

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



School Newsletter Number 2 Tuesday 9th February 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Some educators think the first two weeks are the most important time in the school year for all children, whatever their age. What happens during this critical period can determine a student's engagement for the rest of the year. Students return from summer holidays to find new classes, new teachers, new books, and new friends. All of these novelties come with the hope that this year could be different and better than all previous years. However, when staff administer their first tests and give out grades, it is very easy for some students to feel burdened for the rest of the year; students who receive a 'C' on that first maths quiz begin to see themselves as C students. Their uncertainty suddenly becomes fixed, and they begin to accept the idea that they are likely to earn C's in maths for the rest of the year. When the second quiz or assessment occurs, they expect to receive another C. When they do, it reinforces their perception. The same is true of initial failing grades and initial A's.

Staff at St Patrick's are participating in a three-year professional learning course, 'Visible Learning' with the intention to focus on positive influences in education from the twenty years of research by Professor John Hattie. I have referred to the US championship coach John Wooden in previous Newsletters, however, it is timely to highlight his 'simple' strategy that gained significant success in heightening expectations: he provided immediate feedback that was concise, explicit and unambiguously accurate; modelling the right skill; correcting if required; remodelling. There are many dimensions that teachers contend with that Wooden did not have to factor-in to his coaching regime, however, his philosophy complements 'cognitive load theory' in that sharply focused explicit teaching and the careful use of formative assessment enhances opportunities for learning and, consequently, excellence.

Students are, temperamentally, at various levels of being able to display self-control, be self-directed, self-regulate and self-manage their learning, and the irrefutable fact is that no-one can learn **for** someone else - it is when the student engages in the learning process that has been carefully crafted by a teacher who is striving for excellence, that we, as parents and teachers can find delight, because it is the love of learning, coupled with a realisation that there is a responsibility for being intrinsically motivated, that the excellence becomes less about competition and more about complementing a life that is richly satisfying. Students

will try hard and persist in areas in which they feel they can succeed, and will avoid areas where they believe they'll fail. One of the most important tasks for our staff at the start of the year is to keep alive that sense of optimism and hope that will enthuse their students and keep them working purposefully for the rest of the year. We look forward to working with parents to help keep education a positive, rewarding experience for all involved, with a hope reflected well by Paul in his Epistle to the Romans, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Regards, Rod Linhart (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

FEBRUARY

Monday 8th	8.55am assembly - student leaders conferred with badges
Thursday 11th	School canteen commences (Thursdays and Fridays)
Friday 12th	9.00-10.30am Birth to 4 Inquiring Minds/Set-up for Success program in the kinder classroom
Monday 15th	Mr Linhart away attending meeting
Tuesday 16th	Shrove Tuesday - pancakes (gold coin) Mitch working with Years 3 and 4 with the 'Spirit of Jesus' program
Wed 17th	Ash Wednesday - beginning of Lent Launch of Caritas 'Project Compassion' Mrs Leonard and Mrs Harris away attending Finance meeting.
Thursday 18th	Mrs Leonard away attending Finance meeting.
Monday 22nd	6.00pm School Board meeting.
Wed 24th	Mrs Leonard away attending Finance meeting.

Term 1 Mon 1st Feb - Thursday 1st April 2021

Term 2 Mon 26th April - Thursday 1st July

Term 3 Mon 20th July - Friday 24th September

Term 4 Mon 11th October - Thursday 16th December

(One student free day - Friday 2nd July)

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WEST Award

Congratulations to Annabell Methorst (Year 3) who received a WEST Award 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.

House Raffle Winners

Byrne House: Indiana Bowkett

Dooley House: Seth Foster

Martyn House: Lincoln McQueen

School Canteen

Our school canteen will be open for business beginning **THIS THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY**. Amy and Carl will be offering the usual tasty and nutritious items, and also offering tasty recess items. A menu is included in this week's Newsletter and also available from the school website.

