My message this week will be short and sweet.

If you want to get an idea of what God is really like, then look no further than your mum. The love a mother has for her children is priceless and precious. Even into my fifties, I often think about my dear, departed mother (who will never really be departed as long as she lives in my thoughts). I even remember right back to a time when she was able to carry me, almost impossible to believe when you look at the “hulk” I’ve become (no super hero pun intended - but it would be handy sometimes!) and the “dot” of a woman she was by comparison. I remember being loved and being safe.

A mother’s love just “is”. No words will ever adequately explain it. It’s selfless, uncompromising, unconditional, pure and just plain beautiful. You can’t “bottle” it, although I wish you could for those who don’t know the joys of a mother’s love.

The love of a mother (and Father) is at the essence of who God is and it is a tangible way of helping all of us to understand who God is (especially children).

So this Sunday, let’s celebrate Mother’s day and Motherhood with all the gusto that it deserves. It’s not just an opportunity for us to celebrate mums. It’s also a time for MUMS to reflect on how important they are in our lives. It’s okay to love yourselves a little as well ladies and realise that it is ALL ABOUT YOU on Sunday.

Have a great day on Sunday and I hope your families spoil you “rotten”.

Dear Parents,

What a magnificent day last Sunday turned out to be. The MAYFAIR was a resounding success. The final figures aren’t in yet but I suspect a record turnover. This money will be used by the Parents and Friends Association to purchase materials and resources for the school. Last year, you may recall, they purchased new playground equipment and a climbing tower (totalling about $36,000) as well as a number of other items (as well as supporting Mother’s and Father’s day stalls).

THANK YOU CHEMART PHARMACY FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Thank you to the many parents who helped out on the day. There are too many to thank individually but I would like to name three. Shannon McPhan did an awesome job as a key organiser along with Ange Reynolds and Cathy Nesbitt.

The CRAFT mums had the hall looking fantastic which was obviously appreciated by the huge crowds that they attracted. The stalls all looked great and the level of assistance was outstanding.

The food was brilliant (although I must say Nimesh’s idea of mild chilli sauce and mine are totally different – but I loved it anyway!). I wanted a ride on the horses but they told me I was too tall (we all know the real reason though!).

I could go on but I won’t except to say, thank you, thank you, thank you (goodness, I’m starting to sound like Gomer Pyle – for those of you old enough to remember that old sitcom).

Mother’s Day Stall

This Thursday morning, the mums are “at it again” putting on a Mother’s Day stall for the students. So soon after the Mayfair, I don’t know where they get their energy. Students wishing to get mum a present are required to bring along $4.00. The mums have sourced some great things over the past few months to surprise mum with on Mother’s Day. Children will “pop” along to the stall in grade groups beginning at 9.00am. Feel free to call in and lend a hand if you have time.

School Photos

These will take place on 15th May (Friday week). Photo envelopes were sent home a few weeks ago. Could these be returned as soon as possible please?

Winter uniforms are to be worn on the day. We will have a few spare shirts for students to wear as a back up. Some parents are concerned that the long sleeve shirts are not yet available from Steers. This is not a problem as student can wear their short sleeve shirts with their windcheaters on the day.

THANK YOU KRISTY DILLION DESIGNS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Parents and Friends Next Meeting

Due to the recently completed Mayfair (yay!!!) our next meeting is scheduled for 4th JUNE to give parents time to take a bit of a “breather”.

NAPLAN

Next week the students in Years three and five will participate in the Naplan testing. These tests will occur from the 12th to 14th May. Any parent wishing to know more about these tests are asked to contact their child’s teacher. If a parent requests that their child not participate in the Naplan testing, then a withdrawal form needs to be signed by the parents and retained by the school.

Feast on Ovens (Ladies Luncheon)

Tickets are selling well for the Feast on Ovens, ladies lunch, which will be held in our school hall on Saturday 30th May commencing at 12.30pm. Enjoy a two course lunch by Rinaldo’s Casa Cucina, wine and beer, great prizes and a guest speaker. It should be a great girl’s day out. They deserve no less as far as I’m concerned. Tickets are available from the Office.

