



St Patrick's School Newsletter

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29th November 2023

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 1359) and actively seeks to ensure that all students are kept safe from all forms of harm at all times.



Traditionally marked by the lighting of candles on an Advent wreath, each week emphasises hope, peace, joy, and love. It encourages believers to reflect on the historical significance of Christ's birth, the promise of His second coming and the spiritual significance of His presence in their lives. Advent fosters a sense of hope, renewal and joyful anticipation.

Dear Lord,

*As we light the candle of **HOPE**, help us to remember that
Christ comes to us everyday.*

Let this light shine brightly to show the way out of darkness.

*May this light always shine in our hearts to inspire and
transform us to love more deeply.*

Grand Opening

On Friday, we gathered here with hearts full of excitement and pride as we inaugurated a new chapter in the history of St Patrick's. This is not just a structure of bricks and mortar; it is a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing an exceptional learning environment for our students, both now and long into the future.

My heartfelt thanks goes to all those who were part of the journey. Thank you also to those who were able to attend on Friday to make our celebration a special one.



Foundation Transition Day



We have now had two very successful Transition days with our Foundation Enrolments for 2024. With two more to go, these students will certainly know their way around for their first day!



Parents and Friends Planning Meeting 2024

Thank you to those who were able to make it to our Parents and Friends Planning meeting last week. The meeting was a productive one and we have been able to establish, in draft, our fundraisers for 2024.

A volunteers sheet with the list of activities will go out early in the new year, for families to nominate an event they would like to support.

Pupil Free Day

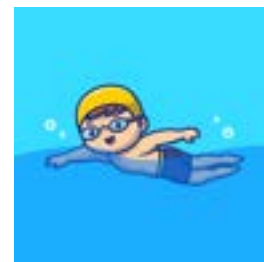


This Friday, Dec 1st, is a **PUPIL-FREE DAY**. Staff will be attending a Planning Day for 2024. Students do not attend school on this day.

There will be no assembly this week, due to our Pupil Free day on Friday.

Swimming

Foundation - Year 2 swimming commences this Monday. Students need to bring their bathers and towel each day next week.



St Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Each year we have a fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. This year we will be holding a 'Longest Coin Line' on **Thursday 30th November**, where each class attempts to create the longest line of coins with their donations. There will be prizes of an icy pole and a lollipop for the class that creates the longest line and the class that raises the most money.

Thank you for your generous support and donating to our St. Patrick's Primary School Christmas Raffle 2023

BFT Wangaratta
Gapsted Winery
Baileys of Glenrowan Winery
Pizzini's Winery
WSAC
Moore than Swimming
Museums Melbourne
Brewery
Lyons Family
Hourigan family
Goodey family
Sal's Pizza
Sartori Legal



Billsons
Spirited Party Shop
Serenity Skin, Nail and Body
Wangaratta Jewellers
Pulsate Dance
O'Keefe family
Inside Living
Quality Gateway Hotel
Edgars Newsagency
McPhail's
V Forty Three
Robyn Heal – Warbotanical Products
Bunnings



Naish family
Hernan Family
Waldara Golf Course
BFT
Old Faithfuls
Madeline Grace Skin Care
Voucher King River
Lighting and Décor
Gabby's Jewellery
Taminick Cellars
Everyday Gourmet



Christmas Raffle

DEAR ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

IT'S THAT SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR, AND WE'RE THRILLED TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE! THE RAFFLE DONATIONS AND FUNDS WILL GO TOWARDS MAKING OUR YARD BRIGHTER AND EVEN MORE AMAZING!

GET READY TO SELL SOME TICKETS FOR OUR RAFFLE, WHICH HAS GREAT PRIZES, HOLIDAY CHEER, AND SURPRISES THAT EVEN SANTA HIMSELF WOULD ENVY! TICKETS ARE A MERRY \$2 EACH, PLEASE WRITE THE BUYERS NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER ON THE TICKET! ALL TICKETS AND MONEY TO BE RETURNED TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER.

