



St Patrick's School Newsletter

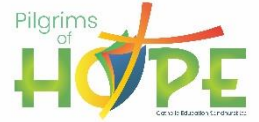
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13th August 2025



St Patrick's Primary School, Wangaratta, would like to acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation, whose clans include Bangerang (Pangerang) Kaitheban, Wollithiga, Moira Ulpna, Kwat Kwat, Yalaba Yalaba and Ngurai-illiam-wurrung, as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is situated.



In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls us to "be dressed for action and have your lamps lit," urging us to approach each day with intention, purpose, and faith. As parents and caregivers, we often navigate the unexpected—early mornings, hectic evenings, and everything in between. Yet, Jesus' message reminds us to remain present and faithful, even in life's smallest moments. Whether through a kind word, a silent prayer, or simply offering love and patience, these everyday acts are how we keep our lamps burning bright. Let us continue to walk in trust, ready to share our light, even when the journey ahead feels uncertain.

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the term! I hope you have all had a chance to enjoy the beautiful sunshine we have been blessed with over the past few days.

Next Monday 18th August is our next Explicit Learning Opportunity for parents to come to school and observe our Multilit & Ochre Lessons. Please call the office to secure a spot. See flyer below.

Thank you to all families who have made payments towards school fees — we really appreciate your support. A friendly reminder to please ensure that Direct Credit payments (those made directly into the school bank account) are up to date. If you're unsure about your balance or need any clarification, don't hesitate to contact Annette or Rosie as soon as possible. Thanks for your attention to this!

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

Saint Patrick

ORIMA surveys

Catholic Education Sandhurst School Engagement Surveys: 18 August – 15 September 2025

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd conducts an annual process for providing feedback, **CESSES**, the Catholic Education Sandhurst School Engagement Surveys.

Selected families will be invited to participate in the Parent Survey. A letter will be emailed next week with a link and code for you to complete the survey. Although your **participation is voluntary**, we strongly encourage you to participate in this survey.

The CESSES survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets the high security and privacy standards for handling parent and school data.

All participation is voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to support the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or to withdraw from the survey at any point before, during or after completion of the survey (prior to data processing).

Book Week Parade

Just a reminder that next Friday 22nd August, at 9.00am, we will be holding our annual Book Week parade. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.



Winter School Sports

On Wednesday, 30 July the Year 5/6 represented our school in Winter School sports in three different sports, football, netball and soccer. There were 4 netball teams, 1 football team, and 2 soccer teams. Schools from around Wangaratta came to compete against each other.

The netball teams went to the Barr Reserve with many other schools from Wangaratta. We played 6 rounds before finding out who was in the finals. The A team won 6 of 8 games and made it to the finals but sadly lost by 2 to the grand finalists. The B team won 4 out of 7 games. One of the games was a close match, and the others were quite hard. The C team won 2 out of 7 games and played good but had some hard competition.

The D team won none out of 7 but played their best and enjoyed the experience. At the end of the day, we were all happy with how we went, and some tough competition and great encouragement, but overall, it was a really fun day for everyone.

The football team for winter school sports had three games. Our first game was against Sacred Heart, Mrs Gorman's old school, which was their B team and we beat them 56 to 16, and we called it the Gorman Cup, so we won, Mrs Gorman!

Then we played at Yarrunga Primary School. We came back and kicked four goals to come back with the win. Oliver Forster kicked those four goals to help us win the game. In our final game against Benalla (Saint Joey's), we were defeated.

The Soccer teams played well and had a great day playing against schools from around Wangaratta. The A team defeated Appin Park, 2 Wang West teams, and played Sacred Heart in the Grand Final, but lost to a penalty shootout. Everyone enjoyed and had a good day by encouraging each other and playing to the best of their ability.

Overall, the day was great, and everyone enjoyed it and encouraged everyone to play their best. There were close games and hard competition for all the teams. Everyone was happy with how they played and gave it their all.

Written by Max and Elsa
(Media Team)

AFL 9s

The Year 5/6 students will attend Galen College on Friday 15th August at 10.30am to 2.30pm to participate in AFL9s.

This Carnival will be conducted by the Galen VET Sport & Rec students.

SIMON Everywhere APP

For notifications from school please install the Simon Everywhere App to your phone. Instructions for the App is at the bottom of this Newsletter.



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



Direct Debit - Fees

Our next Direct of Fees for 2025 will be this Friday 5th September 2025.

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 (Children's Liturgy)
Sunday	10.00am Moyhu
Sunday	10.00am Whitfield (1st Sunday)

Facebook Page: Catholic Parishes of Wangaratta

Gr 3-6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 29th August @ Bill Eaton Athletics Complex, Appin Park



Students to come in house colours and wear appropriate sports clothing for the day. Families welcome to come and cheer with us all. BYO deck chair and Coffee Van available on the day!

Anyone available to assist with marquee and athletics equipment set up the morning of (7:30am onwards) please email Mrs Cornish:
lcornish@spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au

DATES TO REMEMBER

August	15 th	-	2.45 Assembly
	15 th	-	Yr 5/6 – AFL 9s - Galen
	18 th	-	9.10am Parent Engagement Session (Literacy)
	22 nd	-	9.00am Book Week Parade
	22 nd	-	2.45pm Assembly
	29 th	-	Yr 3-6 Athletics Day
September	1 st	-	9.10am Parent Engagement Session (Literacy)
	4 th	-	Father's Day Stall
	5 th	-	Father's Day Breakfast
	5 th	-	2.45pm Assembly
	5 th	-	Direct Debit
	15 th	-	Dental Van Visit
	19 th	-	Footy Colours Pie Day
	19 th	-	2.30pm End of Term 3



Human Beings are Social Creatures

Let school help
your young person

- flourish
- thrive
- connect
- conquer



**St Patrick's
Primary School**

MultiLit



OCHRE
EDUCATION

EXPLICIT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY



Purpose:

To demonstrate the aim behind the MultiLit and Ochre models of curriculum delivery in literacy.

For parents to understand the structure of a MultiLit or Ochre lesson related to literacy.

Meeting point: Staffroom at 9:10 am; Mrs Gorman to direct parents to relevant classrooms

*Maximum 5 parents per classroom session

Parents will gather in the staffroom following the immersion and chat with staff (who have run the sessions), and engage in a 'notice and wonder'.



Contact Annette Or Rosie to
make a booking:

03 5721 5795



MONDAY

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Grades 2,
3/4 and
5/6

MONDAY

18

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Grades 2,
3/4 and
5/6

MONDAY

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Grades 1,
3/4 and
5/6

PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation Mrs Patterson	Congratulations to DWIGHT RITCHIE for the wonderful reading and spelling he has displayed. DJ is a leader in all our InitialLit lessons and gives 100%. Keep it up DJ!
Foundation Mrs Bray	Congratulations to LEO BENCI for his amazing reading and writing achievements. Leo, we are super proud of the way you have worked consistently to achieve your best. Keep up the super work, Leo.
Year 1 Mr McDonald	Congratulations to SONNY TISO for his amazing work in mathematics. Sonny has shown great skill in skip counting by 2s and 5s. His confidence and determination is outstanding! Keep it up, Superstar!
Year 1 Mrs Kittelty/Barry	Congratulations to LACHLAN DYER for the tremendous effort he is putting into completing set tasks and staying focused during learning time. Your dedication and persistence are shining through. Keep up the great work, Lachlan – we are so proud of you!
Year Mrs Nicoll	Congratulations to OLIVER ROBINSON for the focus that he is demonstrating towards his learning. Oliver is eager to begin learning each day, he applies himself to all tasks with a positive mindset, and he asks questions to clarify his understanding. Keep up the fantastic effort, Oliver!
Year Mrs Green	Congratulations to ARCHIE ELLIS for making positive choices in the classroom and when playing outside. Well done Archie on your hard work and keep up the great work.
Year 3/4 Mrs Rickard	Congratulations to ALEXIS DELANEY for the excellent work she is completing during our literacy lessons. Alexis is working hard on her spelling patterns and sentence level writing to ensure she is continuing to develop her skills in these areas. Keep up the great work Alexis.
Year 3/4 Ms Rinaldi	Congratulations to MAX PATTERSON for the strategies you use to solve complex Numeracy tasks. You apply your knowledge of concepts to complete problems with accuracy. Keep up the great work!
Year 3/4 Mrs Hernan	Congratulations to STEPHANIE HELLEBRAND for the engagement that she is demonstrating during Literacy and Numeracy sessions. Stephanie participates with enthusiasm and thoughtfully contributes to class discussions. Keep up the excellent effort Stephanie!
Year 3/4 Ms Sirianni/Malcolm	Congratulations to ZOE CARLYON for the fantastic effort she has put into sharing her language and vocabulary knowledge during English lessons. Thank you for the wonderful suggestions, Zoe!
Year 5/6 Ms Whitehead	A big pat on the back to LULU VIHM for the care and attention she put into her work during our Maths angles unit. Lulu used a protractor with precision. Keep up the great work!
Year 5/6 Mr Boyd	Congratulations to ABIGAELE NEVINSON for the engagement she has displayed throughout our class novel. Abigael has shown a deep understanding of the setting while being able to explain some of the complex vocabulary to her classmates. Keep up the excellent work Abigael!
Year 5/6 Mrs Ackerly/Batey	Congratulations to ETHAN PARKINSON for the diligent way he is working at developing positive learning habits and attitudes during learning and teaching time. Ethan is self-reflecting and making great progress. Keep up the great work!

