

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

One of the themes that regularly crops up in our daily staff prayers, led by a different staff member each week, is gratefulness. Various research that has been conducted around positive psychology shows us how much being grateful can impact on our overall well being and happiness. But, it isn't all about us; luckily being grateful also improves the well being and happiness of others. An article published by Harvard Medical School in November of 2011, states that research has consistently shown that "Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships". I believe that at St Patrick's, we are a very grateful bunch. We know how wonderful our school community is, and we are, for the most part, very grateful. And, we have much to be grateful for, we are truly blessed.

Front of mind this week is the gratefulness that I know I share with our whole school community in being extremely thankful for the leadership, compassion, hard work, humour and love that Mr Linhart has shown to the community of St Patrick's Catholic School. We wish Mr Linhart all the best during his period of leave and pray that he has a rejuvenating break.

I know that I am also not alone in being grateful for all that our committed and professional staff do, for the support and trust that our parents, guardians and friends of the school show, and for the wonderful students that continue to learn and grow each and every day in our community.

One of the three Lenten Practices that we are asked to undertake during this period in the Church's calendar is Almsgiving. Traditionally this means giving money to the poor, hence why we are asked to donate money to Caritas during this period. However, there are other ways that we can give of ourselves. Being intentionally grateful is another way that we can give to others, and this is something that we encourage the students at St Patrick's to do both at school and at home.

I pray that as a community we continue to be grateful for the many blessings that we have at St Patrick's Catholic School.

Kind Regards,
Kurt Atkins (Acting Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

(updated items in red, bold print)

MARCH

Tues. 23rd	School Counsellor
Wed. 24th	Mrs Adams & Mrs Tueon away
Thurs. 25th	Child Care Board Meeting
Fri. 26th	Year 3 Excursion - Bells Parade
Mon. 29th	Latrobe High School Work
	Experience students commence
Tues 30th	Year 4 Excursion - Camp Clayton
	School Counsellor

APRIL

Thurs 1st	Term 1 Holidays commence
Sat 24th	Soccer season commences
Mon 26th	Term 2 commences

TERM DATES

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 Harrison Fawcner (Year 5) who received a WEST Award during today'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: Maria

Dooley House: Amaja

Martyn House: Olivia

Recycling: Suraya

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Matilda Franklin for an outstanding effort with her speech sessions.

Year 1: Angus Anthony for putting in a great effort with his learning resulting in excellent progress. Keep up the great work!

Year 2: Axel Bus for using the 'friends of ten' strategy efficiently in Maths.

Year 3: Zita Omogbai-Musa for her consistent efforts in completing neat and accurate bookwork.

Year 4: Sophie Franklin for displaying great leadership skills during St Patrick's day activities afternoon.

Year 5: Wilf McGann for his enthusiastic and positive approach towards all learning tasks, including weekly homework.

Year 6: Adam van der Hulst for his imagine and funny limerick about Mr Linhart.

LOTE News (Lockett Sensei)

Today, Year 6 had the opportunity to learn about Japanese dance and the culture behind it. They heard all instructions in Japanese from a native speaker. They also learnt a Japanese exercise routine which they will be able to teach back to the school. We also welcomed visiting schools from Miandetta Primary, St Brendan Shaw College, Nixon Street Primary, Hillcrest Primary and Andrews Creek Primary School.

Student Mathematics books provided to parents

Last week students brought home their Maths Book/s to provide an opportunity for discussion around what students have been learning in Maths. If you have not done so already, please ensure these are returned at the earliest possible convenience.

Discussions with teachers during school hours (8.30am – 3.00pm)

Classrooms, and teachers, are extremely busy from 8.30 to 3.00pm each school day. Catching up with a teacher during class time is great if it concerns a quick question or clarification, however, parents are asked to arrange a time before or after school (preferably face-to-face) to discuss aspects of learning and teaching to ensure all parties have sufficient time and opportunity to have a productive conversation. Intentions and communication can often be confused if we don't allow sufficient time to both talk with, and listen to, another.

PARENTS & FRIENDS (Tameika Anthony)

The 'Green Sweet Treats' on offer for morning tea on St Patrick's day proved very popular amongst the children. We raised an impressive \$377.00 which will be donated to Caritas. I would like to say a huge thank you to the following people, Mrs Meech, Ms Stuart, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Adams, Mrs Tueon, Renee Young (Eamon's Mum), Jo Mulcahy (Sophie's Mum) and Mrs Moore (Talei, Adam, Melia, Livai, and Sienna's Nan) for baking and donating the sweet treats.

