



# St Patrick's School

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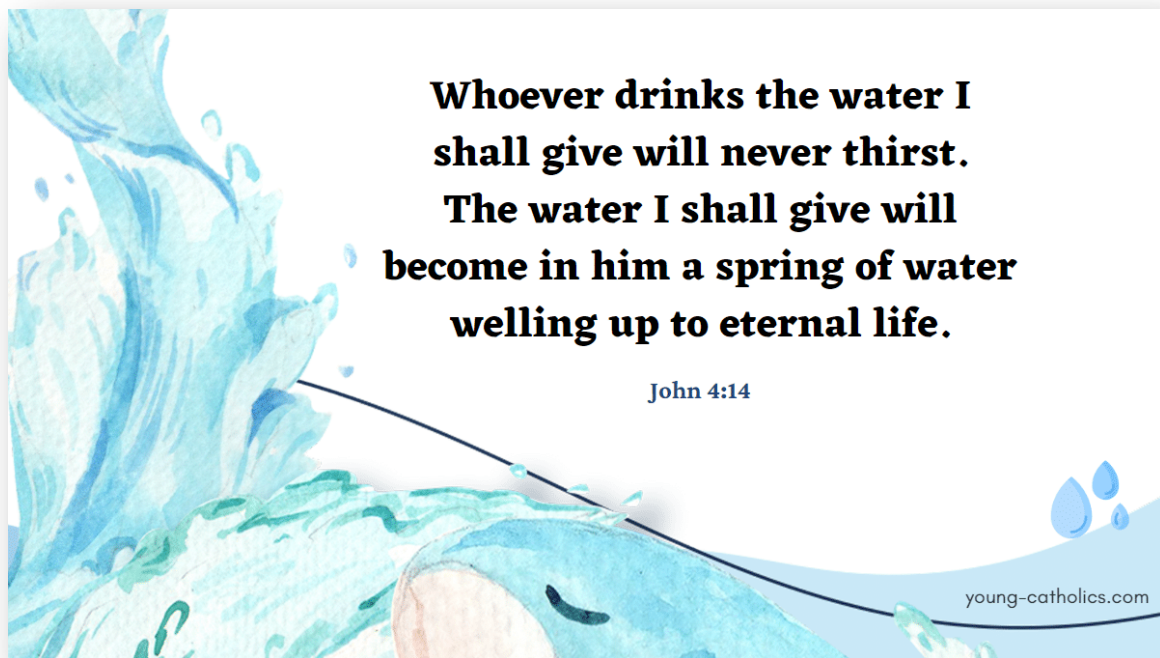
St Patrick's Primary School, Wangaratta, would like to acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation, whose clans include Bangerang (Pangerang) Kaitheban, Wollithiga, Moira, Ulupna, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba and Ngurai-illiam-wurrung, as the Traditional

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

8<sup>th</sup> March 2023



This coming Sunday's Gospel we hear the story of the woman at the well. In this story we discover that as this woman seeks to quench a spiritual thirst, and in doing so has already been found! If we accept the invitation to bring God into our lives, then we might experience how God's love can quench the otherwise unquenchable thirst of our hearts.



## St Patrick's Feast Day – 17<sup>th</sup> March



Next Friday we will be celebrating St Patrick's Feast Day with a school Mass at 9.30am. Family and friends are most welcome to join us.

Students may come to school dressed in fun green clothes for the day.

## 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.



## Kaboom Family Fun Twilight sports

Thank you to those who were able to support such a wonderful evening last night, it was a resounding success. Thank you especially to Leah Cornish, Cat Kittelty and John Downie for all the organising and setting up, Jess Whitehead and Tom McDonald for the photos and video, and the P & F for organising the drinks.



The feedback from students has been very positive. This morning I asked a few of them what they thought of the event and some of the responses were 'Great fun', 'awesome', 'so good'. Our parent feedback was also positive.

The Kaboom Team said they were really impressed with the way our students participated, and that it was one of the best audiences they have had.

Well done everyone!





## 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, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. For those new to the school, we usually have fifty plus prizes, including some pretty big Easter Egg Baskets. You may also consider donating ethically sourced chocolate when shopping.

“Ethical Chocolate” refers to cocoa that is independently certified to have been harvested without the use of forced, child or trafficked labour. For further information see the World Vision attachment in this newsletter below.

## Early Arrivals at school

We have a number of 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.**



## Swimming Results

Last Wednesday, 2 of our students proudly represented our school in the Regional SSV Swim Meet at Shepparton! We'd love to congratulate Patrick and Caitlin on their amazing achievements in the following events:

Patrick, finishing 6th in his freestyle event with an incredible time of 41.84sec. Caitlin, finishing 6th in her breaststroke event with a brilliant time of 56.65sec.

We are so thrilled to have such amazing swimming superstars at our school!

Congratulation!



# School Photos this Friday 10th March

## Full School Uniform Please

Students who have sport on this day may bring runners to change into. Photo pack can be ordered online either before or after school photo day.

### ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

Choose your own **FREE** background



#### The benefits of being online...

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 18 different backgrounds to choose from - no additional cost

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[www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)

Access Key


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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Select your State
- 4 Enter your special unique Access Key

 Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day.  
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



## 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>

## YMCA - 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** - 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.



**LOG INTO PAM**

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)



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

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

*Gabby*



# PAT ON THE BACK

<b>Foundation</b> Mrs Patterson	Congratulations to <b>JACK HERNAN</b> for the way he always shows respect to others. Jack includes others and lends a helping hand, whilst having a positive attitude towards everything he does. Thanks Jack.
<b>Foundation</b> Ms Box	Congratulations to <b>RUBY BRIGHT</b> for the respect she shows towards our school property. Ruby actively looks after our classroom belongings and packs up equipment without being asked. Keep it up Ruby!
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to <b>RAHMA ABUBAKAR</b> for making such a smooth transition to St Patrick's. Rahma has formed many new friendships and she has quickly settled into the routines of the 1/2 classroom. Keep up the great work, Rahma!
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mr McDonald	Congratulations to <b>AOIFE WILKINSON</b> for her amazing classwork. Aoife has consistently taken pride in her work and completed her classwork to her best standard. Keep it up Aoife!
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mrs Bray	Congratulations to <b>SPENCER LINGHAM</b> for his amazing learning in the classroom. Spencer is a great role model in the way he listens attentively, shares his ideas and the presentation of his tasks. Keep it up, superstar
<b>Year 1/2</b> Ms Carnovale	Congratulations to <b>HARVEY FORSTER</b> for his terrific writing skills he has displayed during our writing sessions. Harvey is able to put expression into his writing to make it more engaging to his audience. Keep up the fantastic writing Harvey!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Bordignon	Congratulations to <b>ELAINA DOIG</b> for her amazing work in maths. She consistently contributes during class discussions and enthusiastically shares her thinking process. Keep up the fantastic work Elaina!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Sirianni	Congratulations to <b>ZOE THOMPSON</b> for modelling to her classmates appropriate ways to communicate with others who learn in different ways. Zoe's kind and careful words help others feel accepted and happy. Well done Zoe!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Rizzo	A B-I-G pat on the back to <b>IMOGEN JOHANSON</b> for the wonderful work ethic she displays in class every day. Imogen demonstrates a positive mindset and always strives to produce her best at all times. Keep up the great work Imogen!!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Ms Whitehead	A big pat on the back to <b>FRANKLIN FLETCHER</b> for the focus he demonstrates during class discussions. Frankie is always keen and ready to share his ideas with the group in order to assist with the understanding of concepts. Keep up the great work!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mr Boyd	Congratulations to <b>SAXON LAWFORD</b> for the attitude he has brought to all aspects of his schooling so far. Seeing your willingness to participate and engage during class has been a pleasure to see. Keep up the excellent work Saxon!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Cassidy	Congratulations to <b>CHARLIE ACKERLY</b> for writing such an engaging biography. Charlie's piece was engaging, detailed and his voice shone through. Keep up the great work Charlie.
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Ackerly	Congratulations to <b>MILA SMITH</b> for the resilience and positive mindset she consistently shows in all aspects of learning. Your resilience is an inspiration to others Mila, so great to have you back at school!

Special POB:

Congratulations to **MR DOWNIE** for the support he gives our staff and the 'above and beyond' effort he goes to 'behind the scenes' whenever we host a school event! We are so grateful for all that you do for our school.

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Photos
	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Labour Day Public Holiday
	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.30am St Patrick's Day Mass
	17 <sup>th</sup>	-	St Patrick's Day Celebrations
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
April	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Easter Egg Raffle Draw
	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	3.30pm WEDNESDAY End of Term 1
	6 <sup>th</sup>	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Good Friday
	24 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.00am Term 2 Commences
	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
May	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
June	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	King's Birthday HOLIDAY
	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	2.30pm End of Term 2
July	27 <sup>th</sup>	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
August	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
October	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
November	23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	5.00pm Advisory Council Meeting
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## Saver Plus – helping take the stress out of back-to-school time

The Saver Plus community program has helped over 55,000 Australians take the stress out of back-to-school time. It's free for eligible people to join.

At Saver Plus, we pair you with a savings coach while you budget and save over the next 10 months.

You attend online workshops to learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and savings skills. Once you reach your agreed savings goal, ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use that money towards education costs such as uniforms, text books, laptops or extra-curricular activities such as sport or music.

