



# *St Patrick's School Newsletter*

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7<sup>th</sup> December 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.



*Jesus you came to give us abundant life.*

*Just like every generation before us we get attached to the hills and valleys and sins that keep you at a safe distance.*

*Help us to turn back to you, to see the obstacles.*

*Give us the grace to desire a smoother way by letting go of our sins, so you can our hands and hearts with peace and new life.*

# Nativity Play

We warmly invite all families and friends to attend our Nativity play, commencing at 9.30am under the large shelter. Children may wear Christmas **coloured clothes on Friday.**



# Coin Line

Each year we have a fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Each class made a line with Mr McDonald's 1/2 class raising the most with a sum of \$239.50. They also made the longest line measuring 71.5metres. The total raised was well over \$1000.00. Thank you to all those who contributed to this very worthy cause.



# Caritas Leadership Day

Last week some of our Year Five students attended a Caritas Just Leadership Day with a number of other Catholic schools at St Bernard's. The theme of the day was 'Helping people help themselves out of poverty'. This was indeed a very rewarding experience for many students.



# Swimming



Last week our years 3 to 6 participated in a swimming program to further develop their skills. Thank you to the teachers for supporting the program.

# Christmas Raffle

Books are still available at the front office at \$2.00 a ticket. There are lots of fantastic prizes to be won.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 15th December at Assembly.



## 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

<b>Foundation</b> Mrs Patterson	<p>Congratulations to <b>WILLOW CROWLE, FLORENCE LINGHAM &amp; MATILDA HAWKINS</b> for consistently showing a positive attitude towards all their learning and willing to give anything a try. Keep it up superstars!</p> <p>Congratulations to <b>BLAISE PANTLING &amp; BRODIE CAMPBELL</b> for being amazing learners this year. They have worked extremely hard to learn new concepts and skills and are always so willing to practise their reading and writing regularly. Keep it up next year boys!</p>
<b>Foundation</b> Miss Box	Congratulations to <b>ELIZA PRESTIANNI &amp; WILLIAM GIVEN</b> for the kindness and support they show towards their classmates whenever someone needs help. Thank you for being such caring members of our class.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to <b>OSCAR REID &amp; LOUIS GOODEY</b> for the fantastic way that they apply themselves to mathematics. They enjoy working collaboratively and thrive on being able to demonstrate their understanding in different ways when solving mathematical challenges.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mr McDonald	Congratulations to <b>EVIE KELLY &amp; EVERLY TAYLOR</b> for the effort they have been placing into their writing. Both Evie and Everly have taken great care with writing their sentences and adding punctuation. Keep it up superstars!
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mrs Bray	Congratulations to <b>MICHELLE THUMSUD &amp; JACK STIRLING</b> for the amazing learners they have been this year. Thank you for being a very special part of our classroom.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Ms Carnovale	Congratulations to <b>RHIANNON SAUNDERS</b> for the growing maturity that she is demonstrating in the classroom. Annie is settling to work quickly and completing learning tasks to the best of her ability. Keep up the great learning Annie.
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Bordignon	Congratulations to <b>CHLOE LESTINO</b> for being such an amazing part of our class this year. Thank you for sharing your beautiful drawing talents and enthusiasm for learning. We wish you all the best for the move to your new school. We know you will shine there as well.
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Sirianni	Congratulations to <b>EVANGELINE GIGLIO</b> for the positive energy and optimism she continuously displays in all activities at school. Evie is a great source of encouragement and willingly shares her enthusiasm with everyone. Well done Evie!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Rizzo	A B-I-G pat on the back to <b>OLIVER ROBINSON</b> for being a hardworking student who is always focused and puts in 100%. Oliver is taking on more leadership roles around the classroom and being a great role model. Well done Ollie!!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Ms Whitehead	A big pat on the back to <b>SAMUEL GIROLAMI</b> for his great problem-solving skills during Mathematics lessons this week. Sam worked hard on our 'Cookie Tins' task and showed great determination when working out the answer. Keep up the great work Sam!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mr Boyd	<p>Congratulations to <b>HUGH SHARP</b> for the leadership which he has been displaying in class PE lessons and movement breaks throughout Term 4. Hugh has been making a conscious effort to make sure others enjoy the activities as much as he does. Keep up the excellent work Hugh!</p> <p>Congratulations to <b>VIVIENNE GIGILIO</b> for the positivity and enthusiasm she consistently displays within class. Viv always has a smile on her face and conducts herself in a manner which brings persistence and excitement into each activity. Keep up the outstanding work Vivienne!</p>
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Cassidy	Congratulations to <b>JOSEPH ROBERTSON</b> for consistently setting an example for others through his choices. Joseph is a role model to others through his actions and words.
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Ackerly	Congratulations to <b>CHARLIE HOURIGAN</b> for the improved confidence he is displaying in Literacy Circles. Charlie has worked hard on his reading fluency and consistently volunteers to read his novel to his group. Keep it up!

# DATES TO REMEMBER

December	5 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.30am – 12.00pm Foundation Transition
	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.30am – 12.00pm Foundation Transition
	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	State-wide Transition Day
	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.30am End of Year Mass
	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Graduation Dinner
	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	<b>2.25pm</b> Last Day for Students
	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Last Day for Staff
<u>January 2024</u>	29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Teachers Commence
	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Staff Professional Development Day
	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	<b>9.00am ALL STUDENTS COMMENCE Including Foundation</b>



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](mailto: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.spwangeratta.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)



CATHOLIC PARISHES  
or  
WANGARATTA

Facebook Page: catholicparishesofwangeratta

*Gabby*

**DROP & SHOP**  
@   
TAKE THE STRESS OUT OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.  
OR GIFT WRAPPING, COOKING, CLEANING, OR ANYTHING ELSE!

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2023  
9AM-12PM  
COST : \$45  
AGES 6-12 YEARS OLD

BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE  
<https://www.indigogymnastics.com.au/>

# 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:

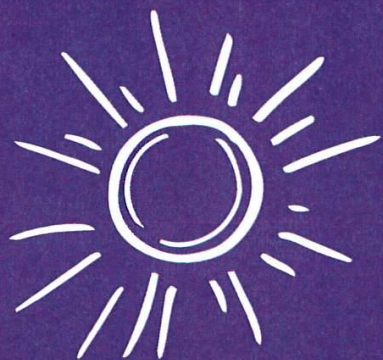
- Literacy Activities
- Numeracy Activities
- Year 6 Buddy Activity
- Art - Christmas Craft
- Religion

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  
[childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs](https://childrensprogram.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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W: [childrensprogram.ymca.org.au/school-holiday-programs](http://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



*Scan Here*  
for booking instructions

#### Please note:

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CATHOLIC PARISHES  
WANGARATTA

## Mass Times for Christmas and New Year for the Wangaratta Parishes 2023

### Christmas Eve – Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

<b>Vigil Masses:</b>	Moyhu -	5.00pm
	Our Lady's -	7.00pm
	St Patrick's -	9.00pm
	St Patrick's -	Midnight

### Christmas Day – Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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

### New Year's Eve -Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

normal Sunday Masses with the addition of:

<b><u>Vigil Mass:</u></b>	St Patrick's -	Midnight
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### New Year's Day – Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

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