WE HAVE 6 GREAT HAMPERS TO BE WON, SOME OF THE PRIZES UP FOR GRABS INCLUDE A FAMILY PASS TO A SHOW AT WANG PAC, MOORE THAN SWIMMING FAMILY PASSES, FAMILY PASS TO SCIENCE WORKS, A TERMS DANCE LESSONS AT PULSATE DANCE, JEWELLERY VOUCHER, A SELECTION OF WINES, GOODIES AND SO MUCH MORE!
LET'S GET THIS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE STARTED AND MAKE THIS SEASON EVEN MORE MAGICAL.
MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

OTHER DONATIONS:

WANGARATTA JEWELLERS
BUNNINGS
MCPHAIL'S
QUALITY GATEWAY
PIZZINI WINERY
GAPSTED WINERY
SERENITY
BAILEY'S GLENROWAN
MADELINE GRACE SKINCARE
AND OUR BEAUTIFUL FAMILIES
CHECK THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE FULL LIST OF SPONSORS



DATES TO REMEMBER

November	30 th	-	Cent Line for St V de Paul
December	1 st	-	Planning Day – PUPIL FREE DAY
	4 th	-	F-2 Swimming Commences
	5 th	-	9.30am – 12.00pm Foundation Transition
	12 th	-	9.30am – 12.00pm Foundation Transition
	12 th	-	State-wide Transition Day
	15 th	-	9.30am End of Year Mass
	18 th	-	Graduation Dinner
	19 th	-	2.25pm Last Day for Students
	20 th	-	Last Day for Staff
<u>January 2024</u>	29 th	-	Teachers Commence
	30 th	-	Staff Professional Development Day
	31 st	-	9.00am ALL STUDENTS COMMENCE Including Foundation



What do I miss out on
when I am not at school?

Lots!

Class discussions with friends
and teachers.

Information and work that you will
have to catch up on.

You will also miss out on seeing
your friends

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

PAM (Parent Access Module) SIMON Everywhere App

Families can now download the SIMON Everywhere App to their phones for their convenience, rather than trying to add a bookmark to their phone screens.

- Download the App
- Log in with your name and phone number
- Click on Add School
- Find our school (at the bottom of the list)
- Select Parent Access
- Enter your username and password and submit (PAM username)



Now available in
Version 3.5.29



Let us know if you need any assistance, we are happy to help.

PAM can still be accessed by this website:

<https://pam.spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au/Login/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

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

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION 2024 TRANSITION INFORMATION

VISIT 1 - WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER TIME: 9:30-10:30

Students will participate in:

- Sensory Motor Activities
- Literacy Activities

Parents are invited to join their child in the Foundation rooms for a short time. You are then invited for morning tea, a chat and a short presentation called 'Preparing For School'. Parents will also be given a story book about our school to read together with their child to help prepare for school.

This is also an opportunity to meet members of our school community.



VISIT 2 - THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER TIME: 9:30 TO 11 AM

Students will participate in:

- Literacy Activities
- Numeracy Activities
- Physical Education

Please provide your child with a piece or small container of **fruit and water bottle** (water only).

We ask that you leave your child to experience school independently for this session.

Parent Information Evening Presentation: 7pm Foundation Classrooms

Parents are highly encouraged to attend this information session as it will cover important dates, communication channels and uniform information.

VISIT 3 - TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER TIME: 9:30 TO 12PM

Students will participate in:

- Literacy Activities
- Numeracy Activities
- Music
- Meet Year Six Buddy

Please provide your child with a **healthy play lunch, water bottle (water only) and broad brimmed hat** on this day.

We ask that you leave your child to experience school independently for this session.

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER TIME: 9:30 TO 12PM

Students will participate in:

- Literacy Activities
- Numeracy Activities
- Year 6 Buddy Activity
- Art - Christmas Craft
- Religion

Please provide your child with a **healthy play lunch, water bottle (water only) and broad brimmed hat** on this day.

We ask that you leave your child to experience school independently for this session.

Parents and children are to enter via to the Owen's Street pedestrian gate for each transition visit.
A staff member will greet you and show you to the Foundation rooms.





SUMMER

School Holiday Program

Dec 2023 - Jan 2024

For more details on our programs visit our website
childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs



Book Online Now

Bookings can be made via the
My Family Lounge app.



School Holiday Program

Mon 18 Dec 2023 - Thurs 25 Jan 2024

Summer

2023-24

St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta

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A: 40-52 Ovens Street, Wangaratta VIC 3677

W: childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs

Monday 1 - Friday 5 January

A DAY OF DANCE TUE 2

Get your dancing shoes on! We'll learn about the benefits of dance fitness and prepare our own routines.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

WHEELS DAY (GEAR NOT PROVIDED) WED 3

It's skating time! Bring your boards, helmets, knee and elbow pads, wrist guards and cool tricks!

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

WANGARATTA CINEMAS THUR 4

Lights, camera, action! Sit back and relax, because we're heading to our local cinema to watch the latest new release movie.

Excursion | Cost: \$124.40

OSHC CHEFS FRI 6

Create your own chef hats, and lets embark on a culinary adventure all together. We will explore the wonderful world of cooking and discover new flavours!

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

Monday 8 - Friday 12 January

A TRIP INTO SPACE MON 8

Blast off! We're exploring space and our solar system from earth! Make a rocket, and discover the wonders of outer space.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

FUN AND GAMES TUE 9

This is your chance to invent your very own game. Then challenge your friends to play and see who is the true game champion.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

MAZE HOUSE WED 10

We're heading to Daylesford Maze House to negotiate the twists and turns and find all the clues in the maze hunt.

Excursion | Cost: \$124.40

CELEBRATE PETS THUR 11

Bring along a picture and tell us what makes them special, then create a unique treat to take home for your furry friend.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

ART ADVENTURE FRI 12

Bring out your inner artist as we make an art gallery. We'll be creating recycled sculptures, painting and drawing.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40



Scan Here
for booking instructions

Please note:

Items to bring everyday: lunch and snack (nutritious and nut free), water bottle, sun smart hat, weather appropriate clothes and shoes.

CCS subsidy: the prices above are not inclusive of any Child Care Subsidy (CCS) entitlements.

Please see our website for arrival times and details.

See our website for information on how to book, Child Care Subsidy, FAQs and current programs.
Printed program details accurate as of 15 Nov 2023

*Week three and four program information on reverse side.



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Monday 15 - Friday 19 January

BOMBS AWAY MON 15

Blow your minds with experiments of all shapes and sizes. It will be a fun-filled day of activities perfect for curious minds.

Incursion | Cost: \$99.40

GARDENING DAY TUE 16

Today we are weeding and planting in our own special garden. We will also plant some seasonal seeds!

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

WANGARATTA SUPER BOWL WED 17

Back by popular demand we're testing our skills at the bowling alley – have you got what it takes to beat the educators?

Excursion | Cost: \$124.40

FRUITYLICIOUS THUR 18

Get ready for fruity activities. We're making juices and smoothies, play fruit-themed games and learning fun fruit facts.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

GREAT OUTDOORS DAY FRI 19

We're heading outdoors! We will make damper, pan for gold and much more before enjoying a lunchtime sausage sizzle.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

Monday 22 - Friday 26 January

GAME ON MON 22

Fun and Games! We'll be playing a variety of board games, party games and participating in construction challenges.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

LET'S DANCE TUE 23

Get your dancing shoes on as we've got a huge day of hip hop dancing, dance jam and karaoke planned.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

MULTICULTURAL GAMES DAY WED 24

Today we will be playing a variety of games from all around the world!

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

AUSSIE DAY CELEBRATION THUR 25

Explore Australia's indigenous history and culture and learn indigenous music and unique indigenous craft activities.

In-House Day | Cost: \$84.40

CLOSED AUSTRALIA DAY FRI 26



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Wangaratta Family Fun Night

It's outdoor cinema season!
Join us for a Christmas movie
and fun family activities.

When: Friday, 8th December

Time: Gates open 5:30pm
movie commences at dusk

Where: Apex Park, Wangaratta

Food and drinks available
for purchase.

No Pets please but service animals welcome



Bookings:
Pangerang Community Hub
03 5721 3813



**Pangerang
Community Hub**

This project received
grant funding from the
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Pangerang Community Hub Family Fun Nights

It's outdoor cinema season!
Join us for a Christmas movie
and fun family activities. FREE!



Whorouly: 1st December, Whorouly Rec Reserve

Wangaratta: 8th December, Apex Park

Cheshunt: 15th December, Cheshunt Hall

Food and drinks available for purchase.
No pets allowed but service animals welcome.

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www.pangerang.org.au



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SWIM CLUB

Trial Nights



Come and try nights with:
Wangaratta Stingrays Swim Club.

A great club to swim in for fun, fitness, or competition.

Join us at the 50m pool at the Wangaratta Sports and Aquatic Centre to experience swimming in a fun and welcoming swim club.

Dates: 4th & 11th December

Time: 4-5pm

Cost: Free event excluding pool entry

Contact: Bek on 0438896050 for more information.

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