Dear Parents,

This week is very special time in the life of the school as a number of our Year 4 students prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Our Bishop Les Tomlinson, will lead the ceremonies. Please keep these children in your prayers.

THANK YOU P & D OATS CARPET CLEANING FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Eucharist and Confirmation Practice this Thursday

There will be practice for the Sacraments of Confirmation/Eucharist tomorrow, Thursday 20th August, at both St Patrick’s and Our Lady’s Churches commencing at 6.30pm. Please attend the church that your child will be attending to receive the Sacraments. It should run for about an hour.

There are two Masses at St Patrick’s on this Saturday, 22nd August, one at 11.00am and the other at 6.00pm. The Bishop will also celebrate a third Mass at 9.00am on Sunday at Our Lady’s Church. Please continue to keep the students preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist in your thoughts and prayers as they enter the final week of their preparation.

In Sympathy

Please keep Logan Simpson Boag and his mother Nicole Bailey in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve the passing of Logan’s dad, Ben Simpson.

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.

School Fees

School Fees notices are going home with today’s newsletter. Most people attend to these fairly promptly and thank you to those who do.

There are some who, for whatever reason, have let their responsibilities slip a little. If payment presents a problem, then simply make an appointment to see me to discuss the situation and explore what can be done to assist you.

It’s a Boy

Congratulations to Arna and Adrian Seiler on the arrival of Henry. Henry is a new little brother to Rhys in Year 5 and Matilda in Foundation.

Closure Day

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

EARN & LEARN Stickers

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 PITARIS CAFE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
**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.

**P & F Chocolates**

Could all chocolate money please be returned by this Friday 21st August at the latest? 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.

**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 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/
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

**Terry**

THANK YOU NU-FRUIT WANGARATTA FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
CHATTER MATTERS

Play a game of categories “I Spy” with your child – “I spy with my little eye something that belongs in the ‘food’, ‘animal’, ‘transport’, ‘clothing’, ‘kitchen’ category. Your child must tell you as many objects as they can. You can use a timer to make this game fun and ask your child to tell you as many as they can in ten seconds.

HELP

I am looking for a Scooby Doo stuffed animal for Book Week. If you have one I could borrow, could you please send to school and I will take very good care of him.

Thanks
Annette

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

21\textsuperscript{st} - CLOSURE DAY
22\textsuperscript{nd} - 11.00am & 6.00pm Eucharist/Confirmation – St. Pat’s Church
22\textsuperscript{nd} - BOOK WEEK
22\textsuperscript{nd} - 28\textsuperscript{th} - 11.00am Eucharist/Confirmation – Our Lady’s Church

SEPTEMBER

3\textsuperscript{rd} - Fathers’ Day Stall
3\textsuperscript{rd} - Book Week Parade (Dress Up)
4\textsuperscript{th} - Father’s Day Assembly

Crystal Valley Music

"Crystal Valley Music students at St. Patricks Primary School performed some fantastic songs at assembly on the 8\textsuperscript{th} August and showed both their individual skills and group skills with children singing and playing guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, drums, clarinet and flute. If your child would like to learn an instrument and work towards being in one of the St. Patricks CVM bands, please email Celine at info@cvmusic.com.au for an information and enrolment sheet."

THANK YOU Ovens & King Computer Service FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
PAT ON THE BACK

Foundation
Mrs Bray
A big pat on the back to ARCHIE TURNER for the wonderful way he cares for his friends. We love having you, Archie, as a part of our class.

Foundation
Mrs Rizzo
A big pat on the back to FOUNDATION RIZZO who are on fire with their reading and writing. I’m so proud of you all! Put the fire out kids! S-s-s-s!!!

Year 1
Ms Collins
Congratulations to ADDISON BOWERS & SUMMER SMITH for working really hard in Maths, especially with addition and subtraction activities. Keep up the great work, girls!

Year 1
Miss Smith
A big pat on the back to BLAKE WINSLADE for settling in so well into Year One Smith. We are very excited to have you as part of our team!

Year 2
Mrs Nicoll
Congratulations to BRIHANNA MCKENZIE for always demonstrating a positive and enthusiastic approach to all areas of school life. It is wonderful to observe her confidence develop as she achieves her goals!

