

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Martin Luther King is quoted as saying, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Families celebrated Mother's Day last Sunday, allowing children to acknowledge the unselfish devotion that is displayed by mothers in the care and support of their children. Undoubtedly, this care and support is complemented by the encouragement of many other family members who share the significant responsibility of providing a loving home environment. It is this sense of 'service' in regards to taking action in the commitment to others, which is a hallmark of both sustainable parenting and teaching.

Schools can be greatly misunderstood institutions - as adults, we have all 'passed through' the schooling process and, consequently, we all view schools and education through fairly unique lenses. Effective schools, however, all have one important ingredient: service to others is a keystone in the school operation and is viewed regularly in action. Mahatma Gandhi reinforced the importance of this attitude of serving others when he said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." In the school context, it is not difficult to highlight regular evidence of service to others, such as:

- The wonderful collaborative effort that was displayed by the vast majority of staff in preparing for, delivery of, and the cleaning-up, of our recent school Mother's Day breakfast, which attracted over 180 people.
- Several school staff driving to Burnie on Friday evening to both support and thoroughly enjoy being in the audience of a student who was taking part in a public performance.
- The significant number of families who attended our relatively recent parent-student-teacher meetings.
- Staff members, parents and friends who volunteer their time to support a significant number of sporting initiatives and co-curricular activities, ensuring our students can have a broad education.

Thank you to all in our school community who regularly serve in the interests of the collective.

Regards, *Rod Linhart* Rod Linhart (Principal)

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

### May

Monday 13th	Year 4 camp - Camp Clayton 9.00am Year 6 morning prayer assembly
Tuesday 14th	Year 4 camp - Camp Clayton NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Wed 15th	9.30am Years 6 and 2 attend parish Mass NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Thursday 16th	NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Monday 20th	6.00pm School Board meeting 9.00am Year 2 morning prayer assembly
Wed 22nd	9.30am Years 2 and 6 attend parish Mass P & F canteen day
Thursday 23rd	School cross country (Thursday 13th June is the NW Catholic schools cross country in Burnie.)

**Monday 27th** 9.00am Year 3 morning Prayer Assembly  
**Wed 29th** 9.30am Year 3 and Year 4 Parish Mass

### JUNE

**Monday 3rd** 9.00am Year 1 morning Prayer Assembly  
**Wed 5th** 9.30am Year 1 and Year 3 Parish Mass  
**Monday 10th** Public Holiday (no school)  
**Thursday 13th** NW Catholic Schools Cross Country (Stella Marist Catholic School, Burnie)  
**Monday 17th** 9.00am Year 4 morning Prayer Assembly  
**Wed 19th** 9.30am Year 4 and Year 1 Parish Mass  
**Monday 24th** 9.00am Prep morning Prayer Assembly  
**Wed 26th** 9.30am Prep and Year 6 Parish Mass

## SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

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

### WEST Award

Congratulations to Ruth Nicolle (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

**Dooley House:** Jimmy Tueon

**Byrne House:** Ava Franklin

**Martyn House:** Edmund Barker

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep:** Clementine Radich for her positive attitude to learning.

**Year 1:** Hudson Brumby for his positive effort and good listening.

**Year 2:** Jimmy Tueon for approaching all learning activities with a positive and eager attitude.

**Year 3:** Cameron Reeves for his consistent effort with Reading and comprehension activities.

**Year 4:** Liam Jessup for His eagerness to help others and try his best.

**Year 5:** Zarliah Richardson for developing her organisational skills and displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

**Year 6:** Ruby Meech for the effort she is putting into all learning tasks, especially her recent Maths assessment.



### School outdoor benches - Latrobe Men's Shed

We are grateful for the support of the Latrobe Men's Shed for generously responding to our request for assistance in the revitalisation of our outdoor benches. Within 30 minutes of our request in person by our two school captains at the Latrobe Men's Shed last Friday, Ralph, Donald, Allan and Garry arrived and have already begun work on two of the ten benches. We are deeply grateful for this wonderful support.

### English student class notebooks

Students will be bringing their class English/Literacy notebooks home this week for parents to view. This initiative of distributing subject notebooks throughout the year allows families the opportunities to appreciate some of the work covered in class in all curriculum through the year. Please understand the importance of ensuring these books are returned to class the next school day, and please also appreciate that student learning and class teaching is not fully or adequately appreciated by reviewing the notebook, however, it provides families with opportunities to view aspects of the curriculum and to enter into productive conversations and be part of a productive home-school partnership.



### Student Achievement

Congratulations to Ethan Richardson (Year 6) who performed in the Encore Performing Arts Studio's, 'When I Grow Up' at the Burnie Entertainment Centre last week. Several staff members made the trip to be eager and very satisfied members of the audience last Friday night. Ethan is one of many of our very talented students who participate, with significant parental support, in a variety of co-curricula activities. Well done all those families who support their children's wide interests. We hope to have a wall prepared by term 3 that will be used to show-case student co-curricula achievements.



