



St Patrick's School Newsletter

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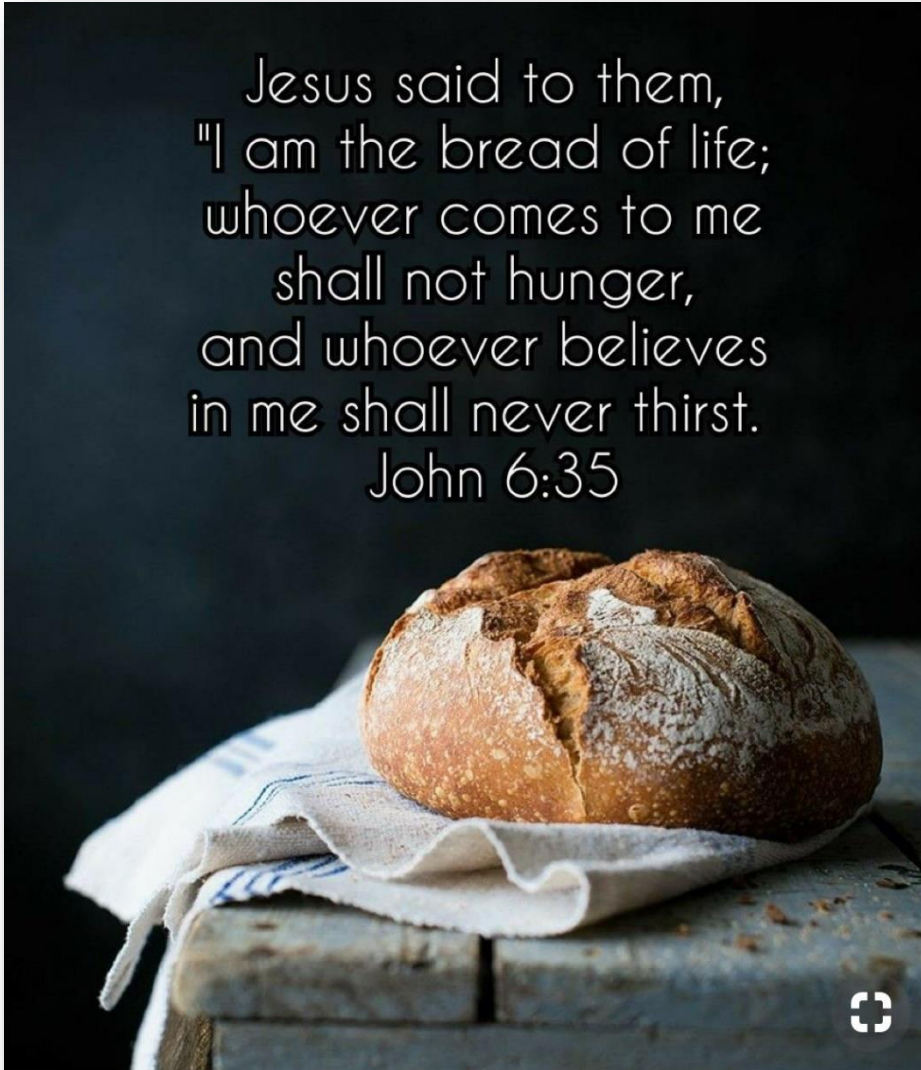
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14th August 2024

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.



Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me
shall not hunger,
and whoever believes
in me shall never thirst.
John 6:35



*O Lord our God and heavenly Father, in your indescribable mercy
you have provided food for the nourishment of our soul.
May we remain open to your love as we live our lives.*

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 Days



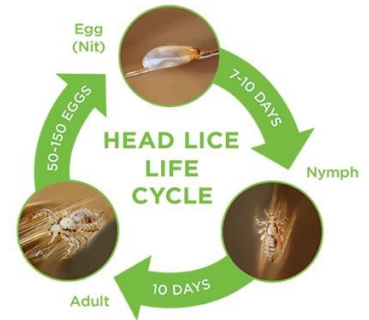
A reminder to families that there will be no school for students on **Friday 16th August and Monday 19th August.**

Staff will be attending a Spirituality Day on the Friday and a Curriculum Professional Development on the Monday.

Head Lice

Yet again the dreaded head lice re-emerge in our school! I ask that all families please check your children's hair and if necessary and treat them accordingly. Head Lice is a team effort and while we can never really eradicate them, we can keep them at bay if we all work together.

I thank you for your support in this matter.



Book Fair



Thank you everyone for supporting our Book Fair this year, it has been a very successful event. As a result of your enthusiastic participation, we have had \$4711.00 in sales, which means a commission of \$1025.00. All funds raised will go to restocking the library and purchasing some senior literature sets.

A huge thank you goes to Rosie Pane for organising the event of our students. THANK YOU, ROSIE!

Book Week Parade

Next Week we celebrate Book Week!

This year's theme for Book Week is **READING IS MAGIC**, and now is the time for everyone to start thinking about that special book character costume for our Book Parade.

The best costumes are usually the simple and creative ones, and there is no need to spend too much money to dress your child. Our Book Week parade will be held on **Friday 23rd August commencing at 9.10am.** All are welcome to attend.



Grade 3-6 Athletics Day



Friday 6th September; 9.15am – 3.00pm
Bill Eaton Athletics Oval
ALL WELCOME!