Prep News (Mrs Jak)

Prep have settled in very well to their first week of school and Prep routines. We welcome our new students Hudson D, Kashaf, Cohen and Blair to our class. This year is going to be an educational, social and physical year of growth for your child. It will be very rewarding to participate in and to observe your child develop their reading, writing, spelling, mathematical and general knowledge skills.

This term we will be learning that words are made up of sounds and the sounds are represented by letters (spelling), and we will progress to learning how to write a sentence. A big focus this term will be developing comprehension skills to ensure that students understand what they are reading. To get off to a good start, I strongly encourage each child to read in the classroom of a morning with an adult and for the students to complete a fine motor activity. This is a great routine to get into, to start the day in a focused way ready to learn. In Mathematics we will be exploring numbers (digits), amounts and number words. We will be learning how to subitize amounts (automatically know a given amount). In Religion we will learn about our Christian Life and God's Love. In History we are going to learn about our own history and the past. Reading is encouraged every night.

Information in regards to supporting your child with reading is enclosed in their Home Reader plastic pocket. Please ensure ALL school clothing and shoes are labelled with your child's name. Our Teacher Assistant in Prep is Mrs D'Arne Adams. We look forward to working with you to nurture and educate your child.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Mark Hingston; thank you Mark for your attentive listening and positive response to all classroom tasks. A great start to Prep, well done.

Year 1: Alivia Dewrance-Milligan for your welcoming and caring attitude towards your new classmates.

Year 2: Violet Furley for consistently displaying positive application and attitude to learning.

Year 3: Ruby Warren for excellent application and attitude towards the completion of tasks and for welcoming new school students to our school.

Year 4: Jake Bracken for his great attitude and application to tasks.

Year 5: Jack Chapman for a positive and enthusiastic start to year 5.

Year 6: Emma Watson for her positive, inclusive attitude towards all class members during teamwork activities.



Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers and staff to take on specific responsibilities associated with school leadership:

TERM 1

School Captains: Georgie Tueon, Gideon Barker.

Martyn House Captains: Emma Watson, EJ Sullivan

Dooley House Captains: Ruben Clarke, Stella Riley.

Byrne House Captains: Adam van der Hulst, Kale Garrad.

TERMS 1 & 2

Student Representative Council: Lucy Chapman, Sophie Franklin, Ruby Anthony, Eamon Young.

We look forward to working with these students. Attributes that we all look to in our student leaders include:

- Consistently display WEST qualities (Welcoming, Encouraging, Saying sorry, Thanking)
- Be confident in public speaking – school assemblies, community events as required – and be involved in representing the school at such events.
- Have a heightened sense of the importance of being well-presented in their school uniform and in their general demeanour or manner.
- Be viewed as excellent role models by staff, students and the wider school and general community.
- Display reliability and a degree of initiative as required.

Georgie's nomination speech:

Good morning to all students, teachers, parents and friends. My name is Georgie Tueon and I'll be running for School or Dooley House Captain. I would like to start off by saying that being a student at St Pat's has been such a rewarding time and I will never forget how loving and caring everyone in our school community has been. Ever since I was really young I've always looked up to the school leaders and it's a dream of mine to make school or house captain. Being a student at St Patrick's and a member of our school community has taught me so much. I've learnt how to be resilient, to be responsible, to be a good listener - both in the classroom and outside, to put others before myself and most of all I've learnt the real meaning of our W.E.S.T and Mercy values and how I can use them in my everyday life. I believe a school or house captain should represent our school and everyone in our school community with pride, be approachable for both students and teachers, apply themselves to everything they do, respect the importance of the role and work as a team with all people around them, because we all know there is no 'i' in team. If I was voted into either of the roles I can't promise that Mr. Linhart will shout us all tickets to this year's AFL grand final or that Mr. Atkins will grow a stylish mullet but I can promise that I'll be a trustworthy, humble and caring school or house captain for St Patrick's Catholic school and all of our school community. So please consider me, Georgie Tueon for school captain or Dooley house captain. Thank-you for listening.