Catholic Education Week – 22nd to 29th May

All Sandhurst Diocese schools celebrate Catholic Education Week from 22nd to 29th May. During this week activities are planned to celebrate our catholic identity and achievements.

A celebration of all Wangaratta Catholic Schools will be held on 25th May (Monday). We will hold a special prayer service and get-together. The Years Foundation (Prep) to Two’s will come together at St Patrick’s School, all Years Three and Fours will gather at Our Lady’s School and our Years Five and Sixes will assemble at St Bernard’s.

During this week, offers of enrolment will be sent out to new families, the Chronicle will run an article on Catholic Education and each school will have their own way of celebrating during the week.

As part of our Catholic Ed Week activities, we have Andrew Chinn visiting the school. Andrew is a singer/songwriter who records mainly religious education based material. The children are very familiar with his work as we use his songs quite a bit during our liturgies.

School Closure

Just a reminder, that St Patrick’s will be closed on Monday 1st June to allow staff to work on a professional development activity with Karen Starkiss (Special Education).

The latest APP & St Patrick’s School (free App) Newsletter Online

St Patrick's App is available for free to help keep you up to date with our activities and important dates and reminders.

Details can be found at:

http://stpatricksict.wikispaces.com/St+Patrick%27s+Mobile+App

THANK YOU KOOLAMAN FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
**Mass Times**

* Saturday 6.00pm St Patrick's  
* Sunday 8.00am St Patrick's  
* Sunday 9.00am Our Lady's  
* Sunday 10.00am Moyhu  
* Sunday 10.30am Whitfield (1st Sunday)  
* Sunday 10.30am St Patrick's  
* Sunday 5.00pm Latin Mass at St Patrick's

**Terry**

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**CHATTER MATTERS**

Encourage your child to use more interesting sentences by using a variety of adjectives (describing words) and adverbs (words that describe verbs).

See how many adjectives your child can think of about an object eg Cornflakes... (crunchy, delicious, sweet, small) A dog... (furry, timid, ferocious)

How many adverbs can they add to these sentence stems: (Swiftly, slowly); The old man walked; (quietly, timidly, with an odd gait) (Loudly, energetically); The children played; (boisterously, peacefully)

We were all speaking… Get your child to find the adjective and adverbs in their stories and act them out to help them develop meaning.

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**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Over the coming weeks, in the lead up to our School Cross Country and the Districts Cross Country, we are very fortunate to have Anna Pasquali running some training sessions for the students over at Merriwa Park. These sessions will happen on a Wednesday lunch time for interested students.

P-6 School Cross Country at Merriwa Park - Thursday 21st May  
District Cross Country - Friday 5th May

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**Don’t forget…..**

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**  
**THURSDAY 7th MAY**  
$4.00 per present

THANK YOU LIONS CLUB OF WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
MAYFAIR THANK YOU 2015

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this year's Mayfair as you helped to make an extremely successful day for our school!!

It is always so wonderful to see our school community come together to make such an amazing, fun filled day happen. A very special thank you too all of our brilliant coordinators who put in a lot of effort to make sure their stalls were prepared and ready to go on the morning and all of the wonderful volunteers who keep them running during the day. Saturday set up and Sunday pack up crew are always so important, thank you to everyone for all of the effort put in to these two days. Everyone who donated goods, baking, cooking and talents. All of the teachers, students, parents, grandparents and friends who helped in any way. Mayfair cannot happen without any of you so a very big thank you to you all.

There are so many people who make this day happen and I would love to be able to name everyone but it is truly impossible, everyone did an absolutely amazing job! Our School community's commitment to the Mayfair was truly phenomenal. Some worked on the Mayfair for many months before the event. Thank you for your time and brilliant effort. Others stepped up in the days and weeks prior to the event and also achieved incredible results. Whatever your role we are truly thankful.

Thank you everyone!!
From the 2015 Mayfair Committee
Shannon McPhan, Cathy Nesbitt and Ange Reynolds

THANK YOU MAKE-UP BY JOSIE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE BUSINESSES THAT DONATED TO THE 2015 MAYFAIR!