Year 2
Ms Rinaldi
A big pat on the back to SARAH HAMILL for the presentation of her handwriting and work tasks. She takes pride in all that she does!

Year 3
Mrs Vincent
A big pat on the back to CHARLIE FISCHER for doing a fantastic job when working on “Time”.

Year 3
Mrs Vincent
A big pat on the back to BRODIE HAMILL for doing a fantastic job as Treasurer in the Earn ‘n’ Learn program. He keeps up with the bills, fines and bonuses. Brodie is doing a great job!
A big welcome to GEORGIA WINSLADE who has joined our class and has settled in well.

Year 4
Miss Gaston
Congratulations to JOHNATHON IMPINK & JETT SMITH for the focus and effort they put towards all of their work. Well done!

Year 4
Mrs Shaw
Congratulations to CAITLYN SHEPHERD for her excellent home reading efforts this week. No wonder she is a champion reader! Fantastic work Caitlyn!

Year 5
Miss Sartori
Congratulations to CLAIRE ANNETT for working extremely hard in Maths which resulted in getting 100% on her Maths test. I am so proud of you, Claire!

Year 5
Mr Levesque
Congratulations to MIA SMITH for her persistence and positive approach to solve problems in Maths.

Year 6
Mrs Cornish
Congratulations to ASHA STEER for being a kind and considerate class member. Always thinking of others, even Mrs Cornish for her birthday. We really appreciate your generosity in 6C!

Year 6
Mrs Rickard
Congratulations to LOCHLAN WATSON for the bright, bubbly personality he brings into the classroom each & every day. Lochie has a wonderful attitude & approaches all activities with great enthusiasm.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOM

FOUNDATION – Karen & Karen

This week is such a busy week! We are visiting the Council Chambers and the Chronicle as part of our inquiry unit on communication and there is only four days of school.

Just a few reminders:

• Assembly is tomorrow due to school closure Friday.
• Visiting the Chronicle - Foundation Rizzo on Thursday 20th August.
• School closure this Friday 21st August.
• Book Week 24th – 28th August.
• 25th August Alpha Show, “Beauty and the Beast” at St. Pat’s Church Hall.

This week in:
Religion – This is the last week in which the children listen and respond to bible stories and Godly plays about Jesus, including Zaccheus and the Feast at Cana. We will also answer any wonderings the children want to know about Jesus. Next week we start a new unit, “I Can Talk to God.”

Literacy - each week the children revise letters/sounds and High Frequency words through games, whiteboard activities, LSCWC and word shapes. The children are looking at little words inside words such as ‘an’ in can. This is another decoding tool that will help with their reading. The children are enjoying the class Post Office and writing letters, cards, etc… to everyone. Thank you to the parents, family and friends who are writing to their child and mailing it through the class letterbox. The children really get kick out of it!! So please keep writing and mailing!
There will be no shared reading this week due to excursions and Thursday assembly.

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 patterns and time. They will compare and sequence the duration of events in time through drawing events over a week; and copy, continue and create patterns with objects and drawings.

Inquiry – this week we look at visual communication through signs and signals. The children brainstorm and list different signs and signals around the community and their importance. We will read the picture storybook ‘Where’s the Bus?’ and visit the Chronicle and the Council Chambers to see how they communicate with the community.

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

YEAR 1

Special Event: Year 1’s are presenting Assembly this Thursday (instead of Friday) at 9.00am in the hall.

Literacy

This week, we begin work on a new text type – Explanation. The children are learning that we use these when we want to explain how or why something happens - Why does it rain? How does a snail move? Our sound for the week is ‘all’ and our blend is ‘sp’.

THANK YOU PARK LANE NURSERY FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Numeracy

We are beginning a new unit on Collecting Data which involves the children asking simple questions to others, such as, “What is your favourite toy?” or “What is your favourite pet?” They then devise methods of recording their information on simple graphs for others to read.

Religious Education

This week we are finishing up our unit on creation by writing prayers of thanksgiving and singing our favourite creation songs. This has been a most enjoyable unit and the children have produced some beautiful work.

YEAR 2

Welcome to week six in the Year 2 area. We can’t believe how quickly the term is passing!! A reminder, that this Friday 21st is a pupil free day. This week we have also welcomed back Mrs Cassidy. What a warm reception she received from the students! It is lovely to have her back.

