

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Sunday just gone, Palm Sunday, marked the beginning of Holy Week, a very special time for Christians all over the world. At Mass on Sunday we held up palm fronds (conifer cuttings at St Patrick's... close enough) to signify the 'triumphant entry' of Jesus into Jerusalem. A joyous occasion for those that were present 2000 years ago, a joy that we share. However, the Gospel from Mark was the narrative of Christ's Passion, where Jesus suffered and undertook the ultimate sacrifice for us. In his Homily, Fr. Jaison outlined for us the stark differences between Palm Sunday and Good Friday. On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a Donkey, but on Good Friday he was the one carrying the Cross that bears the weight of our wrongdoing. On Palm Sunday, the people threw their own clothes down for him, but on Good Friday the soldiers cast lots for his clothes and stripped him bare. On Palm Sunday he was surrounded by his Disciples and the thousands of people that were overjoyed to see him, but on Good Friday even his Disciples fled, he was alone but for the two thieves hanging on the Cross beside him. There are wonderful times in our lives, times and experiences and things that we should be extremely grateful for. However, we know that there are also times where we suffer. Certainly not to the extent that Jesus suffered, but our own level of suffering. The times of suffering are difficult, yet they are important. Without suffering, we can't fully appreciate the joyous moments, in fact, we may miss some of these moments altogether.

During this season of Lent, we have been challenged to 'be more' through our contributions to Caritas. Every time I look at the photo on the Project Compassion box, or at a Caritas video, or their website, I see smiling faces. And while I know that the people in these photos have suffered in ways that I can barely comprehend, the support that Caritas provides through your contributions, brings joy to their lives. Thank you to everyone for donating to this worthy cause.

Suffering is relative. For some parents during soccer season, suffering may mean standing at Meercroft Park in the pouring rain and wind at 8am watching your child kick the ball into the opposition's goal. No doubt this makes you appreciate the heaters in the car on the way home. For students, suffering might mean sitting through a maths lesson, or running in the cross country, or falling over and hurting their knee in the playground, or getting into a fight with a sibling and being sent to their room. It is not that we want our children to suffer, but these moments of suffering are important for children too. I am sure we have all heard the term helicopter or bulldozer parent. These parents clear the difficult path for their child to remove suffering. But, research shows that these children do not build the resilience required to deal with life. They don't learn ways to deal with challenges that inevitably get harder as we get older.

It is how we handle the difficult times that matters. Do we learn from our mistakes? Do we reflect on the hard times, or do we take things for granted? Do we see challenges or suffering as a setback, or do we use it to move forward? How can we ensure that our children apply a positive attitude when they have setbacks or challenges? At St Patrick's we endeavour to provide students with the support they require to build the necessary mindset and skills to turn setbacks and challenges into opportunities for growth.

We know that the suffering that Jesus endured on Good Friday is not the end of the story. We know that out of that suffering came the ultimate opportunity for growth. We know that through Jesus' suffering, we have been set free. We know that we are unconditionally loved. And, in this knowledge, we know that we have support, especially during our challenges, our hardest times, our suffering.

I pray that everyone in the St Patrick's community has a wonderful and safe Easter break. See you all in Term 2.

Kind Regards,
Kurt Atkins (Acting Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

(updated items in red, bold print)

MARCH

Mon 29th Latrobe High School Work
Experience students commence
Tues 30th Year 4 Excursion - Camp Clayton
School Counsellor

APRIL

Thurs 1st Last day of Term 1
Sat 24th Soccer season commences
Sun 25th ANZAC Day
Mon 26th First day of Term 2

MAY

Tues 18th **School Photo Day - Winter Uniform**

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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Staff News

Miss Mayne will be teaching Year 2 this week as Mrs Badcock will be off class to provide leadership support. Mrs Atkins will be teaching Year 1 this week as Mr O'Brien is on leave. For the duration of Mr Rod Linhart's leave Mrs Tina Badcock will be working in a full time leadership position to assist in supporting the school learning community. From Term 2, Mrs Kylie Fenton will be teaching Year 2 for three days per week, with the remaining two days on Year 2 to be announced at the commencement of Term 2. Mrs Laura Stoessiger will be returning from parental leave to teach Kinder from the commencement of Term 2.

After School Pickup

A reminder that students that are being picked up from school, where a student/s are picked up after 2:55, they 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 this week 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.**

Girls - 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.

Boys - 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). Soccer tops, team lists, a 2 week roster, ground map, playing rules and the code of conduct will be provided to all players on Thursday. 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.

Basketball Team Photos



WEST Award

Congratulations to Tyla O'Toole (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: Mushtaq

Dooley House: Jake

Martyn House: Jaxon

Recycling: Tahlia

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Lincoln Smith for his positive attitude and application in Spelling and Mathematics.

Year 1: Xavier Parker for performing consistently well over the term and for constantly displaying our school West qualities. Thank you for your great effort.

Year 2: Zander Bloomfield for showing polite manners and for demonstrating respect for others during learning time.

Year 3: James Sullivan for writing great questions for our excursion and for demonstrating initiative around the classroom.

Year 4: Jimmy Tueon for his consistent application to learning tasks, especially in Geography.

Year 5: Suraya Khan for her informative and engaging Paper Bag Book Report presentation.

Year 6: Georgie Tueon for consistently displaying excellent leadership skills through her thoughtful words and actions.

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)

Fish and Chip Day: The P&F will hold a fish and chip day tomorrow, Wednesday March 31st. These have been pre-ordered and there will be no sales available on the day.

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

The SRC are selling Easter egg raffle tickets outside the assembly hall every morning and afternoon, tickets can also be purchased from the school office. Tickets are available for \$1.00 each (incorrectly advertised as 50c in previous newsletters - apologies for this) the raffles will be drawn during our Holy Week school assembly on Holy Thursday 1st April. 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 1st April - many thanks to the P & F.



Year 3 Excursion

In HASS, as part of our work on "Civics and Citizenship," we have been learning about why we have rules, how decisions are made and how we can participate in our community. We decided to hold a "Can for Casual Clothes Day" for students to donate a can of food to St Vincent De Paul.

On Friday, 26th March, Year 3 visited the Latrobe Council to meet the Mayor, Peter Freshney, as well as some other councilors who were able to talk to us about how decisions are made at council, dog control, local infrastructure, recycling and caring for the environment. We were able to scan a micro-chipped dog, sorted items for recycling as well as, checking for the spread of germs which were detected through a special powder and light.

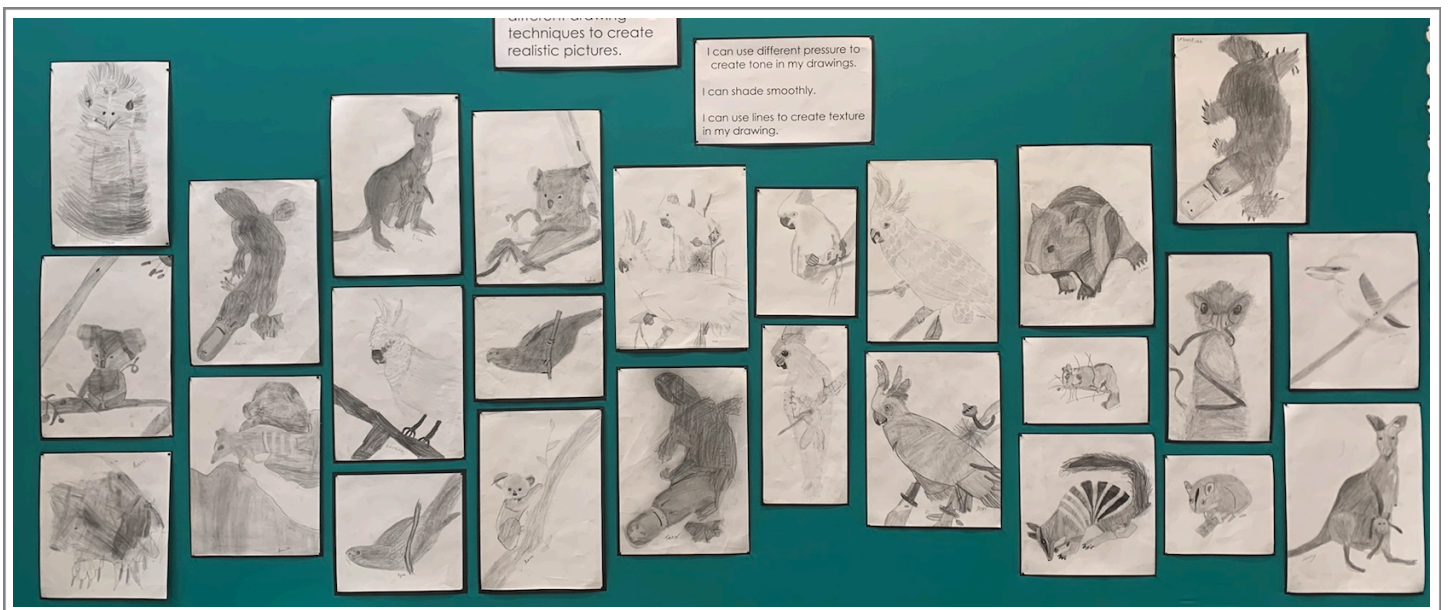
We also delivered the 210 cans the school donated to Leah at St Vincent De Paul. We toured the organisation and learnt about how Vinnies helps people in need in our communities. We were also able to look at the soup van which provides many homeless people with a meal. We were able to sample the soup, fruit and vegetables that are usually served.