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If your Business or the Business you approached is not on this list please email me immediately. Each Business that donates is important and integral to the running of the Mayfair and we don’t want any left off the Thank You list. shannon@tbcnortheastvic.com.au.

THIRD LITTLE DUCK CATERING

2015 Term 2 Snack and Lunch Specials:

**SNACK:** White Choc and cornflake crunch cookies x 2 (GF*) $1.50

**LUNCH:** Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir Fry with rice (GF*) $4.00

*Gluten Free ingredients are used however the kitchen is not a total Gluten free environment so minute traces of Gluten may be present.

**SEASONAL SPECIALS:**
- Pumpkin Soup with bread roll $3.00
- Tomato Soup with bread roll $2.50
- 3 Chicken Nuggets $1.50

The Team at:
3rd Little Duck Catering
0477 125 934
www.3rdlittleduck.com.au

THANK YOU MARIANNA’S BEAUTY FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation
Mrs Bray
A big pat on the back to DIESEL HILLI for his great listening and always trying his best. Keep it up Diesel!

Foundation
Mrs Rizzo
A big pat on the back to LUCAS BUTLER for working hard in all areas of his learning and persisting with challenges to the best of his ability. Keep it up Lucas!!

Year 1
Ms Collins
Congratulations to JONATHAN BRIGHT for displaying a positive attitude to his work. He settles straight away to his tasks and takes pride in the presentation of his work. Well done Johnny!

Year 1
Miss Smith
A big pat on the back to KOEN EYKENBOOM for always caring for others and making the classroom a wonderful place to be in. Thank you for being a kind and considerate member of the class, Koen!

Year 2
Mrs Cassidy
Well done to SARAH DEL MASTRO for her outstanding reading at the Year 2 mass last week. Sarah’s reading has improved so much this year, as a result of her hard work both at home and at school. We are very proud of you!

Year 2
Ms Rinaldi
A huge pat on the back to RYAN MCKAY for a fabulous nightly reading record. Keep up the great work, Ryan!

Year 3
Ms Daglish
A big pat on the back to WILL PHILLIPS for his determination to succeed in all subjects and puts in 110% every day. You are a champion!

Year 3
Mr Lynch
Congratulations to LUCA JONES for his positive efforts in reading with Mrs Cameron and also his efforts at keeping his maths work neat. Well done Luca!

Year 4
Miss Gaston
Congratulations to TAHLI GIBSON for her excellent leadership when working with other students on our class debate.

Year 4
Mrs Shaw
Congratulations to SAM PHILLIPS for his wonderful contributions during class discussions. Well done Sam!

Year 5
Miss Sartori
Congratulations to MOLLY CANNING for the determination and persistence that she puts into completing her work to a very high standard.

Year 5
Mr Levesque
Congratulations to JESSIE TANCONTIAN for her great enthusiasm when writing sizzling starts, especially her start to tell us why her mum is the best mum ever.

Year 6
Mrs Cornish
Congratulations to ANNA PATON for her insightful contributions during the reading groups this week. Anna always thinks before she speaks… What a great skill!

Year 6
Mrs Rickard
Congratulations to ISABELLE DEVERS for the wonderful work she has been doing on her persuasive writing pieces and taking some great skills in persuading the reading to take her point of view. Well done Isabelle!
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Karen & Karen

Wow! What a wonderful day we had for the Mayfair. Not too hot, not too cold, just right!! A-n-d it was great to see so many families supporting this event. Thank you!

Some important reminders:
- **Mother’s Day Stall** tomorrow starting at 9.00a.m in the hall. Please send $4.00 with your child.
- **Reading** with the children Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9:00am – 9:15am.
- With the cooler weather upon us, please ensure your child’s vests/jumpers/jackets are labelled.
- Please complete and return the School Nursing Program forms as soon as possible.

This week in:
**Religion** – We are identifying and listing the wonderful things in our world and discussing ways that our natural environment is being damaged and how we can do something about it e.g. picking up rubbish. The children are listening to stories related to the unit – Lester and Clyde; Mr Quink’s Garden; and designing ‘I Care for God’s world’ posters for display.

