

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



School Newsletter Number 36 November 19th 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

"Tell it to me straight please!" Whether it is the doctor, the mechanic, the accountant or the teacher, we generally want a straight answer, hopefully an answer that is pleasing or reassuring, an answer that offers us a positive expectation and the possibility of embracing new and fulfilling opportunities. However, most answers to important questions are usually not straight-forward. I would think that, just as a medical opinion in regards future prognosis for a patient is subject to a degree of conjecture that reflects variables that include the idiosyncrasies of the patient, a child's end of year report offers the parent and student a degree of insight into a child's achievements in the course of the year that provides insights into future engagements and progress that is also open to a considerable degree of speculation; variables such as a child's family and social circumstances over the course of the year, coupled with their responses to their teacher's preparation of learning sequences are only two important variables that can quite significantly influence a child's achievement.

Teachers are in the final stages of compiling student end of year reports, based on student's responses to learning and teaching units. The end of year report should not be viewed as a 'black and white; tell me straight' type of response - as with all such reports, they are indicative, rather than absolute. They should offer parents an indication of a child's strengths and challenges, rather than a definitive and absolute revelation.

As staff begin the final reviewing stage of the school year, I am reminded once again of the important variable that we should continue to nurture in our joint home-school endeavours to enhance student outcomes, which is the positive collaboration that recognises the important role of **'the other'** in any educational experience, which is poignantly expressed in the following quote by Einstein: *"A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labours of others, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving."*

Regards, Rod Linhart

Principal

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

Monday 18th	9.00am Year 1 morning prayer assembly
Wed 20th	9.30am Years 1 & 6 Parish Mass NW Catholic Schools' Athletics Carnival (Penguin)
Friday 22nd	Final day for Years 2-5 swimming program 9.00am - 10.30am Inquiring Minds 'Pre-Kinder' taster session (St Patrick's Kindergarten classroom)
Monday 25th	Staff Professional Learning Day - Student free day
Tuesday 26th	9.00am Year 2 morning prayer assembly
Wed 27th	9.30am Years 2 & 4 Parish Mass
Thursday 28th	Devonport Triathlon
Friday 29th	Public Holiday - Devonport Show

### DECEMBER

Sunday 1st	First week of Advent
Monday 2nd	9.00am Year 4 morning prayer assembly 6.00 School Board - Dinner
Tuesday 3rd	St Brendan-Shaw & Latrobe High Years 6-7 Orientation Day.
Friday 6th	10.30am Prep Nativity play for parents (school assembly hall) and morning tea. 9.00am - 10.30am Inquiring Minds 'Pre-Kinder' taster session (St Patrick's Kindergarten classroom)
Monday 9th	9.00am Prep Nativity play (school assembly hall)
Wed 11th	6.00pm - 7.30pm School Community Shared Meal and Get-Together— school grounds (details TBC).
Saturday 14th	<b>Latrobe Christmas parade - Prep Nativity Float.</b>

## SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2019

Term 4: Monday 14th Oct - Wednesday 18th December.

## SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020

Term 1 Thursday 6th February - Thursday 9th April

Easter break Friday 10th April-Tuesday 14th April

Term 2 Mon 27th April - Friday 3rd July

Term 3 Mon 20th July 2020 - Friday 25th September 2020

Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday 17th Dec 2020

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

### WEST Award - Not awarded this week.

Congratulations to Kale Garrad (Year 4 ) 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

**Byrne House:** Eamon Young

**Dooley House:** Ruben Clarke

**Martyn House:** Tanner Davis

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep:** Victor Barker for fantastic work in Mathematics.

**Year 1:** Jakk Burgess for great listening and engagement in the classroom.

**Year 2:** Hailey Mitchell for her application to learning and applying addition and subtraction strategies in Mathematics.

**Year 3:** Oliver Hartwell for his enthusiasm and his use of voice in his Readers Theatre presentation.

**Year 4:** Emma Watson for always displaying a positive attitude and making the most of every learning opportunity.

**Year 5:** Ruth Nicolle for her positive attitude and application toward her swimming lessons.

**Year 6:** Harry Marshall for his improvement in application and focus in the classroom.

### RE - Student books

To both inform families and to allow families to have productive conversations that have student outcomes as a focus, student Religion books will be sent home next week. Please review these books, have a conversation with your child or children, and ensure the books are returned to school the next day.

### Staff News

The proposed 2020 class and staff structure is summarised below. Changes include increasing the profile of Music in the school (including an opportunity for the creation of an instrumental group), combining Health and Physical Education into the one responsibility area for a specialist teacher. Routines that support early literacy learning, a focus on some numeracy skills and understandings will be communicated by the end of the school year - exciting times ahead for 2020 building on the growth of 2019:

- Kinder: Laura Stoessiger (3 days) and Kim Klug.
- Prep: Ann Jak (5 days) and D'Arne Adams.
- Year 1: Melissa Marshall (2 days); Shane O'Brien (3 days) and Anita Tueon.
- Year 2: Tina Badcock (3 days); Kylie Fenton (2 days) and Kelly Munday.
- Year 3: Jane Stuart (4 days); Anna McIver (1 day) and Michelle Lamprey.
- Year 4: Megan Meech (5 days, team-teaching with Erin Moore for 1 day) and Tammy Hyland.
- Year 5: Erin Moore (2 days); Abbey O'Brien (3 days) and Tim Lowry and Janine Males.
- Year 6: Karyn Kingshott (5 days) and Tameika Anthony.
- Library: Melissa Carter.
- Health & PE: Courtney Hayes: (2 days.)
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE): Kayla Lockett (1 day.)
- ECE Music: Leonie Watson-Peters (1 day).
- Primary Music: Dominique Baker (1 day).
- Student Support: Gwenda Gregson (3 days) and Melissa Marshall (2 days).
- Religious Education Coordinator: Melissa Marshall (1 day).
- ICT/Early Childhood Education Literacy Coordinator: Tina Badcock (1 day).
- Chaplain: David Angliss (TBC).
- Deputy Principal: Kurt Atkins (5 days).
- School Executive Officer: Lennice Leonard.
- School Administration Officer: Tameka Harris.
- School Utility Officer: David Broos.
- Principal: Rod Linhart (5 days).

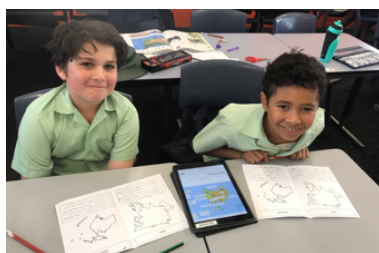
### PARENTS & FRIENDS

**Canteen:** There will be no canteen on Thursday 28th November. There will, however, be a P&F lunch day on Wednesday 27th November.

- The P&F will be holding a lunch day on Wednesday 27th November. It will be hot chips and an ice cream. An order form is included in this weeks newsletter. Order cut off is strictly Friday 22nd November.
- Everyone should have received an order form for the Sunrise Bakery Christmas Fundraiser, in last weeks newsletter. See Tameka at the office if you require more forms or if you didn't receive one.
- Included in last week's newsletter was an order form for the Sunrise Bakery Christmas goodies bakery drive. **Orders close on December 10th**, delivery being December 17th. Extra copies of the order form will be available at the school office if anyone is needing extras for family, friends or workplaces.

## Year 2 – What a Wonderful World

In Geography, students have been discussing and exploring how people in different places are connected, and they have identified factors influencing these interconnections. Students enjoyed sharing their personal connections, at various scales, across the world's major geographical divisions. Plenty of interesting and informative discussion followed, with many students sharing their climate knowledge of areas in Europe and North America, and aspects of school life in other countries. Students worked in pairs and small teams to research, locate and represent information. By effectively navigating atlases, globes and the internet, students labelled maps, posed questions such as 'why is it so cold on this continent?', and considered possible explanations, including 'maybe it's because of the Earth's tilted axis and the equator!'



## NW Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival

Best wishes to the following athletes who are representing St Patrick's at tomorrow's NW Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival, which will be held at Penguin: Molly Clarke, Josie Darby, Chelsea Dowling, William Higgins, Logan Lamprey, Vinnie Manion, Harry Marshall, Peter Metz, Patrick Mulcahy, Taylor Wells, Luca Adams, Paul Barrass, Mac Butler, Ava Chamley, Matilda Hayes, Kyle Jordan, Samuel Ling, Ruth Nicolle, Maddy Withers, Tyler Bakes, Jaxon Boyle, Charlie Brazendale, Keira Emery, Monty Manion, Emily Phegan, Stella Riley, Talei Sesara, Eamon Young, Connor Anderson, Ruby Anthony, Joey Griffiths, Ryan Jackson, Lincoln McQueen, Sophie Mulcahy, Tyla O'Toole, Cameron Reeves, Claire Simpson, Indy Wells.