Fish and Chip Day: The P&F will hold a fish and chip day on Wednesday March 31st. An order form was included with last week's newsletter. More order forms are available from the office. **Order forms with money included are due by no later than 3pm this Wednesday 24th March. Late orders will not be accepted.**

Mothers' Day Gifts: We will be holding a mothers day stall on Thursday 6th May. A variety of lovely gifts will be available to purchase, prices will range between \$4 - \$12.

Easter Egg Raffle - Easter Egg Donations Requested

Families are asked to contribute an Easter egg that will be used to create some Easter Egg raffle hampers - classes have bags for collection of raffle hamper items. The SRC will be selling Easter egg hamper raffle tickets outside the assembly hall every morning and outside the school canteen every Thursday and Friday commencing next Thursday. Tickets will be 50 cents and raffles will be drawn during our Holy Week school assembly on Holy Thursday 1st April. Depending on the number of eggs that we receive, we are hoping to have one raffle winner per class. Easter egg or chocolate donations can be left at the office or with your child's teacher - many thanks in advance. The St Patrick's School P & F will also purchase Easter eggs to ensure all students receive some eggs on Thursday 24th March - many thanks to the P & F.

Devonport Winter Basketball roster (Mrs Meech)

Thank you for all those students who have registered for the Devonport Winter Basketball roster. We were able to enter teams in the Years 1/2 (with 2 students joining us from another school) Years 3/4, Years 5/6 Girls and the Years 3/4 Boys divisions. We will also have some students who will be playing in a Years 1/2 Boys team with students from another school. We will require coaches for the Years 1/2 Girls and Years 3/4 Boys teams. Interested parents please contact Mrs Meech ASAP. The roster began on Friday, 19th March for 3/4 & 5/6 teams and on Wednesday, 24th March for 1/2 teams.

Staff News

Miss Mayne will be teaching Year 2 this week and next week as Mrs Badcock will be off class to provide leadership support. Mrs Kingshott was away on Monday and today, Miss Flude taught Year 6 today, while Mr Atkins and Mrs Badcock taught Year 6 on Monday. Ms Moore was away on Monday, Mr Curtis taught Year 5. Mrs Meech was away today, Mr Curtis taught Year 3.

After School Pickup

A reminder that students that are being picked up from school, where the student is picked up after 2:55, must wait at the school office. Students that are unsupervised are not permitted to sit outside or play on the playground while waiting to be picked up as there is no direct supervision in the playground at that time. We ask that children are collected from school promptly and if you are running late to pick up your child/ren that you please call the office to advise us. Thank you in advance for your support.

Uniform Transition

Over the next two weeks before the school holidays, students may start the transition to winter uniform. Students must wear either their full summer uniform or full winter uniform. **Hats remain compulsory for term 1 and are required to be worn with either the summer or winter uniform during the transition period.**

G I R L S - WINTER • School skirt or pinafore of modest length. • Green school shirt and school tie (or dark green skivvy if cold). • Navy blue woollen school jumper. • Navy soft-shell jacket. • Navy blue tights or socks. • Black school shoes (no other visible colours) with arch support.

B O Y S - WINTER • Long grey trousers or grey shorts of modest length •. Green school shirt and school tie (or dark green skivvy if cold). • Navy blue woollen school jumper. • Navy soft-shell jacket. • Navy blue socks. • Black school shoes (no other visible colour) with arch support.

Soccer Season 2021

The soccer season will commence on Saturday 24th April (last weekend of term 1 holidays) a letter will go home with all players this week with team details and the initial 2 week roster. Soccer tops will be provided to all players next week. Thank you to our parents who have already offered to coach our teams. All teams must have a nominated coach to commence the season. Once a coach has been nominated and a training day has been confirmed can you please advise Mrs Harris so she can communicate this to all team members.

Soccer Training

Open 5 (Year 5's) training will commence with Mrs Felicity Derin- Reeves this Wednesday 24th March from 3.00pm - 4.00pm and Under 9 (Year 3's) training with Mrs Claire Aherne on Thursday from 3.00-3.45pm. We ask that parents do not leave their children unattended during training sessions.

