

St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

We welcomed Marty Ogle, the Catholic Education Tasmania 'Making Jesus Real' Education Officer. I share his letter that he forwarded to us after his visit last week. I hope Marty's insights and messages offer you food for thought and hopefully a confirmation that our school values, 'values' in words and deeds. All the best for those families who are fortunate to be able to spend time together during the forthcoming school holidays. Regards, Rod Linhart (Principal)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I had the honour of recently teaching children from Year 6 at St Patrick's and we focused on:

1. The word **EMPATHY** - **how it is important to try to understand others by walking in their shoes.** We talked about how difficult it is for parents, step-parents, grand-parents, teachers, homeless people etc. We discussed how we need to constantly reflect on how we judge or treat people.

2. The '**Spirit of Jesus**' - following the teachings of Jesus by sharing, helping, caring, speaking positively etc. We were able to pinpoint many examples of this in and out of the classroom. I left a huge 'The Spirit of Jesus is all around us' board to keep reminding us all to look for and copy great Spirit of Jesus moments.

3. Being a **W.E.S.T. person** - **Welcoming, Encouraging, able to say Sorry & Thank You.** We also spoke about the need to put a name to these four aspects of GTS (Greet, Treat and Speak) so as to make it personal.

4. We again spoke about how much they love their people at home and how they love being happy. But sometimes we make a bad choice, which in turn becomes a bad habit by back chatting or saying no or 'Why me?' at home when asked to do a chore. Students wrote 'OK' with a smile on their hand to remind them to say this at home and at school.

5. The power of **focussed listening** - we spoke about a number of areas that will help better listening

including: thinking about who we sit next to; not fiddling; asking questions; being 'present' in the conversation; listening with your eyes; practicing and recognising good listening; staying clear of gossip; ignoring 'disturbers' when the teacher is speaking etc; listening to all instructions before starting. We also discussed that teachers waste SO MUCH time waiting for everybody to listen eg 30mins - an hour a day!!!! The reaction of the students was so positive that I wanted to share with you how well they listened and how it could benefit your family, so please ask them about the above topics.

Finally, I want to say how privileged I was to be at St Patrick's and continually see the 'Spirit of Jesus' moments from the staff and students - you should be proud that your child attends such a great school. It has been a challenging year in so many ways but the staff and students continue to 'brush off' the interruptions and difficulties - way to go! Keep encouraging them to have a positive attitude even when life gets tough.

I am sure that if you ask your child about 'What did they know about MJR' you will have a super conversation with your child and discover that with encouragement they will hopefully develop these positive habits. We also have a new podcast - 'The MJR Podcast - a GPS for life'. Just go to Spotify or iTunes and these 12-14 minute podcasts which will create conversations with you and your family eg <https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/the-mjr-podcast-a-gps-for-life-mjr-podcast-XcrjkVZbBuv/>

Live Jesus in your Hearts...FOREVER.
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Friday 25th September: Celebrating Mercy Day

On Friday 25th of September staff and students from St Patrick's Latrobe will hold a prayer service to commemorate the Sisters of Mercy who have played a large part in the history of our school. Many students have been busy creating a response to our school Mercy Values of Compassion, Hospitality, Mercy and Respect, and some of this student work will both be on display and presented by students during this 10.30am prayer service. Parishioners and family members of students are warmly invited to attend our prayer service beginning at 10.30 am in the school hall followed by morning tea at 11am. For catering purposes we would appreciate if you could RSVP before this Thursday 24th September to the school office on 64261626 or by email, stpatlat@catholic.tas.edu.au

Footy Colours Day - **CHANGED to Friday 23rd October**

Apologies for this change, however, in order to coincide with the AFL Grand Final (Saturday 24th October), our Footy Colour Day will be Friday 23rd October (Thursday 22nd for Kinder). This Friday, to celebrate the final day of what has been a long term, students may wear casual clothes (enclosed footwear please) - no gold coin donation is required.

Day for Daniel

Thank you to all those students and staff who supported the school's involvement in the Day for Daniel Foundation initiative. We raised over \$390 through the gold coin donations and the unsealing of Day for Daniel merchandise. Our simple, daily messages to students that featured during last week's morning assemblies will continue this week in the lead-up to the September holidays: Be Alert to possible dangers; Be Prepared to take actions to keep safe; Be Aware of who to contact if feeling unsafe.

