

# St Patrick's Catholic School



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Would you call yourself an explorer? Would those who know you feel that you aren't afraid of adventure, of meeting a challenge? Words are loaded - the terms, 'explore' and 'adventure' are often subconsciously associated with images of breathtaking feats that tests human physical and emotional limits, while the reality for most of us, our adventures are (thankfully) more mundane. Marcel Proust wrote in his *Remembrance of things past* that 'The only true voyage of discovery is not to go to new places, but to have other eyes.' If exploration, and the adventure that follows, means having new eyes, we can be, and most of us already are, explorers of sometimes epic proportions.

Parenthood, as with education and teaching, implies exploring boundaries and being ready for an adventure. Intrinsic to any adventure is preparation, and preparation implies an awareness of needs. If an exploration is to become an adventure that has triumphs that overshadows the challenges that remain unmet, we require a degree of planning that still may not adequately prepare us for the adventure - it is in such a situation that character is formed. Exploration transforms, just as education and being a member of a community such as school or family transforms, because it provides us with insights not only about our world, but because it provides us with an awareness of our own potential.

Occasionally we feel that we are sea-worthy explorers and we remain 'land-locked' by shifts in unfavourable tides or inclement weather - adventure is as much about achieving the balance between common sense and gritty determination, as it is about thorough preparation. Staff at St Patrick's are involved in continual preparation in regards to supporting students in testing boundaries. Parenthood is one of life's biggest adventures and we are often unprepared; so many factors appear out of our control and the journey can often be a long, hard slog. We need to remind each other that our mutual goal is the enhancement of our students'/children's learning outcomes, which can be achieved without compromising our own welfare provided we prepare and implement our respective journeys with sufficient preparation, tempered with a healthy dose of common sense. I look forward to being part of our collaborative St Patrick's educational adventure throughout 2019.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR (Items in red are recently added.)

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday 19th 6.00pm P&F Meeting (Fair)  
Wed 20th 9.30am Years 2 & 6 attend parish Mass  
Monday 25th 9.00am Year 5 lead morning prayer assembly  
**6.00pm School Board meeting**  
Wed 27th 9.30am Years 5 & Prep attend parish Mass

### MARCH

Monday 4th 9.00am Year 4 lead morning prayer assembly  
Wed 6th Launch of Project Compassion  
Ash Wednesday - beginning of Lent  
9.30am Years 4 & 1 attend parish Mass  
Thursday 7th Principals Meeting - Rosebery  
Monday 11th Public Holiday  
Wed 13th **St Patrick's Day Celebrations**  
Thursday 14th School Swimming Carnival  
Friday 15th **St Patrick's P&F School Fair**  
Monday 18th **Catholic Education Week**  
**9.00am Year 2 lead morning prayer assembly**  
**6.00pm School Board Meeting**  
Wed 20th 9.30am Year 6 & 2 attend parish Mass  
Thursday 21st **NWCPS Swimming Carnival**  
Monday 25th 9.00am Year 1 lead morning assembly  
Wed 27th 9.30am Years 1 & 3 attend parish Mass

## SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

Term 1: Thursday 7th February - Friday 12th April  
Term 2: Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July  
Term 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September  
Term 4: Monday 14th Oct - Wednesday 18th December.

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**Before-school Breakfast:** Breakfast club will continue with the support of many parents and friends including Amy Davis, Racheal Smith, Lorraine Young, Debbie Dolby and David Angliss - helpers are always welcome (please simply make your presence known in the school canteen from 8.15am each Friday). Thank you to the many families who have volunteered items to ensure this initiative is offered to students with no cost to themselves or the school. Please contact the school office staff, Mr Linhart or one of the Breakfast Club facilitators mentioned above if you would like to assist in any way.

### **2019 Canberra Trip Wood Raffle**

As a preliminary fund-raiser, a raffle book was included in last weeks newsletter, the prize once again being a ute load of firewood. The proceeds of this raffle will be used to off-set the costs to families for next year's Years 5 & 6 Canberra trip. Mr Linhart will provide and deliver a ute load of wood to the lucky winners - The draw date will be Monday 25th February.

### **St Patrick's Playgroup - Commencing Friday 22nd February**

Mrs Klug will, once again, offer a wonderful opportunity for children in the birth to 4 age group with playgroup being offered every Friday, beginning at 9:00am and concluding at 10:45am. Mrs Klug creates many fun-filled opportunities for children to socialise and learn new skills including singing, art and craft and story-telling. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and bring some morning tea, a drink and an art smock. A \$2.00 donation is welcomed to assist us with materials used in this program.

### **'Meet the teacher & Family Get-together'**

Many thanks to the families who took the opportunity to meet with their child or children's teachers last Wednesday evening and enjoyed a BBQ and 'a play'. Thank you to our wonderful staff who assisted with the BBQ and the distribution of ice-creams.



### **2019 Student Details - Commonwealth Government Data Collection.**

This collection is undertaken each year and is used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure Commonwealth funding arrangements for nongovernment schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent. Our school will provide the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department) with the information that is required as part of the *Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection* (handout enclosed). Parents need to ensure that our school office staff have up-to-date residential address details for your child(ren) and parent and/or guardian names and addresses.

### **Library News**

Issue 1 of Book Club is out now. Orders are due back to school by Friday 22nd February

### **Student pick-up after school.**

Students in Kinder, Prep and Year 1 who are waiting for parents, are expected to wait in their classroom immediately after school, and are then expected to wait at the school office to be picked up by a family member who may be running late.

