

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Children today need Christmas more than ever. Not for the gifts and presents - most children get their fair share throughout the year. They need Christmas for the escape, and for the mystery and magic that is associated with childhood. There are few secrets left for children these days. In this information-age they are bombarded with news and views of all sorts. Childhood was once a type of secret garden that was full of mysteries. The wider world was there to be discovered by children, rather than something that was thrust upon them. Christmas, for all its commercialism, still has its mystery and magic. Perhaps, once a year we all still want to believe in the magic; we are always on the lookout for activities that anchor us back to our childhoods. I hope that all members of our school community have the opportunity over the Christmas break to refamiliarise themselves with the joy of Christmas from a child's perspective – the message of hope that is intrinsic to the Christmas story endures and it is through our children and our influence on others that hope prevails.

The great American educator, John Dewey stated that, "Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself." I believe he wasn't referring to schools and teachers being at the pinnacle of the hierarchy of important people – he was referring to the willingness and ability to learn from the lessons that life presents. Our greatest regrets usually lie in wasted opportunities and Advent certainly encourages us to seek some respite from busy lives and focus on what is important and good in our lives, and to allow life's lessons to lead us, and others, to renewal.

So, as we enter the final few days of the 2019 school year, I pray that we all have the opportunity to reflect on John Dewey's statement regarding education and accept the notion that, whilst there are many unknowns that we are not able to prepare for or prevent in our lives, we can prepare ourselves for what life presents to us by seeking opportunities to learn from each and every experience. A merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

- Monday 16th 5.00pm Year 6 Liturgy at St Patrick's Catholic Church Latrobe
6.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Dinner, Axeman's Hall of Fame.
- Tuesday 17th End of year reports and School Yearbook distributed
- Wed 18th 9.00am Assembly (school hall):
*Year 6 Awards and digital presentation
*Kinder students farewell Year 6 "An Irish Blessing"
Final school day for students - Sports uniform to be worn please.
Free BBQ (sausage and bread), drink and icy-pole provided for students at lunch today.
- Thursday 19th Final school day for staff - the school office will be unattended from 12.30pm to 2.00pm.
- Thursday 6th February 2020: HPE Day for Years 6, 5, 4 & 3 (Students in these classes to wear sports uniform)**

The school office will reopen at 9.00am on Tuesday 27th January 2020. Contacting the school after hours: A reminder for after hours contact to ring the school number (6426 1626) to talk to or leave a message for Mr Linhart who will get back to you as promptly as time and circumstance permits.

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

Term 4: Monday 14th Oct - Wednesday 18th December.

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 Thursday 6th February - Thursday 9th April

Easter break Friday 10th April-Tuesday 14th April

Term 2 Mon 27th April - Friday 3rd July

Term 3 Mon 20th July 2020 - Friday 25th September 2020

Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday 17th Dec 2020

*One student-free day yet to be confirmed

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SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT, W.E.S.T. and MERCY VALUES

WEST Award

Congratulations to Taylor Wells (Year 6) and Linden Woods (Year 5) who received a WEST certificate during Monday's morning assembly. We will continue to acknowledge those students who exhibit WEST (*Welcoming, Encouraging, Sorry, Thankful*) qualities and Mercy Values (Hospitality, Compassion, Mercy and Respect) by presenting awards at our Monday morning assemblies. Families are always most welcome to attend our weekly assemblies.

House Raffle Winners

Byrne House: Ava Chamley

Dooley House: Charlie Jones

Martyn House: Rose Evans

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Clementine Radich for fantastic narrating in our Nativity Play Emmy. Thank you.

Year 1: Sienna van der Hulst for being a "Spirit of Jesus" person in every way.

Year 2: Mushtaq Khan for showing determination and focus during classroom tasks.

Year 3: Ryan Jackson for his positive work ethic throughout the year.

Year 4: Georgie Tueon for consistent dedication towards completing tasks to the best of her ability.

Year 5: Zaria Richardson for her commitment and persistence to completing neatly presented high quality tasks.

Year 6: Dylan Stevens for his positive attitude and application in these final weeks of school.

LIBRARY (Mrs Carter) Last week was our **final week of school library** borrowing. We are asking for families to check at home and to please return all school library books tomorrow. Please inform your child's teacher if you would like your child to bring home levelled readers over the holidays and we will organise this for you.

Talent Show Results

Well done to all of the students that auditioned and participated in our talent show for 2019. A big thank you also to Mr Atkins, the SRCs and captains who helped put the show together. Congratulations to the following winners:

First Place - Lulu, Rose & Melia (Gymnastics)

Second Place - Matilda (Piano: A Million Dreams)

Third Place - Abbie, Stella & Talei (Teeth) and Chloe & Eva (Jingle Bell Rock)

Honourable Mention - Prep (Blame It On The Boogie)



School Community Get-Together

Thank you for the many families who attended and appeared to enjoy the opportunity to 'meet and eat' together last Wednesday evening. It is through these shared experiences that we have the opportunity to become a little more informed about each other and growth occurs as a result.



