



# St Patrick's School Newsletter

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*Loving God,*

*We thank you for your gift of love,  
shown to us perfectly in Jesus Christ  
our Lord.*

*Help us prepare our hearts to receive  
Him. Help us to hear and do your  
word.*



*I send a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your support  
throughout the year and my time at St Patrick's.*

*May your Christmas be filled with the peace and love of Christ and may your  
school break be a safe and restful one.*

*Merry Christmas Everyone!*

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## Blessing of St Patrick's Cross

Tuesday, we gathered with Fr Nathan for a special school assembly to bless our new school cross, which has been positioned on the new building. Fr Nathan led the prayer as a student from each level sprinkled holy water on the cross.

May this cross remind us of Jesus' love for us  
May it remind us to love like Jesus.  
May it remind us that Jesus is always with us.  
May it remind us to always live, love and learn in Christ.



## End of Year Mass

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our end of year mass, it was a beautiful celebration. Congratulations goes to all our students for their participation, especially our choir. Well done MacKillop House for winning the house shield for 2024!



# Year 6 Celebration Day

Yesterday our year 6 students enjoyed a special celebration day to mark the end of their journey at St Patrick's school. The day included time showing off skills at the golf driving range, basketball at the BARR reserve, delicious pizza and fruit for lunch, followed by a swim at the Aquatic Centre. A good time was had by all!



## Last Day of School

The last day for students for the 2024 school year is today 19th December. **Our students finish at 3.25pm** not 2.25pm. Teachers finish on the last gazetted day which is Friday 20th December at 2.25pm.



## Before School Care

I am pleased to announce that we are able to offer Before School Care at St Patrick's, commencing 2025. The YMCA has said that the high expression of interest numbers has indicated that it is a viable option for the foreseeable future.

Before School Care supervision will take place in the school hall only, from 7.00am until 8.30am, with provision for breakfast if required. At 8.30am the school will take over the supervision in the school yard.

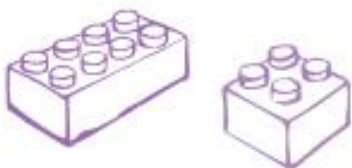
Please note that no families can commence using the service until full registration is completed, and that registration for Before School Care is separate to that of After School Care or the Holiday program. The organisation must also be fully informed of any medications your child has.

If you are interested in using this service or finding out more information, please scan the link in the attachment below.



# STARTING IN FIRST TERM

Before School  
Care is coming to  
St Patrick's  
Wangaratta!



W: [childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au](http://childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au)



# School Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period and reopen on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The shop's regular hours and days are each Tuesday and Thursdays from 8.00am – 4.00pm. The shop will also be open on additional days during January to accommodate families getting ready for the new school year. For further information call 03 4706 1771.

## 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

## 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: Catholic Parishes of Wangaratta

*Gabby*

# DATES TO REMEMBER

December	19 <sup>th</sup>	-	3.30pm End of Term – Students
	20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Last Day – Staff
January	28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Teachers Resumes Term 1 - 2025
	29 <sup>th</sup>	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grades 1 to 6 Commence Term 1 – 2025
	31 <sup>st</sup>	-	Foundation Commence Term 1 – 2025
April	1 <sup>st</sup>	-	PUPIL FREE DAY

# Wangaratta Art School

**Wangaratta Art School** is launching a Kids After School Program for primary school children commencing in Term One in 2025 for 8 weeks. Sessions running from 4pm-5pm at 50 Norton Street, Wangaratta are designed to inspire young minds and foster creativity with all materials provided.



**Monday Makers** where creativity knows no bounds. Kids dive into a world of imagination and hands-on-fun, exploring a variety of crafts. The price for the whole term is \$190 commencing on Monday 3rd February 2025.

**Tuesday Painters** where kids dive into the world of art, exploring their creativity with a new masterpiece each week. Young artists learn, create and have fun while painting their imaginations into reality. The price for the whole term is \$175 commencing on Tuesday 4th February 2025

**Wednesday Sketch Club** where kids can bring their imaginations to life one line at a time. These fun and engaging classes encourage creativity and develop drawing skills to be able to draw what they see in a supportive environment.

The price for the whole term is \$120.00 commencing on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Bookings are essential with limited spots available.

To book visit: <https://www.wangarattaartschool.com/>

Creativity, fun and ensuring children are inspired to explore different artistic abilities is very important to us at Wangaratta Art School. We appreciate that Art makes us resilient, is great for problem solving, assists with fine motor skills and builds confidence.

Should you require further information regarding this program or any of the other classes and workshops we provide please contact us via return email or by phoning 0467 063 885.