



# 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.

## ♪♪ DUET ♪♪

(song and dance for Mr. Curly and Vasco Pyjama)

You understand the many things  
That I don't understand.  
And I can understand the things  
That you don't understand.  
Both of us stand under things  
That we had never planned.  
How it came to be like this  
We both don't understand.  
This is how we find each other.  
This is how we care.  
This is how we love each other  
This is what we share.



Welcome back to the new school year everyone! This verse by Leunig above beautifully highlights the learning journey that school communities travel each year. May our year be one of great learning and understanding about our world and each other as we walk in partnership together.



This year's theme for Catholic schools in Sandhurst is 'Behold, I make all things New' and also reflects new beginnings. We look forward to exploring this theme further throughout the year.

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.

## Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day



Shrove Tuesday is the day before the Season of Lent, where we prepare ourselves for a period of fasting, alms giving and praying.

Pancake Day is symbolic of clearing out the pantry in readiness for Lent. We will be holding a Pancake Breakfast at school on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00am**. Pancake with an assortment of toppings, fruit and juice will be supplied for a gold coin donation. All funds will be donated to CARITAS. We hope to see you there.

## 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 a number of prizes and raffled off on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Beginning of the Year Mass



All families are invited to our beginning of the year Mass at St Patrick's Church this **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 9.30am**. We hope to see you there. Our school Captains and Year Six students will receive their leadership badges.

## 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.

## Phone system

We are in the process of updating our phone system and unfortunately the Telco's move at a glacial pace and we only have one line in and out of the school. I ask for your patience as we navigate the changes. Hopefully, this will be sorted by next week.



## Assembly

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

## Second-Hand Uniform Stall

We will be holding a second-hand uniform stall this Thursday from 3.15pm - 3.45pm in front of the Foundation classrooms. All donations of clothing are greatly appreciated as this supports other families within the school looking for items at an affordable price.

## Zooper Doopers

Zooper Doopers will be sold for 50 cents to students each Thursday and Friday at recess for the next few weeks. All funds go to Caritas.



## Ash Wednesday Liturgy

The school will hold an Ash Wednesday liturgy under the pavilion at school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am. All families are welcome to attend.

## 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.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)



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or  
WANGARATTA

Facebook Page: catholicparishesofwangaratta

*Gabby*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

February	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	6.00pm Foundation Information Night
	8 <sup>th</sup>	-	3.15pm Second-Hand Uniform Stall
	9 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.30am School Welcome Mass
	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	8.00am Shrove Tuesday Breakfast
	14 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.15am Ash Wednesday Liturgy at school
	14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Foundation Rest Day
	21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Foundation Rest Day
	28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Foundation Rest Day
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

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

**“Live Your Best Married Life in Love”**

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This experience gives married couples the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details.**

**12-14 April 2024** in Melbourne

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

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TODAY**

**LIVERPOOL**  
FOOTBALL CLUB  
EST. 1892

International  
Academy  
Australia

**> REGISTER**  
WEEKLY SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC!  
GALEN CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
**WANGARATTA**  
WED 7 FEB - WED 27 MAR  
4:30 PM - 5:30PM

AGES 6-14 | ALL GENDERS | ALL ABILITIES

**LAST CHANCE**  
TO SECURE YOUR EARLY  
BIRD REGISTRATION

## JUST 48 HOURS REMAINING TO CLAIM YOUR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Early Bird will end 11:59PM Wednesday 7th February - don't wait until it's too late!

**REGISTER TODAY TO SECURE THE BEST PRICE**

The Wangaratta Marathon and Fun Run, held this year on the **17th of March 2024** is a popular event on the running calendar.

Established in 2011, this event is presented by North East Media under the Wangaratta Chronicle banner.

# PAT ON THE BACK

<b>Foundation</b> Mrs Patterson	A big pat on the back to <b>OLIVER REA</b> for the wonderful way he includes others in his play and ensures everyone has a smile on their faces.
<b>Foundation</b> Mrs Bray	Congratulations to <b>COURTNEY KELLEY</b> for the amazing way she has settled into school life. We are all so proud of the way Courtney is listening to her teachers and joining in with all activities.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to <b>IVY FULCHER</b> for the respect that she demonstrates towards school property. Ivy uses equipment as instructed and she always ensures that it is stored in the correct manner at the conclusion of a learning task.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mr McDonald	Congratulations to <b>BENJI VIHM</b> for the amazing effort he placed in his writing. His holiday recount showed great attention to detail. Keep up the great work!
<b>Year 1/2</b> Miss Box	A big pat on the back to <b>FYNN FULCHER</b> for the way in which he so kindly and thoughtfully helps his peers when he notices they need a helping hand. We are so lucky to have you in our class.
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Rickard	A BIG pat on the back to <b>3/4 RICKARD</b> for the fantastic start you have all made settling into our class. You have all come to school ready to learn and have a go at everything we have done. You may not be able to do everything YET, but I know you will all keep trying.
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to <b>HENRY ROUTLEDGE</b> for being inclusive of others and displaying thoughtful behaviour. What a great way to begin the school year!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Sirianni	Congratulations to <b>IMOGEN REA</b> for demonstrating a great can-do attitude in class! Imogen has worked to complete all of her independent tasks. Well done on an excellent start to the school year Immy!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Rizzo	A B-I-G pat on the back to <b>3/4 RIZZO</b> for the amazing start you have all made this year. Everyone has calmly and quietly gone about their work and I love your 'have a go' attitude. This year is going to be a 'rippa' of a year!! Keep up the great work!!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Ms Whitehead	A big pat on the back to <b>JACK GINNIVAN</b> for the fantastic start he has made to Year 6. Jack has come to school with a great positive mindset and is keen to give everything a go. Keep up the great work Jack!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mr Boyd	Congratulations to <b>CHARLIE MATHESON</b> for the exceptional way he has started the school year. Charlie has led by example by approaching all tasks with a growth mindset while also striving to help others where he can. Well done Charlie!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Cassidy	Congratulations to <b>ETHAN MILLIS &amp; CHARLEE WAHLERT</b> for the exceptional start they have had to their new school this year. Keep up the great work!!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Ackerly	Congratulations to <b>BILLY YOUNGER</b> for the flexible thinking he displayed during our week of inspirational mathematical task. Billy used his knowledge of negative integers without prompting to solve a problem. Well done!