You could be eligible to join Saver Plus if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, fulltime or seasonal (we also accept child support and carer's payment as income)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

If you're eligible, start now and we'll help take the stress out of next year's back to school.

To find out more, or to apply, go to [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au) or call 1300 610 355



**Could \$500 help with next year's back to school costs?**

Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

For more info, visit [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au) or call 1300 610 355. To fill in an online enquiry form, [CLICK HERE](#).



Thank you to all those families who have filled in the form registering their child's interest for Saturday morning netball. Thank you also to those of you who have kindly volunteered to assist.

In the coming week students in Years 3-6 will bring home a letter detailing their team name, coach, team manager and contact details. Once you have received this families can jump on themselves and register their child via 'Netball Connect'

<https://netballconnect.worldsportaction.com/login>

You will need to nominate which team your child is in.

For students playing on a Friday night, parents can log in to 'Netball Connect' at any time to register their child.

WANGARATTA NETBALL  
ASSOCIATION



# WOOLWORTHS FRIDAY NETSETGO



Program begins  
Friday 24th March 2023  
4.30pm to 5.30pm

Ages 5 - 7  
(Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2)  
Introduces boys and girls to basic  
netball skills.



Register now via Netball Connect



## The Good Chocolate Guide to Australia

Your easy guide to buying chocolate free from forced, child and trafficked labour.

### Companies that ethically source all their cocoa:

[Alter Eco](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

[Cocolo](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

[Divine Chocolate](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

[Green & Black's](#) (Fairtrade Certified) This refers only to the range of confectionery, not to other products, such as ice cream.

[Jasper Coffee](#)- Drinking chocolate (Fairtrade Certified)

[Lindsay and Edmunds](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

[Oxfam](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

[Nestlé](#) (UTZ Certified) This refers only to the range of confectionery, not to other products, such as drinking chocolate or chocolate spreads.

[Republica Coffee](#)- Drinking chocolate (Fairtrade Certified)

[Sacred Grounds](#)- Drinking chocolate (Fairtrade Certified)

[Seed & Bean](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

[Scarborough Fair](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

### Companies that ethically source cocoa in some products:

[Absolute Organics](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

Chocolate coated Aztec berries

Chocolate coated puffed quinoa

Chocolate coated dried banana

Chocolate coated cocoa nibs

[Aldi – Just Organic](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

Dark Organic

Milk Organic

[Cadbury](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

Dairy Milk milk chocolate range (solid milk chocolate only)

Dairy Milk Easter Magic Egg

[Chocolatier Australia](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

Flow Wrapped Milk Chocolate Thins

Flow Wrapped Dark Chocolate Thins

Milk Chocolate Pastilles box

Dark Chocolate Pastilles box

Milk Chocolate Egg

Dark Chocolate Egg

Milk Chocolate Bunnies and Mini Eggs

[Haigh's](#) (UTZ Certified)

70% of cocoa used is UTZ certified

[Heritage Fine Chocolate](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

Dark Chocolate

Milk Chocolate

[Mars](#) (Rainforest Alliance Certified)

Mars Bar

[Whittakers](#) (Fairtrade Certified)

Creamy Milk block

[Woolworths](#) (Rainforest Alliance Certified)

Select Block Almond

Select Block Dark

Select Block Fruit & Nut

Select Block Hazelnut

Select Block Milk Chocolate





## Where to buy ethical chocolate

### Retail outlets

#### **National**

[Aldi](#)  
[Coles](#)  
[IGA \(selected\)](#)  
[Oxfam Shop](#)  
[Thomas Dux Grocer](#)  
[Woolworths](#)  
[The Trading Circle](#)

#### **NSW**

[Bon Bon Fine Chocolates](#)  
[Harris Farm Markets](#)  
[Josaphan's Fine Chocolates](#)  
[Naked Foods](#)

#### **VIC**

[Chocolate Mill](#)  
[Organic Gertrude](#)  
[Just Planet](#)  
[Organic Wholefoods](#)  
[The Radical Grocery Store](#)  
[Chocolate Mill](#)

#### [Diversitat Wholefoods](#)

#### **QLD**

[Flannery's Natural & Organic Supermarket](#)  
[The Green Grocer](#)  
[Maple St Co-op](#)

#### **SA**

[The Organic Market](#)  
[Back to Basics Market](#)  
[Wilson Organics](#)

#### **TAS**

[City Organics](#)

#### **WA**

[Fair Go Trading](#)  
[The Organic Collective](#)  
[Organic n Green \(online, delivers to Perth\)](#)  
[Check the Ethical Entrepreneur](#)  
[Guide to WA](#) for a comprehensive list

#### **NT**

[Greenies RealFood](#)

### Online stockists

[Daintree Organics](#)  
[Eco Essentials](#)  
[Eco Farms](#)  
[Fair Go Trading](#)  
[Heart of Chocolate](#)  
[Live Fair](#)  
[New Internationalist Shop](#)  
[Organic Trader](#)  
[Oxfam Shop Online](#)  
[Sankofa](#)  
[Tribes and Nations](#)  
[The Trading Circle Online](#)  
[Shop Naturally](#)  
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[The Organic Branch](#)

...as well as many other independent retailers throughout Australia!