Mathematics

In mathematics this week, we have begun focusing on our new unit, multiplication. Students have been introduced to the various terms used to name multiplication as well as various strategies we can use to assist with solving multiplication problems. In Measurement and Geometry, the students have continued the unit on ‘Length’, by completing an assessment based on the content covered thus far.

Literacy

This week our focus for spelling is ‘pl’ as in ‘plastic’. Encourage your child to identify ‘pl’ in words around the home or as you are driving in the car. Students, this week, will begin looking at the genre of Information Reports. They will be exposed to features of an information report as well as the layout of text.

Religious Education

In RE this week, we concluded our Creation unit and began our new unit, ‘We can pray in different ways’. In the coming weeks, students will have an opportunity to explore their relationship with God and examine the nature of prayer. This unit will cover various types of prayer, allowing the students to develop their personal communication with God.

Absent Notes

A reminder that when your child is absent from school, a note (explaining the absence) must be given to your child’s teacher, as a requirement of law. A note with a simple explanation is all that is required. Many thanks to the parents who have been consistent with this practice to date!

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

WELCOME BACK MR LYNCH! We missed your face around the school.

A very big week ahead with some children in Year Four getting closer to receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation/First Eucharist this weekend. We wish them all the best and know that they will enjoy the experience. Congratulations to all of the candidates.

THANK YOU PARTYLITE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
Maths

In Year 4 we are continuing to look at word problems and what skills we need to work out such problems: Looking for key words in the written problem etc. We are using division and multiplication to solve problems. Year 3 is continuing to learn more about Time.

Literacy

Many interesting and varying informational reports are being produced in all classes. They are using different ways to present their reports. Spelling as usual is practiced daily throughout the week. 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. All children in Year Four walked to St Patrick’s church on Wednesday 19th August to attend a Reconciliation Liturgy. It was a time of reflection, especially for those about to receive their Sacraments this weekend.

There will be a practice for all Confirmation/Eucharist candidates this Thursday at 6:30pm at St Patrick’s church and Our Lady’s church. It is very important for all candidates to attend. Please attend the church where your child is receiving their Sacrament.

Just a reminder to please let the Presbytery know what mass your child will be attending as they need to know for administration purposes. If there have been any changes they need to know as soon as possible please.

Confirmation/Eucharist Masses will be celebrated this 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 participation of Earn and Learn. There have been some big learning curves for the children regarding how they spend their money. From the teacher’s perspectives it has been very interesting. We are hoping the children will learn by the end of the unit just how much money does influence our lives!

Reminders

* **There is a school closure this Friday 21st August for all children.**

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

* Year 4 Shaw and Gaston, Year 3 Daglish and Vincent have reading diaries that are to be filled out please; this helps us to record children’s active home reading.

Thanks for your continued support in your child’s learning!

Stay warm and have a wonderful week!

THANK YOU STOCKDALE & LEGGO FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL
YEAR FIVE/SIX – Helen, Lean, Jim & Catherine

Religion –

We have continued to explore a variety of parables, healing stories and hospitality in Luke's Gospels. They illustrate the way in which Jesus reached out to the marginalised. These stories tell us through word and action of the Christian way of life.

Literacy –

Reading: Our focus this week is summarising non fiction texts. We will learn the importance of summarising using the following questions as prompts: What is summarising? - Why do we summarise? When do we do it? How can we do it properly/better?

Writing –

We are planning an information report based on Healthy Eating, Active Lifestyle or Mindfulness. The children will be involved in planning using a graphic organiser, drafting their report, editing and publishing their report to share with others.

Maths –

This week we are revising subtraction of large numbers and decimals. We are also solving worded problems involving subtraction. 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. We have been using a website called Maths Antics which has short movies explaining and demonstrating a variety of maths topics. The topics on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division have been very helpful.

Life Relationships Unit –

This unit is a requirement for all Victorian Schools to address aspects of personal development within their core curriculum provision. Next week our Year 5/6 students will begin the Life Relationships Program, which has been developed in the Sandhurst Diocese and includes a unit of work for Year 5/6 students, and a parent/student evening. The program offers a holistic approach within the context of Catholic teaching to topics such as:

. Relationships
. Family
. Adolescence and puberty
. Reproduction.

The children will receive a note tomorrow with more information to share with you.

THANK YOU PICTURES OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL