



St Patrick's School Newsletter

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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.
Amen*

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous beginning we have had to the school year! A huge thank you to our incredible staff for fostering such welcoming and supportive learning environments and to our students for stepping into the new year with enthusiasm and positive attitudes. It has been a joy to see everyone settling in seamlessly. The past week has been relatively calm (considering the heat!) allowing students to settle into their new routines, expectations and friendships. These moments of calm are essential in building confidence and setting a strong foundation for the year ahead.

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A big thank you to all our grade 6 students for their exceptional contributions as buddies. Your support has played a huge role in helping our Foundation students adjust to their new routines with patience and kindness. Your leadership and care are making a significant impact not only on your buddies but also on our entire school environment.

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our Meet and Greet afternoons. These afternoons are very important, as they provide an opportunity to build the relationships that are so very important in relation to your child's learning. We know children thrive and become lifelong learners when there is a positive relationship between teachers, students and parents/guardians.

It was great to catch up with many families at our Opening School Mass. We are very grateful for you taking the time to be part of this wonderful celebration.

Please mark in your diaries our beginning of the year, parents/carers catch up at the Gateway Hotel on **February 21st from 5:00pm to 6:30pm**. This event will provide an excellent chance to meet new families, reconnect with old friends, and enjoy a pleasant afternoon event together. We understand this date will not suit everyone. There will be further opportunities throughout the year for us to get together.

Take Care Everyone!

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*Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me.*

Saint Patrick

Reminders: -

Volunteers



We will be hosting a volunteer information session on **Thursday 13th February**. We will be holding a session at 9.00am and 3.30pm in the school staffroom. Please familiarise yourself with the Child Safe policies housed on our school website.

We invite all parents interested in volunteering at our school to attend one of the scheduled meetings. Opportunities for involvement include: -

- Reading and Mathematics groups
- Excursions
- Incursions
- Physical Education events
- Music events

Safe on Social Information Evening - postponed

Kirra Pendergast the leading international expert in Online Safe has had to postpone her visit to St Patricks which was scheduled on Wednesday 19th February. We will keep you posted on the new date once it has been confirmed.

Save the date!



We have organised a private gathering at the Gateway Hotel on **Friday February 21st** from **5:00pm to 6:30pm (front balcony area)** as an opportunity to connect with one another. This event will provide an excellent chance to meet new families, reconnect with old friends, and enjoy a pleasant afternoon event together.

Immunisation Forms

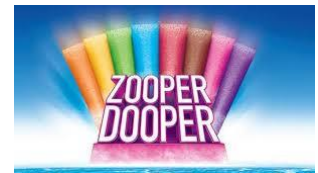
Thank you to those parents who sent a copy of their child's Immunisation form to the office. If you have not yet done so, please don't forget, as this is a government requirement.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

We will be holding our first second hand Uniform stall tomorrow Thursday 13th February at 3.15pm. Donations of old school uniforms are welcome. All items of clothing are \$2.00.

Zooper Doopers

Every year we sell Zooper Doopers to raise money for CARITAS. We will be selling them Thursdays and Fridays at recess. Zooper Doopers will be 50c each.



Change of Details

Please remember to contact the office if you have a change of address, email, phone no etc.

PAM can 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



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Attendance Matters

Explaining Absences

- Report your child's absence before school commences
- Provide a reason for your child's absence
- Notify the school of any upcoming absence

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)

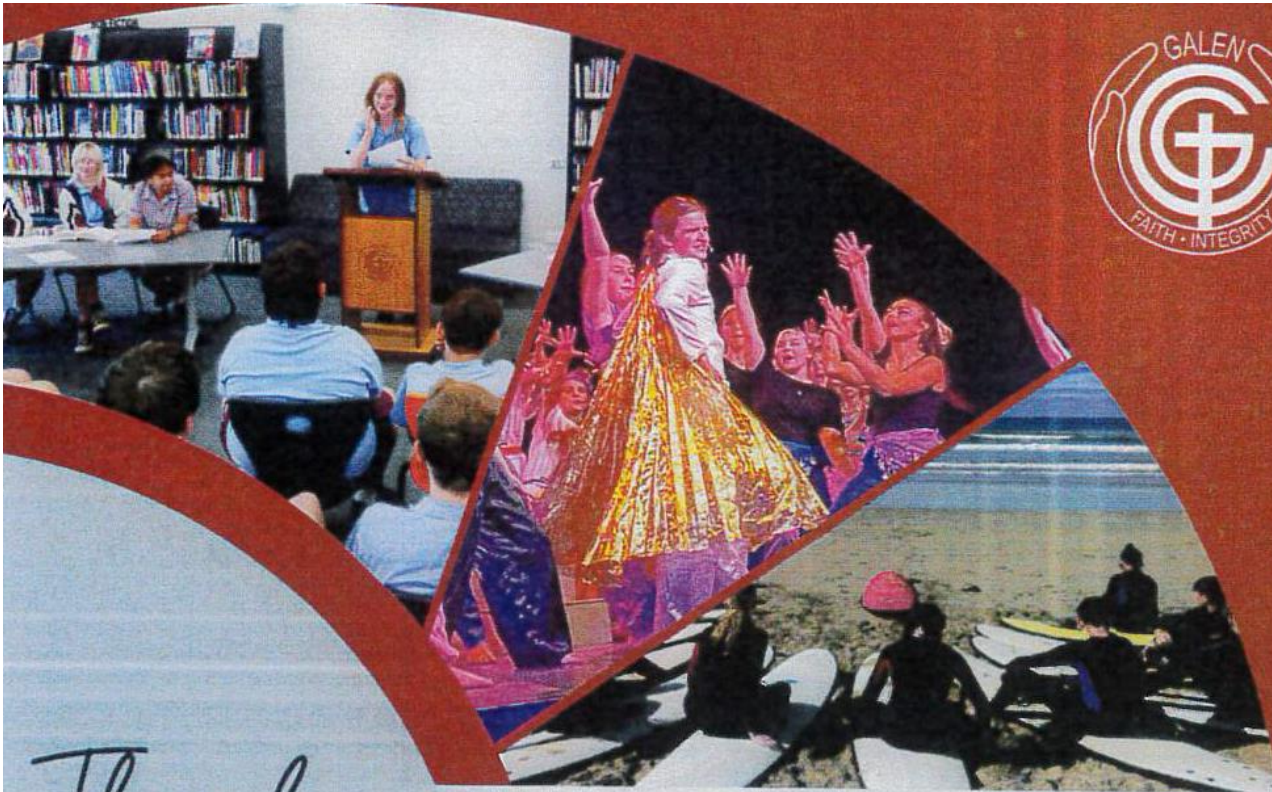
Facebook Page: Catholic Parishes of Wangaratta

DATES TO REMEMBER

February	13 th	-	3.15pm – 3.45pm Second Hand Uniform Stall
	13 th	-	3.30pm Volunteers Information Session
	14 th	-	2.45pm First Assembly for 2025
	19 th	-	6.00pm Save on Media Information Session
	19 th	-	Foundation Rest Day
	21 st	-	5.00pm Gateway Gathering
	26 th	-	Foundation Rest Day
March	4 th	-	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
	5 th	-	Ash Wednesday
	5 th	-	Foundation Rest Day
	10 th	-	Labour Day Public Holiday
	11 th	-	Foundations Commence Full Weeks
	17 th	-	St Patrick's Day
	26 th	-	School Photos
April	1 st	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	4 th	-	1.30pm Easter Assembly (Easter Raffle Draw)
	4 th	-	2.30pm End of Term
	21 st	-	Easter Monday
	22 nd	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	23 rd	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	24 th	-	PUPIL FREE DAY
	25 th	-	ANZAC Day Holiday
28 th	-	9.00am Students Commence Term 2	

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Patterson	Congratulations to HAZEL CORNISH for sharing such insightful information and brilliant thinking for many elements of her learning.
Foundation Mrs Bray	Congratulations to HARRIET REID for the wonderful way you have settled into our classroom. A big thank you for your amazing questions during our ‘Show and Tell’.
Year 1 Mr McDonald	Congratulations to INGRID MICHAEL for her consistent focus and dedication in class. Ingrid’s excellent behaviour has set the standard for the class. Keep up the great work.
Year 1 Mrs Kittelty/ Barry	Congratulations to ELSIE NAISH for a tremendous start to Year One. Elsie demonstrates incredible leadership, independence and kindness. It is a treat to have you in our class, Elsie!
Year 2 Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to FRANKIE ROUTLEDGE for the positive mindset she has demonstrated towards her first week of learning as a Grade 2 student. Frankie has applied herself with focus and determination, consistently producing her best effort. A top effort!
Year 2 Mrs Green	Congratulations to GRACE CABALAR for her positive start to Gr. 2 and her approach to her learning during Initia-Lit. Keep up the great work.
Year 3/4 Mrs Rickard	Congratulations to 3/4 RICKARD for the enthusiastic and calm manner in which you have settled into our class. You have all come to school ready to learn and have a go at everything we have done. You may not be able to do everything YET, but I know you will all keep trying.
Year 3/4 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to EMILIA SLEFENDORFAS for the positive way in which you’ve settled in at St Pat’s and your new classroom. We are so proud of you!
Year 3/4 Mrs Hernan	Congratulations to XAVIER KREMNEFF for the fantastic start he has made to Grade 3. Xavier has settled into the new year with enthusiasm and a growth mindset. He is focused, hardworking and trying his best with all activities given to him. Keep up the great work Xavier!
Year 3/4 Mrs Rizzo/ Malcolm	A B-I-G pat on the back to 3/4 RIZZO for the wonderful, ‘ready to learn’ way you have started 2025. We are going to have a great year. I can feel it in my bones! Thank you!
Year 5/6 Ms Whitehead	A big pat on the back to MIA HILL for the fantastic start she has made at St. Patrick’s. Mia has settled into her new school and is a confident and happy member of our class. Keep up the great work Mia!
Year 5/6 Mr Boyd	Congratulations to WILL HERNAN for the leadership he has shown within the classroom. Will is an eager participant within all classroom activities, displaying enthusiasm and a growth mindset. Excellent start to the year Will, keep up the great work!
Year 5/6 Mrs Ackerly/ Batey	Congratulations to MATILDA GINNIVAN for the exceptional way she has transitioned to senior school! Matilda is always ready for learning through organisation, flexible thinking and active listening. Keep up the great work Matilda!



Thursday
MARCH
6th

5 - 7pm

INVITING YEAR 7 2026 ENROLMENTS

Galen Catholic College warmly welcomes all families to our annual Discovery Evening.

Meet our educators, have a chat, and explore our amazing facilities.

Scan the QR code to register or visit galen.vic.edu.au/enrolmentandtours

What will you

DISCOVER?



Empowering *minds*, enhancing *lives*, embracing *faith*

Spriggy Schools

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools for online lunch orders!

Creating your account

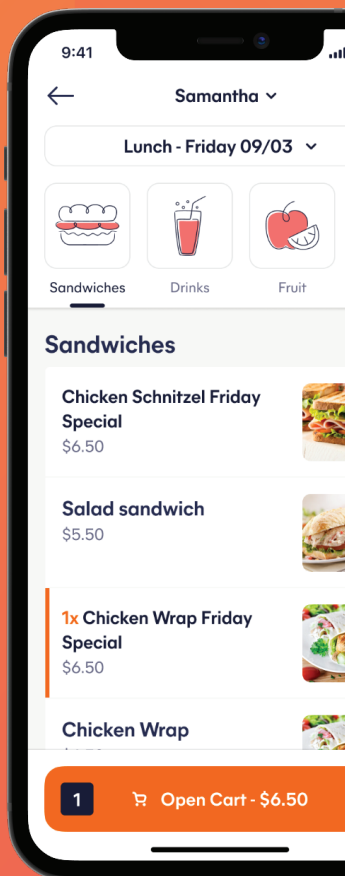
- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time



Download the app now!



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Welcome

to St Patrick's Wangaratta

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



YMCA Victoria is excited to be joining St Patrick's Primary School Wangaratta. Our on-site Outside School Hours Care program launches on **Monday 8th August 2022**. We're starting with After School Care sessions during the term and will also run a School Holiday Program over the spring break.

PROGRAM DETAILS

We tailor our OSHC program to support each child's individual interests and ideas. We perform a variety of planned and spontaneous activities that help children develop life skills and enhance their autonomy. Children are actively encouraged to engage with their peers from all year levels.

Some of our activities include:

- Active play outdoors
- Board games and puzzles
- Construction and engineering
- Cooking and baking
- Music, singing and dancing
- Dramatic and imaginative play
- Homework items and reading
- Sustainability initiatives

HOURS, FEES AND CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

SESSION TYPE	HOURS	SESSION FEE	FEE AFTER MAX CCS*
After School Care (permanent booking)	3:30pm - 6:00pm	\$24.00	\$4.80
After School Care (casual booking)		\$29.00	\$5.80
Pupil Free Day (numbers pending)	7:00am - 6:00pm	\$75.00	\$15.00
School Holiday Program (in house activity)		\$75.00	\$15.00
School Holiday Program (incurison)		\$95.00	\$19.00
School Holiday Program (excursion)		\$105.00	\$21.00

*MAX CSS is the out of pocket fee paid by families who qualify for the maximum Child Care Subsidy percentage (85%). The fees above are calculated at 80% subsidy to allow for the 5% withheld by Services Australia to reduce the chances of an overpayment.

Quick step-by-step guide to enrol



CONTACT US

E: stpatrickswangaratta@ymca.org.au

Scan QR code to visit our website and start enrolment process.



If you have any difficulties, please ring the YMCA service line on (03) 8371 0500.

COME PLAY FOOTBALL!

JOIN THE WANGARATTA FEMALE ROVERS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING AUSSIE RULES?

ALL SKILLS AND ABILITIES WELCOME.

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR TRAINING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

UNDER 12S, UNDER 14S

AND UNDER 17S

CONTACT BRON 0408 522 001



Wangaratta Rovers Female Football Club