**Literacy** – we are very excited at reaching the last of our alphabet letter foci: “Kk”, “Qq” and “Zz”. We are reading “The Hungry Giant” and “Yes Ma’am” to explore skills that assist us with the reading process such as identifying a letter, word, and sentence; rhyming words; and looking for little words inside words e.g. that – at, hat. We are honing in on the alphabet and high frequency word skills by practicing them each day through games or writing on our whiteboards. In writing, we are learning to (WALT) put finger spaces between words; start a sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full stop; and ‘have a go’ at known and unknown words. The children are doing a great job!

**Mathematics** – we continue representing practical situations to model addition and flipping them, using ten frames, dominoes and unifix blocks then writing number sentences e.g. 2 + 3 = 5 and 3 + 2 = 5. We are also learning about mass (heavy & light) through practical activities such as finding items to see what will float and sink; what is heavier than a shoe/book in our classroom; and using language such as hefting, lighter, heavier, balance.

**Inquiry** – Today we were very lucky to have one of our mum’s, Anna Pasquali, come in and talk to the children about our bodies, which included a skeleton. The children learnt so much and loved it. Thank you Anna!! This week we are learning about eating healthy through stories such as ‘Eat your Greens Goldilocks’, ‘Jasper McFlea will not eat his tea’; using the IWB and art/craft activities.

Yesterday, the children had a visit from James (Ascend shoes), who showed them how to tie up their shoelaces. It is an easy (ha!ha!ha!) nine step process! Today, the children will be taking home a little bag of goodies for the parents to practice with their child. Good luck!

YEAR ONE/TWO – Gen, Janina, Sarah, Amanda & Nara

YEAR 1

Sunday was a really fantastic and a great day for St Patrick’s Mayfair. A big thank you to all who attended and helped at the Mayfair, we really appreciate it. Just a quick reminder, could our parents and guardians please ensure that all children’s items are labelled. We seem to be finding a number of containers left outside our door with no names on them.

THANK YOU MCLEOD’S TRANSPORT FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
**Literacy:**
This week our focus for Narrative writing will be on a story called ‘Peace at Last’. The children will look at the events in the story, the problem and how the problem was resolved. Our spelling focus for this week is the ‘u’ sound as in bun and pup, our blend is ‘cr’.

**Numeracy:**
This week in Numeracy we are learning about ‘Time’. We are mainly focusing on o’clock and half past. The children will participate in a number of activities that help them to learn to identify when it is o’clock and half past. These games include matching the digital time with the analogue time. You can assist your child/children with our numeracy focus by discussing the times with them.

**Inquiry:**
We have had a great start to our inquiry unit ‘Healthy Me, Healthy You. The children were able to identify ‘What it means to be healthy’ and ‘what we do to stay healthy at home’. This week we will discuss types of food that is good for us. The children will be designing and drawing a healthy lunchbox as an activity for this week.

**YEAR 2**
What a great Mayfair. A big big thank you to all our friends and families who helped out in the lead up and on this day. It is a mammoth task and the reason the day was such a huge success was because of the tireless efforts of all of our helpers.

We were very proud of how our students conducted themselves at our Year 2 Mass last week. A special well done to all our wonderful readers on the day! It was great to see our friends and families joining us for this special occasion.

Don’t forget to keep an eye on our Year 2 Blog. This week we have posted some information about our first visit from parameadic, Helen Berry.

A reminder, also, that when students are absent from school, teachers require notification of the absence in either written or electronic form as part of a legal requirement of the school.

**Important dates to remember:**

**Year 2 Assembly – Friday 22nd May**

**Maths**
In Maths this week we are continuing to look at fractions. Last week students recognised fractions of a whole, including halves, quarters and eighths. We are extending our knowledge further this week and looking at halves, quarters and eighths of a collection of objects.

**Inquiry**
Our students are very excited to have started our new Inquiry unit, ‘Healthy Me, Healthy You’, which is focused on, ‘What does it mean to be healthy?’ We were very excited to have Helen Berry, a local paramedic and mum at St Pats, come in to visit last Thursday. Helen will be here the next two Thursdays also. We learnt some basic first aid skills including calling an ambulance and how to stop bleeding.

**Literacy**
This week's spelling sound is the ‘ow’ sound. We created sentences using words that have the ‘ow’

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sound in them. We are also practicing a list of 5 words which we work on throughout the week and then test ourselves on Friday. It has been great to hear that some students have been going home and using the Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress programs. Please see us if you have any concerns with logging your child in.

We have enjoyed creating some Mother's Day crafts this week in Art and in class and we would like to wish all our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday!!

YEAR THREE/FOUR – Trudi/Paul, Michelle, Trish & Annee

MAY FAIR:
Well it is fair to say that the May Fair was once again a very successful day. Thank you to all the families who organised or helped out at a stall. Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up and packing up. The students have been very excited to talk about all the things they did at the fair.

HOMEWORK:
The expectation for Grade 3 & 4 homework is reading each night and practicing their weekly spelling words. We appreciate that students have sports and other interests after school, but this is important to support their ongoing learning. Please ensure this is being followed through at home.

NUDE FOOD:
To help take care of our environment we encourage the students to bring nude food to school. This reduces the amount of rubbish within our school grounds. Thank you to all the families who are continuing to pack nude food lunch boxes. We need to keep asking ourselves what type of future we want for our children.

REMINDER:
Please remember to label all of your child’s belongings. It is quite fresh in the mornings followed by a sunny day, which usually results in a lot of jumpers being misplaced. Labelling clothes ensures we can get them back to their owner, as we know replacing lost clothing is quite expensive.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:
School photos are on Friday 15th May, please have all forms and payment returned to either the office or classroom teacher prior to this date. Students are to wear their winter uniform and black school shoes.

MOTHERS DAY STALL:
This Thursday there is a Mothers Day stall. Students can bring $4.00 to buy something nice for their mums or special person in their lives.

NAPLAN:
Grade 3 students are currently preparing for NAPLAN, which is being held next week on Tuesday 12th May and Wednesday 13th May.

YEAR FIVE/SIX – James, Catherine, Helen & Leah

Religion: We begin a new unit Pentecost – Celebrating the Spirit. This unit explores the liturgical celebration of Pentecost as the coming of the Spirit to the followers of Jesus. Students will develop an understanding of fire, wind and tongues as the symbols of Pentecost taken from the Old Testament. They

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will also develop an understanding of the promise Jesus made to his disciples to send the Holy Spirit to help them carry on his mission.

**Literacy:** In reading this week we are working on the comprehension topic Inferring. Inferring is a skill that we use when we read. It’s about reading between the lines and using clues in the story to guess what happens. Inferring is reading faces, body language and reading expressions.
In writing we continue to develop our skills to help write persuasive texts. A major focus for the week has been to take the time to plan our ideas and provide reasons to support our opinion for different topics and organise our thoughts into sequential paragraphs. One writing stimulus ‘Computer Games – Are they a waste of time?’ created some very interesting arguments in support computer games and against them.

**Maths:** This week Grade 5 are exploring the multiplication and division fact families to help deepen their understanding of the relationship between division and multiplication. For example: $3 \times 4 = 12$, $4 \times 3 = 12$, $12$ divided $3 = 4$ and $12$ divided by $4 = 3$.

Grade 6 are working on worded problems involving multiplication. This involves reading a variety of problems, locating the key information and working out the steps to help solve the problems.

**Interschool Sport:** This week in Interschool Sport St Pat’s Yellow play netball and football at the Barr Reserve against Cathedral and St Pat’s Green play St Bernard’s Green at St Bernard’s. Games will begin at approximately 2:00pm. Thank you to the parents who helped last week with Netball and Football.

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**SCHOOL LEADERS**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM**

Gemma Casagranda, Daimler Tate, Edward Dywer & Declan Lawford

THANK YOU NORTH EAST PICTURE FRAMING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL