

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



School Newsletter Number 1 February 9, 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

I was amazed by how often I heard the term, 'maybe' over the holidays. The term was generally used in the context of opportunity cost, relating to being prepared for situations that confronts us as human beings. It was usually used in the context of a person's loss. It appears that there are many communities in which individuals are confronting challenges associated with loss that is deep and may appear insurmountable. However, without diminishing the significance of the multitude of challenges that are confronting individuals and communities, there appears to have been remarkable growth that has occurred in some communities and individuals as a result of being forced to confront loss on a personal and civic scale that we, who are not intimately involved, find hard to fathom.

Educators, both teachers and parents, worry a lot about their children's self-esteem. But one of the worst things we can do for a child's self-esteem is to let them give up; there's nothing better for building confidence than learning you can do something you thought you couldn't. There is a need to respect a child's individuality, encouraging him or her to pursue true passions, supporting their choices, and providing positive reinforcement and a nurturing environment. However, there is no contradiction in believing that the best way to protect a child is by preparing them for the future, letting them see what they're capable of, and arming them with an appreciation of important values, skills, work habits and inner confidence that no one can ever take away.

The former United States President, John Kennedy, stated that, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." We witness acts of great courage in our own families, in the lives of families in our community who often have to 'dig-deep', and in the lives of victims of natural and man-made disasters in our nation and around the world. There are hundreds of thousands of people who are today confronting their own sense of 'maybe'. My prayer, as we begin a new year, is that we all remain grateful for the gifts that each of us can bring to our school community and accepting of the notion that just 'maybe' each of us can bring about a positive and lasting change in the lives of even one person within our school community.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### February

Thursday 9th	Students begin term 1
Monday 13th	9:00am Morning class prayer assembly - Year 6 house and school captain candidate speeches.
Wed 15th	6:00pm parent information sessions
Thursday 16th	School canteen begins (each Thursday and Friday)
Friday 17th	9:00-10:45am Playgroup begins (each Friday during term time) Year 6 leadership day (Camp, Clayton)
Monday 20th	9:00am Morning class prayers assembly (Year 6) - Commissioning Service for school staff and student leaders. 7:00pm Sacramental Program meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Devonport. Mitch working in Year 4 on the 'Spirit Of Jesus' program.
Tuesday 21st	9:30am Parish Mass (Year 6 attending)
Wed 22nd	9:00-10:45am Playgroup
Friday 24th	Matt Jones (Assistant Director:North) visiting
Monday 27th	9:45am-2:00pm School Swimming Carnival (Latrobe Pool) 6:00pm School Board meeting
Tuesday 28th	Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes available for sale to raise funds for Project Compassion.

### March

Wed 1st	Ash Wednesday - Years 3 to 6 attend Parish Mass at 9:30am
Friday 3rd	9:00-10:45am Playgroup
Monday 13th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Eight Hour Day)
Tuesday 14th	Year 4 attend camp (Camp Clayton)
Wed 15th	Year 4 attend camp (Camp Clayton)
Friday 17th	St Patrick's Day - SCHOOL FAIR

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017

Term 1: Thursday 9th February - Thursday 13th April
Term 2: Monday 1st May-Friday 7th July
Term 3: Monday 24th July-Friday 29th September
Term 4: Tuesday 17th October-Thursday 21st December

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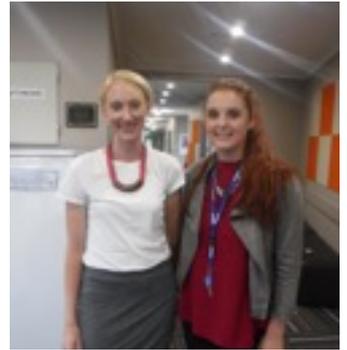
School Banking Details:

BSB Acct: 067-000 Acct: 1027-3325

## Staff News

Staff have been busy over the break preparing for the 2017 school year, with classrooms reflecting the creativity and diligence that characterises our high expectations. Our class structure for 2017 is:

- Kinder (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays): Mrs Laura Stoessiger, Mrs Klug (T-A)
- Prep: Mrs Ann Jakk, Mrs D'Arne Adams (T-A)
- Year 1: Mrs Melissa Marshall (Mon-Wed), Mr Shane O'Brien (Thursdays, Fridays), Mrs Tammy Hyland (T-A)
- Year 2: Mrs Tina Babcock (Mon-Wed and even week Thursdays), Miss Kelli Cook (odd week Thursdays and Fridays), Mrs Geraldine Bellchambers (T-A), Mrs Melissa Carter (T-A), Mrs Robyn Lawrence-Vick (T-A)
- Year 3: Mrs Jane Stuart (Mondays, Tuesdays, odd week Fridays), Mrs Anna McIver (Wednesdays, Thursdays and even week Fridays), Mrs Michelle Lamprey (T-A).
- Year 4: Mrs Erin Sesara (Mon-Wed), Mrs Alisha Mitchell (Thursdays, Fridays), Mrs Geraldine Bellchambers (T-A).
- Year 5: Mrs Karyn Kingshott.
- Year 6: Mrs Abbey O'Brien, Mr Tim Lowry (T-A), Mr David Anglis (Chaplain)
- LOTE teacher: Mrs Alisha Mitchell (Wednesdays: Years 3-6 terms 1 & 2; Kinder-Year2 terms 3 & 4).
- Music: Mrs Leonie Watson-Peters (Kinder - Year 2 Mondays & Tuesdays); Mrs Dominique Baker (Years 3-6 Fridays).
- Student Support: Mrs Gwenda Gregson (Mondays, Tuesdays)
- Library: Mrs Melissa Carter.



## School Organisation

- Classes will begin at 8:50am each day and conclude at 2:55pm; student supervision by St Patrick's Catholic School staff will commence at 8:30am.
- **Sport** will be offered to all classes each **Thursday**.
- Whole school assemblies are timetabled each morning, with a longer class-led prayer assembly being held Monday mornings from 9:00-9:25am. Families are most welcome.
- **Library** times: Mondays – Year 6, Prep, Year 4; Tuesdays - Year 5; Year 3, Year 2; Wednesdays - Kinder, Year 2, Year 1.
- **Music times:** Mondays, Prep, Year 1, junior choir; Tuesdays Year 2 & Kinder; Fridays - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Senior Choir.
- Peer-led fitness is timetabled Tuesdays and Fridays (2:25-2:45pm)
- Whole-school spelling programming is timetabled for 25 minutes every day except Wednesdays from 9:00-9:25am (Mondays 9:25-9:50)
- Recess is 11:00 to 11:20am; lunch is 12:50 to 1:00pm; lunch play is 1:00 to 1:25pm

School Canteen will begin on Thursday 16th February - a 2017 canteen menu will be distributed to families on Thursday 9th February and via our school website, Skoolbag and Facebook sites

## Parent Information Evening - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm

All families are welcome to attend a parent information evening next **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**, commencing with the Principal's brief address at 6:00pm in the Assembly Hall. Each teacher will present information to families regarding their expectations and class routines during the evening with the venues being the respective classrooms. Teachers will present two identical 20 minute presentations commencing at 6:15pm and 6:40pm, with time available for discussion with families. A handout summary will be available for families who are unable to attend the evening.

## School Diaries

Every student has been given a special school diary, which will provide an easy and effective means of home-school communication. Please ensure you sign the diary regularly and use it to communicate important messages to your child's teacher.

## Commissioning Service

A Commissioning Service for staff and student leaders will be conducted by Father Mike at 9:00am on Monday 20th February and all families are most welcome to this special occasion

## **SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT and W.E.S.T.**

### **Students Of The Week**

We will continue to acknowledge those students who exhibit WEST (*Welcoming, Encouraging; Sorry; Thankful*) qualities by presenting awards at our Monday morning assemblies. Families are always most welcome to attend our weekly assemblies. For the month of February our whole school PBS focus is "**Belonging** and our WEST focus is '**Welcoming**'. We encourage you to talk to your child about this monthly focus and what it

### **St Patrick's Parents and Friends**

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are ready to get back into the swing of things, I know we are. As you know the P&F play a big part at our school in supporting our staff and students. We participate in school events, run monthly canteen sessions, and hold many fundraising events throughout the year. We try to cater to everyone and are always looking for new ideas as well as new faces.

To be a part of the P&F is to be a part of our whole school community, to meet and make new friends and to catch up with old friends. Whatever the reason we hope this year that you would like to come and join us. Either by attending meetings, holding a position or helping out at events, we would love to see you there.

We usually meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 2:00pm, however, due to the need to meet more regularly to prepare for the school fair, we will be meeting weekly at this time, beginning this Monday 12th February - please come along. We encourage anyone interested to think about joining, and if you have any questions about the P&F and what is involved, please speak with one of us: Pru Harwood (President), Sally Bond (Treasurer)

### **School Board**

Expressions of interest are invited from all involved in or have an interest in our school community. The School Board meets every six weeks for up to two hours and has the important task of investigating ways of improving our school capacity. The role of the Board is very much involved in supporting initiatives that are a collective school community responsibility and include policy formation and review, financial scrutiny, buildings and facilities maintenance and generally being a representative of the wider school community when discussions are being conducted that influence the school's capacity to live out its vision. An expression of interest is welcome to be submitted at any time. Please feel welcome to contact me or any of the following Board members for any advice on this process and the Board in general: Father Mike, Brendan Veitch (Chairman), Carol Doonan (Treasurer), Angela Anderson, Donna Emmerton and Joanne Mulchay.

### **Fees and Levies / Payment Arrangements**

Families who have yet to return a payment arrangement form have received the form with today's Newsletter. An invoice for 2017 school fees will be sent home to all families next Tuesday. Please contact Mr Linhart to arrange for a discussion on how the school can assist with the payment of school fees should this be a concern for you (such conversations are held in confidence).

### **Student Leaders**

Students in Year 6 who are proposing themselves as potential school and house captains for term 1 will be presenting brief speeches during next Monday's assembly.

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### **School Canteen**

The School Canteen will **commence next week**. Information regarding the menu and prices is included as an insert to this Newsletter, or please download from our Skoolbag app or school webpage.

### **Spelling and Reading**

Students will continue to be involved in the explicit teaching of spelling and reading. The school uses a number of programs to support the teaching and learning of spelling and reading. Your child's teacher will inform you during next Wednesday's Parent Information session of specific programs and strategies that will be used in your child's class/es. You are most welcome to contact Mr Linhart to discuss programs.

## COMMUNITY

27th Annual Latrobe Flower Show coordinated by the Sassafra/Wesley Vale Branch Country Women's Association in Tasmania (Inc) Open to anyone interested in gardening. As well as the usual sections we have a section for photography. Official Opening—3.00pm on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be presented at 3.30pm on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors open to the public: Saturday: 2.00pm to 4.00pm Sunday 9.00am to 4.00pm. Admission: Adults: \$3.00 Children under 16 Free Exhibitors: Free. Cash and Sashes to be won. Luncheon, Morning and Afternoon Teas Available. Wheelchair accessible. Entry details and further information. Phyllis Hingston - 6428 4170 Audrey Campbell - 6428 4154.

2017  
St Patrick's Day  
School Fair



One of our fundraising initiatives for the fair is to create recipe book full of 'family favourites'. We would love each family to contribute a recipe, either 1 per child or 1 per family. For this recipe book we are asking for main meal recipe ideas.

We would ask each family to type their recipe and e-mail to [melissa.marshall@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:melissa.marshall@catholic.tas.edu.au) if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Marshall.

