



# St Patrick's School

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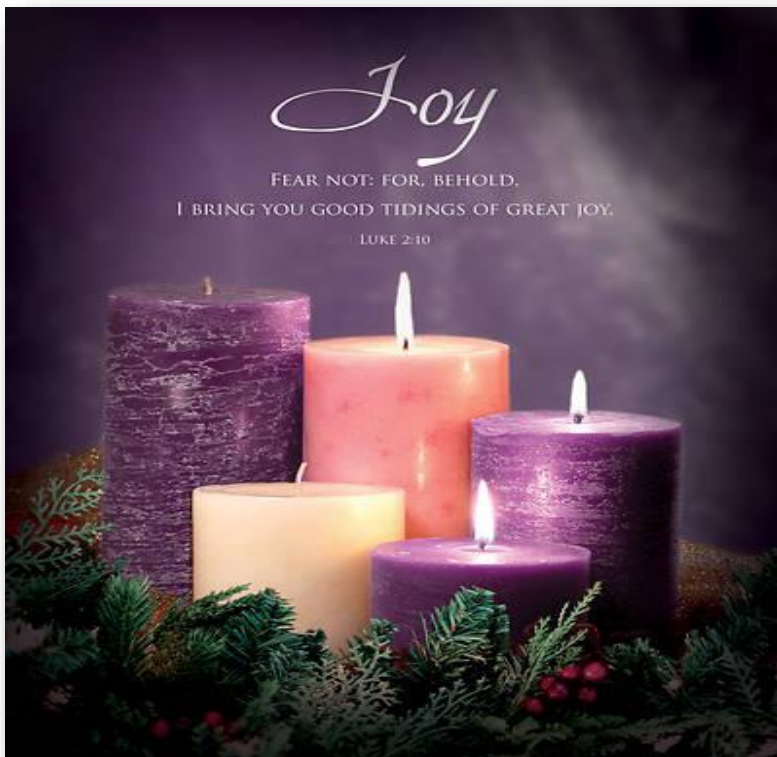
St Patrick's Primary School, Wangaratta, would like to acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation, whose clans include Bangerang (Pangerang) Kaitheban, Wollithiga, Moira, Ulupna, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba and Ngurai-illiam-wurrung, as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is situated.

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

7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

# Advent



The third week of Advent focuses on **JOY**. The candle is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

**God our Father,  
We thank you for this time  
of joyful waiting.**

**May the hope and joy of  
this season fill our hearts  
and make us living signs of  
your love for a world that  
hungers for your peace.**

## End of Year Mass

I warmly invite all families to our End of Year Mass this Monday 12th December at 9.30am in St Patrick's Church. Could families please sit in the new section of the church as classes will sit in the old section.



# Staff Changes



We say farewell (temporarily) to three staff members at the end of the school year.

**Helen Rickard** will be taking 12 months leave to work at St Joseph's Primary school, Windham in the Kimberly region. We wish Helen all the best and look forward to making new connections with a fellow interstate Catholic school.

**Sarah Newton and Caitlin Elliott** will be taking a period of maternity leave in 2023. We wish both staff a safe, healthy and happy time ahead, and wait excitedly for baby news. Caitlin will return in term 2 and Sarah will return in term 3.



We welcome **Tom Boyd, Isabella Carnovale and Jess Bordignon** to St Patrick's for the 2023 school year. Jess has a number of years teaching experience, including in the UK, while Tom and Isabella are commencing their teaching career.

Anne O'Riley will also join us to cover Music in Term 1.

## Teacher Placement for 2023

Ms Grace Patterson	Foundation
Ms Lisa Box	Foundation
Ms Karen Bray	Year 1/2
Ms Nara Nicoll	Year 1/2
Mr Thomas McDonald	Year 1/2
Ms Isabella Carnovale	Year 1/2
Ms Karen Rizzo	Year 3/4
Ms Eleanore Sirianni	Year 3/4
Ms Jessica Bordignon	Year 3/4
Ms Amanda Cassidy	Year 5/6
Ms Sharyn Ackerly/Janina Rinaldi	Year 5/6
Ms Jessica Whitehead	Year 5/6
Mr Thomas Boyd	Year 5/6

### SPECIALIST TEACHERS

MUSIC/PERFORMING ARTS	Ms Caitlin Elliott
ITALIAN	Ms Janina Rinaldi
SCIENCE	Ms Katie Pallot
VISUAL ARTS	Ms Abby Batey
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Ms Catherine Kittelty and Ms Leah Cornish

# Transition Day

Next Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup> December is the State-wide Transition Day.** Year 6 students will attend their Secondary School for the entire day, while students from Foundation to Year 5 will meet their 2023 classroom teacher and classmates from 9.30am until 1.00pm. Kinder students will have transition from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

## Parents And Friends 2023 Planning Meeting

St Pat's will be holding a Parents and Friends planning meeting in the staffroom on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** commencing at 6.30pm.

At this meeting we will decide on the fund-raising events, term by term, for 2023. I warmly invite new parent/carers and existing members to come along and share your ideas.

Once finalised the broader parent community will be invited to nominate for a fundraiser that they feel comfortable in supporting throughout the year.



## 2022 School Fees

School fee accounts will be sent out today. Please note that the opening balance is as of the change over to the new financial system (ICON), Term 4, not the commencement of the school year. Please ensure that all school fees are paid in full by the end of the term.

Families having difficulty paying are asked to make an appointment regarding a payment plan.

## 2023 School Fees



Today families will receive a letter stating the school fees for 2023. Also enclosed in this envelope will be a '2023 Method of Payment' form which must be completed and returned to the office by the end of the year. New families will receive this information at transition or by post.

## Parent Handbook

An updated Parent Handbook has been emailed out to all families advising of information for the 2023 school year. I ask that parents please read this to support the preparation of their child for the new school year.

## Zooper Doopers

Zooper Doopers will be sold at recess on Thursday and Fridays for 50 cents each. All funds raised go to Caritas



## Important Dates



**End of year Mass** will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

**Year 6 Graduation Dinner** will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December in St Pat's Parish Hall, commencing at 6.00pm

**Year 6 Fun Day** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December **Please see PAM for further information**

**Nativity Play / Christmas Concert** will be held under the shelter at school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

**2023 School Year** commences for all students, **including Foundation** on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Staff commence Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

### YMCA - Change of Contact Details

To contact the YMCA After School Care Program please use the following:

Email: [StPatricksWangaratta@ymca.org.au](mailto:StPatricksWangaratta@ymca.org.au)

Phone: **0477449997**

## Parent Access Module (PAM)

St Pat's is using the Parent Access Module (PAM) more and more as a form of communication to parents. Brief messages to inform families of school events will be sent to mobile phones and permission notes will be able to be approved online. If you have any difficulty accessing PAM or completing online forms, please contact the school.



**LOG INTO PAM**

Please check your spam folder for any notification.



Another way to keep in touch is to follow our Facebook page. Just search St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta to find us

## 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 5.00pm St Patrick's
- \* Sunday 10.00am Moyhu
- \* Sunday 10.00am Whitfield (1st Sunday)

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**CATHOLIC PARISHES**  
OF  
**WANGARATTA**

*Gabby*

# DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm P & F 2023 Planning Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am End of Year Mass
- 13<sup>th</sup> - State Transition Day
- 9.00am – 1.00pm Years 1 – 6
- 9.30am – 12.00pm 2023 Foundation
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 6.00pm Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Fun Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am Nativity Play/Christmas Concert
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 3.25pm End of Term 4 for Students
- 16<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 4 for Staff

2023

JANUARY

- 27<sup>th</sup> - Staff commences
- 30<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am Term 1 – Students commence

You are invited to a free  
**Christmas Activity Morning**  
for children and families



**Saturday 10th December**

**9.30 - 12.00 noon**

**In the King George Gardens**  
(Ovens St, Wangaratta)

**Come along & enjoy:**

- Puppets
- Christmas craft
- Games & challenges
- Face painting
- Nativity photo booth
- Playdough fun
- Stories & more!

**NO COST - ALL WELCOME!**

**For more information please contact:**

Anne Turnbull (Uniting Church) 0409208218

Sarah Leslie (Presbyterian Church) 0427922611

Jennie Gillies (Wesleyan Methodist Church) 0408556893

Ela Heaton (Anglican Church) 0419001184

# PAT ON THE BACK

- Foundation**  
Mrs Patterson A big pat on the back to *FOUNDATION PATTERSON* for the amazing year you've had together. Thank you for always being open to new learning and being inclusive of each other's uniqueness. You are all well and truly ready for Year 1 now! Well done super stars!
- Foundation**  
Miss Box Congratulations to *FOUNDATION BOX* for a wonderful first year of school! You have all grown and learnt so much. Showing persistence, resilience and care for your learning and each other. You should be so proud!
- Year 1/2**  
Mrs Bray A big pat on the back to *ABIGAIL NEVINSON, HELENA MALCOLM & LALIA SARTORI* for their amazing insights in our classroom discussions and for their great sense of humour. We have been lucky to have them as part of our classroom this year!!
- Year 1/2**  
Mrs Newton A big pat on the back to *MILA PANTLING* for the wonderful job she did at our 1/2 assembly. She made a fabulous MC and I was so proud of the confidence she displayed.
- Year 1/2**  
Ms Rinaldi Congratulations to *ELEANOR DOUANGPHOSAY* for having a positive attitude towards everything she does and working at a high standard!
- Year 3/4**  
Congratulations to *YEAR 3/4 McDONALD* for such an amazing final term. All Mr McDonald's students have put their best effort into all of their classwork and have treated each other respectfully. Keep doing well superstars!
- Year 3/4**  
Mrs Nicoll Congratulations to *YEAR 3/4 NICOLL* for being an awesome team! Well done for always participating in learning with enthusiasm and for being open to new experiences.
- Year 3/4**  
Ms Sirianni Congratulations to *XAVIER OVERBERG* for the fantastic resilience and diligence he has demonstrated this term. Xavier has maintained a positive and enthusiastic attitude and has made the most of his time in school. Well done Xavier!
- Year 3/4**  
Mrs Rizzo A big pat on the back to *YEAR 3/4 RIZZO* for the wonderful year we have had together. You have amazed me with your knowledge and your 'can do' attitude. I have loved teaching you this year. Thank you!!
- Year 5/6**  
Ms Whitehead A big pat on the back to *5/6 WHITEHEAD* for the fantastic way everyone participated in and enjoyed camp at Sovereign Hill! It was wonderful to see the way you all worked together and looked out for each other. Well done on a brilliant year, I have loved being your teacher!
- Year 5/6**  
Mrs Cassidy Congratulations to *YEAR 5/6 CASSIDY* for the way in which they represented St Patrick's on our school camp to Ballarat. We had lots of fun adventures and learnt lots along the way. What an enjoyable experience to share together at the end of the year.
- Year 5/6**  
Mrs Ackerly Congratulations to *YEAR 5/6 ACKERLY* for the amazing year you have had. They were such a kind, caring and respectful class. Good luck as you journey onto your next educational adventure!
- Year 5/6**  
Mrs Rickard A big pat on the back to *5/6 RICKARD* for their amazing participation, endurance, persistence and stamina whilst we were on camp at Sovereign Hill last week. Your exceptional behaviour representing St Patrick's was a credit to you all. I wish you all an amazing 2023.



## **Christmas Eve – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Moyhu	- 5.00pm
Our Lady's	- 7.00pm
St Patrick's	- 9.00pm
St Patrick's	-12.00 midnight

## **Christmas Day – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

St Patrick's	- 8.00am
Our Lady's	- 9.00am
St Patrick's	- 10.30am

**Also, for your information the Mass times at St Patrick's are changing as from the First Sunday of Advent - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

**There will no longer be a Mass at 12 noon. However, the new Mass time will be at 5.00pm (Except not on Christmas Day which happens to be a Sunday).**