*The loveliest  
masterpiece of  
the heart of God  
is the heart of  
a Mother.*

*At Terece of Lisieux*





## Kinder News

Our Kinder and Friday morning pre-kinder 'Inquiring Minds' group have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the outdoor play addition to our kindergarten area. The majority of the landscaping was completed over the Christmas/New Year break - many thanks to Greg Leonard owner-operator of 'Dig-Ezi' - however, we had to wait for a final WHS report and remediation on our water pump - many thanks to Mr Huxtable for this work. This space is designed for children in early childhood classes (Kinder, Prep, Years 1 & 2) and we ask parents to feel welcome to explore this space with their children, however, to be aware that the design and intent is for children of this early years' age.



## School Validation

Sean Gill, Acting Director of Catholic Education Tasmania, presented our school's Validation certificate to us during a recent school assembly. This certificate of validation is recognition of our school satisfying a number of requirements that have been established for all Catholic schools in Tasmania, in addition to satisfying 13 domains that are established by the Schools Registration Board of Tasmania. Staff, our student leaders and parents via our School Board are regularly involved in tasks that ensure we not only meet these expectations, but endeavour to exceed and excel.



## School Cross Country - Thursday 23rd May

All students will be welcome and encouraged to participate in this year's school cross country to be conducted at the Latrobe Recreation Ground next Thursday afternoon. Years 3 to 6 will be running to qualify for the NW Catholic Schools cross country. All participants will receive an encouragement sticker or ribbon and the afternoon will finish with the opportunity for all children to walk a lap of the ground with their family members. Students from St Brendan-Shaw will assist us on the day. We look forward to welcoming those of you who might be able to join us and encourage all our students to do their best. A proposed timetable of the event is:

12:55 - assemble at Latrobe Football Oval

1:00 - 6 Girls

1:02 - 6 Boys

1:15 - 5 Girls

1:17 - 5 Boys

1:30 - 4 Girls

1:32 - 4 Boys

1:45 - 3 Girls

1:47 - 3 Boys

2:00 - 2 Girls

2:02 - 2 Boys

2:05 - 1 Girls

2:07 - 1 Boys

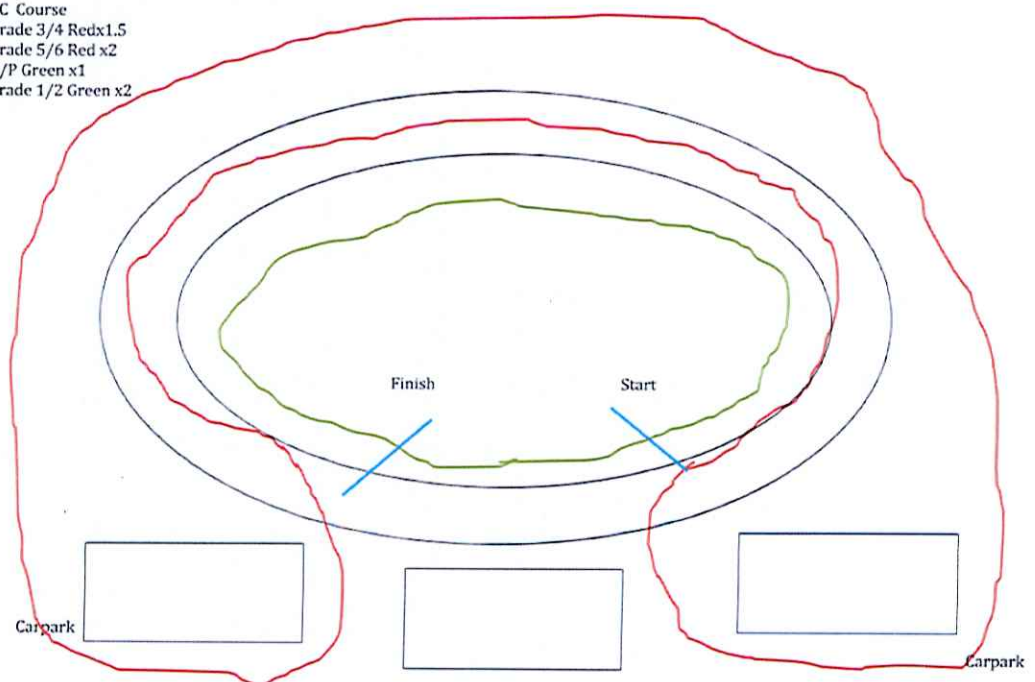
2:10 - P Girls

2:12 - P Boys

2:15 - K Girls

2:17 - K Boys

XC Course  
Grade 3/4 Red x1.5  
Grade 5/6 Red x2  
K/P Green x1  
Grade 1/2 Green x2





# Mother's Day Breakfast



*"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God  
is the heart of a Mother."*

*St Therese of Lisieux*





Happy Mother's Day





# St Patrick's Catholic School

## Homework Policy

### AIMS

- To assist students to develop worthwhile study habits, which will equip them with strategies to promote independent learning.
- To provide valuable opportunities for students to develop responsibility, perseverance, self-discipline and time management skills.
- To provide opportunities for positive support roles for parents to assist their children.
- To be conscious that homework does not encroach on extra-curricular experiences that students enjoy and from which they gain considerable benefit.

