFORTUNATELY**, due to Stage Three restrictions for COVID19, all Church Services have been put on hold until these restrictions change.

**THANK YOU DR MAUVE BAR & LOUNGE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL**

## Water Bottles

Just a reminder that **all** students need to bring a water bottle to school as our drinking taps are out of action whilst the COVID restrictions are in place. Students can use our newly installed bottle fillers to refill their bottles in a safe and hygienic manner.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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>

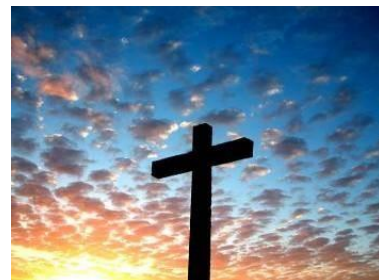
You will need to join our "Class" after you install and sign up - @spatwang, or St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta



## Mass Times

- \* ~~Saturday 6.00pm St Patrick's~~
- \* ~~Sunday 8.00am St Patrick's~~
- \* ~~Sunday 9.00am Our Lady's~~
- \* ~~Sunday 11.00am at Our Lady's.~~
- \* ~~Sunday 10.30am St Patrick's~~
- \* ~~Sunday 10.00am Moyhu~~
- \* ~~Sunday 10.30am Whitfield (1st Sunday)~~

Masses cancelled until further notice



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*Terry*

# DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> - SCHOOL CLOSURE – Planning Day

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# CHATTER MATTERS

When your child brings home pictures from school that they have drawn, make up a story to go with it. Try to include the seven parts of a story (Setting, Problem, Feelings, Plan, Action, Solution, End). Use the following questions to help:

Who is in the story?

Where are they?

When is the story happening?

What happened to the characters?

What was the problem?

How did this make the characters feel?

What did the characters plan to do?

What did the characters actually do?

What happened next? What was the solution?

How will the story end?

## SATURDAY NETBALL

Sadly, the Wangaratta Junior Netball and Net, Set, Go competitions have been cancelled due to Covid-19. The girls all played 2 games before the season ended prematurely. I'd like to thank Annette Atteridge, Kate Finnigan, Sam Lyster, Kristy Lloyd, Kylie Girolami, Jodie Hughes and Jacqui Younger for volunteering to coach and manage the teams.

Hopefully we have better luck next year.

Thanks  
Andrea O'Connor



## MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS

WANTED PLEASE –

McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers),  
COLES Little Treehouse Books (in wrapper)  
SAFEWAY Lion King Ooshies, Keyrings, Lanyards  
Woolworths Tiles (in wrappers)  
for Mayfair 2021 Showbags

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



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