

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

I usually pray for three things when reflecting during Mass: *courage; compassion and; wisdom* - three traits that I believe are integral in allowing me to contribute to the various communities that I belong, and three qualities that I too often lack. The quality of 'wisdom' is particularly vexing - it is the foundation of our joint roles as parent-educators and it relies on our informed response or leadership. Confucius summed up the enigma of this term when he said, "*By three methods we may learn wisdom: first, by **reflection**, which is noblest; second, by **imitation**, which is easiest; and third by **experience**, which is the bitterest.*" As a school that promotes WEST values and asks all in the school community to reflect daily on 'Spirit of Jesus Moments', imitation is certainly appreciated as a critical element of the development of making wise decisions or 'good choices' at St Patrick's. Similarly, we acknowledge that children, by virtue of their relative inexperience, may have to be involved in an occasional 'bitter experience' as they grapple with the consequences of poor choices.

However, it is frustrating that of the three methods that Confucius highlighted as a means to learn wisdom, the noblest method that involves reflection often appears to be the most elusive for us. Pope Francis made the following statement that has significant resonance for all reasonable people who may be reflecting on this more noble manner of gaining wisdom: "*I am always wary of decisions made hastily. I am always wary of the first decision, that is, the first thing that comes to my mind if I have to make a decision. This is usually the wrong thing. I have to wait and assess, looking deep into myself, taking the necessary time.*" Wise reasoning involves dialectical thinking - appreciating different perspectives, recognising the limitations of knowledge, making flexible predictions, and searching for compromise. Research undertaken in 2012 (Kross and Grossmann, *Journal of Experimental Psychology*) demonstrated that wise reasoning increases when participants take a self-distanced perspective. Thank you to all in our school community who strive for wisdom by taking the time to discern and to **talk 'with'; not 'to'; not 'about'** others.

Regards, Rod Linhart

Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Monday 11th	9.00am Year 5 morning prayer assembly Swimming program (Year 2 to Year 5) begins
Thursday 14th	6.30pm Allison Davies (Neuropsychologist) presenting in the school assembly hall - P & F initiative 5.30pm St Patrick's Childcare meeting
Friday 15th	9.00-10.30am 2020 Kinder Orientation/ Pre-Kindergarten session Afternoon - Childcare Christmas Party
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
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.
Monday 9th	9.00am Prep Nativity play (assembly)

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

Congratulations to Egan Bos (Year 2) 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: Ellie Hayes

Dooley House: Samuel Ling

Martyn House: Zarna Bakes

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Evie Bracken for being WEST to our new student.

Year 1: Ava Araroa for demonstrating good progress with her maths.

Year 2: Melia Sesara for her positive attitude and application when creating her digital short story.

Year 3: Connor Anderson for his improved focus during meditation.

Year 4: Emmett Quinn for his great progress in reading and spelling.

Year 5: Koby Harrington, Thomas and Alex O'Grady for the hospitality they showed toward our guests at the parishioners morning tea.

Year 6:

Swimming Years 2 to 6 - Uniform

Important notes as communicated last Friday: usual uniform for the swimming program is expected please (e.g. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - summer uniform; Thursday - sports uniform; A bathing cap (**essential**) – students will not be permitted to swim without a cap; a plastic bag to put their wet bathers, bathing cap and wet towel; goggles (may be worn when permitted by the instructor); students may wear bathers to school, however, they will require clean underclothes to change into.

2020 Class Booklists

The 2020 class booklists will be distributed to students with today's newsletter. 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.

Mathematics - Student books

As part of our endeavours to both inform families and to allow families to have productive conversations that have student outcomes as a focus, student Mathematics books will be sent home this 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

Mr Atkins was away yesterday and today; Ms Mundy was away yesterday - we welcomed Mrs Bakes in Year 2; Mrs Gregson attended a Student Support meeting today; Mr Atkins and Mr Linhart will be involved in a meeting in Hobart this Friday; Mrs Badcock will be away this Friday. **Classes and staff for our school 2020 classes will be communicated to families in next week's Newsletter.**

PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Evening with Allison Davies will be held **this Thursday 14th** in the school hall, beginning at 6.30pm. It is not too late to RSVP. Please see Tameka at the office if you or anyone you know may be interested in coming along. Included in this week's newsletter is 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. P&F will be holding a lunch day on Wednesday 27th November. More information and an order form will be included in next week's newsletter.

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.

Pre-Kinder: Friday 15th November, Friday 22nd November, Friday 6th 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 15th November, Friday 22nd November, Friday 6th 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.

Cyber Awareness (Mrs Badcock)

During the first four weeks of Term 4 each class had opportunities to learn about being safe digital citizens. Mrs Badcock interviewed students and collated responses about their learning.

- In Prep students described how they take care of resources by keeping their drinks away from devices and carrying them safely. They don't take or share photographs of their friends and they are aware of the need to tell an adult if a "pop up" appears on their screen.
- The Year 1 class were Cyber Detectives and learned to keep their passwords and private information safe.
- Year 2 students looked at a Cyber Safe House and are aware of the location options on apps to keep their location private.
- Year 3 students watched engaging activities including a Cyber Safe Pirate Crew and Online Game Safety and used this information to create posters highlighting ways to be safe online.
- Year 4 students learned the acronym SMART to remember key messages to stay safe online.
- Year 5 students looked at real life scenarios about password security and sharing online. They applied their awareness of how to determine which information online is reliable information when they were researching for their current biography projects in History.
- Year 6 students participated in a Lost Summer activity which highlighted the need to communicate respectfully when online and particularly when using social media.



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.**



Morning Tea with St Patrick's Parishioners



Last Wednesday some of our students from Years 3-6 attended Mass with Mr Linhart and Mrs Marshall. Afterwards the parishioners were invited back for morning tea. Our students served our visitors tea, coffee and offered some tempting treats, whilst engaging in conversation. Thank you to Irene Campbell, Margaret Mackey and Fr Paschal for joining us.