### PROCEDURES

- Students are expected to allocate time at home to complete unfinished class work, to complete activities or research for projects and to practise their reading skills.
- Reading daily is considered to be one of the most important homework elements for all students.
- There is an expectation that, if there is no reasonable reason provided by parents for students failing to complete homework, that tasks set for homework or other tasks would be completed during part of designated playtime.
- Students are expected to demonstrate pride in their homework by completing the work neatly and returning it on time.

#### Prep to Year 2

- Homework will be routinely set during the week.
- Students are encouraged to learn words and basic number concepts and to pursue reading and spelling programs.
- Students should spend up to 20 minutes per night on homework.

#### Years 3 to 6

- Homework will be routinely set during the week.
- Depending upon the type of tasks being required to be completed at home, homework may be set:
  - At the beginning of the week for completion by the end of the week
  - For completion by the next school day
  - As a short or long task the teacher nominates project where a completion date is set.
- Guidelines for duration of homework are:
  - Years 3 & 4: up to 30 minutes, including reading, four nights a week.
  - Years 5 & 6: up to 40 minutes, including reading, four nights a week.

#### Responsibilities of Teachers

- Homework that is set has clear and full directions for the students and is relevant and complementary to class work.
- Teachers are responsible for reviewing, marking and speaking with students about their homework; returning homework promptly to students.
- Teachers are responsive to parents' concerns about circumstances, which may impact on the completion of their children's homework.

#### Parents and Homework

Parents can support their child's learning by:

- Providing a suitable quiet, well-lit area for homework completion.
- Establishing a homework routine.
- Encouraging children to work reasonably quickly and efficiently – adhering to recommended time frames and liaising with teachers if time limits are difficult to meet or the student is overwhelmed by a task.
- Notifying class teachers if family constraints make it difficult for a homework task to be completed and discuss alternatives and options.

# Spirit of Jesus

## @ St Patrick's...



- ✿ Tully - filled up drink bottles for others when they were empty.
- ✿ Emma - solved a problem without a fuss.
- ✿ Tyler - helping me with the computer.
- ✿ Mrs Badcock - spent her own time helping our class.
- ✿ Thomas - for doing up Joey's shoelace.
- ✿ Alex B - helped his sister when she had no one to play with.

- ✿ Beau - let me have a turn on the swing.
- ✿ Indy - cooperating and dancing with me.
- ✿ Adam & Arlo - helped me when I fell.
- ✿ Some of the Year 5 boys - helped Mac.
- ✿ Mrs Meech - danced with me when I didn't have a partner.
- ✿ Kyle - help put the chairs up.
- ✿ Georgie - inviting others into her group.
- ✿ Tyla - giving positive praise to others.
- ✿ Emmy, Aleks and Alexander - encouraging Ellie when she got her WEST award.
- ✿ Mrs Lamprey - cleaning out a lunchbox after a yogurt was spilt in it.
- ✿ Ruth - putting chairs down for her classmates.
- ✿ Oliver & Logan - including others.
- ✿ Emma, Grace & Emmett - let me play when I had no one to play with.
- ✿ Nathan - helped pack up equipment.
- ✿ Mr Tim - sharing produce from the garden.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

The P & F will be holding a lunch day on Wednesday May 22nd. This will be a pasta day. There will be a choice of homemade Macaroni cheese or Spaghetti Bolognese on offer, along with a jelly cup for dessert. Order forms are included in this weeks newsletter. **Order cut off is Friday 17th May. No late orders will be accepted.** Please inform the school office if you can assist. Thank you (Mrs Anthony.)

## REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### School Board.

Nominations are called for the St Patrick's Catholic School Board. A brief outline of the role and structure of the school Board is available from the school office and via our school website. The School Board usually meets for approximately 90 minutes on a Monday evening six or seven times a year and discusses a range of topics including school policies, finances, buildings and facilities, promotion of the Catholic ethos and future directions. The role of the School Board is viewed as being integral in sharing the responsibility of the overall well-being of the school. Our current school Board membership consists of the Parish Priest, Father Mike Delaney and the principal, Rod Linhart, as ex-officio members, Joanne Mulcahy (Chair), Julie Fawcner (Secretary), Nicholas O'Toole and Kate Warren. If you are interested in becoming a member of the school Board, or would like to be an observer at a School Board meeting, we invite you to contact one of the School Board members or the school office staff as soon as possible.

## 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  
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### Woolworths Earn & Learn

Don't forget to bring your stickers in and place them in the boxes outside Mr Linhart's office.