Leukaemia Foundation



World's Greatest Shave

Oliver and his family would like to say a very big thank you for the support of the St Patrick's Catholic School Community during his fundraising for the "World's Greatest Shave". Oliver raised \$895.81, which was well above his target of \$560.00. It was wonderful to receive such support by way of generous donations leading up to and on 12th March.

Thank you, Mr & Mrs Gatehouse



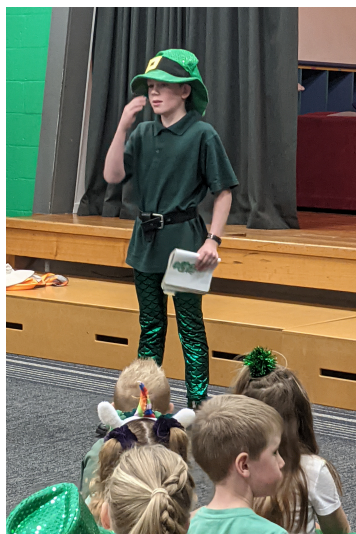
North West Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students from St Patrick's that were involved in the North West Swimming Carnival. All students represented the school extremely well, showing the values that we strive to live out at St Patrick's. Thank you also to Mrs Hayes, Mrs Anthony and Mrs Tueon for accompanying the swimmers on the day.



St Patrick's Day Festivities

Last week on Wednesday 17 March we celebrated St Patrick's Day. Thankyou to the SRCs, House Captains, School, Captains the P&F and all of the staff that worked to make this day so enjoyable.



COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

Project Compassion

Thank you to the many families who are putting small change in their family Project Compassion boxes that will be used by Caritas Australia to assist families and communities who are in significant need of our assistance. Project Compassion boxes will be requested during Holy Week - the week beginning Monday 6th April.

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 Atkins if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.**

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

Our 'Inquiring Minds' birth to 4 program operates **each Friday during school term time 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 Klug will be working 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.


PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our
commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and
Our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.
Through living simply and loving generously,
May we care for our global family
and our common home, as we
"Aspire not to have more, but to be more".*
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.
*Saint Oscar Romero

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Inquiring Minds at St Patrick's

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

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Latrobe Auskick Demons

COME JOIN THE DEMONS AUSKICK IN 2021!!

1st Training session and information night
4pm Wednesday 24th March
At Latrobe Football Ground Oval

We look forward to seeing everyone both girls and boys for an exciting 2021 season.

Year 6 Limericks

Year 6 students have been exploring different forms of Poetry in an English Writing Unit. On St Patrick's Day, students composed some Limericks about Mr Linhart

Rod is a very sporty man,
who had a very evil plan.
He banned all the cooks,
and all of the books,
and made all the kids do NAPLAN.
By Grace Matheson.



Our Friend Mr Linhart is a man,
who got hit by a frying pan.
He got a bump on his head,
and spent the day in bed,
and got spoon-feed soup by his Nan.
By Adam Van Der Hulst



There once was a man who was very kind.
And he had a very cheeky mind.
He loved a good prank,
So, was high on the ladder rank.
For Linhart had pranked all mankind.
By Gideon Barker

Mr Linhart is a great old man,
who is the jolliest from all of the land.
He brings smiles to people's faces
and cares for people from all places,
and helps everyone that he can.
By Georgie Tueon



St Patrick's Catholic School COVID-19 School Safety Protocol

- Adults to please **hand sanitise** upon entering any school building: the school provides hand sanitiser at school venue entry points or adults may use their own (and be observed to use a sanitiser).
- Adults, where practicable, to **maintain 1.5m physical distancing**, observing seating arrangements as communicated by signage or instruction please: indoor event attendance limited to one person per 2 square metre per indoor space.
- Adults to **sign-in**, either at the school office or on a list provided at the entry of the school building. The school is obligated to record contact details of visitors to school events held in school venues, with this information stored securely for a period of 21 days.
- Appropriate COVID safe signage is communicated at school entry points. Key message to visitors - **if feeling unwell, it is important not to be in attendance**; the school will bar entry to people who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who are close contacts of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Although daily cleaning of frequently touched internal surfaces is undertaken, we ask adult visitors to avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily.

THANK YOU

PLEASE:

- **DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL.**
- **SIGN-IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE/ASSEMBLY HALL** IF YOU ARE STAYING MORE THAN 10 MINUTES.
- **APPLY SANITISER** UPON ENTRY TO ANY BUILDING.
- **OBSERVE APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN.