



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.



***Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own,
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.***

Bless those who work to bring them relief.

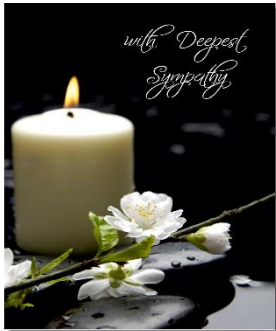
Inspire generosity and compassion in the hearts of all of us.

***Guide us and every nation of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of
justice and of peace;***

Through Jesus Christ, our Brother and our Lord . Amen

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.

Prayers Please



It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mr Sergio Sartori, father of our beautiful teachers Grace Patterson and Cat Kittlety, passed away peacefully yesterday.

We keep Grace, Cat and their families in our prayers at this difficult time.

**Eternal rest grant to them,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithfully departed,
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.**

Parent/Teacher Interviews - OPEN

Please schedule an appointment to meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss their progress this year and set goals.

Appointments are made via the PAM app.

July 16th 3.45pm – 5.30pm

July 17th 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Early Arrivals

Please note that students are not to arrive at school before 8.30am, as supervision does not start until this time. Staff who are at school before 8.30am, are preparing for their school day and are not available to supervise students. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Still Time to Donate



Our plants have arrived and will be in the ground within the next few weeks! There are still plenty left to be sponsored by families, if you wish to purchase one for our beautiful school community!

Foundation Enrolments Closing Soon

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.





Human Beings are Social Creatures

Let school help your young person

- flourish
- thrive
- connect
- conquer

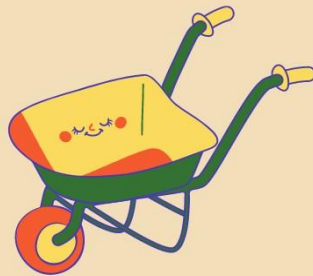
Hot Dog Day

Friday 28th June

✦ We are raising money ✦
for our school's garden



\$4.00



SAMI SPECTACULAR

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO WALK AROUND THE
SPECIALISTS CLASSROOMS AND DISCOVER
WHAT YOUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN WORKING
ON DURING SPECIALISTS DAYS

SAMI stands for Science, Art, Music and Italian

2:45 - 3:45 pm
THURSDAY 20TH JUNE

**Pulsate Dance Force and 5/6 Noble are
dancing in the hall**

Students can go home with parents after work has been seen

Enjoy



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

June	14 th	-	9.05am Assembly
	20 th	-	2.45pm – 3.45pm Sami Spectacular
	21 st	-	9.05am Assembly
	14 th	-	Inter School Sports
	28 th	-	9.05am Assembly
	28 th	-	Hot Dog Day
	28 th	-	2.25pm End of Term
July	16 th	-	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45pm – 5.30pm
	17 th	-	Parent Teacher Interviews 2.30pm – 5.30pm

