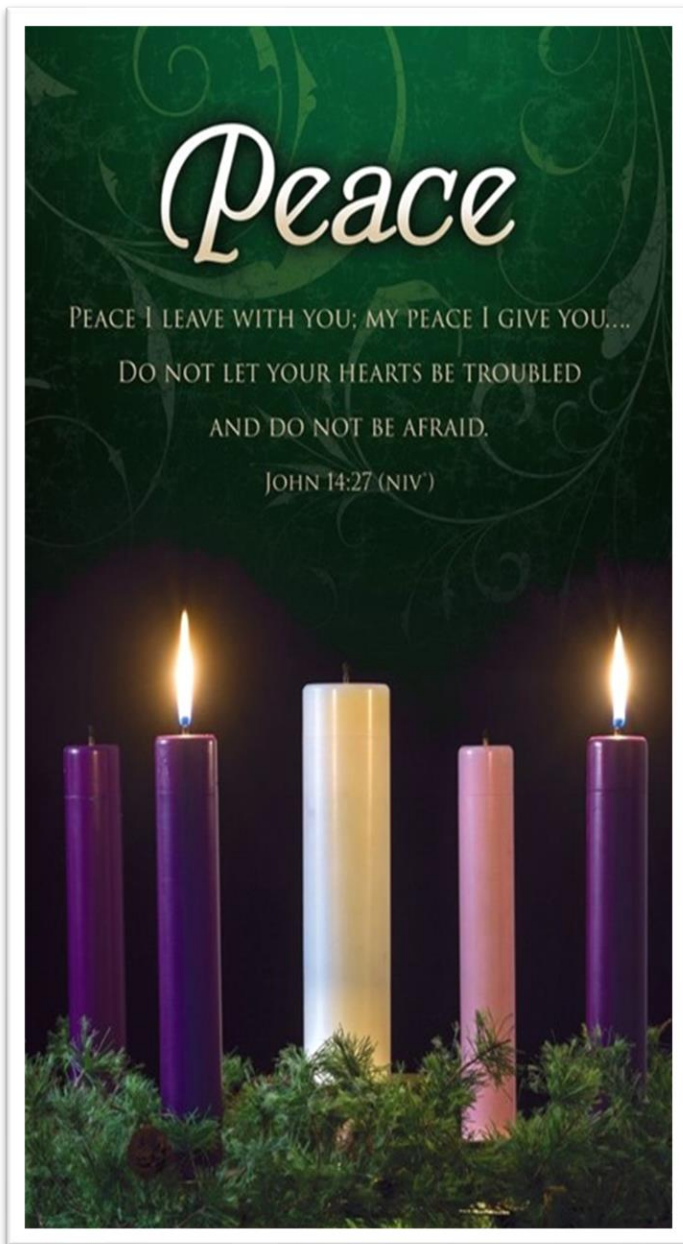




# *St Patrick's School Newsletter*

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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.



*The focus for Advent for week two is PEACE.*

*God of peace,  
Instill in us Your peace  
that surpasses all  
understanding.*

*As we prepare for His  
coming, make us  
instruments of Your  
peace, and help us to  
find rest in the  
Prince of Peace,  
Your Son Jesus Christ.*

*Amen*

## Farewell John Downie

After three years at St Patrick's and ten years at St Joseph's Benalla, our wonderful maintenance cleaner John Downie is finishing up his career in education in early January. John has been a most valued asset to the school over the years, ensuring that our place is safe, clean and tidy for all to enjoy. As a result, we are very proud of how fabulous our school looks and feels. Not only has John worked to improve our setting, he has been a great example and mentor to our students. The students have had the benefit of John's umpiring, many jokes and a great assortment of nicknames. Over the years the year 6 maintenance team has especially benefited from John's guidance and contribution.

On behalf of the community, I sincerely thank John for all that he has done for our school community.



## Welcome Bowen Couch

After an extensive and thorough application process I am pleased to introduce our new maintenance cleaning officer, Bowen Couch. Bowen brings many skills to the role including carpentry, joinery, plumbing, landscaping, OHS and much more. Bowen has school cleaner, maintenance and OHS experience to fit the role nicely. Bowen is being inducted into the role over the next few weeks and will formally commence on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We warmly welcome Bowen to St Patrick's.

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal - Coin Line

Thank you to all those who were able to contribute to the Vinnies Christmas Coin Line fundraiser. We raised a magnificent amount of \$1,157.05, which will go towards helping those in need at Christmas time. The longest line was achieved by the year 5/6 Noble, while the highest tally came from year 1/2 McDonald. No matter how big or small the contribution, every coin will go to helping those in need.



# Advent Liturgy



Each Monday at 9.00am from now until the end of the year we will be holding an Advent liturgy in the hall to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Families are most welcome to join us if you are able to.

## End of Year Mass

All families and friends are invited to our end of year mass in St Patrick's Church, on Friday 13th December at 9.30am.



## Teacher Placements 2025

We are so fortunate to have such a strong calibre of teachers head up our classes each year. With this in mind, I am pleased to announce the teacher placements for 2025.