## Compass - Student Absences

Our new student management system, Compass, will automatically send out a text message to parents whenever a student has an unexplained absence. These text messages contain a link for you to add an explanation for the absence. If you know that your child will be away in advance (for example, a holiday), please contact the office rather than the classroom teacher, as Mrs Harris will be able to put absences into Compass in advance so that you do not receive a text message. However, keep in mind that if for some reason there is a change of plans and your child is going to attend school on the days you have said they will be away, you will need to contact the office again to advise of this so that the absence/s can be changed in compass. If notifying an absence the morning of the absence you have two options. Either go into the Compass App on your Smart Device and notify the absence there, or call the office to notify the absence.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will recommence this Friday 22nd November. Toast and hot drinks will be available to students.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**Launceston Cup:** A Chess Tournament organised by Launceston Chess Club and Tasmanian Chess Association was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 at YMCA Kings Meadows. Himash Keerthiratne and Thomas Hartwell from our school played well in the tournament, Himash being the top scored junior winning 4 out of 7 rounds and Thomas following with a score of 2 out of 7 rounds. Congratulations! For the scoreboard:- <https://www.tasmanianchessassociation.org/news-and-games>



## LIBRARY (Mrs Carter)

Issue 8 of Book Club is out now. It is our final Book Club for the year. Please have your orders in by Tuesday 26th November. If you would like to make your purchase a surprise remember to click the **GIFT FUNCTION** when ordering online or mark it clearly on your paper order so it can be correctly delivered. Thank you to all the families that have supported Book Club this year.

## REMINDERS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### Staff Professional Learning Day/Student-Free Day

**Monday 25th November** is timetabled as a whole-staff professional learning day. Staff will be provided with professional learning in the 'Seven Steps to Reading' program, which will further enhance some significant professional learning (Initial Lit; Macq Lit) that we, as a school, have provided to staff in our endeavours to enhance our mastery of literacy learning. **Students will not attend school on Monday 25th November.**

### Pre-Kinder: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

St Patrick's Catholic School, Latrobe, will be offering a Pre-Kinder program each Friday morning for three weeks **for children who have been accepted into our 2020 Kindergarten class, or who are considering enrolment in 2020.** Sessions will take place in the St Patrick's Catholic School Kindergarten classroom. This will mean the usual 'Inquiring Minds' sessions that we offer on Fridays will not be offered for these three Pre-Kinder sessions (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.) Parents will remain on site at school involved in information sessions that include: *The Early Years Learning Framework and Kindergarten Developmental Checklist; Assessment and reporting kindergarten; Play-based learning, speech pathology, a tour of the school including visits to classrooms and observation of lessons in early childhood classes (Prep to Year 2) and "Kinder 2020 – what should I expect?" presentation.* For further information please contact one of the school office staff, Mrs Stoessiger, Mrs Klug or Mr Linhart.

## 2020 Class Booklists

The 2020 class booklists were distributed to families last week. Free delivery for books, cuts off on orders on or before the **8th December 2019**. After this date delivery is \$12.95. As in previous years, St Patrick's will be using the services of OfficeMax for booklist orders; this does not prevent families from purchasing any or all booklist items from other stationery outlets, however, it is **very important that families only purchase the specific writing books (ruled lines)** that the class teacher requests for 2020.

An advertisement for OfficeMax and Winc. It features a young girl in a school uniform pointing upwards. The text reads: "Finish First for Back to School." Below this, it says: "Order your child's Back to School supplies through OfficeMax and Winc for a chance to WIN back the cost of their requirements list!" The website "officemaxschools.com.au" is listed. At the bottom, the OfficeMax and Winc logos are shown. A small note at the bottom left says: "\*Eligible supply lines subject to details."

## Girls Under 14 Development Playing Conditions Season 2019/2020

### Players Age: Under 14.

(However, this is age indicative and the program has been designed for first time cricket players. Overage players are eligible, based on ability and experience.)

**Time: Wednesday's 5.00pm-7.00pm with a Sunday Gala Day.**

**Start Date: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December (Gala)**

**Team: Seven (7) players on the ground at any stage.**

(Minimum of five (5) players required for a match.)

**Ball: Modified softer ball supplied by Cricket Tasmania.**

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North West**