We then walked onto Bell's Parade for lunch and returned to school to clean up some of our school environment. We also made some cards for Easter that were delivered to Strathdevon for the residents.



Year 4 News (Ms Stuart)

This term has flown by! We have explored place value to tens of thousands and beyond and applied different strategies (split, compensation and the algorithm) to solve addition and subtraction problems. Our main writing focus has been creating information texts. We have researched and created reports on a variety of topics. We have enjoyed learning about coding with Mr Atkins. In Geography we have been exploring the countries of South America and Africa. Students have been using maps, atlases and Google Earth to locate geographical features of the countries they have chosen to research. In Art we have explored different sketching techniques to help us sketch an Australian native animal. We enjoyed learning about furoshiki. Furoshiki are traditional Japanese wrapping cloths used to wrap or transport goods. We experimented with wrapping books and making a bag to carry our lunchboxes.



ANZAC Day

ANZAC day is on the last Sunday of the school holidays. At this stage we are unsure if we will be able to attend the ANZAC day Service as a school event as we have in the past, due to COVID restrictions. Once we have been advised if we are able to participate we will send out a message via Compass to advise families.



COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

Project Compassion Boxes

Thank you to all families who have collected money to support Caritas in their endeavours to make a difference in the lives of others who are not as fortunate as ourselves. If you have your Project Compassion 'money box' or would like to make a donation, it would be appreciated if these monies could be sent to school by the end of the week. Many thanks for your support.

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.**

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' 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.

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

55 Bradshaw Street, Latrobe
Phone: 6426 1626

Hockey Tasmania

COME & PLAY HOCKEY!

Under 13 North West Competition starts in Term 2

Join a Club Today



devonporthc@hotmail.com or
Sharlene Hardy 0419 367 433
Training: Tuesdays 6-7pm



westdevonport@gmail.com or
Narelle Davey 0456 789 069
Training: Mondays 6-7pm

Games played on Friday evenings in
Devonport, Burnie, & Smithton
Roster starts 23 April 2021

For more info:
Contact Hockey Tasmania Participation Coordinator
Tania.Barry@hockeytasmania.com.au

or go to the Hockey Tasmania website
www.hockeytasmania.com.au

April 12, 2021; Basketball Clinic

Players from the St.LukesHealth Thunder team will provide a great session of entertainment and instruction for children 7-14 years at the first of our 2021 School Holiday clinics.

Cost is:

\$50 per child, which includes a junior Thunder membership and associated merchandise pack.

\$35 for current Thunder junior members.

VENUE: OLIVERS BAKERY & CAFÉ STADIUM, ULVERSTONE

TIMINGS: 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, MONDAY 12TH APRIL

A HOT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY OLIVERS BAKERY & CAFÉ.

CHILDREN NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN DRINK

Payment can be made on the day. Bookings are essential:

Email: enquiries@nwthunder.com.au or

Inbox to our Facebook post

All participants will receive a free ticket to a Thunder home game



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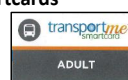


- From 11 April 2021, the old Merseylink branded smartcard WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED
- Merseylink has a **NEW SMARTCARD** for use on its **GENERAL ACCESS** bus services.

Old Smartcards

All Wayfarer Pay Cards still in operation will be expired and need to be replaced with the relevant TransportMe Card by Easter 2021.

New Smartcards

- TO APPLY** for a TransportMe™ smartcard, they have to fill out the application form on Merseylink's website www.merseylink.com.au or contact Merseylink directly.
- Any available credit on their old Merseylink smartcard will be transferred to their new TransportMe™ smartcard when they apply.
- If you have any questions, please ring our friendly staff on 6427 7626 or email Admin@merseylink.com.au

10/03/2021



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.