



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

27th April 2022



**Lord,
The resurrection of Your
Son
has given us new life
and renewed hope.**

**Help us to live as new
people in pursuit of the
Christian ideal.**

**Grant us wisdom to know
what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake
it,
the perseverance to
continue to do it,
and the strength to
complete it.**

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and a very happy Easter. I am so pleased to say that most of our COVID regulations have been lifted and families are allowed to re-enter freely, mask restrictions have been removed and vaccination status checking is no longer required! Please see the new COVID guidelines further down in this newsletter.



What is happening in Term two!

This Term we will be introducing our **Parent Access Module (PAM)** from our new online SIMON platform. This will be our new form of communication between the school and home.

The school will also be undergoing an external **School Review** this term. This is part of our review requirements and occurs every five years. Trained reviewers will visit the school over a three-day period (May 31 - June 2nd). They will talk to staff, students and parents to identify our strengths and give recommendations on our next areas of growth and improvement.

This information will be extremely valuable as it will help inform the development of our new **Strategic Improvement Plan**.

Beginning of the Year Mass

While it has been a delayed start due to COVID, we are now able to celebrate our beginning of the year mass at **12.00pm, on Tuesday May 3rd**. The mass will include the welcoming of our Foundation students and blessing of our year sixes. We ask that families sit in the new section of the church. **All are welcome!**

Mother's Day Stall

On Thursday 5th May, 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 and Mel Kremneff have done a great job of co-ordinating this event.



All presents will be \$4.00 each and from experience, Daniella and Mel gets great value for money. This is not a compulsory event.

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing commences on Tuesday 10th May for students in years 3 and 5. Further information will be sent out to relevant families over the next week. Our school coordinator for this year's testing is Mrs Helen Rickard.

Parents and Friends Meeting

Our next P & F meeting is this Monday 2nd May at 6.00pm in the staffroom. All are welcome!

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund - CSEF

If you have a Health Care Card, please remember to complete the CSEF forms that have been sent home, and return to school.

Immunisation Status

Could all Foundations parents/carers, who have yet to do so, please provide your child's Immunisation status certificate to the school office as soon as possible!

ANZAC DAY

THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD,
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD.
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,
NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN;
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE
SUN AND IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

LEST WE FORGET



ENROLMENTS for 2023



St Patrick's Primary School Enrolment Inquiry Tours

Are you interested in enrolling
for the 2023 school year?

Come and learn about our wonderful school!

Thursday 28th April & Tuesday 3rd May
At 4pm

Enrolment information packages
and forms are available on the day



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Do you know someone who is interested in finding out a bit more about St Patrick's School? Are you interested in taking a tour of the school yourself?

If so, the school will be holding two Inquiry Tours after school, during the first two weeks of term two.

The tour will go for approximately one hour and includes a short presentation and a tour of the school. Following this there will be a 'cuppa' with a chance to ask more questions or simply chat and meet other families.

Enrolment packages have been updated to reflect the new governance requirements set out by Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd. (CES Ltd)

Enrolment packs are now available for collection at the office.

Sacrament Dates for 2022



After discussions with Fr Nathan and Fr Shibu, we have been able to secure dates for Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation for 2022.

To cater for the catch up from 2021, each school will run their own Sacramental programs. More information regarding preparation will be distributed to families soon.



Confirmation Eucharist

Year 5 (catchup from 2021) Wednesday 18th May 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Year 4 (2022 group) Wednesday 22nd June 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Reconciliation

Year 3 Thursday 22nd October 6.00pm – 7.30pm



COVID UPDATES

Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. This means students in grades 3 to 6, staff and visitors in primary schools are no longer required to wear face masks. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Rapid antigen test screening requirements

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. They are required to notify the school that they are a household contact.

Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption.

If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

RAT screening program reminder

RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school.

The testing recommendations will remain the same this Term for students and staff with:

- mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff.

Newsletter

Our newsletter can be accessed on our website. 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 4.00pm Our Lady's
- * 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 12.00pm St Patrick's
- * Sunday 10.00am Moyhu
- * Sunday 10.30am Whitfield (1st Sunday)



CATHOLIC PARISHES
of
WANGARATTA

<https://catholicwangaratta.wixsite.com/wangaratta>

Gabby

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY	5 th	-	9.00am Mother's Day Stall
	18 th	-	6.00pm (2021 Group) Confirmation
	25 th	-	School Photos (Please note change of date)
JUNE	13 th	-	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	22 nd	-	6.00pm (2022 Group) Confirmation
	24 th	-	2.25pm End of Term 2
JULY	11 th	-	9.00am Term 3 Commences
	29 th	-	PUPIL FREE DAY – Strategic Planning Day
AUGUST			
SEPTEMBER	16 th	-	2.25pm End of Term 3
OCTOBER	3 rd	-	9.00am Term 4 Commences
	22 nd	-	6.00pm Reconciliation
	31 st	-	PUPIL FREE DAY – Report Writing Day
NOVEMBER	1 st	-	Melbourne Cup Holiday
	25 th	-	2023 Planning Day
DECEMBER	15 th	-	3.25pm End of Term 4 for Students
	16 th	-	End of Term 4 for Staff