



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

22nd March 2023



He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

John 9:25 NIV

Sunday's Gospel reading tells of the miraculous healing by Jesus, of a man who has been blind since birth. Religious leaders of the time are sceptical and more concerned with maintaining their authority than recognising the power of God at work. Just as religious leaders were blinded by their prejudices and assumptions, we, too, can be overwhelmed by our biases and preconceptions. The story challenges us to look beyond the surface-level assumptions that can cloud our understanding and to trust in the transformative power of Jesus Christ to open our eyes and hearts to new possibilities.



Holy Baptism

Congratulations to Frankie and Henry Routledge on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on the weekend. May God bless you on your faith journey.

Project Compassion - Laxmi in Nepal



[Laxmi's Story | Project Compassion 2023](#)

Drop off Zone

We have an increasing number of cars parking for long periods of time during the morning and afternoon. This is a gentle reminder that between 8.00am and 9.30am and between 2.30pm and 4.00pm, the front of the school becomes a two-minute drop off zone. Drivers may receive a parking ticket if caught exceeding the limit.

End of Term Dates

A reminder that the last day of term one for students is Wednesday 5th April. School finishes at 3.25pm. Staff will be attending a Catholic School Wangaratta (CSW) combined Professional Development Day on Thursday 6th April at Borinya and St Bernard's Primary School.



Celebration of our Learning

Families are invited to visit their child's classroom on Monday April 3rd from 3.15pm – 3.45pm to learn more of, and celebrate some of the wonderful learning that has happened this term.



Family Contact Details

If there are any changes of circumstance, families are asked to please email or phone the office. These changes include updating phone numbers, addresses and student medical details.

St Patrick's Day

A fun time was had by all last Friday as we celebrated St Patrick's Day with dress ups and cake. May the luck of the Irish be with us all year round.



Bulb Fundraiser

Don't forget to order your bulbs online via our fundraiser and make this year's garden beautiful! Simply order online and have your bulbs sent to your door! All funds go to furnishing our new building. We have 25 orders so far and have raised \$520.40 for our school.

P & F Meeting

Our next P & F Meeting will be on 27th March at 6.00pm. All welcome!

Easter Egg Raffle



It's Easter Raffle time again! Each year St Patrick's School runs an Easter Raffle with all proceeds going to Caritas. Caritas is a Catholic International Relief Organisation with a mission to build a better world for the poor and oppressed. We ask each family to donate an Easter Egg, more if you wish, to the school (big or small – it's up to you). These are made into a number of prizes and raffled off on the last day of Term 1, Wednesday 5th April. For those new to the school, we usually have fifty plus prizes, including some pretty big Easter Egg Baskets.

Thank you to those families who have already donated an egg or eggs. Raffle tickets went home today, and they are 50c each or 5 for \$2.00. You may wish to write your name on both sides of the book and that would be a \$4.00 book.

A special thank you to the Bright family, for their incredible contribution to our Easter Raffle for Caritas.



Early Arrivals at school

We have several student's arriving at school far too early. Supervision does not commence at St Patrick's until **8.30am**. Please do not drop your children off at school early. This is a safety risk as staff are not available to supervise students before this time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Working With Children's Checks (WWCC)

St Patrick's adheres to Child Safe regulations and reminds families to update their WWCC details with the school, as a number of cards have now expired.

Please send in your updated information as soon as possible.



Holiday Care Program

The YMCA is able to offer a Holiday Program for students during this coming term break. The program will run from 8.00am - 4.00pm. The program will not be available on the public holidays. Please contact our After School Care coordinator Annette Monshing for further information.

YMCA After School Care Employment Opportunity



The YMCA has employment positions available for their After School Care Program at St Patrick's school. If this is a job that you might be interested in follow the link below to apply.

<https://victoria.ymca.org.au/staff-and-volunteers/careers/current-opportunities?ja-job=654501>

Photo Catch Up Day

Our photo catch up day is Friday 24th March. Photo packages can still be ordered online.

YMCA - Contact Details

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

Email: StPatricksWangaratta@ymca.org.au

Phone: **0477449997** - Annette Monshing – ASC Co-ordinator

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.



Please check your spam folder for any notification.

Facebook



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)



Facebook Page: catholicparishesofwangaratta

Gabby

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Patterson	A big pat on the back to BLAISE PANTLING for the amazing listening and focus he has displayed towards all of his learning. He shows a genuine interest in his learning. Keep up the great work Blaise.
Foundation Ms Box	Congratulations to ELIZA PRESTIANNI for the positive attitude she has towards all learning tasks. Eliza is always enthusiastic and tries her very best. Well done Eliza!
Year 1/2 Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to OLIVER FISCHER for the creative writing piece that he produced in response to 'The Box' picture prompt. Oliver's writing engaged the reader and it had an element of suspense. He also experimented with onomatopoeia, interesting vocabulary and different forms of punctuation. A top job!
Year 1/2 Mr McDonald	Congratulations to EVIE KELLY for her positive approach to her classwork. Evie has enthusiastically completed all of her classwork to a great standard. Keep it up!
Year 1/2 Mrs Bray	Congratulations to OLIVER KITTELTY for his amazing and confident reading. We are all enjoying listening to you change your voice and keep us entertained. Keep it up, superstar!
Year 1/2 Ms Carnovale	Congratulations to HUGH BARNDEN for the excellent work ethic he has displayed in the classroom. Hugh is always challenging his maths and literacy skills. Keep it up Hugh!
Year 3/4 Ms Bordignon	Congratulations to AMELIA WESTON for her positive approach toward learning. Amelia participates in all lessons enthusiastically and completes her work to a high standard. Keep it up!
Year 3/4 Ms Sirianni	Congratulations to AYLA KELLY for the responsible manner in which she approaches all of her work in school. Ayla is a fantastic problem solver and sensible leader who always gives her best. Well done Ayla!
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo	A B-I-G pat on the back to MAX O'KEEFE for the conscientious way he approaches his learning, confidently asking questions to clarify his understanding and accepting challenges with positivity and enthusiasm. Love it Max! Keep up the great work!
Year 5/6 Ms Whitehead	A big pat on the back to BILLY YOUNGER for always asking probing questions to clarify thinking. Billy regularly demonstrates the ability to listen and ask questions during learning time. Keep it up!
Year 5/6 Mr Boyd	Congratulations to CHELSEA MAPLES for the resilience and positive mindset she consistently shows in all aspects of her learning. Her resilience is an inspiration to others, keep up the excellent work!
Year 5/6 Mrs Cassidy	Congratulations to VIOLET VIHMM for the wonderful way she demonstrates a positive mindset when attempting all learning tasks. Violet consistently challenges herself with her learning. Keep up the great work!
Year 5/6 Mrs Ackerly	Congratulations to SHYLAH WITTE for the confidence she displayed when explaining her observations to the class during in mathematics. Shylah noticed an algebraic pattern and explained it to her peers using a diagram to guide her thinking, keep up the great work!

DATES TO REMEMBER

March	23 rd	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
	24 th	-	School Photo Catch Up Day
	27 th	-	6.00pm P & F Meeting
April	5 th	-	Easter Egg Raffle Draw
	5 th	-	3.30pm WEDNESDAY End of Term 1
	6 th	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	7 th	-	Good Friday
	24 th	-	9.00am Term 2 Commences
	25 th	-	ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
May	11 th	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
June	9 th	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	12 th	-	King's Birthday HOLIDAY
	15 th	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
	23 rd	-	2.30pm End of Term 2
July	27 th	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
August	31 st	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
October	19 th	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
November	23 rd	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
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NESAY

The Grit and Resilience Program, RCoW Youth Development, headspace Wangaratta, headspace Schools and Community, NESAY & Gateway Health have partnered up to provide a number of Spotlight on you FREE workshops throughout March aimed at shining a light on mental health and wellbeing for yourself, your mates and loved ones.

As part of the workshops NESAY brings to you “Connecting the lines through cartooning with SPLAToons Cartoon Shop” This workshop aims to increase confidence, family connections and communication strategies through the use of cartooning.

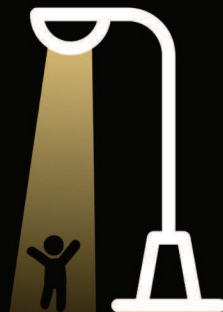
For more information and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/connect-the-lines-cartoon-workshop-family-sessions-tickets-535353465627>

For additional workshops apart of the Spotlight on you series visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/spotlight-on-you-1702029?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>



Spotlight on You

A series of FREE workshops aimed at shining a light on mental health and wellbeing for yourself, your mates and loved ones.



WORKSHOP

DATE & TIME

LOCATION

Workshops for young people

Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Mon 27 February 4-5:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Mon 28 February 6-7:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Self-Care: Looking after your mental health	Mon 6 March 4:30-6pm	Online Delivery
Looking out for your friends	Tues 28 February 4-5:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club

Workshops for families (young people can be joined by a family member)

Flourish 1	Wed 8 March 4-5:30pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Flourish 2	Thurs 16 March 4-5:30pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Connect the lines through Cartooning	Tues 21 & Wed 22 March 4-4:45pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta
Connect the lines through Cartooning	Tues 28 & Wed 29 March 5:30-6:15pm	HP Multipurpose Room, Schilling Drive, Wangaratta

Workshops for parents & carers

Supporting young people: notice, ask, connect	Mon 27 February 6-7:30pm	Wangaratta Rovers Football Netball Club
Supporting young people: notice, ask, connect	Tues 7 March 6-7:30pm	Online Delivery

Scan the QR Code for more information and to register



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