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Patterson	A BIG pat on the back to NATE TURNER for bringing so much joy and happiness to our class. Nate loves the company of all his class friends and has made wonderful progress in everything so far this year! We are so proud of you Nate.
Foundation Mrs Bray	Congratulations to LINCOLN ATKINSON and PARKER DAGOLI for the consistent approach they have displayed during our number writing challenges. We are all super impressed with how many numbers you can write. Keep it up, superstars!
Year 1/2 Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to GUSS REID for the focus and enthusiasm that he demonstrated during our 'Patterns and Financial Mathematics' sequence of learning. Guss confidently manipulated coins and notes and he developed an understanding of 'counting up' to determine the amount of change in whole dollars.
Year 1/2 Mr McDonald	Congratulations to JACK CHYNOWETH for his amazing work in Mathematics. Jack has shown great skill in adding and subtracting Australian coins and notes by using different mental and written strategies. Well done, Jack.
Year 1/2 Ms Box	Congratulations to OSCAR REID for the enthusiastic and positive way he approaches learning tasks. Oscar enjoys taking on challenges and consistently does his very best. Well done!
Year 3/4 Mrs Rickard	Congratulations to MAX TURNER for the outstanding effort he puts into all his learning tasks. Max shows focus when completing tasks and is working hard to apply feedback to make improvements to his work. Well done Max!
Year 3/4 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to BELLA TYMMS for being inclusive of others and displaying thoughtful behaviour.
Year 3/4 Mrs Hernan	Congratulations to SPENCER ROBINSON and LUCAS PRESTIANNI for the positive attitude they bring to our classroom. They consistently try their best and are making great progress as a result. Keep up the super effort!
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo	A B-I-G pat on the back to HUDSON MATHESON for taking responsibility for his learning. He exhibits a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom, shows initiative and looks for new ways to get involved. Love it Hudson, keep it up!
Year 5/6 Ms Whitehead	A big pat on the back to CASTOR SCANLAN for the effort he has been putting into his writing. Castor has been adding more detail to his writing and taking time to edit his work. Keep up the great work Castor!
Year 5/6 Mr Boyd	Congratulations to AVA DOIG for the persistence she has shown throughout the first semester towards all aspects of her learning. Ava has overcome many challenges this year while consistently giving her best effort which has resulted in excellent progress. Well done Ava!
Year 5/6 Ms Noble	Congratulations to STELLA REID for all the effort she put into her narrative writing. She wrote a highly engaging and entertaining story, resulting in an AMAZING end product. Stella's creativity and attention to detail made it a piece worthy of recognition. Well done, Stella.
Year 5/6 Mrs Ackerly	Congratulations to ANNABEL HOURIGAN for the amazing focus and effort she put into her Four Cubed Houses assignment. Annabel showed precision and a fantastic maths mindset. Keep up the great work!

IT'S PLAY TIME!



PLAY

THERE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEAR YOU



4-8 year olds



8-12 year olds

FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA

SCAN HERE





SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Join our passionate & experienced team during the school holidays, we guarantee a safe and secure environment supported by excellent staff. Our Multi - Sports holiday programs cater for children aged 5 - 14 working in age-appropriate groups. Our standard days run from 9am - 3pm with early drop offs available from 8am.

BOOK TODAY!

Contact Phone:
0400 615 145

More Information:
www.skillzonesports.com

LOCATIONS

- SHEPPARTON (Visy community Centre)
(July 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 9th, 10th, 11th)
- YARRAWONGA (Yarrowonga P-12 ECA)
(July 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 9th, 10th, 11th)
- WANGARATTA (Cathedral College)
(July 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 9th, 10th, 11th)
- COBRAM (Cobram Sports Stadium)
(July - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)

WHAT TO BRING

- Packed recess & Lunch
- refillable water bottle
- suitable indoor footwear
- appropriate active wear



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Better conversations about gaming for families

When it comes to online gaming, there can be a disconnect between what children experience and what they hear adults saying. Bridging this gap will help children to have safer and more positive online experiences.

Key points

Children are more likely to seek help when a parent or carer:

- encourages them to talk with them if they have issues
- gets involved by playing games with them or shows an interest by asking open questions about the game they're playing
- learns about their gaming interests and how it benefits them.

How to have better conversations with children about gaming

See the benefits of gaming

What kids hear you say: 'I really don't like that game. Why don't you go find something better to do with your time?'

What we know: Children learn and grow through play. As a form of play, gaming offers a range of benefits. When children see their gaming is valued, they are more likely to share their experiences – both positive and negative.

Better conversations sound like: 'I can see you really enjoy that game. What do you like about it?'

1. Talk to them about the benefits they experience.
2. Get to know the games they are playing and help them find new games that match their motivations and skills.



Research* shows:

52%
of children

32%
of teens



want their parents or carers to play with them.



Connect through game play

What kids hear you say: ‘Why don’t you spend time with your family or friends instead of being glued to that computer game?’

What we know: Most online games provide opportunities to play with friends, find community and build social skills. Gaming can also be an opportunity for families to connect. Many children want to game with their parents or carers or would like them to game with them more. If you’re not confident about gaming, or young people refuse to co-play, you can still connect by getting involved with the game they’re playing.

Better conversations sound like: ‘Who do you like to play with? Is there a game that we could play together? What character is your favourite?’

1. Get involved by watching or playing with them or show an interest by asking questions about the action or storyline in the game.
2. During gameplay, talk about the skills they are building and celebrate their achievements.