Gideon's nomination speech:

Good morning staff and students! My name is Gideon Barker, and I am running for School Captain and Martyn House Captain. I am the oldest child of four, so I am used to having responsibilities, and to listen to other people's opinions and make fair decisions. I will listen to your ideas, concerns and worries. I have a good relationship with students and staff, and I will be able to bring your ideas forward. You can talk to me about anything, and I will do everything I can to help you with your problems. I can be serious when I need to, and I work hard. I also love fun things. I am enthusiastic and would love to organise some fundraising to improve school life in areas that we identify together. I love acting, and I have experience with standing in front of a crowd. Some of you might remember me as the Honourable Ostrich in the last school play. I promise to be HONOURABLE towards all of you! I have a gigantic egg full of possibilities, that I hope to crack open before Easter. Do not miss your chance to have a much more exciting experience at school! So: Please vote for me, Gideon Barker for School Captain and Martyn House Captain!



FAITH DEVELOPMENT

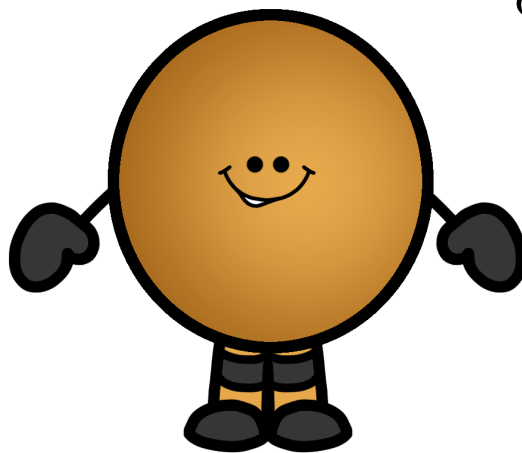
Next Wednesday 17th February, being Ash Wednesday, sees the commencement of Lent, a very important time in the church calendar. During the morning assembly on Ash Wednesday, we will be launching Project Compassion, a Caritas Australia initiative that raises both funds for, and an awareness of, the self of fulfilment that can ensue for those communities who are disadvantaged through relatively minor monetary donations. There will be some fund-raisers undertaken by the school during our lenten period, which will hopefully assist in making a real difference in the lives of others. Than you in anticipation of your support.

Thank you to Lorraine Young who has generously donated her time to make a significant number of pancakes at school next Monday afternoon, which will, no doubt be enjoyed by staff and students during our Shrove Tuesday focus next Tuesday. Students are requested to please make a gold coin donation in exchange for a pancake, which will be available during morning tea next Tuesday 16th February.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will attend St Patrick's Church at 10.10am on Wednesday 17th February to receive a sign of the cross as part of our Ash Wednesday focus.

SHROVE TUESDAY

- Pancake Day



Tuesday 16th February

If you would like to purchase a pancake, please bring a **gold coin** donation on the day to support Project Compassion.

eSafety for Parents <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

The eSafety website is an extraordinarily helpful site for parents, students and educators, having the mission of, 'Helping Australians have safer, more positive experiences online.' Certainly highly recommended.

eSafetyparents

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'Inquiring Minds' Birth to 4 program - a 'Set-Up for Success' Catholic Education Tasmania initiative.

Our 'Inquiring Minds' birth to 4 program will begin Friday 12th February from 9.00am to 10.30am. This program involves considerable focus on communicating to parents the learning intentions of important activities that are associated with early years learning. Mrs Fenton and Mrs Klug will be working together from to engage parents in early years learning experiences that will ensure children who are enrolling in kindergarten, will be informed in regards to developing key social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills and understandings. Parents or an adult family member stays for the duration of these sessions; there is no obligation in regards to any cost. Please feel welcome to participate.

Year 1 News (Mr O'Brien)

Welcome to all the students in Year 1. We had a great first week back last week and are looking forward to big first term. Year 1 has already had a taste of what is to come and they seem excited for what is ahead. In Term 1 we are learning all about pets. Our unit on pets will provide a lot of learning opportunities including –

- English – Descriptive writing
- Maths – Measuring and Graphing
- Science – Categorising and features of living things
- Design and Technology – Design solutions for our pets

In addition, in English we will be spending this term looking at writing short informative texts focusing on punctuation. In Maths we will be primarily looking at number. If there is any room left in the term after all of that, then we might try and get into the garden!