If your local shop doesn't stock ethical chocolate, [give them a card and ask them to!](#)

### **Are you a retailer of ethical chocolate?**

Send us your website address and details to [campaigns@worldvision.com.au](mailto:campaigns@worldvision.com.au) to be listed in the Good Chocolate Guide.

**Want to understand more about what the big chocolate companies are doing to eradicate forced, child and trafficked labour from their products?** Read our [Chocolate Scorecard](#) to find out about their progress so far.

*"Ethical Chocolate" refers to cocoa that is independently certified to have been harvested without the use of forced, child or trafficked labour. This term does not seek to classify the use of other ingredients such as palm oil. This guide lists chocolate products that are ethically certified and available in Australia. The same brand may be available in other countries without ethical certification, so always take care to see where your product is coming from when ordering online. Look out for chocolate products in this guide or that have the Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ Certified logos on them to be sure your chocolate is ethical chocolate!*

[dontradelives.com.au](http://dontradelives.com.au)





**WHAT'S ON OFFER?**

During the term 1 holidays, Doxa will be running camps in both the City and our bushland camp in Malmsbury. They will cater for children aged 10 to 12 years.

**ABOUT US**

The Doxa Youth Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that has been operating for over 50 years. We are committed to ensuring that all children are able to go on camp to have fun, learn and create special memories.

**CITY CAMP**

Located in the heart of the CBD, our city camp will offer participants the opportunity to discover all the things that our vibrant city has to offer. From seeing Melbourne's large iconic attractions such as the Eureka Skydeck and the Zoo to participating in sporting activities such as bowling and trampolining, the experience that they will have will be like no other.

**MALMSBURY CAMP**

Our Malmsbury Camp is located in an idyllic bush setting in Central Victoria where campers will have exciting outdoor adventures. Onsite there are all sorts of facilities including a giant swing, a climbing wall and trampolines and we visit some of our local attractions such as Kryal Castle.

**DATES FOR BOTH OUR MALMSBURY & CITY CAMP**

**CITY CAMP**

April 11 to April 14  
4 days and 3 overnight

**MALMSBURY CAMP**

April 17 to April 21  
5 days and four overnights

**TRANSPORT**

**MALMSBURY CAMP**

We will provide buses from central pick-up points at the Southern Cross Station in Melbourne and Bendigo or you can pick up and drop off your child from camp.

**CITY CAMP**

We will provide buses from central pick-up points at Pakenham and Traralgon or you can pick up and drop off your child from camp.

**COST**

Our camps are free. We fund them through donations and proceeds from running two hospitality venues in Melbourne's CBD.

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BOOK:**

email: [info@doxa.org.au](mailto:info@doxa.org.au)  
or phone: Marianna Anthony on (03) 9046 8200  
or see our website: [doxa.org.au/holiday-camp/](http://doxa.org.au/holiday-camp/)

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marathon & fun

Sunday 19 March 2023

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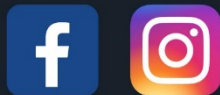
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## -COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT-

Thursday 6 April

4:00pm-7:00pm (hunt will begin at 6:00pm)

HP Barr Reserve Oval 2

This is a fundraising community event (gold coin entry per person). All money raised will go directly to North East Health Wangaratta Paediatric Unit.

There will be loads of entertainment to keep the kids busy but registration is a must!

Hunting baskets will be provided so no BYO. This means everyone gets an equal amount and no one misses out.

Food and drink will be available to purchase but you're welcome to bring a picnic and join in the fun!



Register here





# JOIN THE FUN!



NAB AFL Auskick is for everyone and is one of the best, first experiences for kids aged 5-12, wanting to learn all about Australian Football.

Find your closest centre today.

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

# Tuning in to Kids

## Emotionally intelligent parenting

*For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 10 years.*

This five-week program aims to help parents and carers understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.



This program will look at:

- managing meltdowns
- tuning in to your children's emotions to help manage behavior
- emotion coaching – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions
- problem solving and self-care
- the different styles of parenting.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Wangaratta Library - 21 Docker St, Wangaratta	Wednesdays 1 March to 29 March 10am to 12pm	This is a free program

## Contact us

For enquires and to register your attendance please call 02 6022 8888 or email [parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au).

**Bookings are essential**

[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)

Please note this information applies to Term 1 2023.

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