I often joke to people that football is “the other religion”. For some this is a throw away line and for others it’s probably a reality (unfortunately!). Now I don’t want to ruin it for everyone, but football played in its best spirit can teach us about God. Well I think so at least.

When we see our footballers playing fair, acknowledging an opponent at the end of a game (let’s call that respect), not arguing about a poor decision, they are modelling some (not all) of the traits that Jesus modelled. It teaches our children and us that these are values worth embracing and it reminds us to strive to be better. When we see our AFL stars visiting the sick and marginalised, we are seeing God at work in our world. To see the smiles on the faces of sick children when visited by one of their heroes is heart warming to say the least. I’m sure that sometimes these footballers attend these things because they are requested to do so by their club (that’s a little of the cynic in me). It’s sad but I have to be realistic – however, I don’t think that they’re all like that. The upshot though is that the powers that be see this as a value which is great modelling for others and a basis of what God wants for us – to be loved and to love unconditionally.

I know that there are times when some footballers let us down with their behaviours. Drug taking, bar fights and other anti social activity. Call me an optimist but there are lessons to be learned here as well. Lessons such as forgiveness, patience, tolerance that we need to show others. Again great traits of Jesus and a way of showing our love for others.

In closing, I just want to say that if God barracks for any football team it must be Collingwood as we have most of the bases covered (if I am to believe any of the silly jokes that I get bombarded with!).

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term three. I hope your children at least had a good break as I am aware that many of the parents needed to work on. My prayer for this term is that parents, staff and students are happy, safe, challenged, respectful of others, can see the joy in life and continue to develop an awareness of God at work in our world. It’s a big ask I know, but not impossible.

THANK YOU MAKE UP BEAUTY BY JOSIE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
COCOLATE DRIVE

Chocolates are being sent home today. This is one of the P & F’s major fundraisers for the year. If you would prefer not to sell the chocolates for whatever reason, simply return them to school as soon as possible. Some families are able to sell more than one box. This can be done by simply contacting Annette or Rosie in the office. Thank you for your support of our school.

Eucharist and Confirmation

The next parent/student meeting for families preparing their child to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist is set down for Thursday, 23rd July (That’s tomorrow week - Please note the change of date as it was previously advertised as Tuesday 21st July). This meeting will be for students and parents. It will commence at 7.00pm and run for about an hour. Please continue to keep the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist in your thoughts and prayers. A prayer for their parents who are leading their children through the program would be great as well.

Eucharist/Confirmation will be celebrated on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd August, 2015.

Welcome to the world Dominic

Austin and Neve Harris have just become a big brother and sister for the newly arrived Dominic. Mother and child are doing well. I often wonder what life will be like for these new arrivals. I hope he has the best life and that he gets to do all the things that technology won’t let me do at the moment (like a holiday on the moon!).

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS Fund (CSEF)

Last term we were made aware of State Government funds that may be available to assist families who have a current Health Care Card, this program is the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). The date has been extended and full details and the application form is available from the office. The completed form must be returned to the school office with a copy of your current Health Care Card by Friday 24th July.

FOOTBALL TRIP RICHMOND v FREMANTLE 25th July, 2015 at the MCG

We now have enough participants for the Footy Trip on Saturday week. I can squeeze a few more bottoms in if people have forgotten to put their name in. The bus will leave from St Patrick’s School at 12.00pm on Saturday week (25th July). Please be at the school at least twenty minutes beforehand as we will leave on time. Most people have paid. For those yet to do so, the cost is $25.00 per adult and $17.00 for students 14 and under. I would like to receive payment at least three days prior to the event to ensure that costs are covered. Payment can be made at the office. Please contact me if there are any difficulties. The offer is extended to family (parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts) and friends of St Patrick’s school, which means they don’t necessarily have to have a child attending the school.

Altar Servers

We are keen to get interested students from Year 4 to Year 6 to participate in Altar Serving. It will mean that once or twice a term a group of students will go to the church and serve at Mass. A form will be sent home in the next week or so for permission from parents of interested students to participate.

THANK YOU P & D OATS CARPET CLEANING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Parents & Friends Meeting tonight

There is a P&F meeting tonight at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

School Board

The next meeting of the School Board is tomorrow week, Thursday 23rd July commencing at 5.30pm in the staffroom.

Closure Day

Just some advanced notice that St Patrick’s will be closed on Friday 21st August to allow staff to engage in a Professional Development activity.

Learning Walk

Our first learning walk for the term will be held on 11th August from 9.00am to about 11.00am. Parents are welcome to join with staff to view the school in action and discuss learning and teaching strategies. Thank you to Helen Lyons for organising this event.

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

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

CHATTER MATTERS

To help develop your child’s vocabulary at home (you may need to adjust the activity to suit your child’s level). See if you can think of more activities! Have a box of different items collected from around the house e.g. items found from the playroom, the kitchen, the bathroom and or the bedroom. An object is picked out of the box and is named, the next person must supply another word that is related to it. The game continues until a player gets stuck and cannot think of another word. Ask your child to justify how the words are related also the relationship between the words may not be immediately obvious until they explain it. eg Pig – Sheep – Cow (all farm animals) – flamingo, galah (all pink)

THANK YOU OVENS AND KING COMPUTER SERVICE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY
15th - 7.00pm P & F Meeting
23rd - 7.00pm Eucharist and Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting
25th - 12.00pm Football Trip RICHMOND v FREMANTLE

AUGUST
3rd – 6th - BOOK FAIR
11th - 9.00am Learning Walk
21st - Closure Day
22nd - 11.00am & 6.00pm Eucharist/Confirmation – St. Pat’s Church
22nd – 28th - BOOK WEEK
23rd - 9.00am Eucharist/Confirmation – Our Lady’s Church

BOOK FAIR

MONDAY 3rd AUGUST TO THURSDAY 6th AUGUST

BOOK FAIR TO BE HELD IN FISH BOWL/LIBRARY

As there are a number of classes to look and purchase books at the Book Fair, we will be viewing the books on Monday and Tuesday, where children will make a wish list to send home, then the children will have the opportunity to purchase books on Wednesday and Thursday. Please check the roster (next week) to see when your child’s class is purchasing. Parents may wish to come in with their child’s classroom or at any time between 9.00am and 3.30pm on Wednesday or Thursday.

Families are not under any obligation to purchase books if they do not wish to.

If children change their minds and want to purchase a different item that exceeds the amount of money they have, they will not be able to purchase that item. We cannot put away books for them until they have the money. If the book they wish to purchase is already sold out, I will be able to reorder most items.

Parents are most welcome to come along also to have a look prior to the Book Fair on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thanks
Rosemary Pane

THANK YOU MARIO SOLIMO FOOTWEAR & REPAIRS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation
Mrs Bray
A big pat on the back to HARPER MCGRATH for the wonderful way she has settled back into school life. Thank you for working so hard!

Foundation
Mrs Rizzo
A big pat on the back to ABBEY PARK for her impressive start to the term and the extra effort she is putting into her learning and being organised in class. Keep it up Abbey!

Year 1
Ms Collins
Congratulations to JACOB FRIGERIO for using his initiative and being very helpful in our art activity, sharing the flower making materials and was the first to help pack up. Great work Jacob!

Year 1
Miss Smith
A big pat on the back to MATILDA O’BRIEN who always demonstrates a lot of empathy towards her peers and is always there to support her friends. Thank you for being such a considerate class member Matilda!

Year 2
Mrs Cassidy
Well done to TYELER MCKINDLAY for focusing really well when completing the Missing Numbers activity, using his knowledge of addition and subtraction facts and seeking assistance when needed.

Year 2
Ms Rinaldi
A big pat on the back to CHARLIE FITZGERALD for making such a great start to Term 3 and returning to routines so smoothly. Keep it up!

Year 3
Ms Daglish
A big pat on the back to MAYA DRAPER for her detailed writing about her holidays and for quietly going about doing her best. Great job Maya, keep it up!

Year 3
Mrs Vincent
A big pat on the back to LUCY COLE for always coming to school with a positive attitude. Lucy is a friend and positive influence to all in the class!

Year 4
Miss Gaston
Congratulations to LAUREN MCINNES for always ensuring her work is presented neatly and to a high standard. Well done Lauren!

Year 4
Mrs Shaw
Congratulations to JAMES HANSEN for the wonderful way he willingly helps everyone, especially with technology. He readily offers to help others who are having difficulties. Great job James!

Year 5
Miss Sartori
Congratulations to LIAM SIMONETTI for displaying a positive attitude in all classroom activities and consistently striving towards achieving his personal best. Keep it up Liam!

Year 5
Mr Levesque
Congratulations to SOPHIE LARKIN for her persistence and asking questions to help her to understand maths problems.

Year 6
Mrs Cornish
Congratulations to LUKE ARCURI for working maturely in his groups reflecting positively on his strengths and weaknesses for our inquiry unit!

Year 6
Mrs Rickard
Congratulations to COOPER HARVEY for his wonderful mathematical thinking during the open ended maths tasks. Keep up the great work Cooper!
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Karen & Karen

Welcome back to all our preps, parents and families! We hope everyone had a relaxing break and the preps have recharged their batteries, ready for another exciting term at school!

This week in:
Religion – during the first half of this term, the children will look at and investigate the unit “What do I know about Jesus?” This week the children will be involved in discussions and activities about what they already know about Jesus and how they can find out more about Jesus.

Literacy - it is great to see so many of the children have brought their readers back after the holidays. This week the children are revising letters/sounds and High Frequency words. They will also be introduced to the ‘at’ and ‘all’ word families through a variety of activities and rhyming stories.

The children are writing stories/letters about their holidays and responding to stories read, focusing on a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence, finger spaces between words and a full-stop at the end of a sentence. They are quite entertaining to read!!

Don’t forget Library is every Tuesday, so please ensure your child has their library bag with book/s. This term we are continuing our shared reading with parents and family every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am – 9:15am. We would love to see you there!!

Mathematics – Throughout the term we will continue to expand the children’s mathematical knowledge of place value through revision, stories, games and exploration activities. This week the children are extending their understanding of counting by naming numbers in sequences up to 20 and beyond, starting from any given point. They will also identify and use everyday language of location, position and direction through picture talks, following directions and stories such as Rosie’s Walk.

Inquiry - our new inquiry unit this term is “How do we communicate with others?” We will begin the unit by asking the children what does the word ‘communication’ mean, then find out what they already know and what they want to know about it. The children will brainstorm all the different ways we can communicate with others and act out/mime different messages without talking.

Bluearth - sport will remain on Monday and Friday.

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

A big welcome back to all the children and families to Term 3! There have been lots of holiday stories shared and the children all seem fit and rested after our winter break.

Literacy
This week we begin our new text type which is Information Reports. We are reading reports about animals from Big Books and learning what facts are. Please ask your children to tell you facts about any chosen subject to reinforce this concept. We have discussed the difference between facts and opinions, so again, please ask them to tell you about this. Our sound for the week is ‘r’ and our blend is ‘sc’.

THANK YOU MONROES HAIR DESIGN FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Numeracy
This week our focus is on **Time**, looking at how long it takes to do certain things and comparing the time needed for different events/activities – time taken to clean teeth, eat lunch, watch a football game etc. We are also working sequencing the days of the week, months of the year and the seasons.

Religious Education
Our first topic for this term is **Creation**. We have read the story of creation from a children’s bible and discussed our favourite things in creation – waterfalls, rainbows, flowers etc. We will sing different songs about creation and incorporate some artwork into this unit.

YEAR 2

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope the holidays were restful and enjoyable – they were certainly well earned for the students, after such a long term previously. This term will be yet another busy one, with lots of exciting things expected to take place.

Mathematics
We continue to focus on the connection between addition and subtraction in mathematics this week. Students will be encouraged to solve subtraction problems using known number facts in addition to assist with this process. Students will also be required to use various strategies to check and confirm that they have the correct answers to the subtraction problems.

Literacy
This week in spelling we are focusing on the ‘bl’ sound as in ‘blanket’. Please continue to hear your child read and remind them to change their readers each day. Reading Eggs is a great online program that can be used at home for reading, using your child’s login details. Please let us know if you have misplaced these details.

Inquiry
This term’s unit is titled, ‘Communicate With Me’. Students will look at various methods of communication, using a variety of formats and media in which to communicate with others. We are excited about this unit and look forward to the many experiences the students will participate in. Watch this space!!

Timetable Changes
This semester, the students will no longer have specialist Art lessons, however there will be Italian lessons taught on a Friday in place of this.
The students’ days for Physical education and Bluearth will remain the same – Monday and Friday. Only on these two days should students be wearing runners and sport socks.
On a Friday the Year 2 students will be fortunate enough to be, once again, involved in Bluearth sessions being carried out with the expertise of Matt Dillon. The students are very much looking forward to this opportunity.
Library borrowing days remain the same – each Tuesday.

Term 3 Dates
Year 2 Mass: Thursday 13th August
School closure day: Friday 21st August
Alpha Show - Beauty and the Beast: Tuesday 25th August
Year 2 Assembly: Friday 4th September

THANK YOU NETWORK VIDEO FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
YEAR THREE/FOUR – Trudi/Paul, Annee, Michelle & Trish

Welcome back everyone!
It certainly is great to be back after a well-deserved break. This term is looking to produce some wonderful learning already.

Maths

This term in maths we will be revising addition and subtraction skills. This will be a good lead up to multiplication and division processes. We are fortunate to have Mr. Brian Kerlin leading us in setting up the program, ‘Earn and Learn’. During this program the children will be using all four maths processes whilst working and learning. We will keep you updated about ‘Earn and Learn’, as we go through the term.

Literacy

The children will be looking at what is required when reading or writing a report about a particular topic. They will learn that a report has many aspects that help us to learn and understand, such as; title, classification, description, and conclusion. We continue to have a strong spelling focus continuing throughout the unit and the children are given words to practice each day using the given strategies to assist them. The children are often asked to practice these words for homework as well.

Religious Education

This week as part of our continuing unit, ‘Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation/Eucharist’, we look at the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Sacrament of Confirmation celebrates the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. We investigate how we can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit when we are serving the community and our fellow students at school.

Confirmation/Eucharist Masses will be celebrated on Saturday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} and Sunday the 23\textsuperscript{rd} August.

Inquiry

Our ‘Earn and Learn’ focus in our unit ties in beautifully with our new Inquiry question, “How does money influence our lives?” Our key understandings for this unit are; money needs to be earned, money is used for a variety of goods and services and there is a difference between needs and wants.

Reminders

Please ensure your children are reading regularly and completing any given homework.

Thank you to the parents who are making sure their children’s clothes are labelled with their names.

From the team in the 3/4 unit, we wish you all a happy week and a great term!

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

Welcome to all our families to the beginning of Term 3! It’s hard to believe how quickly the year is passing by! We hope all the students and parents enjoyed a fun and restful break! We all needed some R and R after that BIG 11 week term!

THANK YOU LIONS CLUB OF WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

We will begin studying Jesus’ role in Luke’s Gospel to look at healing stories, parables and stories of hospitality.

Literacy: editing our writing and making text to self connections.

Maths: This week we begin our Applied mathematical topic on angles. Students have enjoyed identifying types of angles that exist as well as exploring where we need angles in the school to help construct building, furniture and other types of equipment.

Inquiry: Our Inquiry unit is called: “Body, Mind and Soul.” This will help students to review and further explore the relationships they form with themselves, others and their community. Students will be looking at how our body and minds develop as we grow, whilst completing tasks and some outside school activities based on healthy living, mindfulness and community links.

Reminders:

- **Winter Sports:** Next Friday *(Friday 24th July)* Students have selected one of the four sports to play for the day: Soccer, Tee Ball, Netball and Football. Teachers and children will be leaving from school to begin games by 9:30am. Students will return to school at around 2:30pm when the sports have finished. Parents are invited to come and watch with the sports being played at the following venues:
  - Football: Barr Reserve Grounds
  - Netball: Barr Reserve Courts
  - Soccer: Wangaratta Soccer Reserve (Shanley St)
  - Tee Ball: Softball Complex (Murdoch Road)

- **School Uniforms:** Could all parents please ensure that all school uniform items are clearly labelled. During our Inter School Sports we had lots of items found between changes that weren't able to be returned to their owners because they weren’t labelled.

- **Robotics:** The Year 6 students are lucky to be involved in the TAFE Robotics program that is being run by Mr Justin McMahon. Year 6 Cornish will begin this term. The robots will be constructed during school time, however, could parents please be mindful that our schedule days at TAFE for programming and tours are 12th and 19th August.

- **First Aid sessions:** For the next 3 weeks, Helen Berry will be working with the Year Fives every Tuesday afternoon. A big thankyou to Helen Berry for giving up her time to work with this group.

- **Inter School Sports Uniforms:** Could we please have all uniforms returned so we can give students their uniforms for winter sports.

THANK YOU NU-FRUIT WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Pangerang Community House

FREE Community BREAKFAST

WHEN:  
Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings

WHERE:  
Tuesday – White Street Church, Corner White & Burke Streets, Wangaratta  
Wednesday – West End Rotunda (off Lowe Court), Wangaratta

TIME:  
Tuesday 8.00am – 8.45am, Wednesday 8.00am – 8.30am

We will be providing a community breakfast two mornings a week to anyone who would like to come along.

PHONE 0357213813 FOR MORE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY HEALTHY LUNCH

We have fortnightly get togethers to share some healthy food together, cooking experiences, ideas for healthy foods and good company. Tuesdays from 11.00am -12.30pm $5.00 per person including lunch

Bookings Essential

Dates for term 3:-

28th July, 11th August, 25th August, 8th September

PHONE 0357213813 FOR MORE INFORMATION
Pangerang Community House

TERM 3 COURSES
FOR CHILDREN

Children’s Drawing
This class is for children who already enjoy drawing, it will teach them new techniques and the use of different mediums such as pencil, pastel
Dates: 5 x Thursdays 30th July – 27th Aug  Time: 4.00-5.00pm  Cost $50.00

Children’s Cooking
This course is for primary school aged children who have an interest in learning about cooking. They will learn basic techniques and recipes that they can go home and share
Dates: 4 x Thursdays 20th Aug – 10th Sept  Time: 4.00-5.00pm  Cost $40.00

Children’s Yoga
This is a great children’s yoga class, with the focus on FUN. Yoga helps teach breathing, stretching and relaxation.
Dates: 4 x Tuesdays 4th Aug – 25th Aug  Time: 4.15-5.00pm  Cost:$40.00

Please contact Pangerang Community House for more information or to make a booking, phone (03) 5721 3813
Parenting Courses
Term 3 2015

TUNING INTO KIDS – Emotionally Intelligent Parenting – Returning in term 4
A program for parents/carers of children aged 2 – 8 yrs that helps you tune into your children’s emotions and manage their behaviour. Learn about ‘emotion coaching’ – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions. The program helps you to respond to your children’s individual needs in a way that suits the child and the family.
This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM
An informative and fun course for parents of children aged 2 – 10 years that promotes positive, caring relationships between parents and their children. Looks at causes of childhood behaviour, encouraging desirable behaviour, building positive relationships and managing misbehaviour.
This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service
Date: 4 x Tuesdays 28th July – 18th August  Time: 10.00 – 12.00 noon  Cost: $35 / $25 conc

“Whatever” Parenting Adolescent
This 1 week course looks at adolescent development and the impact this has on parenting. It helps parents to use “emotion” “Coaching” to connect with their adolescent and help them learn to understand and regulate their emotions.
Date: 1 x Monday 27th July  Time: 7.00-9.00pm  Cost: $10.00
Date: 1 x Monday 31st August  Time: 7.00-9.00pm  Cost $10.00
This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

Resilience & Anti Bullying
This is a 2 hour information session for parents to learn some strategies for helping children learn resilience and ways of helping them with bullying.
Date: 2 x Monday 17th & 24th Aug  Time: 6.00-8.00  Cost: $20.00/ $15 conc
This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

Please contact Pangerang Community House for more information or to make a booking, phone (03) 5721 3813