Yesterday, I attended the funeral of Wayne “Wayno” Tennant, Amanda Cassidy’s dad. I’ve never met him but I know his daughter and that’s pretty impressive in itself. I went to support her and her family at this sad time. He was definitely a man loved by a great number of people. That in itself says something of the authenticity of the man.

What struck me most was the amount of love in the room for Wayne and his family. A good, honest, hard working, loving family man! Having listened to the eulogies, you couldn’t help but to be drawn to the goodness of Wayne. I’m sure, like the rest of us, he also had his faults but a funeral is a place to remember and celebrate a life well lived.

It was also a time when I remembered the passing of my own parents so that I could empathise with their experience. It also reminded me that despite the fact that they are no longer of this earth, they are alive in my thoughts and the way they taught me to live my life.

My faith tells me that death isn’t the end; it’s the gateway to life in the fullness of God. A God that loves us unconditionally! God that sees us for who we are and still draws us ever closer, despite our faults and failings. God who sees and values the good in us!

If there was a “lotta love in the room” yesterday, to me, there was also a “lotta God in the room”. God doesn’t exist in some ethereal place. God is in all of us and in all things. When we express love for our fellow man, we are letting the part of us that connects to God shine out and make the world a better place. Wayne was obviously a loved person who will be remembered and celebrated in the life of his wife, children and grandchildren and his many, many friends and acquaintances. If he had one flaw that I could spot, it was that he was an Essendon supporter and for that trait alone Amanda has my unbridled sympathy.

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, Helen Lyon’s organised and led a Learning Walk around the Junior school. We had a good number of parents who wandered around the classes accompanied by either: Helen, Nara Nicoll or myself. There was lots of positive feedback from the experience. We will hold another Learning Walk in term four looking at the workings of the middle and senior school. I’ll advertise a date for that when it has been determined. Everyone is welcome to join us.

THANK YOU GABBY – HANDMADE RESIN JEWELLERY FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
**Eucharist and Confirmation**

Some of our Year Four students are in the final stages of their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This celebration will take place the weekend after next. There are two Masses at St Patrick’s on the 21st August. One at 11.00am and the other at 6.00pm. The Bishop will also celebrate a third Mass at 9.00am on the Sunday (22nd August). Please continue to keep the students preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in your thoughts and prayers as they enter the final weeks of their preparation.

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

**Sandhurst Schools Education Board (SSEB)**

Tomorrow, Thursday, we welcome the members of the SSEB to our school. They will spend the day conducting their meeting in our hall.

The overarching advisory body in education in Sandhurst is the SSEB. This is made up of our Director of Education (Sandhurst), the Bishop and/or his representative, Educational leaders and School Board representatives. They meet once per term in a variety of venues. This is the first time that we have welcomed this prestigious group to our beautiful school. The students will join with them for prayer and there will be a short presentation focusing on the life of the school. I plan to share with them some of our rich history.

**Sweet Baby SEBASTIAN!**

CONGRATULATIONS to Felicity and Simon Brettig and their beautiful children, Emmy and Ingrid on the safe arrival of Sebastian. I saw Sebastian (and Simon) yesterday picking up Ingrid (Foundation Bray) from school. She is going to be a wonderful big sister.

**LOST PROPERTY**

WE have “oodles” of lost property in our lost property cupboard at the moment. Lots of jumpers and windcheaters, lunch boxes, drink bottles and goodness knows what else. Please feel free to pop in and check out the lost property cupboard and reclaim any lost items. It’s probably, also, timely to remind parents to check that their child’s uniform is marked with their name so anything lost can easily be returned without making it to the lost property bin.

*It was pleasing to see that some of our parents are on the job to do something about this issue. Once finalised, I will share their plans with all of you. In the meantime, please come and check out the lost property cupboard and reclaim any lost articles.*

**EARN & LEARN Stickers**

I was in Woolworths the other day and noticed that our EARN & LEARN sticker box had quite a few stickers in it. Thank you for your support in collecting stickers for the school. Don’t forget to get grandparents, relatives and friends on the job as well, as we receive great benefit from the resources that we acquire from this program.