F	Grace Patterson
F	Karen Bray
1/2	Nara Nicoll
1/2	Tom McDonald
1/2	Cat Kittelty / 1 Day Elise Barry
3/4	Helen Rickard
3/4	Karen Rizzo 4 Days / 1 Day Brigid Malcolm
3/4	Liz Hernan
3/4	Janina Rinaldi
5/6	Sharyn Ackerly 4 Days / 1 Day Abby Batey
5/6	Tom Boyd
5/6	Jess Whitehead
Italian	Carolyn Levesque
PE	Leah Cornish
Science	Katie Pallot
Art	Abby Batey
Music	Brigid Malcolm

## Last Day for Students

The last day for students for the 2024 school year is Thursday 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.



# State-wide Transition Day

Next Tuesday, 10th December is our State-wide Transition Day. Year six students will attend their Secondary School for the day and Kinder students will attend schools for the morning. All other students will experience a morning with their 2025 classroom teacher.

## Spriggy Schools Lunch Orders

Thanks to all our students who gave us feedback on the lunch orders.

We will have some additional items added to the menu. For those who have not yet tried the system, simply download the app, search for our school and create and account.



## Library

All borrowing for this year is now finished. Could you please make sure that any overdue books are returned as soon as possible so we can have all books back before the end of term. Also, if you have any outstanding readers at home, could they also be returned. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



**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*

# Christmas Raffle

The eldest in the family were sent home a book of 10 raffle tickets last week for you to purchase or sell. If you would like more tickets, please collect them from the office. Tickets are \$1.00 and will be drawn on Friday 13th December at Assembly.

Money raised will go towards beautifying our yard.

Thank you so far to the following businesses:

*Warbotanical – Robyn Heal*

*Taminick Winery*

*Glenrowan Providore*

*King River Brewery*

*Bright Family*

*Pane Family*

*Jo Hourigan & Family*

*Boorhaman Hotel & Buffalo Brewery*

*Wangaratta Jewellers*

*Madeleine Grace Skin Clinic*

*Baileys of Glenrowan*

*The Naish family*

*Pizzini Wines*

*Brown Brothers Milawa*

*Toyworld Wangaratta*

*Flynn's Inland Surf Co*

*Harvey Norman Wangaratta*

*Hello Petals*

*Seed and Bloom*

*The Railyard*

*McPhail's Furniture*

*Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre*

*Quality Hotel Gateway Wangaratta*

*Inside Living*

*Sartori Legal Services*

*Moore Than Swimming*

*Spirited Party Shop*

*Sal's Pizza Wangaratta*

*M&M X-Treme World of Fitness*

*Edgars Books and News*

*Park Lane Nursery*

*Bunnings Wangaratta*

*Safari H2O/Adventure Camping and Fishing - Kids Kayak and Adult Kayak*

*Millis Family*

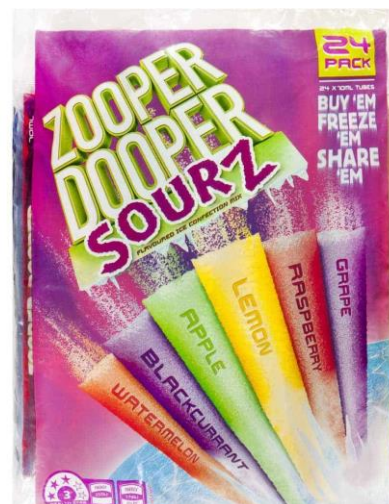


# DATES TO REMEMBER

December	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	F-2 Swimming Program
	10 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.30 – 12.30pm State-wide Transition Day
	13 <sup>th</sup>	-	9.30am End of year Mass – St Pat’s Church
	16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Yr 6 Fun Day
	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

## ZOOPER DOOPERS

***We are selling Zooper Doopers at recess for 50c. Every year we sell Zooper Doopers to raise money for CARITAS. We will be selling them Thursdays and Fridays until the end of the year.***