REMINDER: School Swimming Carnival - Thursday 11th March

A final program will be distributed to families next week, however, a summary of the day includes:

- 9.30am - 12.30pm Students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be involved in swimming events and some novelty events at the Latrobe pool. **Students should bring a plastic or other small bag with their towel and any change of clothes to take with them to the pool rather than take their school bag to and from the pool.**
- 12.30pm - 2.30pm Students in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 will be involved in novelty events at the Latrobe pool according to the following timetable:
 - 12.00pm: Years 1 & 2 students have lunch at school.
 - 12.20pm: Year 2 walk to the pool for a supervised free swim of 45 minutes (12.30-1.15pm)
 - 1.00pm: Year 1 walk to the pool for a supervised free swim of 45 minutes (1.15-2.00pm)
 - 1.30pm: Prep walk to the pool for a supervised free swim of 40 minutes (1.50-2.30pm)

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in races for selection to represent the school at the NW Catholic Schools' Swimming Carnival that will be conducted in Burnie - this carnival is to be confirmed in regards to possible COVID-19 restrictions. The school canteen will still operate on this day and Sunscreen will be provided by the school and available at the pool for students to apply, however, parents may prefer their child or children to apply their own sunscreen, which would need to be supplied by the parents. Parents may take children home from the pool provided school staff are informed prior to the day please to ensure their child or children bring their school bags to the pool - school bags will be left at school unless teachers are informed that a child will be taken home from the pool by a parent. Parents of children in Prep, Years 1 and 2 may assist their own child only in the change rooms please.



A play-based Birth - 5 program open to all families

Qualified early years educators plan developmentally appropriate experiences for you and your child to explore together.

Our educators work with families to support parental understanding of the development of early literacy, numeracy and communication skills.



WHERE: St Patrick's Catholic Primary Kindergarten Room

WHEN: Every Friday during school term

TIME: 9am - 10:30am

WHAT TO BRING: A hat, water bottle, piece of fruit & gold coin donation

We look forward to welcoming your family to our Birth-5 Sessions

**55 Bradshaw Street, Latrobe
Phone: 6426 1626**

Check in TAS App - Digital COVID check in at St Patrick's

St Patrick's is now registered to use the 'Check in TAS' COVID registration App. This App allows you to simply scan a QR code using your smartphone or smart device when you are entering the school for a period longer than 10 minutes, rather than filling out a register by hand. Please see the image to the right for instructions on how to download and use the App. We will have the QR codes placed at the front office, in the entrance to the school hall and in Kindergarten. It is important that you either use this App or the handwritten register so that contact tracing can be undertaken if necessary.

Book Club - Issue 1 is out now. You can order online or via the ORDER FORM in the booklet. If you have any problems or concerns please let me know. This issue is jam-packed with lots of **NEW** books, carefully curated with age-appropriate titles, value for money (children can take home a book from as little as \$3 with Book Club's 'every child deserves a book', quality publishing with access to the best in children's publishing from bestselling authors and illustrators) and finally, rewards that go back to the school to buy more books and educational resources! We love Book Club as it is such a convenient way to build up our children's home resources, encouraging the love of reading and keeping our children entertained! Orders need to be in by 19/2/2021

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Thank you for supporting COVID-19 contact tracing efforts and doing your bit to keep Tasmanians safe. Questions? Call the Public Health Hotline 1800 671 738.

