



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

8th May 2019

To Our MUMS!

As it's Mother's Day this Sunday, I began to think of my own lovely mum. She has been gone for a number of years now but my memories of her are still as vibrant as the day that I last saw her.

What an incredible job our mothers do. They are not all the same. Some are great all-rounders and can turn their hand to anything, others have specific skills and guide their child in these areas. It doesn't really matter though if mum is an all rounder or a specialist. What does matter is how loved we feel by them.

My experiences of being hugged and kissed by my mother not only form a rich tapestry in my memories, it has also helped me to learn to show love to those around me. To know how beautiful and natural being loved is. I truly believe that LOVE is the very essence of motherhood and how lucky are we all to experience such unconditional love.

As I have gotten older (poor OLD me!), I have come to appreciate the beauty of feeling so loved. If we want our children to know what being loved by God feels like, then I'd suggest we hug and kiss them often and make sure they know how special that they are because, as far as I'm concerned, that's what being loved by God feels like.

A very happy Mother's Day to all of our beautiful mums. I hope the day is filled with love and special surprises.

Dear Parents,

WOW! What a fantastic day we had at our Mayfair. The weather was perfect, and we had so many visitors to our school. I wanted to thank Pip Nolan and Hannah Robinson for the outstanding job that they did to organise the event. They worked beautifully together, and the success of the day is thanks to the work that they did.

There are many others that need to be thanked but it would be impossible to do so individually. So, a heartfelt THANKYOU from the staff and students for the great job last Sunday.

THANK YOU **KOOLAMAN** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Mother's Day Stall – TOMORROW

This Thursday, the P&F will run a Mother's Day stall between 9.00am and 11.00am. This is an opportunity for the students to be a bit independent and purchase a small gift for mum. Daniella Clifford has done a great job of co-ordinating this event although she is looking for some HELPERS to assist. If you can help out, then that would be just brilliant.

All presents will be \$4.00 each. From experience, Daniella gets great value for money. This is not a compulsory event. If you would rather purchase a Ferrari for your mum, then don't worry about the stall (LOL). I love seeing the pride in the students who have done something nice for their mothers. It's just beautiful.

Parents & Friends News

There was a meeting held last Monday evening to debrief on the Mayfair and discuss future activities such as the Ladies Long Lunch and the Colour Fun Run.

The discussion around the Mayfair was very positive with many thoughts and ideas being swapped around. I will publish the minutes from this meeting possibly next week.

Butterfly Program – Wednesday 15th May

Next Wednesday, our Year 5/6 students will work with the Butterfly Education team. The theme of the day is Body Image and Resilience.

At 6.00pm on 15th May, there will be a **Parent Information Evening** on this topic. Any parent is welcome to join us (not just Year 5/6 parents). If you are interested in finding ways to help your child navigate this tricky area of growing up, then you are more than welcome to join us in the school hall.

A quote from the flyer says:

“This seminar aims to empower parents, so they feel better equipped to help their child develop and maintain body confidence through their child and adolescence years”.

Please see the “flyer” attached to this newsletter for more information. I would encourage all parents to attend.

Confirmation/Eucharist Meeting – Next Thursday, 16th May

There will be a parent meeting next Thursday, 16th May in St Patrick's School Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. This is for any parent who has a child preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist in the next few weeks. The meeting will last no more than an hour.

NAPLAN ONLINE

Next week, students in Years Three and Five will be engaged in Naplan testing. This year, St Patrick's has been selected to trial the online version of the test. We have had a few “trial runs” through the Education Department. I will be very interested in the outcomes of this trial. More on that later.

If you do not wish for your child to be engaged in the Naplan testing, then you will need to see your child's teacher and sign a form stating same. This will need to be done quite soon.

THANK YOU **GET GOOD FITNESS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Assembly

This week's Assembly is being run by Year Foundation Levesque and Year 3/4 Newton. It will be a Mother's Day Assembly so feel very welcome to come along and join us (Grandmothers too and anyone else you'd care to invite). Please come along and join us if you are free.

Head Lice

Apparently, we have had a case of nits reported. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

Vacation Care Program

Following the success of our Vacation Care trial last holidays, we have decided to continue to run this service to parents next holidays. The Vacation Care program will run from Monday, 1st July until Friday, 5th July (first week of the holidays). Bookings can be made by contacting Rosie in the office (57 21 5795) during school hours. Place are limited so it will be a "first come, first served" basis.

Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) Audit

Tomorrow St Patrick's will undergo a VRQA audit. The audit looks at the processes and practices in place that ensures a safe and healthy working environment. These happen regularly and I've always found them to be an affirming experience.

Coming Up

A few things coming up this month:

9 th	May	VRQA audit.
15 th	May	Butterfly Education (Resilience – Body image/self-esteem) Year 5/6 Butterfly Education – Parent night (6.00pm to 7.30pm).
23 rd	May	School Cross country
31 st	May	Year 5/6 students to meet councilors
1 st & 2 nd	June	Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

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.

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



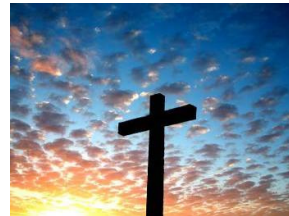
THANK YOU **MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT WANGARATTA** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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

ST. PAT'S LADIES DAY PICNIC

St Patrick's Ladies Day Picnic. May 25th at Remel, Whorouly. Lawn games, music with a fun relaxed vibe. \$75.00 for all day food with both alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets are now available from the office.



Make Support breast cancer research
Mother's Day
mean more.

SUNDAY
12 MAY 2019



Join our team: mothersdayclassic.com.au

Apex Park, Wangaratta
4km & 8km Run and 4km Walk

Welcome & Warm-up from 8.30am

Register online (until Wednesday) www.mothersdayclassic.com.au or on the day between 7.30-8.30am

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY	9 th	-	9.00am Mother's Day Stall
	9 th	-	VRQA Audit
	10 th	-	9.00am Mother's Day Assembly
	15 th	-	6.00pm – 7.30pm Butterfly Education
	16 th	-	7.00pm Faith Formation Night for Confirmation/Eucharist Candidates and Parents – School Hall
	17 th	-	Gr 1/2 Mansfield Zoo Excursion
	23 rd	-	School Cross Country
	25 th	-	St Pat's Ladies Day
JUNE	1 st & 2 nd	-	Confirmation/Eucharist
	5 th	-	Report Writing Day – PUPIL FREE DAY
	10 th	-	Queen's Birthday holiday – PUPIL FREE DAY
	19 th	-	School Photos
	21 st	-	Math's Conference – PUPIL FREE DAY

MOTHER'S DAY STALL



Our annual Mother's Day stall will be held
TOMORROW 9th May between 9.00am – 11.00am.

All gifts will be \$4.00 each

If any parents or grandparents can help out on the day, please
contact Annette in the office

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MOTHER'S DAY 12 MAY 2019

THANK YOU **GLOSS MAKEUP & BEAUTY STUDIO** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

PAT ON THE BACK

- Foundation**
Mrs Levesque
Congratulations to *ISABELLA CARLYON* for her wonderful start to Term two and using a positive mindset to complete many tasks.
- Foundation**
Mrs Shaw
Congratulations to *CHLOE LESTINO* for her wonderful reading. She is reading with great fluency and confidence. Well done, Chloe!
- Year 1/2**
Mrs Bray
A big pat on the back to *MYA ANDERSON* for her great listening in class. Mya has been using her time very wisely and getting her work completed at her best. Keep it up superstar!
- Year 1/2**
Cassidy/Russell
Congratulations to *EVIE STEER* for working cooperatively during our OSMO activities and helping others by explaining the activity thoroughly. Well done, Evie!
- Year 1/2**
Ms Rinaldi
Congratulations to *ISAAC PARKINSON* for being a hardworking student who is always focused and puts in 100%. You set a great example to others, Isaac!
- Year 1/2**
Mr Capper
Congratulations to *HARRY CHANDLER* for working well and applying himself to tasks. He is making good attempts with his reading and working hard to master more complex sentences. Well done, Harry!
- Year 3/4**
Nicoll/Lynch
Congratulations to *CHARLOTTE STEADMAN* for the conscientious manner in which she consistently approaches her learning. Charlotte always strives to challenge herself even when tasks require her to step out of her comfort zone.
- Year 3/4**
Mrs Newton
A big pat on the back to *HARPER MCGRATH* for displaying wonderful passion in learning outside the classroom. It is wonderful to hear you are working on Time, at home. Keep up this great effort, Harper!
- A big pat on the back to *HUDSON WALLACE* for taking on more leadership roles around the classroom and being a great role model.
- Year 3/4**
Mrs Rizzo
A big pat on the back to *STELLA JOHNSON* for the conscientious way she approaches her learning, confidently asking questions to clarify her understanding and accepts challenges with positivity and enthusiasm. Well done, Stella!
- Year 3/4**
Mr Levesque
A big pat on the back to *HAYLEY NESBITT* for being an active learner; she consistently edits and revises her work to make sure that it is her best effort.
- Year 5/6**
Mrs O'Connor
Congratulations to *ZOE LANDGREN* for her fantastic creative writing. She has brilliant ideas which draw in the reader. Keep up the great work, Zoe!
- Year 5/6**
Ackerly/Higgs
Congratulations to *GWYNNETH FRAZER* for the contributions she has made to our St Patrick's School community through participating in the ANZAC Day March and assisting with the stalls and pack up at the Mayfair. Thank you for participating and caring about our school, Gwynn!
- Year 5/6**
Mrs Rickard
Congratulations to *LAYLA STEER* for her creative writing as we wrote some Sizzling Starts this week. Well done Layla, your starts certainly had me wanting to read more!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Caz & Trish