BOOK FAIR

A big thank you to all who supported the Book Fair! We had yet another outstanding result with total sales being \$4619.73. We receive a 20% commission on this amount which goes to helping stock the library with new books, which I have bought books to the value of \$385 from the Fair and received \$704.00 cash commission. Again, your support and dedication to our school is very much appreciated.

Thanks,

Rosie



You are warmly invited to celebrate
The 150th Anniversary
of
Holy Cross Catholic Church,

2335 Whitfield Road Moyhu
Sunday, September 14 2025,
Thanksgiving Mass 10.00am

To be followed by a Light Luncheon and
Historic Display at the
Moyhu Soldiers Memorial Hall

Please RSVP by Wed. August 27 for catering
and planning purposes.

Julie - 0458293572
Vicki - 0488 177 713
Joan - 0427 276 392

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 13
September at 10.00am
in St Joseph's Church Whitfield as part
of the celebration

Bullying No Way Week is returning 11–15 August 2025



Bullying No Way

Bullying. No Way! provides trustworthy and practical information about bullying for educators, families and young people. Bullying. No Way! is the trusted government source of quality resources for creating safe and supportive learning environments.
bullyingnoway.gov.au

Bullying No Way Week is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools. It provides an opportunity for schools to create a shared understanding about bullying behaviours and share their bullying prevention policies and strategies. As a school we work together in our Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program educating children to speak up, be bold and be kind. It takes courage to spark change.

Bullying is everyone's responsibility. It takes a community to be brave and address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate.

Students can be bold, kind and take a stand to support others being bullied. While parents and teachers are there to support children and young people learn how to behave in a positive way.

In our community and in our school, we want a place where everyone can belong, a place that celebrates everyone, and where bullying is never accepted.

A great website to access on tips on how to work with your children around this is:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Father's Day Stall

We will be holding our Father's Day stall on Friday 4th September starting at 9.00am.

Father's Day Stall



WANGARATTA MAGPIES



AGES 5-10 YEARS OLD
\$75 PER CHILD

WEDNESDAYS 5.30PM
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Each registered participant receives a
Woolworths Cricket Blast pack!



10 Sessions:

Wed 5th Nov- Wed
10th Dec (6 weeks)

School holidays
break

Wed 4th Feb- Wed
25th Feb (4 weeks)

SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO
REGISTER!





- 🏀 STARTS WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST
- 🏀 SUITABLE FOR GIRLS AND BOYS 4-9 YO
- 🏀 WEDNESDAYS 4-5PM
- 🏀 WSAC SHOW COURT 1
- 🏀 COACHES MARK AND ELLY CHYNOWETH
- 🏀 \$85 FOR 7 SESSIONS

ENQUIRIES - PLEASE EMAIL AUSSIEHOOPS@WBI.ORG.AU

REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.PLAYHQ.COM/BASKETBALL-VICTORIA/REGISTER/C64152](https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/c64152)



KIDS CRAFT/STEM CLASSES

Central Wangaratta

Make. Build. Create.

Creative classes for Prep-Grade 6 students

THURSDAYS 4-5PM (Sept onwards)

CAPPED AT 15 STUDENTS

Open ended craft, building/construction,
making, playing, experimenting and exploring

Go to www.facebook.com/kidscraftstudiowangaratta
to register your interest (comment or message)

Bookings opening soon!

Preventing bullying: A guide for families

Why it matters

One in six Australian students report being bullied at school. Bullying can seriously affect a child's confidence, mental health and learning. But research shows that strong, connected families can help prevent bullying. Children are less likely to experience bullying – or to demonstrate bullying behaviour – when they feel safe, supported and know what respectful behaviour looks like.

What is bullying?

Bullying is when someone deliberately and repeatedly hurts or intimidates another person, often using their power to cause harm. It may be face-to-face or online and includes:

- verbal (e.g. name-calling, teasing, threats)
- physical (e.g. hitting, pushing, damaging property)
- social (e.g. excluding others, spreading rumours)
- online (e.g. hurtful messages, posting private images).

It's important to know that bullying is not just a one-off disagreement or occasional teasing. Those situations can still cause harm, but bullying is targeted, repeated, and creates a power imbalance.

Ways to strengthen family connections

- Spend time one-on-one – even 10 minutes of child-led time a day strengthens trust.
- Family time – scheduled regular shared family time is linked to better behaviour and communication.
- Listen without judging – ask open questions, and let your child express themselves fully.
- Be a role model – show kindness and respect in your own relationships, online and offline.
- Be consistent – clear routines and boundaries help children feel secure and respected.

Conversation starters

Keeping the conversation open can help your child feel safe to talk. Try:

- “Who did you spend time with today?”
- “What was something that made you smile?”
- “Was there anything that made you feel uncomfortable or upset?”

If your child is being bullied

- Stay calm and thank them – “it's really brave of you to tell me.”
- Describe what's happening – “that sounds like bullying because it's happening often.”
- Make a plan – keep a record, talk to the adults that can provide support, and set follow-up steps.
- Rehearse responses – help your child practice confident ways to ask for help or walk away safely.
- Keep checking in – ask how they're feeling and monitor any changes in mood or behaviour.



If your child is demonstrating bullying behaviour

- Stay curious, not angry – “can you help me understand what’s been going on?”
- Talk about empathy – “what do you think the other person felt?”
- Set clear expectations – “in this family, we treat others with fairness and respect.”
- Guide them to repair harm – talk about apologies, making amends, or writing a note.
- Work with the school/community group – ask about positive behaviour support or mentoring programs.

Getting help

- If it happens at school or in the community – talk to your child’s teacher, principal, coach or other trusted adult.
- If it’s online – save messages, block the person, report the content and visit esafety.gov.au.
- If someone is in danger – Call 000 straight away.

Support for families

Service	What they offer	Contact
Kids Helpline	Free 24/7 counselling for children and young people aged 5–25	1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au
Headspace	Mental health support for 12–25-year-olds	headspace.org.au
Parentline	Confidential support for parents and carers	Parentline in your state or territory
Raising Children Network	Trusted parenting advice, videos and tools	raisingchildren.net.au
Bullying No Way	National resource on bullying prevention	bullyingnoway.gov.au
eSafety Commissioner	Cyberbullying info and reporting platform	esafety.gov.au

Final tips

- Act early. If something feels wrong, talk to your child and involve the school or community organisation.
- Keep notes. Writing down incidents helps everyone respond clearly and quickly.
- Work as a team. A partnership approach makes a big difference.
- Take care of yourself. Supporting a child through bullying can be emotional. It’s okay to ask for help too.

Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.

Every small action at home helps create a safer and more respectful community for all young people.