Choose the right amount of game play for your family

What children hear: ‘All you ever do is play that game!’

What we know: Many parents worry about time online. The right amount will look different for every child and family. Focus on the quality of their play, as well as getting the right balance. What are they getting out of it? Are they getting enough time to sleep, be physically active or connect with friends offline?

If you’re concerned about your child’s mental health, you should seek support from a mental health professional. Get support before you decide to restrict access to games because this may impact their wellbeing.

Better conversations sound like: ‘I found a game I think you would enjoy, but before we start, let’s work out a plan together to make sure you fit everything in.’

1. Access game reviews on [Common Sense Media](#) to understand and select games with learning opportunities and values that best suit your child and family.
2. Work with them to find time for gaming. You might find [eSafety’s Family Tech Agreements](#) helpful to create shared expectations.

*Levelling up to stay safe: Young people’s experiences navigating the joys and risks of online gaming. February 2024.

Manage risks and ensure safety

What children hear: “Don’t talk to strangers in-game!”

What we know: Instead of focusing on strangers, it's important that children know the red flags of unsafe contact, including someone trying to be friendly too quickly, asking them to go on a different platform or private space, or doing something inappropriate or sexual.

For young children, put in place safeguards that restrict risky features (like communicating with people they don’t know). As they grow, build their skills so they can play with others and not miss out on the social benefits. Most gaming experiences are positive and children are often helping others.

Better conversations sound like: ‘I’m glad you’re having fun with friends online. Let’s talk about safe and unsafe behaviours in games. And remember, I’m always here to help, even if you feel like you’ve made a mistake.’

1. Encourage your child to talk to you if they experience an issue while they are gaming. Let them know you are there to support them.
2. Read [The eSafety Guide](#) to get a better understanding of risky features in games. These can be managed via parental or user controls.



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!

St Patrick's YMCA School Holiday Program Monday 1st July – Friday 12th July 2024

Date	Holiday activity details
Week 1	1 - 5 July 2024
Monday 1 July	Sports Day Experience the joy of indoor sports! Dive into the exciting world of futsal, netball, and basketball, where you'll master new skills and have a blast! Category: Incursion Cost: \$99.40
Tuesday 2 July	Movies Lights, camera, action! Sit back and relax, because we're heading to our local cinema to watch the latest new release movie. Category: Excursion Cost: \$124.40
Wednesday 3 July	Bunnings Fun Join us for a hands-on Plant a Pot event and enjoy a day filled with gardening activities and exciting games. Category: In-house Cost: \$84.40
Thursday 4 July	Pyjama Party Just roll out of bed and join us in your comfiest PJ's! It's pyjama party time, where we'll build epic forts and cook up a storm of fun! Category: In-house Cost: \$84.40
Friday 5 July	Winter Wonderland Get ready for a flurry of winter crafts inspired by the snowy scenes outside! After crafting, we'll head out to play in the winter wonderland and enjoy steaming cups of hot chocolate. Category: In-house Cost: \$84.40

Date	Holiday activity details
Week 2	8 - 12 July 2024
Monday 8 July	<p>Magic Show Get ready to be dazzled! A master magician is coming to bring the magic to life with an electrifying interactive workshop! Join the spectacle and unlock the secrets as you dive into your very own trick!</p> <p>Category: Incursion Cost: \$99.40</p>
Tuesday 9 July	<p>Art & Craft Explore Creativity with Guided Arts & Crafts! Let's dive into a world of colour and fun as we create unique masterpieces together under expert guidance.</p> <p>Category: In-house Cost: \$84.44</p>
Wednesday 10 July	<p>Supa Bowl Get ready for a thrilling day of strikes and spares on our Bowling Excursion.</p> <p>Category: Excursion Cost: \$124.40</p>
Thursday 11 July	<p>Toon World Let your imagination soar with the sound of your creativity "SOUNDTOONS" THE ART OF MOVIE SOUNDS.</p> <p>Category: Incursion Cost: \$99.40</p>
Friday 12 July	<p>Build A Bear Today, we're diving into a world of softness and fluffiness! Get ready to create your own cuddly companion to cherish forever.</p> <p>Category: Incursion Cost: \$99.40</p>