We hope everyone enjoyed the Mayfair and are back at school with lots of excitement and ready to learn. We thank many families who helped St Patrick's School Mayfair. It was a wonderful day. As Terry mentioned last week, it is all about building community. We thank you for helping our school community and teaching your child the values of helping and working in and for a community.

Assembly:

Foundation students are presenting assembly at 9.00am, this Friday 10th May 2019.

Reading Helpers:

This term we invite any parents to hear the students read. However, we need –

1. a photocopy of your 'Working with Children's certificate
(We can photocopy this for you.)
2. you to attend a short reading meeting before you read with your child's class.

The two meetings will be held: -

8.50am - 9.05am Tuesday 14th May Foundation classroom

3.15am - 3.30pm Thursday 16th May Foundation classroom

Religion: In the unit, '**Called to Live Like Jesus**' the students have been exploring ways where they can express love for God, self and others. They have responded by sharing occasions when they have helped others or times when others have helped them.

They are their own needs and the needs of other people in their world.

Literacy: The Foundation students will work through a variety of activities related to the big book in their class. The students continue to practise most used words daily and sounds and letters. We thank the many families who have established a regular reading routine and have achieved reading with their child for up to and over 40 nights. THANK YOU!

Foundation Levesque - 'Mrs Wishy Washy's Tub'
Foundation Shaw - 'Mrs Wishy Washy's Big Wash''

Mathematics: We continue this week exploring Number/Place Value. The students are working towards, connecting number names, numerals and quantities and counting by naming numbers in sequence, initially up to and from 20, moving from any starting point.

The students have been investing making tens - 'ts' Eg: 60 = 6 ts, 80 = 8 ts etc.

Inquiry: This week during the unit, '**Our Sustainable World**' the students have investigated the word, 'sustainability' and have identified the many different environments around us. The students will look at what is required to keep our world sustainable and what they can do to help for future generations.

On Thursday, 23rd May, the students will be participating in a Cross-Country run at **Merriwa Park**. Could you please make sure that your child's permission note has been signed and returned to the classroom teacher! Thank you for your cooperation.

Sport Days - The students will be involved in the BLUEARTH program this term with Matt Dillon. The Foundation Sport's day will be **TUESDAY and FRIDAYS (Bluearth occurs on Fridays)**.

THANK YOU **YMCA** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Library - Thank you for the consistent library routine you have established with your child. Each Friday your child returns their books and borrows two more books. **READER BAGS CAN NOT BE USED FOR LIBRARY BAGS** Please send a library bag eg shopping cloth bag, plastic bag etc. for your child's library books. Thank you.

St Patrick's Ladies Day Picnic

You are all invited to St Patrick's Ladies Day Picnic May 25th at Remel. Last week you received an invitation. Come and meet some 'new' and 'old' St Patrick's parents and friends.

Show and Tell:

This week - Something that is shiny.

Next week - My favourite sport is... Why is it my favourite sport?

Have a great week.