Father's Day Stall

A note will go home next week regarding our Father's Day Stall which will be held on Thursday 29th August. Students will be able to buy a wrapped gift for \$6.00.

Father's/Special Person Day Breakfast



We will be holding our annual Father's Day / Special Persons Day breakfast from 8.00am – 9.00am on Friday 30th August. Information regarding attendance and orders will be sent out next week.

Student Absenteeism

It is a legal requirement that students attend school each day during the gazetted school term. If your child is not at school, families must contact the school by no later than 9.15am and inform us of the length of time that they will be absent from school. The school is required to follow up on all unexplained absences every day. Please do not assume that one reported sick day accounts for subsequent absences.

Student absence can be recorded at home via the PAM app or by phoning the school.

I thank you for your support and cooperation in this process.

St Patrick's School Prayer

We are excited to release to the community our new St Patrick's School prayer. Our prayer acknowledges our motto 'Living, Loving, Learning in Christ', along with our namesake, St Patrick and our Australian saint, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

Our prayer will be read collectively each Monday morning after flag raising, at significant events and during the week in classes at prayer time.

Each student will receive a personal prayer card (once they are printed) to have as a keepsake.



St Patrick's School Prayer

*Loving God,
Bless our school as we gather today,
Be with us in every way.
Living, loving, and learning through you,
May we be guided in all we do.*

*St Patrick,
(respond) Pray for Us*

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
(respond) Pray for us.*

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

August	16 th	-	PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff PD
	19 th	-	PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff PD
	23 rd	-	Book Week Parade
	29 th	-	Father's Day Stall
	30 th	-	8.00am Father's Day Breakfast
September	6 th	-	9.15am Athletics' Day
	9 th	-	Dental Van
	20 th	-	Footy Colour Day
	20 th	-	2.25pm End of Term 3

Frog Hotels...

are ready and waiting for their new forever home!

The Year Five and Six Sustainability and Maintenance team have done an outstanding job in building Frog Hotels for our St Patrick's families.

Firstly, we would like to thank:

- Reece Plumbing Wangaratta for delivering all of the pipe and fittings used to construct the frog hotels.
- Karen Bray for all of the beautiful plants which will now provide safety and shelter for the new jumpy, green inhabitants.
- John Downie for sourcing the buckets, paint and general problem solving!

What the frog hotels can offer your family:

- Frog hotels can contribute to local biodiversity, supporting the population of native frog species. By providing a habitat for frogs, you help maintain the natural balance in your garden, reducing the need for chemical pesticides and fostering a more eco-friendly environment.
- Frog hotels offer shelter and breeding grounds for frogs which help control pests like slugs and insects in your garden. By attracting frogs, you create a natural pest management system, leading to a healthier and more sustainable garden ecosystem.

The hotels are super easy to look after, add whatever plants you would like, provide a dish of water and keep the moisture up!

If we have convinced you, please email Amy Noble anoble@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au to secure your frog hotel - your garden and frogs will thank you!

(A vehicle will be required to pick the hotels up as they are a little weighty).



Attendance in Early Years Matters!

- attendance matters full stop!
- what is your child's attendance at? 95% is the target



The theme for 2024 is 'Everyone belongs'.

When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up together against unkindness.

Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued.

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and / or social behaviour that intends to cause physical social and or psychological harm. Bullying can happen in person or online through various digital platforms. Bullying behaviour is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time.

If you are concerned about your child's behaviour or mood, talk with them about school and ask general questions about how things are going.

Signs a parent or carer might notice include if their child:

- doesn't want to go to school or participate in school activities
- changes their method or route to school or is frightened of walking to school
- drops in academic performance
- experiences changes in sleep patterns
- experiences changes in eating patterns
- has frequent tears, anger, mood swings
- takes money from home

The signs of possible cyberbullying can be the same as signs of other bullying, but include other behaviours with phones, computers and other devices, for example:

- being hesitant about going online
- seeming nervous when a notification, message or phone call appears
- being visibly upset after using their phone or computer, or suddenly avoiding it
- closes the screen, or hides the mobile phone when others enter the room
- spending unusually long hours online

This week all classes have had conversations around this topic and watched clips on how to be an upstander not a bystander! Together we can all make a difference.



Rural City of
Wangaratta



Ages 12-25



Youth Art Exhibition apply now!

EOI closes August 30th

Open to any young person living,
working, or playing in Wangaratta

now taking expressions of interest
- scan here



Exhibition will be in December
& January. Bainz Gallery



Over 20 clubs
attending



SPORT & REC FEST

August 23rd | 4-6.30pm

Barr 2

Wangaratta Sports
& Aquatic centre

Enter from Park Lane



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Wangaratta

- A JOINT PROJECT WITH -



SPORT
NORTH EAST

SAVE THE DATE

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SEM. PHOENIX
VS
BRISBANE BULLETS

AUGUST

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST | 7:30PM
WANGARATTA SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE

S.E. MELBOURNE PHOENIX VS BRISBANE BULLETS

TICKETS ON SALE VIA TICKETEK FROM AUG 1!



S.E. MELBOURNE
PHOENIX





RANGERS
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
COMING SOON!



T-BALL

OCT-NOV 2024

**FOR CHILDREN
AGED 5-8**



**REGISTER INTEREST
HERE VIA QR CODE**