

# St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

A prime responsibility for any educator – whether it be a teacher or parent – should be teaching our children to self-regulate; to be able to moderate and control any simmering emotions and avoid impulsive outbursts that may cause regret or harm. Over the last five years, cognitive scientists have increased our understanding of self-regulation – people's ability to inhibit an impulsive response, control their emotions, pay attention, defer gratification, and plan and control behaviour. Positive examples of self-regulation would be a child concentrating on schoolwork rather than watching a construction crew outside the window or a teenager doing piano practice instead of hanging out with friends. Not surprisingly, strong self-regulation is correlated with social competence, empathy, and whether a student is liked by teachers and peers, and a lack of self-regulation is associated with disobedience, aggression, and temper tantrums.

The Australian social commentator James Valentine's column in an article in *The Weekend Australian* made the salient point that we parents are often made to fear parenting and feel that regardless of our choice of actions in any situation, an alternative choice would have had more merits. The media, other parents, or 'systems' espouse contrary claims in any construction of 'sound parenting'. The saddest discussions are those with parents who are doing everything in their power to bring a child up to be responsible, courteous and considerate – self-regulatory – yet still the child presents with quite abominable behaviour too often. Parenting, as with all education, is fraught with conundrums, however, in the midst of information overload or conflicting advice, it's often best to find a quiet spot and reflect on the simple ingredients of effective education or effective parenting. Of the forty 'rules for parents' that Valentine listed as parenting tips for their children in his column I took the following points as being worthy of mention:

*Make them go outside; play with them; talk with them; read to them; It's "please" when you ask and "thank you" when you get; take them to funerals; take them to parties; be there; look pleased to see them; make sure they know school/education is important.*

I wish you well in devising your own '10 Commandments' for parenting.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### May

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Monday 8th    | 9:00am Year 6 morning prayer assembly   |
| Tuesday 9th   | 12:45-2:30pm Tasmanian Parents & Friends Association Parent Information Session (school assembly hall - afternoon tea served)   |
| Wed 10th      | NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 & 5)<br>Dance Fever sessions for classes  |
| Thursday 11th | NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 & 5)<br>NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 & 5)<br>St Brendan-Shaw community open session 11:00-12:30pm.           |
| Friday 12th   | 8:00am Mother's Day breakfast (assembly hall).<br>9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)                                     |
| Monday 15th   | 9:00am Year 2 morning prayer assembly<br>6:00pm School Board Meeting  |
| Tuesday 16th  | St Brendan-Shaw community open session 11:00-12:30pm.   |
| Wed 17th      | Dance Fever sessions for classes  |
| Friday 19th   | 9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)   |
| Monday 22nd   | 9:00am Year 1 morning prayer assembly<br>2:00pm P & F meeting (Kinder classroom)<br>School Photos - full winter uniform please. |
| Tuesday 23rd  | Dance Fever sessions for classes  |
| Wed 24th      | Year 6 St Brendan-Shaw 10:30-12:40pm<br>School cross country  |
| Thursday 25th | 9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)   |
| Friday 26th   | 9:00am Year 5 morning prayer assembly   |
| Monday 29th   | Dance Fever sessions for classes  |
| Wed 31st      |   |
| <b>June</b>   |   |
| Thursday 1st  | Devon Hockey Clinics  |
| Friday 2nd    | 9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)   |
| Monday 5th    | 9:00am Year 3 morning prayer assembly   |
| Wed 7th       | Dance Fever sessions for classes  |
| Thursday 8th  | Devon Hockey Clinics  |
| Friday 9th    | 9:00-10:45am Playgroup (Kinder classroom)   |

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017

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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## Staff News

Mrs Leonard and Mr Linhart will be attending a School Finance meeting tomorrow; Mrs Marshall will be attending an Assistant Principal meeting on Thursday (Mr O'Brien will teach Year 1); Matt Jones (Assistant Director: North) will be visiting the school this Friday morning; Mrs McIver and Mrs Marshall will be attending a Literacy workshop on Wednesday 17th May (Mrs Gaudsen will teach Year 3 and Mr O'Brien will teach Year 1).