2020 Enrolments

Some classes have reached what we consider an optimal size and we have families on waiting lists. If you are intending leaving St Patrick's, please contact Mr Linhart to allow prospective families the opportunity to consider any prospective vacancy. St Patrick's will contact a school upon a former student taking up an enrolment at that school, which is a legal obligation - schools are required to ensure their enrolments are current and to formally request any forwarding school of the subsequent new enrolment to ensure children are enrolled in a registered school or education program as per the Education Act, which obliges parents of school aged children to ensure their children are enrolled and attend regularly. Thank you for your continued support.



Prep Nativity Play 2019



PIC•COLLAGE

School Athletics Age Champions



Year 6 Class - 2019 School Leavers





Year 5 have been busy tying up all their learning for the year. They headed to the garden last week to dig up the time-capsule they had buried at the start of the year. Inside the capsule students found the goal they had set themselves for this year. Many were very confident that they had achieved their goal.



It is also beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Year 5, as the students make decorations for the classroom Christmas Tree. In Religion, Year 5s are investigating Jesus' family tree through learning the symbols of the Jesse Tree and what they represent.



Kris Kindle

Classes have been involved in Kris Kindle (Christ Child) this year. The class teachers have ensured each child is secretly allocated a classmate for whom a small present will be purchased. **The present will be presented to the classmate during a gift giving ceremony that will be conducted on Wednesday 18th December. Please restrict the gift to approximately \$10.00 and parents are requested to help ensure any gift is thoughtfully chosen. Gifts should be brought to school prior to Tuesday 16th December to help facilitate the joyous anticipation that characterises this special Christian season.** Children were also invited to help ensure that their Kris Kindle recipient receives daily messages of encouragement. Such messages were often simple statements of affirmation or something that might brighten the person's day.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 18th December

Students are welcome to wear **sports uniform**. Alternative activities will be offered throughout the day including sport, indoor games, garden, sustainability, generally assisting with cleaning and tidying. The proposed timetable is below.

- 9.00am assembly including:
- A showcase to the school of the Year 6 digital presentation (this was shown at the Leavers' Liturgy on Monday evening).
- Year 6 Awards.
- Kinder-Year 6 Farewell song and Year 6 awards conferred.
- From assembly students disperse to one of the following activities, which will be offered to different classes throughout the day:
 - Educational movie
 - Board games
 - Outdoor games
 - Sustainability

A free BBQ (sausage and bread), drink and icy-pole will one offered to children at lunch-time.

End of Year Reports and School Yearbooks

Reports and school yearbooks are included with this Newsletter. Duplicate reports will be mailed to families whose parents are separated. The format of the End of Year reports is different this year as it reflects the new data information system that all Catholic Education Tasmania schools are using or will soon be using - Compass. Teachers have put a considerable amount of work into their deliberations of student report grades and we all should be aware of these reports being indicative of a grade in one point of time, given the evidence available - it may or may not reflect the future potential. A limited number of school yearbooks are available for purchase (\$20.00) - please contact a school office staff member if you would like to purchase an additional copy.

School Fees 2020

In 2020 we will once again be issuing one invoice for fees and levies at the commencement of the school year. Those families who wish to pay in full before the end of March will once again be offered a 3% discount on their school fees. We are endeavouring to have all of our families who do not wish to take advantage of this discount set up on a payment plan prior to the end of this year. Please return any outstanding completed Payment Arrangements Form and relevant direct debit form to the school office as soon as possible. Please note that while the ten monthly payments are our preferred option, weekly or fortnightly payments are also acceptable. If you have any queries in relation to this form or you require a fees assistance form, please contact Lennice Leonard, our school Executive Officer, or Mr Linhart.



Year 2: Christmas Craft (Mrs Badcock)

Students in Year 2 have been developing their sewing and decorating skills. Students made Christmas trees with hessian and quilt fabric. With expert guidance from Ms Mundy and Mrs Evans children created Nice biscuit Christmas houses, ice cream cone Christmas trees and marshmallow Christmas puddings.



PARENTS & FRIENDS (Tameika Anthony, President)

The Parents and Friends Association has had yet another successful year. Kicking off with the ever popular, and much loved school fair, which was a success once again. The committee has since decided, due to how much work goes into the fair, it will be held every second year. The committee saw a few changes, President Karen Smith stepped down due to work and family commitments, it was then that I became president, with a great support crew by my side. Kirilly Jones, was appointed Vice-President and Anita Tueon as Secretary. We have had some new faces throughout the year come along to meetings to find out what the Parents and Friends committee is all about, Alison Wheeler, who put her hand up for treasurer and Kanjula to name a few. Thank you to the whole committee, new faces and old.

We have had a number of successful fundraisers; lunch days prove to be very popular and 2 Sunrise bakery drives, which has been a new addition this year but have proved popular, and a raffle or two along the way. One thing we may not communicate enough, is what we spend the fundraised money on, that we as a committee work so hard to get... here are a few things we do throughout the year, and have in the pipeline for early next year. We sponsor canteen vouchers for 'student of the week' recipients each week. 2 x table tennis tables so Mr Angliss can hold tournaments at recess and lunch time. We purchased small electrical appliances for our school kitchen to assist with canteen and breakfast club. We provide whole school barbeques, along with drinks and/or ice creams free of charge to the children on sports carnival and the last day of the year, to name a few. We should have a drinking station installed in the playground by early next year (at a cost of \$6000+). We are also in early discussions with the teachers, to buy a second Multilink pack for the school (at a cost of \$6000+). This is a new literacy program that the majority of the teaching staff were lucky enough to be involved in learning more about earlier this term. This will be a great asset to the school and I believe will benefit all of our children greatly.

I would personally like to thank each and every one of the volunteers that have helped out throughout the year. Without you all we would not have such a successful committee. To all the families who support us, with our fundraising efforts, thank you! If anyone is interested in joining the committee next year, please see myself, Kirilly or Anita. I know we all lead such busy lives, but if anyone can donate an hour or two a year, that is all we ask. If you can offer more, that's fantastic too. If we all do a little bit, we can achieve great things for our children in our school. That is why we do what we do.

On a final note, last but not least, a big thank you to Kirilly Jones and Anita Tueon. You have been a fantastic support to me since taking on the president role. I'm sure we will have another great year next year. Until next year, have a safe and happy festive season and a well earned rest.

Spirit of Jesus

@ St Patrick's... End of Term 4



- ✿ Zander put out chairs for teachers in the hall
- ✿ Charlie - helping others pack up in the classroom
- ✿ Porter - found my grey lead for me
- ✿ Emmy - for including others
- ✿ Mrs Meech - made cupcakes for Emmett as a farewell treat
- ✿ Ruth - helped Annabell
- ✿ Adam - went and got a ball for Emmett when it went a long way away

- ✿ Nathan, Kale & Liam - checked on Amelia when she was hurt
- ✿ Georgie - shook hands to congratulate Emma when she won a game of 'Flags'
- ✿ Bella - helped a friend who tripped over
- ✿ Charlie B - stopped and helped someone who fell over during a race
- ✿ Gabbie - being encouraging towards others during swimming lessons
- ✿ Jason & Jasper - helped Kale when he fell over in the tug-of-war
- ✿ Harry H - helping Blake find his book
- ✿ Brad - for helping sort out an argument and for making everyone happy
- ✿ Alivia - said hello to Ruth
- ✿ Tilly - picked up lunchboxes outside the Year 5 classroom
- ✿ Ava F & Luca - ensuring all Kinder students are back and safe and sound, after recess and lunch
- ✿ Seth & Victor - picked up rubbish





Year 6 Leaver's Liturgy and Dinner



Congratulations to our Year 6 students who participated so beautifully in the liturgy and dinner last night. The evening was remarkable for the positive engagement and conviviality of families, staff and students.



A young boy with light brown hair is holding a small, dark green heart-shaped leaf in his right hand, presenting it towards the camera. He is wearing a blue jacket. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and other people in the distance.

· THE LORD BLESS
YOU AND KEEP YOU

NUMBERS 6:24

2020 NEWS and REMINDERS - School office opens Tuesday 27th January 2020

Staff News - Reminder

The proposed 2020 class and staff structure is summarised below. Changes include increasing the profile of Music in the school (including an opportunity for the creation of an instrumental group), combining Health and Physical Education into the one responsibility area for a specialist teacher. Routines that support early literacy learning, a focus on some numeracy skills and understandings will be communicated by the end of the school year - exciting times ahead for 2020 building on the growth of 2019:

