



# St Patrick's School Newsletter

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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.



## Do you want to fast this Lent?

*In the words of Pope Frances*  
*Fast from hurting words and say kind words*  
*Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude*  
*Fast from anger and be filled with patience*  
*Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope*  
*Fast from worries and have trust in God*  
*Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity*  
*Fast from pressures and be prayerful*  
*Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy*  
*Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others*  
*Fast from grudges and be reconciled*  
*Fast from words and be silent so you can listen*

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.



# Caritas AUSTRALIA



All funds raised from our zooper dooper sales and this year's Easter raffle will go to Caritas Australia.

To hear Ronita, Leaia and other Caritas stories, click the link below

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10792309>

## Easter 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. These are made into several prizes and raffled off on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 28th March, at 11.30am. For those new to the school, we usually have around fifty plus prizes. We ask that when shopping, you consider donating ethically sourced chocolate.

"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 website.

## Congratulations to the recipients of our Positive Behaviour Certificate



Jack Chynoweth, Milla Chandler, Levi Hall, Ava Doig, Mason Davern, Amy McGennissen, Samuel Patterson and Parker Dagoli.

# Parents and Friends Bulb Fundraiser



The P&F are holding a Bulb Fundraiser with 40% of sales going directly to our school. This is a great opportunity to buy bulbs for your spring garden! A catalogue was sent home this week which can be shared with family and friends. All orders are placed directly through the Tesselaar website. Details are in the green box on the back of the catalogue or the link below. Please have your orders placed by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

Any questions please call Jo Hourigan 0417 437 817.

[www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/STPATRICKSPS](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/STPATRICKSPS)

## Divisional Swimmers



We wish our swimmers all the best as they compete in Divisional Swimming competition this Friday at the Wangaratta Aquatic Centre. Those successful will go onto the Regionals in Shepparton. Good luck everyone and go St Pat's!

## School Supervision

School morning supervision commences at 8.30am. Students are not to arrive any earlier as staff are not on work duty prior to 8.30am.



## Mission – Transform Lives, Them and Yours MISSION -

Unlock your **POTENTIAL** and **PURPOSE**

Embark on a **TRANSFORMATIVE** journey that not only **ENHANCE** your professional **SKILLS** but also **CHANGES LIVES!**

We believe in **POWER of CONNECTION, CULTURAL EXCHANGE** and **POSITIVE IMPACT!**

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- You will join a community of Global Changemakers and become a catalyst for positive change and local impact in communities that need it most.
- We are committed to your professional growth. Our placements are designed to challenge and stretch your abilities, providing you with a unique set of skills.
- Our placements offer a unique opportunity to live, work, and learn alongside locals, fostering a deep understanding and appreciation for global perspectives.
- We offer you life-changing experiences, to gain a broader worldview, develop resilience, and create lasting memories as you navigate new environments and build friendships that transcend borders.

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.

Learn more: Join our Mission Webinar March 5th, 2024, 6.00pm – 6.30 pm.

63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Learn Even More: Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together. Contact: 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

Discover more at [PALMS.ORG.AU](http://PALMS.ORG.AU) or call us on 02 9560 5333



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## Request for Feedback

St Patrick's and Moyhu Parishes are seeking feedback to assist in future decision making.

All are welcome to participate by following the QR code to complete the survey.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**WANGARATTA AND MOYHU  
PARISHES SURVEY  
2023**



## Attendance Matters



*better health • better future • better outcomes*

**Attendance Matters**

**Human Beings are Social Creatures**

Let school help your young person

- flourish
- thrive
- connect
- conquer

## CSEF

Families would have received an email regarding Camps Sports and Excursion Funding. If you hold a Health Care Card (HCC) or a Pension Card, you will be eligible to receive this additional funding. The school requires a copy of the card to process this.

## Change of Emails / Addresses / Phone Numbers

Could families please inform the school if they have changed their mobile number, address or email. It is vital that the school has the most up to day information, to enable us to contact you when needed.

## Assembly

Each Friday at 2.45pm we hold a school assembly in the hall to pray together and present our 'Pat on the Backs' and Positive Behaviour Awards. All are welcome to attend.



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.



### 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



CATHOLIC PARISHES  
WANGARATTA

### 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*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March	6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Foundation Rest Day
	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Labour Day – <b>Public Holiday</b>
	12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Staff Professional Development Day – <b>Pupil Free</b>
	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	School Photos
	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	St Patrick's Day - Mass and Celebration
	28 <sup>th</sup>	-	2.30pm End of Term
	29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Good Friday
April	15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Term 2 resumes
	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	ANZAC Day – <b>Public Holiday</b>

# PAT ON THE BACK

<b>Foundation</b> Mrs Patterson	Congratulations to <b>ELSIE BRADEN</b> for the confidence she has shown during our daily Heggerty lessons. Elsie completes these tasks with ease and her clear confident voice is helping others learn too.
<b>Foundation</b> Mrs Bray	Congratulations to <b>ISAAC MAPLES</b> for the amazing positive and respectful way he interacts in all activities in and out of the classroom. Isaac, we are so lucky to have you as a part of our class this year.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to <b>SOPHIE CONNOR</b> for the inclusivity that she consistently Demonstrates both in the classroom and on the playground. Sophie respects others for who they are and she is always happy to work and play with someone new.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mr McDonald	Congratulations to <b>WYATT SMITH</b> for developing confidence with his writing. Wyatt is approaching all writing tasks with a great attitude. Keep it up!
<b>Year 1/2</b> Miss Box	Congratulations to <b>CADENCE SCANLAN</b> for the positive can-do attitude she has demonstrated in class this week. Cadence has listened carefully to instructions and shown great independence. Well done!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Rickard	A big Pat on the Back to <b>TOMMASO ARCURI</b> for the positive way he approached his Place Value Assessment task when it appeared all of his work was lost on his iPad!! You showed great resilience Tommaso and quickly jumped back on your iPad to have another go. Well done you showed a great positive mindset.
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to <b>CHESTER MOSS</b> for being a considerate class member, checking in with others and ensuring the wellbeing of students and teachers.
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Sirianni	Congratulations to <b>JACK REID</b> for constantly displaying a courteous and polite manner in school. Jack shows respect to everyone and works extremely hard to follow instructions, ensuring he gives one hundred per cent in all he does. Well done Jack!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Rizzo	A B-I-G pat on the back to <b>EVIE KELLY</b> for the 'can do' attitude she applies to all her learning tasks. Evie always gives 110% and accepts challenges with positivity and enthusiasm. Love it Evie, keep it up!!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Miss Whitehead	A big pat on the back to <b>MYA ANDERSON</b> for the effort she has been putting into her learning. It has been great to see Mya working hard to complete all of her tasks. Keep up the great work Mya!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mr Boyd	A big pat on the back to <b>JAX BORSCHMANN</b> for the positivity he is demonstrating towards his learning. Jax has been consistently giving his best effort which has resulted in excellent progress. Keep up the great work!!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Cassidy	Congratulations to <b>LOGAN BENTON</b> for the effort he put into his recount writing - 'A Moment in Time'. Logan used direct speech and carefully selected words to engage his audience.
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Ackerly	Congratulations to <b>ISABELLE HUHN</b> for the exceptional learning habits she displays during learning time. Isabelle is always organised, actively listens and contributes during class discussions and completes all set tasks with pride. Keep it up!

# Wang West Kids Art



Come along and enjoy an afternoon of art with our fabulous art teacher Robynne! We will be exploring the use of colour and pastels over 6 weeks. All materials supplied!

**When:** Tuesday 20th Feb- 26th March

**Time:** 4- 5:30pm

**Where:** St Michael's Hall, Appin St, Wang.

**Cost:** \$100 for 6 weeks  
all materials supplied



**Bookings:**  
Pangerang Community Hub  
03 57213813



**Pangerang  
Community Hub**

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