## Dance Fever

Students are enjoying their 30 to 40 minute weekly involvement in Dance Fever, being offered each Wednesday morning this term. A reminder that students may wear their sports uniform on both Wednesday and the school sports' day, Thursday during term 2.

## St Patrick's Parents & Friends

Could all raffle books please be returned back to school by Thursday 11th May. The raffle will be drawn Friday morning 12th May at our Mother's Day breakfast.

We still have cookbooks available for purchase so if you are after a "last minute Mother's Day gift" these can be purchased at the school office for a cost of \$8.00 each.

## School Photos

School photo day will be Tuesday 23rd May. Photo envelopes were sent home with students today and will need to be returned to the office by Monday 22nd May. If you require family photos these envelopes are available from the office. Full school winter uniform is to be worn on photo day; this includes all students wearing ties and their woollen jumper.

## School Cross Country

The school cross country is proposed for Thursday 25th May. We will be assembling at the Latrobe Football/ Recreation Ground at 1:00pm to commence our competitive races (Years 6, 5, 4 and 3) and recreational running. More information regarding the day will be included in next week's Newsletter.

## NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 throughout Australia will be completing NAPLAN tests in the second week of term 2. It is important for parents to note that these tests, although important in that they can provide us with some useful information on student knowledge, understandings and skills, should not place undue pressure or expectation on them 'performing'. Teachers will provide students in Years 3 and 5 with examples of previous NAPLAN tests in order to help students become aware of the type of questions, however, we do not 'teach to the test'. We will, once again, be offering parent information sessions in regards to NAPLAN test results once we receive the student data.

## School Banking Information Session

St Patrick's is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking day for Commonwealth Bank School Banking will be Thursdays. We held a School Banking Information Session at our school's morning assembly yesterday. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

## CDF School Banking

CDF Kookaburra Banking is still functioning for the time being at St. Patrick's. Account holders deposits will still be processed by Mrs Bellchambers.

## Care and Concern

Our school community is special in many ways - dedicated staff, supportive parents, cooperative students - however, our Mercy Charism provides us with key values that, I believe, are real ingredients for our uniqueness - Excellence, Compassion, Hospitality, Dignity, Mercy and Justice. We try hard to live out these values and one way of displaying compassion is for us to be a support to those in our school community who have undergone loss. Please contact your child's teacher, the office staff or Mr Linhart if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.



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

Congratulations to Clay Mott (Year 3) who was awarded a WEST certificate during yesterday morning's assembly. 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 May our whole school PBS focus is "**Learning**" and our WEST focus is '**Welcoming**'. We encourage you to talk to your child about this monthly focus and what it means to him or her.

House raffle winners:

**Byrne House: Flynn Glann**

**Dooley House: Molly Clarke**

**Martyn House: Charlie Brazendale**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Kinder:** Josiah Overton for being caring and considerate towards other people.

**Prep:** Sophie Franklin for her consistent hard work in all learning areas.

**Year 1:** Logan Araroa for a great start to Term 2.

**Year 2:** Melissa Harris for being focused and engaged during literacy group work.

**Year 3:** Kyle Barnes for being a hardworking class member who always willingly contributes to whole class discussions.

**Year 4:** Patrick Mulcahy for outstanding work with fractions.

**Year 5:** Seth Mansfield-Burgess for displaying a positive attitude and enthusiastic approach to Term 2.

**Year 6:** Tomas Sullivan for being a positive, caring and encouraging member of Year 6.

### Student Leaders - Term 2

Students in Years 3 to 6 and staff had the opportunity to vote for Year 6 students who nominated themselves for student leadership positions for term 2. Our Year 6 students presented a short argument of their leadership virtues to the school assembly on Monday 1st May and voting took place last week. Congratulations to all students who presented at this assembly - we are spoilt for choice. The following student leaders were presented with their badges at our morning prayer assembly yesterday:

**School Captains:** Charlie Reeman, Annalee Bidwell

**Martyn House Captains:** Charli Reeves, Kelly Simpson

**Dooley House Captains:** Nat Mason, Maddi Lamprey

**Byrne House Captains:** Taegue Mott, Jesse O'Brien, Amelia Klug

**Student Representative Council:** Mushtaq Khan, Lincoln McQueen, Loretta Smith, Mac Butler, Molly Clarke, Seth Mansfield-Burgess, Kelly Simpson.