- Kinder: Laura Stoessiger (3 days) and Kim Klug.
- Prep: Ann Jak (5 days) and D'Arne Adams.
- Year 1: Melissa Marshall (2 days); Shane O'Brien (3 days) and Anita Tueon.
- Year 2: Tina Badcock (3 days); Kylie Fenton (2 days) and Kelly Munday.
- Year 3: Jane Stuart (4 days); Anna McIver (1 day) and Michelle Lamprey.
- Year 4: Megan Meech (5 days, team-teaching with Erin Moore for 1 day) and Tammy Hyland.
- Year 5: Erin Moore (2 days); Abbey O'Brien (3 days) and Tim Lowry and Janine Males.
- Year 6: Karyn Kingshott (5 days) and Tameika Anthony.
- Library: Melissa Carter.
- Health & PE (HPE): Courtney Hayes: (2 days.)
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE): Kayla Lockett (1 day.)
- Early Childhood Education (ECE - Kinder-Year 2) Music: Leonie Watson-Peters (1 day).
- Primary Music (Years 3-6): Dominique Baker (1 day).
- Student Support: Gwenda Gregson (3 days) and Melissa Marshall (2 days).
- Religious Education Coordinator: Melissa Marshall (1 day).
- ICT/Early Childhood Education Literacy Coordinator: Tina Badcock (1 day).
- Chaplain: David Angliss (TBC).
- Deputy Principal: Kurt Atkins (5 days).
- School Executive Officer: Lennice Leonard.
- School Administration Officer: Tameka Harris.
- School Utility Officer: David Broos.
- Principal: Rod Linhart (5 days).

Specialist Classes Timetable 2020

Special Note of importance regarding the first day of school in 2020 - Thursday 6th February 2020: **Students in Years 6, 5, 4 and 3 should wear their sports uniform - Thursday will be their HPE day**; Prep, Years 1 and 2 will have their PE day on Mondays in 2020.

- **HPE:** Prep and Years 1 & 2 each Monday; Years 6, 5, 4 & 3 and Kinder Gross Motor each Thursday.
- **Music:** K, Prep, Years 1 & 2 and choir each Tuesday.
- **Music:** Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 each Friday.
- **LOTE** for all classes each Wednesday.
- **Library:** Year 2 each Monday; Kinder, Prep, Year 1 each Tuesday; Kinder, Years 6, 5, 4 & 3 each Wednesday.

School Canteen

We are planning on the school canteen to continue to operate on Thursdays and Fridays each week - beginning week 2 of term 1 2020 (**No canteen on the first two days of the school year.**)

When Devonfield were no longer in a position to support the canteen, the school provided staff support by reallocating staffing hours to Tameika Anthony, who lead the school canteen magnificently, supported by many wonderful volunteers, especially Carl Garrad and Lorraine Young. We are looking at a couple of models for our canteen in 2020 - the aim is to continue to offer families affordable, healthy, tasty food options. Tameika, Carl and Lorraine have been thanked and provided with a small gift in appreciation for their generosity of time and spirit and we look forward to what 2020 might bring in regards to a continuation of the wonderful, personalised service that we have enjoyed by way of our canteen.

REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Care and Concern

Always please contact your child's teacher, the office staff or Mr Linhart if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.



January 2020 Holiday Camps

McDonald's and Basketball Tasmania are partnering to bring the **BTAS Macca's On Your Team Basketball Camps** to young basketballers born between 2007 – 2012.

Our Holiday Camps offer junior basketballers the opportunity to develop their skills while having fun!

The camp cost is \$80 per person for the 2-days. Camp registration includes a Molten Basketball!

Please BYO lunch and water bottle for all camps. Camp details are below:

SOUTH

Date 22 & 23 January
Time 9:00am to 3:00pm
Venue Elizabeth College, Hobart

NORTH

Date 22 & 23 January
Time 9:00am to 3:00pm
Venue Elphin Sports Centre, Launceston

NORTH WEST

Date 30 & 31 January
Time 9:00am to 3:00pm
Venue Devonport Rec Centre, Devonport



Register online: www.basketballtasmania.com.au



Summer Fast Track Learn to Swim Program

Splash Devonport will be running a summer Learn to Swim Fast Track program, from the 13th – 17th of January. Cost for the week is \$70 per child. They will receive:

- One lesson every day for 5 days with one of our Austswim qualified teachers
- Free access to the pool facilities after lessons

Places are filling fast so get in quick. This is such a fantastic way to get children moving and make them water aware!

For more information or to book please contact Zoe on 6423 3007 or at zqee@splashdevonport.com.au

Mersey Leven Catholic Parish Christmas Mass Times 2019

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Stewart Street, Devonport

Christmas Eve 6pm Children's Mass
8pm Family Mass

ST PATRICK'S, Gilbert Street, Latrobe

Christmas Day 10am

HOLY CROSS, High Street, Sheffield

Christmas Day 9:30am

ST JOSEPH'S MASS CENTRE, Arthur Street, Port Sorell

Christmas Day 8:30am

SACRED HEART Alexandra Road, Ulverstone

Christmas Eve 6pm Children's Mass

ST MARY'S King Edward Street, Penguin

Christmas Eve 8pm Family Mass