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

Important Dates to Remember:

Thursday 9th May – Mother's Day Stall

Friday 10th May – Mother's Day assembly

Friday 10th May – Year 1/2 Cassidy and 3/4 Levesque Mass

Tuesday 17th May – Excursion to Mansfield Zoo

Thursday 23rd May – Junior School Cross Country

Friday 24th May – Year 1/2 Cassidy/Bray assembly

Friday 31st May – Year 1/2 Capper Mass

Friday 7th June – Year 1/2 Bray Mass

Friday 14th June - Year 1/2 Rinaldi Mass

Literacy:

The week in spelling we are focusing on the 'c' as in cat and 'ow' as in cow. Through our spelling investigations we have been looking at other graphemes (spelling choices) to make these sounds.

This week we have started looking at and writing our own information reports. The students have been really interested in learning facts about animals in the lead up to our excursion to the Mansfield Zoo.

Numeracy:

In numeracy this week students have been practising partitioning numbers. Students have been breaking down numbers to make adding easier.

Inquiry:

On Friday the 17th May we will be visiting the Mansfield Zoo as part of our inquiry unit this term 'Tip Toe Through Our World'. Permission notes have been sent home. Helpers will be required and greatly appreciated on this excursion, so if you have a Working with Children's Check and are available to assist us on this day please see your child's classroom teacher.

THANK YOU **REES & REES** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Bluearth:

This term we are very lucky to have Matt Dillon taking us for Bluearth each Friday. The students have been participating enthusiastically. Matt has shown us positive ways to interact with others, including self-umpiring to ensure games are fair and that everyone can have fun. Students have been practising a range of fundamental movement skills such as throwing and catching and hopping and jumping.

Cross Country:

Our Junior School Cross Country will be held this year on Thursday 23rd May. We will be leaving school and walking over to Merriwa Park for this event. Students will participate in a timed running event in Year levels. Parents and Friends are most welcome to attend. Permission notes have been sent home.

Meetings:

Please note that the Year 1/2 teachers have meetings scheduled every Tuesday morning before school and Wednesday after school. Just a reminder that teachers can be contacted via email on:

acassidy@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

kbray@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

dcapper@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

jrinaldi@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au

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

Thank you to all the families who came and supported our wonderful fete last Sunday. It truly was a great day and the weather was perfect!

Numeracy:

This week students will continue to focus on addition. Students are being exposed to strategies that assist them with completing addition equations. These strategies include doubles, near doubles and friends of ten. One card game that is on their homework sheet this week is 'Thirty-one'. This game will assist your child with strategies they have learnt and quick recall of their number facts.

Literacy:

In Reading, students are reading a variety of persuasive texts and identifying the features of each type of text. Last week, students looked at an 'introduction' which outlines the issue and the writer's point of view, then three 'arguments' that contain supporting evidence, and a 'conclusion' that restates the position of the writer and the main arguments. Students were given the topic, "Cats are better than dogs". Students were asked to pick whether they were for cats or dogs. Students formed groups of three and worked in teams to come up with three main points with evidence. This week, students will focus on writing an introduction to their arguments.

This week our spelling focus is 'ow' as in cow and 'ou' as in scout.

Homework:

Homework contracts are due on Friday or Monday, depending on your child's teacher. Please carefully complete each task.

A special thank you:

A BIG thank you to all the parents who were able to help at the Mayfair. We really appreciated your help and support.

Mother's Day

This weekend we are excited to be celebrating and paying tribute to our Mums. The Year 3/4 teachers would like our parents to please send in a photo of their child with their mum. Could you please send the photo to Mrs Newton at snewton@spwangeratta.catholic.edu.au. If you are unable to email it, please send the photo with your child to school and we can scan it.

Reminders:

- **Mother's Day Assembly this Friday**
- **Mass this Friday 3/4 Levesque and 1/2 Cassidy**

YEAR FIVE/SIX – Andrea, Helen & Sharyn

Numeracy Focus –

We are completing our last Maths Investigations this fortnight. The students are participating in various investigations with their class being facilitated by a different teacher.

The Investigations are:

Mrs Rickard - Location

Mrs Ackerly - Statistics

Mrs O'Connor - Chance

We are also completing some NAPLAN problem solving questions and activities related to addition and renaming.

Reading Focus –

Reading a variety of fiction text types related to narrative texts with a focus on **Within the Text** and NAPLAN questions.

Writing –

Narrative writing, using judging criteria to analyse a narrative piece and writing narratives.

Religious Education – The Risen Christ

In this unit students will reflect on the mystery of the Resurrection by entering the experience through the eyes of the disciples who first gave witness to Jesus' Risen presence amongst them. They will also explore ways they integrate the Resurrection experience into their own lives.

RRRR (Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships)

This term the Years 5 and 6 will be focussing on Help Seeking.

Children can experience all kinds of challenges as they grow and develop. The help-seeking behaviours of children are fundamental to their mental health and wellbeing. Encouraging and fostering help-seeking behaviours is one way to improve mental health and wellbeing.¹⁶ It is important to work with students to make sure they are aware about help-seeking avenues and confident to seek help from an appropriate source when needed.

THANK YOU **MR & MRS PORTER** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Learning activities in this topic area are designed to help students discuss the importance of seeking help and providing peer support when dealing with problems that are too big to solve alone. This helps to normalise and de-stigmatise help-seeking behaviour. Scenario-based activities help students identify situations in which help should be sought, identify trusted sources of help, and practice seeking help from peers and adults.

Interschool Sport

Draw for Friday 10th May

St Pat's Yellow V St Bernard's Green - Both Football and Netball at Barr Reserve.

St Pat's Green have a bye

Mother's Day Information

Photo

We are putting together a presentation for our wonderful Mums and would love families to send in a photo of their child with their mum. This can be emailed to your classroom teacher or sent through our Seesaw App.

Stall

There will be a stall here at school on Thursday with presents to the value of \$4 for children to purchase for their mums.

Assembly

This week we will be celebrating all the wonderful Mums. Come along at 9.00am on Friday.

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 -
McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers), COLES Mini Shop Collectables, Keyrings, Lanyards for Mayfair 2020 showbags.

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



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



Body Confident Children & Teens

Information for Parents

Body image is consistently reported as one of the top three concerns for young people. With society's increasing obsession with appearance and diet it can be difficult for parents to know how to support positive body image.

The Butterfly Foundation is Australia's leading not-for-profit for eating disorders and body image. This seminar aims to empower parents so they feel better equipped to help their child develop and maintain body confidence through their child and adolescent years.

Topics covered include:

- Background on body image and importance of prevention
- Brief overview of eating and body related issues and warning signs
- Key influences on body confidence
- Importance of role modeling positive body image and healthy behaviours
- Understanding 'Fat Talk' and handling 'stuff' they say
- Awareness around behaviours that increase or decrease body satisfaction
- Referral and support information
- *Please note, this session does not cover dealing with fussy eaters*

Date: Wednesday 15th May 2019

Venue: School Hall

Time: 6-7:30pm

RSVP: School Office 03 5721 5795

More information:

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NERPSA

**North East Regional
Pre School Association**



Welcome to our Open Days

***Come along and visit our services to make your selection
for 3 and 4 Year old Kindergarten places in 2020***

Appin Park Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Appin Street, Wangaratta
Wednesday 22nd May : 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Christopher Robin Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Merriwa Park, Wangaratta
Wednesday 22nd May : 9.00am – 10.30am

Coronation Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Swan St, Wangaratta
Monday 20th May : 9.00am – 10.30am

Glenrowan Pre School (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Old Hume Highway, Glenrowan
Friday 24th May : 10.00am – 12.00pm

James Tilson Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Burke Street, Wangaratta
Tuesday 21st May : 9.00am – 10.30am
Friday 24th May : 9.00am – 10.30am

Moyhu Pre School (Occasional Care, 3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Byrne Street, Moyhu
Wednesday 29th May : 1.00pm - 2.00pm

The Hub Kindergarten (3 Year Old Program) – Burke Street, Wangaratta
Monday 20th May : 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Wangaratta West Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) – Orkney Street, Wangaratta
Wednesday 22nd May : 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Whorouly Kindergarten (3 & 4 Year Old Program) – Church Street, Whorouly
Wednesday 29th May : 11.00am – 12.00pm

Visit each Kindergarten

hear from our teachers about how they run their programs,
look over the facility, ask questions and
collect enrolment package

At each service you will have the opportunity to meet with staff who will be on hand to introduce themselves, to show you around and answer questions relating to what happens at the service.