# PAT ON THE BACK

<b>Foundation</b> Mrs Patterson	Congratulations to <b>HANZ DINO</b> for showing such courage during swimming lessons this week! Hanz really embraced every challenge, and as a result, he improved his skills and gained confidence in the water.
<b>Foundation</b> Mrs Bray	Congratulations to <b>BROCK QUOR</b> for the way he is listening to instructions and completing his tasks. Thank you, Brock, for working like a 'Superstar'.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to <b>LOUIS GOODEY</b> for his engaging oral presentation about cricket. Louis used content-specific vocabulary, he spoke clearly and with appropriate volume, and he provided interesting information. Well done, Louis!
<b>Year 1/2</b> Mr McDonald	Congratulations to <b>LEAH KELLEY</b> for her amazing oral presentation. Leah confidently presented information about Betty the cow. She included interesting facts and convinced everyone to get a friendly cow. Well done.
<b>Year 1/2</b> Ms Box	Congratulations to <b>ELIZA STAMP</b> for the positive way in which she approaches all learning tasks. Eliza shows persistence and applies feedback to improve her work. Well done Eliza!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Rickard	A Big Pat on the Back to <b>LULU VIHM</b> for the positive way she goes about her learning. Lulu is engaged, positive and always ready for the day's learning tasks with enthusiasm and a smile. Well done Lulu.
<b>Year 3/4</b> Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to <b>VIVIENNE WATT</b> for the consistent effort you place into ensuring your work tasks are always presented beautifully, and with a lot of thought and care.
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Hernan	Congratulations to <b>SPENCER ROBINSON</b> and <b>BLAKE CASTLE</b> for the joy that they bring to our classroom. They are both quiet achievers who work hard and bring smiles to those around them. You are both superstars!
<b>Year 3/4</b> Mrs Rizzo	A B-I-G pat on the back to <b>ELAINA DOIG</b> for being a conscientious, self-motivated and hardworking student who shows a mature approach towards her work and a co-operative nature when working with others. You are a great role model Elaina. Love it, keep it up!!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Ms Whitehead	A big pat on the back to <b>JACK GINNIVAN</b> and <b>LEWIS WATT</b> for the way they stepped out of their comfort zone while on camp at Sovereign Hill. Both boys jumped in and gave all activities a go with a smile on their faces. Love it Jack and Lewis, keep up the great work!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mr Boyd	Congratulations to <b>RILEY NOLET</b> and <b>CHARLIE ACKERLY</b> for the inquisitive and respectful manner which they held themselves in throughout our Sovereign Hill camp. Well done boys, keep up the great work!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Ms Noble	Congratulations to <b>TRISTAN PERUZZO</b> for demonstrating kindness and empathy towards his buddy during our session together. Your maturity and thoughtful actions were greatly appreciated. Keep it up, Tristan!
<b>Year 5/6</b> Mrs Ackerly	Congratulations to <b>SAXON LAWFORD</b> for the exceptional way he listens to the class novel and the vocabulary choices he makes during class discussions to challenge and extend our thinking. Keep up the great work!



# ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION 2025 TRANSITION INFORMATION

## VISIT 1

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 9:30-11:00

Students will participate in:

- Indoor & Outdoor Activities
- Fruit/Vegetable Break

Parents are invited to join their child in the Foundation rooms for the first 10 minutes, you are then invited for morning tea in our school hall, a chat and an introduction to St Patrick's with our Principal. Parents will also be given a story book about our school to read together with their child to help prepare for school. This is also an opportunity to meet members of our school community.

## VISIT 2

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

TIME: 9:30 TO 11 AM

Students will participate in:

- Literacy & Numeracy Activities
- Fruit/Vegetable Break
- Physical Education

Please provide your child with a piece or small container of **fruit and water bottle** (water only).

We ask that you leave your child to experience school independently for this session.

## VISIT 3

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 9:30 TO 12PM

Students will participate in:

- Literacy & Numeracy Activities
- Meet Year Six Buddy
- Recess

Please provide your child with a **healthy play lunch, water bottle (water only) and broad brimmed hat** on this day.

We ask that you leave your child to experience school independently for this session.

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

**DATE:** 26th NOVEMBER

**TIME:** 6-7pm Foundation Classrooms

Parents are highly encouraged to attend this information session. It will cover important dates, communication channels and uniform information.

## STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

TIME: 9:30 TO 12.30PM

Students will participate in:

- Literacy & Numeracy Activities
- Year 6 Buddy Activity
- Art - Christmas Art
- Religion
- Recess

Please provide your child with a **healthy play lunch, water bottle (water only) and broad brimmed hat** on this day.

We ask that you leave your child to experience school independently for this session.

## PARENT AND CHILDREN 'AFTERNOON PLAY AND CONNECT'

WHERE: AT THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

DATE: TUESDAY THE 3RD DECEMBER

TIME: 3.40PM - 4.15PM

\*\*\*NOT COMPULSORY\*\*\*

Parents and children are to enter via to the Owen's Street pedestrian gate for each transition visit.  
A staff member will greet you and show you to the Foundation rooms.



# Christmas and New Year Mass Times 2024

## Wangaratta Parishes

### Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 Dec Vigil Masses

<b>Moyhu</b>	5pm
<b>Yackandandah</b>	6pm
<b>Our Lady's</b>	7pm
<b>St Patrick's</b>	9pm
<b>St Patrick's</b>	Midnight

### Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 Dec

<b>St Patrick's</b>	10:30am
<b>Our Lady's</b>	9am
<b>Beechworth</b>	9am

### New Year's Eve - Tuesday 31 Dec Vigil Masses

<b>Our Lady's</b>	7pm
<b>St Patrick's</b>	Midnight

### New Year's Day - Wednesday 1 Jan

<b>Our Lady's</b>	9am
<b>Beechworth</b>	9am
<b>Moyhu</b>	10am
<b>St Patrick's</b>	10:30am
<b>Yackandandah</b>	10:30am