For further information visit
www.health.tas.gov.au/checkintas



2021 School Fees Invoice and Payment Arrangements

We are currently in the process of updating our accounting program to TechOne which is due to go live by the 5th March. We will be issuing the 2021 School Fee invoices from the TechOne program after this date. Thank you to the families who have already returned their 2021 Payment Arrangement forms, or have made contact to organise regular payments. Due to the invoice being issued later than in previous years, scheduled monthly payments for this year will commence on the 8th March to the 8th December (10 equal payments). Should you wish to commence with regular payments, we offer the following options:

- Direct Debit: Contact the office for a Direct Debit form, or deposit funds into the following account: BSB 067000, Account 10273325.
- Centrepay: Contact the office for a Centrepay Deduction Authority form.
- Credit/Debit Card: Complete page 2 of the Payment Arrangements form.
- Bpay: With the implementation of our new accounting system, the current Bpay numbers previously issued to families will be changing. Your new Bpay number will be listed on the 2021 school fee invoice.
- Should you require any of these forms, please contact the office, or visit our website to download: <https://www.stpatslatrobe.tas.edu.au>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Care and Concern

Please feel welcome to be included in our Care and Concern Volunteer List - thank you to the many school community members who are already on this list and are assisting others: **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.**



REMINDER: Surplus Furniture - all offers considered.

The school is seeking offers for some excess furniture items including:

- Two table-tennis tables.
- 50 laminated desks - steel-framed.
- Seven rectangular desks.

If you are interested, please provide details that include your name and your offer, to the school office before Tuesday 9th February. **All items need to go and can be inspected. Any offer considered.**



Welcome to Kindergarten – Mrs Fenton

It has been such a joyful experience to welcome the children into their Kindergarten classroom this past week. Mrs Klug and I endeavour to create a warm and engaging atmosphere, encouraging children to explore their new indoor and outdoor environment at their own pace, driven by what piques their interest. As Term 1 progresses, the children will be continually supported in their transition to school life, developing their independence with daily routines and their sense of agency. Our educational program in Kindergarten includes abundant opportunity to engage with various open-ended learning centres. When play provocations are open in nature, without one expected end result, children are better able to access and harness positive dispositions such as creativity, curiosity, imagination, self-direction, individuality and inquiry. Facilitating and nurturing such personal traits is likely to promote a genuine love for lifelong learning. We are so excited to settle into the Kindergarten rhythm with our wonderful group of little learners!



Yellow Slips

If your child makes an inappropriate choice at school, depending on the severity of the incident, they will likely be required to have a time-out at Recess or Lunch and will subsequently receive a Yellow Slip to bring home. This slip will be placed in the child's diary and, after speaking with your child, it is important that the bottom section is signed by a parent/guardian and returned in the diary the very next school day. If you require further clarification of the incident, please contact Mr Linhart or staff at the school office. Students should bring the signed slip to the front office when they arrive at school in the morning. If the signed slip is not returned on the next school day, the student may be required to have an additional time-out. Thank you in advance for your support.

Congratulations to Ms Mundy on the birth of Nyla, a sister to Violet, Dawson and Jarvis.

2021 Soccer Season - School Roster

The 2021 soccer season is scheduled to start on Saturday 24th April, as in previous years registrations will be completed online through the Play Football website. Currently the online registrations are not open, we will advise families when the online registration is open and available to register players for the upcoming school roster season.



DEVONPORT JUNIOR SOCCER

MIKE GAFFNEY MLC



SUMMER SIX'S!

6 WEEKS

(February 24th to March 31st)

6 A SIDE

\$60 PER TEAM (+ \$5 insurance per player)

AGES:
UNDER 9/10
UNDER 11/12
UNDER 13/14
(Boys and girls)
(Maximum 8 players per team)

Wednesday afternoons
4pm, 4.40pm 5.20pm or
6pm

**NOT SCHOOL BASED - GET YOUR FRIENDS
TOGETHER AND MAKE A TEAM!**

BUT GET IN QUICK—ONLY 6 TEAMS PER AGE GROUP!

TEAMS TO BE REGISTERED BY COB 12TH FEBRUARY

**ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE NOT PLAYED BEFORE! WE
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Registrations are open—Please email devonportjuniorsoccer@gmail.com

Payment is to be made as a team by direct debit. No individual payments.

More info email: devonportjuniorsoccer@gmail.com/0412757216