**Luke  
Harris**  
**Year 5**  
**May**  
**Aussie of  
the Month**



**Charlie  
Reeman**  
**and**  
**Annalee  
Bidwell**  
**Term 2 School  
Captains**

## REMINDERS

### Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Mothers and/or female family members or significant female friends of students are warmly invited to attend a Mother's Day breakfast that is proposed for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 8:00am to 8:50am, to be held in the school assembly hall. A short prayer and song will be conducted by the children at 8:00am to commence the breakfast, so we ask everyone to be seated by 8:00am please. **R.S.V.P. to the school office by tomorrow, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May please:** tables will be set with names of respondents so to **avoid disappointment please ensure your R.S.V.P. in time.**

### Enrolments for 2018

Applications for Kinder enrolments for 2018 are now being taken. This year we will be conducting interviews as soon as possible after we receive applications - our kinder enrolments have been very pleasing and we are hoping to, once gain, have a healthy interest in enrolments so please let any friends know that we are **now taking enrolments** for 2018 and to avoid disappointment should they decide to apply for enrolment later in the year and discover that we have reached our capacity. Parents and carers wishing to enrol their child/ren for the commencement of the 2018 school year are asked to complete an enrolment form, which is available from the school office.

### Date-claimer: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 12:45-2:45pm

On the week commencing 8 May 2017, the Tasmanian Catholic School Parents Council will be conducting a series of 2 hour workshops for parents at 13 Catholic Primary Schools throughout Tasmania. The workshops are aimed at helping schools give students and parents the best possible start to early learning and literacy and set the tone for encouraging parent engagement. The workshops communicate the value of parents and teachers working together as partners in children's learning. Successful Learning workshops empower participant knowledge and confidence while building parent skills so they are active partners in their children's learning. These workshops form part of the service that the parent's council aims to provide parents of children in our Catholic Schools. All adult family members of our school community are warmly invited to the session that will be conducted at St Patrick's (assembly hall) from 12:45pm to 2:45pm. A light afternoon tea will be served.



### Book Club

Book club issue 3 will close next Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May please ensure all orders are returned back to the school office prior to this date.

## COMMUNITY

### Devonport Strikers Soccer Club

Tiny Feet Program (5-8 years) & SAP (9-12 years) Our exciting new 'Tiny Feet' program, for children aged 5-8, commenced on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of May, with a great opening session for the kids involved! Training for this group will be conducted in nine week cycles & training sessions are twice per week (Monday and Friday). Our highly successful SAP Program also resumed on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and enrolment forms are available on our website. Both programs are available to boys & girls with the focus on skill development in a safe, fun, learning environment. New enrollees are most welcome at any time, so, get enrolled & join the fun! Key Details:

#### TINY FEET

Start Date: Monday May 1, 2017

Training Days: Monday and Friday

Training Times: 4:30pm till 5:30pm

Ages: 5 to 8

Cost: \$100 for nine week cycle (equates to just \$5.56 per hour)

Enrolment Link: <http://www.devonportstrikers.com.au/tiny-feet/>

#### SAP

Start Date: Tuesday May 2, 2017

Training Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Training Times: 4:00pm till 5:30pm

Ages: 9 to 12

Cost: \$150 for nine week cycle (equates to just \$5.55 per hour)

Enrolment Link: <http://www.devonportstrikers.com.au/sap.../sap-enrolment-form/>