### **After-school use of school grounds.**

Staff are usually not in a position to provide supervision or intervene after school and it has come to my attention that there is the potential for members of our school community to be injured, and/or for damage to school property to occur, when the school day concludes at 3.00pm and families remain on school premises. Recent incidents have concerned me and I have fielded complaints from members of our school community in regards to what are considered unsafe actions. St Patrick's School also shares our space with the Shamrock Childcare Centre and under their regulations, they can't use the play equipment until families have left, which can be a considerable inconvenience for the childcare centre staff and students. I have mentioned in Newsletters the understanding that children need to be closely supervised by responsible adults, however, it appears that the potential for injury and/or damage is a real concern and, as such, there is now an **expectation that families no longer stay after school using school facilities** - this decision was not taken lightly. There may be exceptions that may include closely supervised sports' training sessions where families with children may find it convenient to stay and watch, however, these would be exceptions to the rule and there needs to be a clear understanding that parents who are watching the training and who may have children not involved in the training are very closely supervised by the adult. Thank you for your understanding and support. Mr Linhart is available to discuss this decision with you to provide any clarification or elaboration.

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

### WEST Award

Congratulations to Ruby Warren (Year 1) who received a WEST certificate 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. Families are always most welcome to attend our weekly assemblies.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep:** Caleb Banks for Using his initiative to help others.

**Year 1:** Taylor Goss for always having a positive attitude and being a welcoming student.

**Year 2:** William Brazendale for being an enthusiastic and hard worker.

**Year 3:** Ruby Anthony for a fantastic start to 2019 and always being welcoming and encouraging.

**Year 4:** Jaxon Boyle for consistently displaying determination and commitment to his work.

**Year 5:** Himash Keerthiratne for his commitment to learning through using Spelling City to write some fantastic sentences.

**Year 6:** Chelsea Dowling for being positive and welcoming and a fantastic start to the 2019 school year.

### Year 6 Leadership Day.

Last Wednesday Year 6 students had the opportunity to work at Camp Clayton with the Year 6 students from Our Lady of Mercy, Deloraine students. It was fun and we learnt a lot about being student leaders. We had a meal together, learned a little more about what it takes to be a leader, met new people and built stronger friendships. We would like to thank our teachers and Marty for this opportunity. Logan Lamprey and Ruby Meech (School Captains)



### Welcome back to the 2019 school year and to Year Six - Mrs McIver and Mrs O'Brien

This year is a big year for our oldest students at St Patrick's. We welcome Zander, Basmala and Taylor to our class and hope that they enjoy sharing the final year of our Primary school journey with us. This year is going to be full of exciting opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, self confidence and independence. We hope that all the students enjoy the chance to lead their peers in formal and informal roles throughout the year. Students will also have the opportunity to deepen their understandings, improve their skills and broaden their ideas about the world around them through the exploration of many different curriculum areas as well as the much anticipated Canberra trip in September. Some of the exciting things to look forward to in Year Six will be the MJR Leadership day at Camp Clayton, Peer Led Options, School Captain roles as well as preparing for their journey into High school. We are both passionate about teaching Year Six students and seeing the growth and leadership that can develop over the course of the year. We are eager to teach many creative, challenging and engaging lessons. We both look forward to seeing our students taking on the challenges of Year Six with a positive and determined attitude and hope they make the most of the many opportunities that will come their way.

### Kinder Adventure Playground

Work is almost complete on our Kinder Adventure playground - we are concreting some safety posts adjacent to the tunnel in the playground. This area will be used by Kinder and early years students and will be supervised by a staff member - parents, please ensure your child does not use this area out of school hours, especially if they are an older child, in order to ensure the safety of your child and other children and the integrity of the structures that have been built.





## ST PATRICK'S P & F

**Fair news:** the P & F are accepting all donations for the annual school fair to be held in March 2019: Laundry/Cleaning products; Non perishable food items; Lucky Jar items (individually wrapped lollies, rubbers, stickers, small toys etc.); Chocolate bars/blocks. Donations can be left at the office. Thank you in advance for all contributions towards making our fair a successful event.

## REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### Important: Forms to return please

Included with our first Newsletter were three forms that we require returned as soon as possible please:

- 2019 Payment Arrangement Form.
- Medical Record that contains information that currently reflects details regarding health and medical, which are on our school database.
- Bus form.

Please **check these details and make any necessary updates** on the forms. **Please also sign the two consents located at the bottom of the respective page** (Consent for Medical Attention and Consent for Local excursion.) **Your prompt return of these forms is greatly appreciated.**

### 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, one of our office staff or Mr Linhart to discuss how we, as a school community, can assist a member of our school community who may be in need.**

### Devonport Basketball Competition winter primary school basketball roster

The winter roster for Grade 1 & 2, Grade 3 & 4 and Grade 5 & 6 will remain as school-based. Grade 1 & 2 games will be played on Wednesday nights commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March and Grade 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 games will be played on Friday nights commencing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. It is a requirement of Basketball Tasmania that all players register online. The DBC requires all intending players to be registered and paid online **before Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

To register go online [www.devonportwarriors.com.au](http://www.devonportwarriors.com.au) (from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February) or you can attend a registration night to be held in the meeting room (next to the Youth Centre) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 4.00 pm until 5.30 pm. Registration fees: \$80-00 for children born in 2010, 2011 and 2012, \$90-00 for children born 2008 and 2009 and \$100-00 for children born between 2006 and 2007. If you require any assistance with online registrations or have any queries regarding rosters please contact Jan at the DBC Office on 64242440 between 10 – 2 daily.



### Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to assist our Mini Vinnies group in making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, (5th March). If you are able to assist, please contact the office or Mrs Marshall by Friday the 1st of March. We would greatly appreciate your help.

