



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

30th January, 2019

Welcome Back!

I wandered around the classrooms this morning to say "Hi" to the children and just catch up. There is such a warm, family feel to this school. There was lots of excitement with students catching up again after the break. New adventures and new challenges that the year will bring. Hopefully, lots of fun and laughter. Exciting times ahead.

Through all of this, our hope is for the students to continue on their faith journey so that they can contribute to the world in positive ways. That's a model that was taught to us by Jesus.

I just love the following little cartoon as, to me, it speaks volumes as to what we should strive to be. It also "smacks" of God at work in our world. It isn't a Catholic "thing". Different faith traditions have different ways of interacting with God. At the heart of all these though, is love.



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another year. It was great to see all the smiling faces this morning – YES - they were smiling! It looks like being another great year at St Patrick's School. Teachers have been working feverishly away for the past few weeks getting everything ready. They have done a great job yet again. This will be a short newsletter this week. The classes will begin their contributions next week. I would encourage parents to read their classes input as it will provide lots of discussion points for parents to engage in their child's learning.

The following are a few things to remind families about and inform any new families to the school.

THANK YOU LIGHTING & DECOR FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Opening School Mass

We are currently planning a Mass to mark the beginning of the school year. Parents and friends are always welcome at these celebrations.

The time of this Mass will be confirmed in next week's newsletter.

Assemblies

Each Monday morning at 9.00am, the school gathers in front of our flag pole to sing the National Anthem and raise the Australian and Aboriginal flags. We also communicate any news items that need to be shared.

Our main Assembly is on a Friday morning at 9.00am. Classes take turns at presenting at these assemblies, helping students with a range of skills including public speaking, organisational skills, digital technology and team work skills to name a few.

During Assembly, students who have received a "Pat on the Back" Award are presented with a certificate. "Pat on the Back" Awards are published in the weekly newsletter. We also present birthday certificates to those students who have celebrated a birthday recently.

The assemblies run for about a half an hour (sometime a little longer). **Parents are always welcome to join us at Assemblies.** Some, who have work commitments, come along to see their child receive an award and then creep back to work. That is perfectly fine. Any interest that parents show in their child's education has very positive effects on their learning. We want you to always feel welcome here at St Pat's.

SEE-SAW

This is software that allows your child and teacher to share the work that they do in the classroom. Parents only have access to their child's accomplishments. It is a rich source of students being able to share their day with their parents. Parents can also comment on the items posted. It's also a great form of private and group communication between parents and teachers.

Learning Walks

We plan a series of Learning Walks this year. Learning Walks, for those unaware, are tours of the school that focus' on specific teaching and learning strategies and techniques. Parents who have engaged in these Learning Walks gain a heightened sense of what is being achieved in classrooms and allows parents to reflect and be supported in changes to teaching and learning that has occurred in schools since their own student days. When parents better understand the environment in which students work then they are better placed to support their children to be the best that they can be.

Curriculum Nights

In term one, we will be running a series of curriculum nights for parents. This is a great way to meet your child's teacher/s and find out a little bit about curriculum planning and organisational plans for the year. Parents have been very positive in their feedback of these events. Curriculum nights are run for each area of the school (Foundation, Years 1/2, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6). Each night lasts an hour with an opportunity to catch up for a chat afterwards.

Curriculum Nights for this year are:

19th February – Years 1/2 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

19th February – Foundation Information Night from 7.00pm to 8.00pm

26th February – Years 3/4 from 7.00pm to 8.00pm

4th March – Year 5/6 from 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Each session will be held in the classrooms of the classes involved.

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

Web Calendar

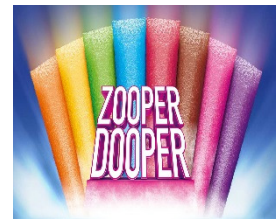
If parents access the school's website (www3.spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au) you will have access to a calendar of events as they come up. A calendar of events is also published in our newsletter. I will have as many available dates as possible on this site within the next week or so. Please check it periodically as I also add dates as they become known.

Facebook

The school also has a Facebook site which people are welcome to access. We are extremely conscious of images being posted and we will always respect people's privacy. Helen Lyons manages the site. It is also used by the various groups associated with the school (e.g. Parents & Friends Association, School Board, Mayfair, Colour Fun Run, Ladies Long Lunch etc) to provide further information as to upcoming events.

Zooper Doopers

On Tuesdays & Thursdays for a few weeks, while the weather is hot, some students are selling Zooper Doopers at the first break. Cost of the icy treats will be 50cents and all money raised will go to St Vincent De Paul. There is no obligation to buy. It's just a nice way to encourage our students to support a local charity that does such good in our community and get an icy treat on a warm day.



Hats and Sunscreen



Hats need to be worn at recess and lunchtimes during term four. Students without a hat will be restricted to playing under the school pavilion in the interests of sun safety. All classrooms also have sunscreen available to students to use. Parents may also opt to send their child to school with their own sunscreen if they so choose. School hats are available from Steer Clothing (opposite the railway station).

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 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>

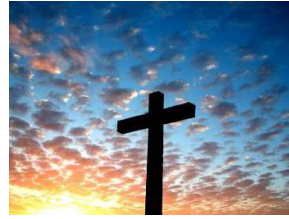
You will need to join our "Class" after you install and sign up - @spatwang, or St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta



THANK YOU FLYNN'S OF WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

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

FEBRUARY	6 th	-	3.00pm Second-hand Uniform Sale - Fishbowl
	19 th	-	6.00pm – 7.00pm Curriculum Night Years 1/2
	19 th	-	7.00pm – 8.00pm Foundation Information Night
	26 th	-	7.00pm – 8.00pm Curriculum Night Years 3/4
MARCH	4 th	-	7.00pm to 8.00pm Curriculum Night Year 5/6

UNIFORM STALL

Uniforms wanted!

If you have had a clean out over the school holidays and found uniforms in good condition that is too small, donations would be greatly appreciated. Contributions are sold for gold coin at the second-hand uniform stall and money goes to fundraising for the school. These can be handed in to the school office.

Second Hand uniform stall

The uniform stall is held on the second Wednesday of each term. The first one for this year will be held on Wednesday 6 February, from 3.00pm, in front of the fishbowl. Uniforms will be sold for gold coin donation or as a swap. We rely on donations to supply this service, so if you have anything in your cupboards that is in good condition but too small or no longer worn, please drop it in to the school office.



MAYFAIR SHOWBAGS

WANTED – **COLES Mini Shop Collectables**
McDonald's Toys (in the wrappers)
Keyrings, Lanyards for Mayfair 2019 showbags.

Please deliver to the office, thank you.



THANK YOU **BROWN BROTHERS** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

Come and try **FREE** Baseball



Hand-eye drills for batting and fielding are key, and will be covered throughout this four week program. As Baseball is a very inclusive game we encourage any child of any ability to give it a go. Teamwork is a requirement to succeed in this great game and this is why we enjoy it as much as your child will.

4 WEEKS ONLY
6TH, 13TH,
20TH & 27TH FEB
6PM - 7PM
AGES 8-12



LIMITED AVAILABILITY. PLEASE
REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST

PLEASE CALL - Owen 0419514695

OR

EMAIL - owengodenzi@gmail.com

All equipment is supplied. Please wear suitable sports attire and bring a drink bottle.