THANK YOU **GOODYEAR AUTOCARE WANGARATTA** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
CLOSURE DAY

A reminder that St Patrick’s will be closed on Friday 21st August (Friday week) to allow staff to engage in a professional development activity.

P&F Chocolates

It’s time to start returning the chocolates or the money for those who have not already done so. We would like all chocolates and money returned by Friday.

Thank you to all who have returned chocolate money so far. This has been an enormously successful fundraiser for the school. All of the money raised will go towards the purchase of resources and upgrading of facilities at the school. On behalf of the students, I would like to thank you all for your generous support of this Fundraiser.

Beauty and the Beast

On the 25th August, the students will be attending a performance of “Beauty and the Beast”. This show will be performed by the Alpha troupe of actors who have visited our school a number of times before. These experiences not only entertain our children, they also go a long way to help them to develop an appreciation for the performing arts, something that I hope that they take with them into adulthood. The cost for attending this show comes from the levy that parents paid at the beginning of the year.

“I Am Jack”

On Friday, 14th August, our Year Five and Six classes will be attending a play at the PAC called, “I Am Jack”. The central theme of this play, based on a true story, is about bullying. I believe that it is timely to show our students this play to continue to build resilience at a stage in their lives when they can become more and more exposed to bullying behaviours.

Family Tickets - We have two family tickets (free) to the evening performance of “I Am Jack” (4 tickets per family) to be performed at the PAC Thursday 13th August at 6.30pm. Please contact the office if you are interested in taking up the offer. The performance is targeted at 8 to 14 year olds (not recommended to children any younger).

Book Week

Just to give parents plenty of notice that Book Week will be celebrated during the first week in September. This will culminate in a Book Parade on Thursday 3rd September (which is also the day of our Father’s Day Stall) where students can come dressed up as their favourite book character. It was originally gazetted as the Friday but that is the day of our Father’s Day Assembly.

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://www3.spwangaratta.catholic.edu.au/
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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

CHATTER MATTERS

When you are shopping at the supermarket pick two objects and encourage your child to describe how they are the same and different. For example: Carrot/Zucchini – They are both vegetables, they are both long and skinny, but they are different colours, and don’t taste the same.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property cupboard is overflowing with lots of jumpers, hats and vests – please come in and sort through if you are missing anything.

CRAFT GROUP

The craft group are looking for old doilies. If you have any and no longer need them could you please send them to Annette in the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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THANK YOU JUBILEE GOLF CLUB WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
## PAT ON THE BACK

### Foundation

**Mrs Bray**  
A big pat on the back to **GEORGINA BLAKE** for the wonderful way she is accepting challenges with her work. Keep up the great work Georgina – we love the way you are adding so much detail to your work.

**Mrs Rizzo**  
A big pat on the back to **LACHLAN MURTAGH** for the extra effort he is putting into his learning, presentation of work and interesting contributions to class discussions. Keep it up Lachie!

### Year 1

**Ms Collins**  
Congratulations to **JESSICA ARBUTHNOT** for the enthusiastic attitude she displays to all her learning and for always being friendly and helpful to others. Well done, Jessica!

**Miss Smith**  
A big pat on the back to **OSCAR DATSON** for working hard on his spelling at home and school. Keep up the great spelling work, Oscar!

**Mrs Nicoll**  
Congratulations to **LUCY NOLAN** for the effort she has placed into improving her handwriting. Well done, Lucy!

### Year 2

**Ms Rinaldi**  
A big pat on the back to **LUCY DWYER** for her ongoing commitment to reading and writing. Lucy should be proud of her achievements!

### Year 3

**Ms Daglish**  
A big pat on the back to **ALEXANDRA MITCHELL** for showing persistence with work tasks and always trying her best. Well done Alexandra!

**Mrs Vincent**  
A big pat on the back to **PATRICK ARBUTHNOT** for taking his role as Bank Teller in the Earn & Learn very seriously. He is doing a fantastic job. Well done Patrick!

### Year 4

**Miss Gaston**  
Congratulations to **SIENNA SIMS & SHAELEA HURLEY** for the professional way they have conducted themselves in running their Jewellery and Giftware Store in Earn & Learn.

**Mrs Shaw**  
Congratulations to **JAIMIE FIELD** for the excellent presentation she gave about Mary Mackillop to our visitors this week. Well done Jaimie!

### Year 5

**Mr Levesque**  
Congratulations to **HARRY GORMAN** for completing his weekly reading and spelling activities at home. Keep it up Harry!

### Year 6

**Mrs Cornish**  
Congratulations to **LACHLAN BRAY** for going out of his way to assist Mr Levesque with the bins at school. It’s great to have such a helpful leader in our school.

**Mrs Rickard**  
Congratulations to **DANIELLE CICCONE** for the quiet and diligent way she approaches all tasks in and out of the classroom.

### Sports Award

**Mrs O’Connor**  
Congratulations to **COOPER HAWKINS** for his great attitude and sportsmanship at Inter-school Soccer.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Karen & Karen

It was wonderful to see old and new families on our ‘Learning Walk’ yesterday. The children were very excited to show their skills!

Just a few reminders:
• Visiting the Chronicle - Foundation Bray on Tuesday 18th August and Foundation Rizzo on Thursday 20th August.
• Visiting the Council Chambers on Wednesday 19th August – to be confirmed
• School closure Friday 21st August.

This week in:
Religion – in this week’s unit the children will listen and respond to bible stories and a Godly play about Jesus, being baptised by his cousin John the Baptist and ‘Jesus feeding five thousand.’ We will also answer any wonders the children want to know about Jesus as they arise.

Literacy - each week the children are revising letters/sounds and High Frequency words through games, whiteboard activities, LSCWC and stories. This week the children are being introduced to word shapes, which is another decoding tool that will help with their reading.
The children are enjoying having a Post Office set up in each classroom and they are busy writing letters, cards …to their neighbours and buddies. The children have designed their own letterboxes and are ready for mail. So parents, friends and families if you have a letter or card you would like to send to your child, please mail it through the class letterbox and it will be delivered to their personal letterbox. It would really make their day!!!
Don’t forget Library is every Tuesday and shared reading with the preps every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00am – 9:15am. We would love to see you there!!

Mathematics – we are continuing 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 2D and some 3D shapes by identifying, sorting and describing attributes of circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, cubes and spheres. We are also revising and matching ordinal numbers and words up to 10th and beyond.

Inquiry – this week’s focus is on visual communication. The children are looking at and listing different ways people can communicate through writing and pictures e.g. magazines, newspapers, books, paintings, posters, ads… They will look at the picture storybook “Mirror” and read “The Pencil” and paint a picture that tells a story. Next week the children will be visiting the Chronicle and the Council Chambers to see how they communicate with the community.

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

YEAR 1

Literacy

We are continuing our work on Information Reports. This week we are reading information about

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African Elephants from a Big Book and also we have read and discussed an interesting book called *Grouping Living Things*. The children will again use some of the information they have learned to write simple reports.

Our sound for the week is ‘k’ and our blends are ‘sn’ and ‘sp’.

**Numeracy**

Our focus continues on subtraction this week. The children are using number lines to complete subtraction activities and play subtraction games, and also having experiences in writing subtraction number sentences. The terms - *take away, subtract, number sentence* and *equals* will be used.

**Inquiry**

Last Friday morning we had a very interesting visit from Leonie Walsh of the CEO in Bendigo who taught us some sign language and Braille as part of our Communication unit. The children had opportunities to ‘write’ words in Braille and they learned how this system of writing works for blind people. This week we are also looking at facial expressions as an important method of communicating with others.

**YEAR 2**

Welcome to week five in the Year 2 area. We continue to keep Mrs Cassidy and her family in our prayers and ask God to give them strength throughout this difficult period. At this stage, we are unsure as to when Mrs Cassidy will be returning.

Please note that our Year 2 Mass scheduled for Thursday (tomorrow) has been postponed until further notice. Fr Mike has a busy schedule at the moment and has to attend to other masses during this time. Our apologies to those who had changed their home and work schedules to attend this mass.

**Mathematics**

Last week we began a new unit on ‘Money’. Students have been using games and number stories to relate the use of money to everyday situations. They have also looked at the value of each coin in our currency and different features on the notes and coins, including famous Australian people and animals. In Measurement and Geometry, the students have continued the unit on ‘Length’, measuring their arm span and making comparisons.

**Literacy**

This week in spelling we are focusing on the sound ‘cl’ as in ‘clap’. Perhaps you could ask your child to name things around the home beginning with, or containing, the ‘cl’ blend. We have also continued to focus on using conjunctions in our writing, to enhance the complexity of our sentences.

**Religious Education**

We are currently focusing on ‘Creation’ in our latest unit where students have been exploring the wonders of God’s gifts. As well as identifying God’s presence in the world around us, the students have also experienced the story of Creation from an Indigenous perspective – reading dreamtime stories and discussing our original custodians of the land, here in Wangaratta.

THANK YOU KRISTY DILLON DESIGN FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Term 3 Dates

School closure day: Friday 21st August
Alpha Show - Beauty and the Beast: Tuesday 25th August
Year 2 Assembly: Friday 4th September

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

Well the weeks are really flying pass at a rate of knots! Lots of coughs and colds around but we are all trudging on regardless.

Maths
In maths we have been continuing to investigate multiplication and division. The children will learn how closely related these two processes are. Division reinforces us having a strong knowledge with the times tables. Therefore, multiplication skills continue to be high on the list. The children are looking at different arrays and number factors to further consolidate their multiplication and division skills. We are also looking at word problems and what skills we need to work out such problems, looking for key words in the written problem etc. Year 3 have been doing time in Maths Yr 3V also have a reading log to be filled out and brought in every Thursday.

Literacy
Lots of different styles of informational reports are happening in each classroom. Some children have researched Mary MacKillop and presented it in a report about the wonderful woman she was and the amazing legacy that lives on in her name. There are reports about different animals, sport and countries too. Spelling as usual is practiced throughout the week daily. The children look for meaning in their words and search for definitions of words they are unfamiliar with. They also research the origin of the word - where is originated from - this often gives clues in the spelling of an unfamiliar word. Please ask your child what is their spelling focus for the week.

Religious Education
It is getting closer to the children receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist and so within our classes we are celebrating this wonderful time with all children. Fr Mike will be visiting the children this Thursday to meet with them and answer any queries they might have.

Just a reminder to please let the Presbytery know what mass your child will be attending as they need to know for administration purposes.

Confirmation/Eucharist Masses will be celebrated on, Saturday the 22nd and Sunday the 23rd August.

Inquiry
Earn and Learn continues to be our main focus during Inquiry. This program displays beautifully the many influences money has on our daily lives. The children have been amazing with their enthusiasm in the setting up of Earn and Learn.

The children have been deducting their weekly expenses from their ‘gross’ earnings and have been

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stunned as to how much money is left at the end! I think we call this a ‘reality check!’ We are hoping the children will learn by the end of the unit just how much money does influence our lives.

**Reminders**

* Please ensure your children are reading regularly and completing any given homework.
* Year 4 Shaw, Gaston, Daglish and Vincent have reading diaries that are to be filled out please; this helps us to record children’s active home reading.
* **Parents of children receiving their Sacraments are to ring the Presbytery to finalise which Mass their child will be attending please.**

Thank you for your continued support in your child’s learning.

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

**Religion –**

Students are continuing with the unit Who is Jesus in Luke’s Gospel? We have been looking at the story of Lost Sheep. We have been discussing what message Jesus had in this story. Why did the shepherd go and search for the lost sheep? Who or what does the lost sheep represent? What connections can we make with the story and reality?

**Literacy -**

Reading: We are focusing on predicting and locating topic words in nonfiction texts. This will help us to understand and summarise the key in texts and develop our comprehension skills.

Writing: In writing we are looking at the purpose, features and structure of Information reports. The children will be involved in using what they learn about the layout of information reports to piece together reports that have been cut into jigsaw pieces.

**Maths –**

This week we are revising addition of large numbers and decimals. We are also solving worded problems involving addition. This involves reading a problem carefully, locating the key information and using this information to help us to understand what we need to solve the problem.

**Winter Sports –**

Last Wednesday the children were involved in netball, soccer, football and T-ball. The children are to be congratulated on their fantastic efforts and sportsmanship. Well done to the students who played T-ball. They were successful on Wednesday which meant they played in the Regional’s on Friday in Benalla, winning two of their games.

**I am Jack –**

This Friday we will be going to the PAC to watch “I am Jack”, a performance looking at the effects of bullying and strategies to help all the stakeholders (bully, victim and bystanders). This performance links with our Mind Body and Soul Inquiry unit. It is important for us to be physically, emotionally and socially healthy as well to have healthy relationships with our peers. A reminder permission notes for the performance need to be returned to school by Friday.

THANK YOU **MAKE UP BEAUTY BY JOSIE** FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Present: Terry Corrigan, Angela Reynolds, Anna Pasquali, Sandra Duffy, Paula Henry, Margaret Tomkins, Jodie Hughes

Apologies: Leanne Carmody, Kristy Lloyd, Stacey Clayton, Kate Bevan, Bec Dalton, Erin O’Connor, Tennille Hall, Cathy Nesbitt

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

Minutes of previous meeting:
Passed – Anna Pasquali
Second – Paula Henry

Business arising from Minutes:

• Pie Drive: Takings $4005.00, Cost $2934.90, Profit $1070.10

• Shed for Mayfair equipment: Will wait until Paul Lynch returns from holidays on 17/8/15.

• Trivia Night: Discussing dates. At this stage it will be Saturday 21st November. Terry to MC unless anyone else wants to. To run similarly to last year. Will discuss further in regards to raffle prizes (if any) closer to date.

• Chocolate drive: Need to find out date that parents have to return money by.

• Grandparent’s day: Will occur in 4th term on a Friday morning. To explore catering options. To include GF options + fruit.

• P & F financial planning working party: Ange updated the working party on current financial status and from there, categories were devised. More to come from their monthly meetings.

• Twilight sports: Thursday 29th October, P&F to do the BBQ.

Correspondence: Various fundraising pamphlets.

Reports
- Treasurers Report: Absent. Total across 2 bank accounts: $69,328.29. Need to pay $6779.32 for chocolates, $12,600.00 we have already promised to the school ($7125.00 was paid via cheque 5/8/15 for school furniture), $1304 given Chelsey Turner for father’s day gifts via cheque (5/8/15).

THANK YOU MONROES HAIR DESIGN FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
- Principals Report: Thanked P & F for the money given to the school for the new furniture. Workcover came for a visit, everything was fine. Terry to top up ground cover under flying fox which is getting a bit low. Reports the grade 5 & 6s are off to "I Am Jack" and the whole school off to "Beauty and the Beast".

Terry discussed getting a defibrillator. Will look into this further.

General Business

- Freezer in tuck shop: Discussion around replacing this freezer with another fridge. Terry to think about options and consider the purchase of some eskies which could be stored in the shed and used for multiple functions throughout the year.
  1. Complete Garden Fundraiser date set: Thursday 12th November
  2. Change of day for meeting: Decided to trial Mondays for the rest of the year due to the difficulties some people are experiencing on Wednesday nights.

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

Next meeting: Monday 31st August 7.00pm

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**LEARNING WALK**

A really big thank you to all staff involved on the Learning Walk yesterday. Your classrooms did shine and it was noted how calm and engaged the students were. The school is what it is due to your hard work and engagement with the parents and children. I really appreciated Nara and Terry for helping me with this day and giving up their time too. Also to all the Learning support officers (aides) who work with several of the children to assist them with their learning and Leonie who vacated the hall so I could begin my Learning Walk from there. Thanks again.

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**BOOK FAIR**

A big thank you to all who supported the Book Fair! We had, yet, another outstanding result with total sales being $5340.00. 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 $175.00 from the Fair. Again, your support and dedication to our school is very much appreciated.

Thanks!
Rosie Pane

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THANK YOU MARIO SOLIMO FOOTWEAR & SHOE REPAIRS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Junior Muster
Under 12, Under 14 & Under 16s

Friday, August 14th 4.30pm – 5.30pm

• Come along and register for the 2015 / 2016 cricket season.
  • All players welcome – both new and old.
  • A further Muster Day will be held on Friday, September 18th

Where: under the clubrooms at
W.J. Findlay Oval (Rovers ground)

More info from Peter Whitten – 0409 236 469