



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.



Last Sunday's Gospel, spoke of Jesus' glorious Ascension into heaven. This week, we hear the Good News that anyone who thirsts for a fulfilling life is given the precious reward and is nourished with the Holy Spirit. What a wonderful gift! The Spirit is willing and longing to live in each one of us. The Spirit accompanies us to find God's traces in every movement and interaction. All we have to do is be open and reflective of what God is asking of us.

All we have to do is say Yes!

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.

Pupil Free Day **this Friday**

Please note that there is no school this Friday as it is Pupil Free Day. All staff will be engaging in professional learning at Galen College on this day.

F.I.R.E Carriers - Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education

St Patrick's Primary School is committed to Reconciliation and sees this as the process of bridging the gap that has developed between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians due to the events of history.

Reconciliation is a way of developing lines of communication recognising the integrity and dignity of all parties so that both cultures can walk together in friendship.

Each year students who choose to become a FIRE carrier are commissioned by an Aboriginal educator from Catholic Education Sandhurst who continues to work closely with our school.

This special event will happen next Tuesday 28th May at 9.15am.



Welcome Felix!



Congratulations Ellie Sirianni and Fraser and welcome to the world beautiful Felix.

Felix made it just in time for this year's Mother's Day!



Second Hand Uniform Stall – TOMORROW Thursday 23rd May



St Pat's will be holding a second-hand uniform stall on the small yard, tomorrow afternoon commencing at 3.15pm.

This is a great opportunity to purchase a bargain.

Confirmation Eucharist

We wish our candidates every blessing as they celebrate receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist Tonight, Wednesday at 6.00pm in St Patrick's Church.

All families are welcomed to join in this very special Mass.



Assembly

Please also note that assembly will change to 9.05am each Friday morning for the rest of the term due to the scheduling of Year 5/6 Interschool Sports.



School Dental Van

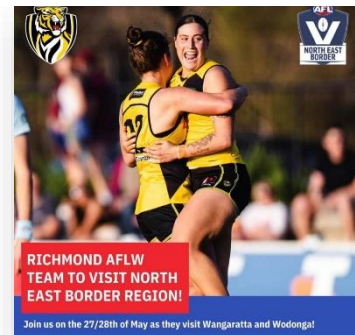


If you wish your child to use the services of the Dental Van scheme, forms must be returned by no later than 5th June. The school dental van will visit St Pat's commencing the week of 9th September.

AFLW Tigers Visiting St Pat's

Families are most welcome to join us at St Pat's as the AFLW Tigers visit our school. The team will arrive at 1.00pm on Mon 27th May to guest speak in the hall.

Foundation - 2 from 1:00pm - 1:20pm
Years 3 - 6 from 1:20pm - 1:40pm



Human Beings are Social Creatures

Let school help your young person

- flourish
- thrive
- connect
- conquer

Foundation Enrolments 2025

Positions are filling fast. Families who have a child starting **Foundation in 2025** need to collect enrolment forms and make an appointment for an enrolment interview with the Principal. Enrolment packages are available at the office. Please do not leave this until it is too late.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal – Blanket Drive



As the colder weather approaches, we are aware of those in our community who may not have access to the necessary items to protect themselves from the elements. Our friends at St Vincent de Paul Wangaratta are requesting support from the St Patrick's school community once more this year, in the form of **NEW blankets and/or monetary donations only**. These can be left at the front office with Annette. Thank you for your support!

ST PAT'S LANDSCAPING FUNDRAISER

Donate a Plant



St Patrick's is improving its landscaping by planting a sasanqua camellia hedge across the front of the school.

To do this we need 45 camellia bushes.

Your family can be a part of the legacy of our wonderful school by donating \$45.00 towards the purchase of a camellia plant, making this project a reality.

Donations can be left at the office.

Thank you for your support!



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

Phone: 0477449997 - Annette Monshing – ASC Co-ordinator

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

May	22 nd	-	Confirmation and First Communion
	24 th	-	Staff PD – PUPIL FREE DAY
	31 st	-	9.05am Assembly
	31 st	-	Inter School Sports
June	7 th	-	Feast of the Sacred Heart
	7 th	-	9.05am Assembly
	7 th	-	Inter School Sports in afternoon
	10 th	-	King's Birthday Holiday – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	14 th	-	9.05am Assembly
	21 st	-	9.05am Assembly
	14 th	-	Inter School Sports
	28 th	-	9.05am Assembly
28 th	-	2.25pm End of Term	

App checklist for parents



Checklist

The aim of this checklist is to help you navigate the app world and give you the tools to ensure you and your family enjoy safe and positive online experiences.

Do your research

- [The eSafety Guide](#) is a good starting point.
- Other sources include [Common Sense Media](#) and [ConnectSafely](#), which review the most popular apps.
- Search for recent reviews from Google Play and Apple Store.
- Discuss the benefits and risks with family or friends who use the app.

eSafety tip: Check whether the app can be used for [content sharing](#), [photo and video sharing](#), [messaging and online chat](#), [voice chat](#), [video calling](#), [live streaming](#), [gaming](#), [in-app purchasing](#), [online relationships](#), [location sharing](#) and [encryption](#).

Check the age rating and requirements

- Apps usually state a minimum age for users in their terms of use but they don't all have verification requirements.
- [The eSafety Guide](#) includes the stated age for many popular apps.
- [Common Sense Media](#) makes an independent assessment of provides age recommendations.
- Check the advice on the eSafety Parent page [Are they old enough?](#)

eSafety tip: When deciding if an app is suitable for your child, think about their level of maturity and judgement as well as the age recommendation.

Consider privacy – read the terms and conditions and ask yourself these questions:

- What information does the app request?
- Does the app provide privacy protections?
- Can you restrict who sees your profile?
- Who can find you in a search?
- What information can people see about you?

eSafety tip: See the eSafety page [Connecting safely – Apps](#) for more advice. [The eSafety Guide](#) contains links to information about how to adjust privacy settings in popular apps.

Check the permissions and other settings – read the community guidelines and ask yourself these questions:

- What permissions does the app request?
- What information the app collect?
- Does the app need microphone and/or video camera access to perform its functions?
- What are the default settings?
- Do you need to change default settings, initially and after each update?
- Does the app allow in-app purchases?

eSafety tip: See the eSafety Parents page [Taming the technology](#) for advice on using parental control and safe browsing tools.

Safety check

- Can you report things in the app? (For example: online abuse, impersonator accounts, offensive or illegal content).
- Is the in-app reporting process easy and clear?
- Are the in-app reporting options limited or can you report a wide range of safety concerns?

eSafety tip: Let you child know they can come to you for help if anything makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe and they won't be in trouble. You can help them [report serious online abuse](#) to the eSafety Commissioner.