Devonport Basketball Tournament - Saturday 10th October (and Sunday 11th October)

Rosters should accompany this Newsletter for families involved in this competition - please contact Tameka or Mr Linhart for any basketball inquiry. We wish the following students the very best as school representatives for their involvement in the 2020 Devonport Basketball Tournament:

Years 5/6 boys: Coach & Manager - Allan Davis and Hannah Bakes: Nathan Davis, Liam Jessup, Tyler Bakes, Bradley Venton, Koby Harrington, Reuben Stephenson and Kyle Jordan.

Years 5/6 girls: Coach & Manager - D'Arne Adams and Anita Tueon: Emily Phegan, Talei Sesara, Georgie Tuen, Abbie Venton, Ava Franklin, Luca Adams, Ava Chamley.

Years 3/4 boys: Coach & Manager - Rod Linhart and Kirilly Jones: Oliver Parry, Jimmy Tueon, Jason Richards, Buckley Davis, Charlie Jones, Jack Chapman, Oliver Gatehouse, Kyan Mayes, Livai Sesara, Chas Kelly.

Years 3/4 girls: Coach & Manager - Jane Stuartt and Tamika Anthony: Ruby Anthony, Lulu Meech, Rose Evans, Zarna Bakes, Melia sesame, Amaja Scott.

Years 3/4 girls: Coach & Manager - Michelle Lamprey and Jo Mulcahy: Tyla O'Toole, Sophie Mulcahy, Ekam Kaur, Salma Ragheb, Claire Simpson, Zara Omogbhai-Musa.

Years 1/2 boys: Coach & Manager - Kurt Atkins and Julie Fawkner: Henry Jones, Lakyn Dezoete, Owen Christie, Alexander Fawkner, Oliver Singline, Will Hawkins, Harry Phegan, Jed Atkins.

Years 1/2 girls: Coach & Manager - Courtney Hayes and Kelly Mundy: Aleks O'Toole, Violet Furley, Meg Kelly, Ellie Hayes, Zita Omagbhai-Musa, Matilda Roach.



Photos that appear in newsletters: Parents are welcome to contact Tameka, Lennice or Mr Linhart if they would like any photo that we take of their child or children that appear in the Newsletter.

WEST Award

Congratulations to William Hawkins (Year 2) who received a WEST Award 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.

House Raffle Winners

Byrne House: Indi (Prep)

Dooley House: Fraser (Prep)

Martyn House: Hamish (Year 2)

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep: Jaxon Hampton for his excellent effort towards his school work. Thanks for giving everything a red hot go, Jaxon.

Year 1: Kaylee Chappell Hope for always demonstrating W.E.S.T. qualities and trying hard with her work.

Year 2: Oliver Singline for always being a kind and thoughtful class member.

Year 3: Charlie Jones for his improved focus and application to tasks. Awesome effort Charlie!

Year 4: Ruby Anthony for displaying beautiful Christian character in the classroom.

Year 5: Tully Valentine-Smith for his outstanding creativity with story-writing and a positive, respectful attitude.

Year 6: Maddy Withers for her attitude and application towards drama.

Gardening

Many students have taken up the invitation to weed and replant perennial flowers in our numerous school playground garden beds. Year 6 students will plant a shrub each; signifying that, as with most plants, their growth as students with knowledge and as people of character, it is **time**, **environment** and **nurturing** that are vital variables that assist in growth and 'flowering.'

COVID School Health & Safety Plan

Thank-you to all our parents who continue to support our school's COVID-19 Safety Plan by observing signage regarding health and hygiene protocols. The following activities are now permitted:

- Families making a birthday cake or cakes that are shared with a child's class to celebrate a birthday - PLEASE contact the class teacher first to ensure if any class member has any food allergies.
- Adults attending assemblies - please sanitise or hand-wash upon entering any of the school buildings (as is the protocol for all staff and students) and sign-in on the assembly hall sign-in sheet.
- Adults volunteering in classes - please sanitise or hand-wash upon entering any of the school buildings (as is the protocol for all staff and students) and sign-in at the school office.

School Holidays - Contacting the school/the school contacting families.

A reminder that families may always contact Mr Linhart after school hours or over the school holidays by ringing the school number (6426 1626) - your call will be re-directed to Mr Linhart's phone; please leave a message if the phone goes to message bank and Mr Linhart will then make contact. The school will contact families via Compass text message if there is information that is critical in communicating to families.

Devonport Junior Soccer Competition.

Our sincere thanks to the families and students who supported or represented St Patrick's in one of the seven teams that played in this year's competition. The final game is this Saturday and coaches will present medals to each player and the school will present each of our wonderful coaches (Damien Thompson, David Jessup, Carl Garrad, Felicity Reeves, Claye Davis, Adrian Singline, Jamie Fawcner, Tameika and Jason Anthony) with a gift voucher in appreciation for their support. The Devonport Junior Soccer Association will also present each player with a soccer ball after the games.





Blessings of Mercy

May you meet mercy each day
 In the light of your own heart.
 At the hands of your loved ones
 In the eyes of the stranger and the
 needy.
 And if by chance you do not at
 first meet it,
 Then search your heart for it.
 Listen patiently for word of it.
 And it will tap you on the shoulder.
 A quiet surprise
 A small gesture
 The tender look,
 Given and received
 In the encounters of your day.
 - Mary Wickham

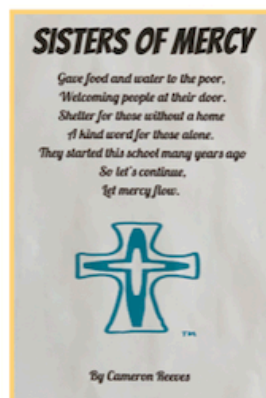
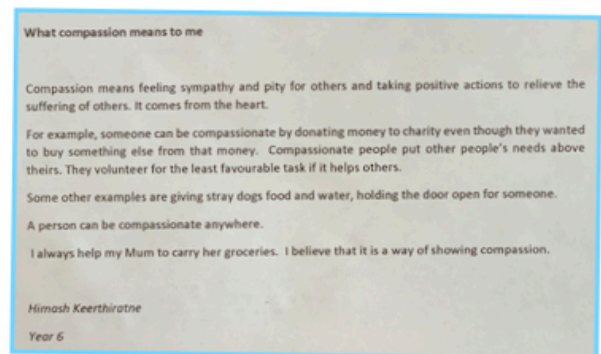
Thank you!



Thank you to all students who contributed to our Mercy celebrations by creating their own response to either, one of our Mercy values or the Sisters of Mercy.

Each of the contributions were original, thoughtful, creative and a special personal reflection on what the aforementioned mean to them.

We were both delighted and proud of each and every piece of work!

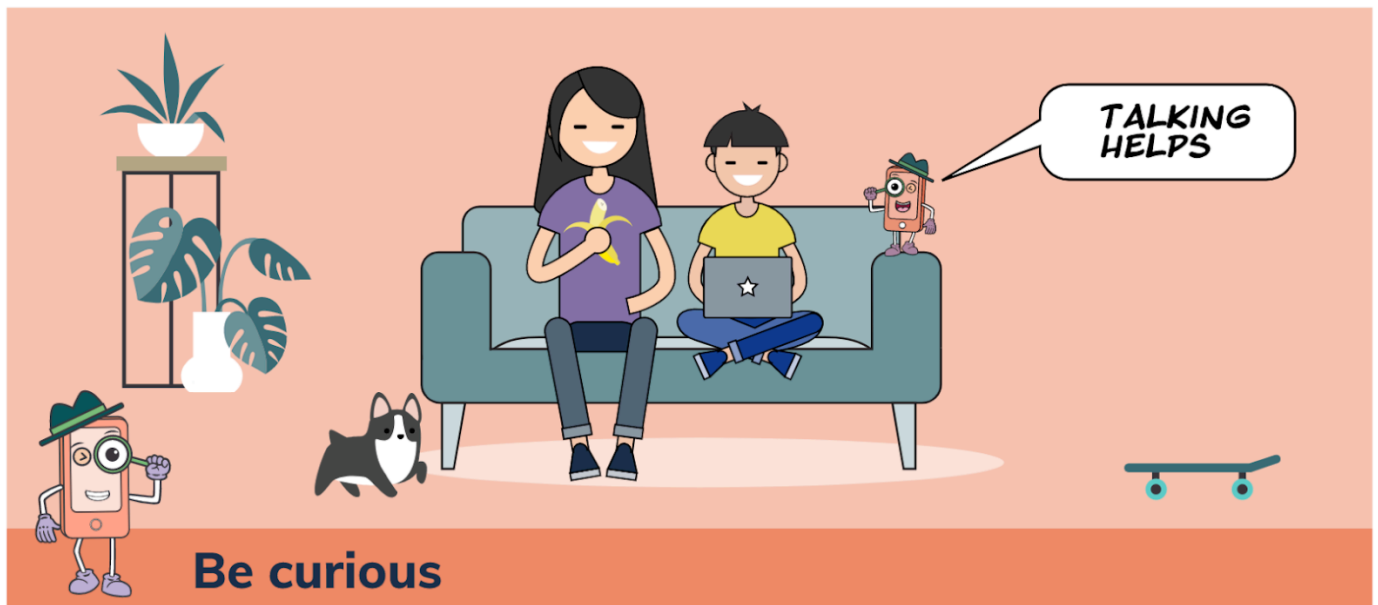


eSafety-Tips on how to stay safe online (Mrs Badcock)

The eSafety Commissioner website, <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>, is a fantastic resource for parents, children and schools. The site also offers a help section for children on a number of topics. The section *I want help with inappropriate content online* gives the following advice:

- close the browser and turn off the screen
- talk to an adult so that they can make sure you are okay
- report either the game, app or website

The eSafety website provides a reporting section which gives information on the latest games, apps and social media including how to protect your information <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/security-and-privacy-for-my-device> and how to report inappropriate content <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>



Progress Achievement Testing - Term 4 Week 3 (Mr Atkins)

Progress Achievement Tests (PAT) are formal tests that students in Years 1 - 6 complete annually. These tests are one way that we can track student progress from year to year. All students in Years 1 - 6 complete the PAT Reading and PAT Maths tests, students in Years 2 - 6 complete the AGAT test (general reasoning ability) and students in Years 3 - 6 complete the PAT Spelling and PAT Vocabulary tests. These tests are timetabled to occur during Week 3 of term 4.

School and House Captain Speeches

Students in Year 6 presented speeches to the assembly yesterday as part of the student leadership initiative at St Patrick's that provide Year 6 students with four opportunities to nominate for House or School Captain positions of leadership. Thank you Year 6 nominees for your preparation and presentation.

Three colorful cupcakes are shown at the top of the poster. The first has purple frosting and blue polka dots. The second has pink frosting, a cherry, and pink polka dots. The third has rainbow-colored frosting and purple polka dots.

Cupcakes
FOR SALE * limited number
* contains gluten & dairy

Wednesday 23rd September
at recess

\$2

No need to pre-order, just buy on the day.

*Money will go towards the 2021
Year 5 & 6 Canberra Trip.*

COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

Thank you to Tameika Anthony, Anita Tueon, Lorraine Young, Julie Dewrance-Milligan and D'Arne Adams who supported last week's P & F donut and milkshake morning tea.

COMMUNITY NEWS & REMINDERS

Winter-Summer Uniform Transition

The two week transition from winter to summer uniform began last Monday 14th September; students may wear their full summer uniform from Monday 14th September, with the expectation that all students from Prep to Year 6 are wearing their full summer uniform at the commencement of term 3, Monday 12th October. Details regarding the uniform and the Uniform Policy are available from our school website in addition to the front of our school student diary. Please contact Tameika or Lennice in the school office regarding uniform needs.



Care and Concern

A reminder for all families that we have the ability to prepare some prepared meals and to let the school office or Mr Linhart now if you would like a meal delivered. Please feel welcome to be included in our Care and Concern Volunteer List - thank you to the many school community members who are already on this list and are assisting others: **Always please contact the office staff or Mr Linhart if you feel we could offer support in any way to anyone in our school community in need.**

Port Sorell Tennis Coaching

Port Sorell Tennis Coaching has tennis coaching group session on Wednesday and Thursday nights for children aged 5-14 years old. Tennis recommences this week. A group lesson lasts for 35 minutes with children of similar ability grouped together. If you are interested please contact Peter Georgiades on 0439637301 or 64287112. Peter Georgiades Junior Development Coach Tennis Australia



HOLIDAY CLINICS



Enjoy quality training in a fun environment, by qualified coaches who are passionate about football and care about young people

Week 1

29th September - 1st October

U/5 - U/8: 9am - 10:30am

U/9 - U/12: 9am - 12pm

Week 2

6th - 8th October

U/5 - U/8: 12pm - 1:30pm

U/9 - U/12: 12pm - 3pm

Cost

U/5 - U/8 | 1 Day \$15 | 2 Day \$30 | 3 Day \$40

U/9 - U/12 | 1 Day \$30 | 2 Day \$60 | 3 Day \$80



visit devonportstrikers.com.au/holiday-clinics to register



SCHOOL CALENDAR (accurate as of Tuesday 22nd September)

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 24th Years 3 and 4 working with David Gough and Belinda Downward on Aboriginal cultural activities
- Friday 25th Final day of term 3: casual clothes day (no donation)
9.00am - 10.30am Inquiring Minds/Setup for Success Birth to 4 program in the kinder classroom (all welcome)
10.30am School Mercy Theme Prayer Assembly
11.00am Shared morning tea

OCTOBER

- Monday 12th Term 4 begins for students and staff (summer uniform)
- Tuesday 13th Sophie (school Counsellor) visiting
- Friday 16th 9.00am Assembly - Recognising Teddy Sheean's Victoria Cross - visit by Minister Barnett and Garry Ivory
9.00am - 10.30am Inquiring Minds/Setup for Success Birth to 4 program in the kinder classroom
- Monday 19th 6.00pm School Board meeting (staffroom)
- Tuesday 20th Sophie (school Counsellor) visiting
BASE testing in Prep.
- Friday 23rd 9.00am - 10.30am Inquiring Minds/Setup for Success Birth to 4 program in the kinder classroom
Footy colours day - casual clothes (no donation)
- Monday 26th Standardised testing (PAT) in Reading, Maths, Spelling and Vocabulary.

NOVEMBER

- Monday 2nd Recreation Day Public Holiday (no school)
- Thursday 5th School Athletics Day
- Monday 9th Two-week Swimming program begins for students in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5
9.00-10.30am Pre-Kinder session at St Patrick's Mitch ('Spirit of Jesus') visiting - Years 3 & 4
Remembrance Day assembly
- Wed 11th First Lego League tournament - Hobart
- Saturday 14th 9.00-10.30am Pre-Kinder session at St Patrick's
- Monday 16th 9.00am - 10.30am Inquiring Minds
- Friday 20th 9.00-10.30am Pre-Kinder session at St Patrick's
- Monday 23rd Devonport Show Day Public Holiday (no school)
- Friday 27th 9.00-10.30am Pre-Kinder session at St Patrick's
- Monday 30th

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 1st Years 6-7 2021 orientation day for prospective St Brendan-Shaw College and Latrobe High students.
1.50pm CBC Book off the Year Performance
Mitch ('Spirit of Jesus') visiting - Years 3 & 4
- Thursday 3rd 9.00-10.30am Pre-Kinder session at St Patrick's
- Friday 4th 6.00pm School Board and P & F Dinner
- Monday 7th Year 6 social excursion
- Thursday 10th Prep Nativity Play for Prep families.
- Friday 11th 6.00pm Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony
- Monday 14th 2021 classes - orientation
- Tuesday 15th End of Year Reports and School Yearbooks distributed
9.00am Thanksgiving assembly
- Wed 16th Final day for students
- Thursday 17th

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2020

- Term 3 Tues 21st July 2020 - Friday 25th September 2020
- Term 4 Mon 12th October 2020 - Thursday 17th Dec 2020

SCHOOL STUDENT TERM DATES 2021

- Wednesday 20th January: school office opens
- Wednesday 27th January - Staff return
- Term 1 Mon 1st Feb - Thursday 1st April 2021
- Term 2 Mon 26th April - Friday 2nd July
- Term 3 Mon 20th July - Friday 24th September
- Term 4 Mon 11th October - Thursday 16th December
- (One student free day yet TBC)

2020 Pre-Kinder; 2021 Kinder

St Patrick's School will be offering a Pre-Kinder program each Monday morning for five weeks for children who have been accepted into our 2020 Kindergarten class. The sessions will begin at 9.00am and conclude at 10.30am, and all sessions will take place in the St Patrick's School Kindergarten classroom on the following days (children to bring a drink & morning tea): **Monday 16th November; Monday 23rd November; Monday 30th November; Monday 7th December; Monday 14th December.** This timetabling will mean the usual 'Inquiring Minds - Setup for Success' sessions that we offer on Fridays will still be offered as usual.

The five Pre-Kinder sessions are aimed to provide children with a realistic 'taste' of kindergarten for 2021; it is expected parents leave their children with the kindergarten staff for the duration of the program - coffee, tea and a light morning tea will be available to parents for all sessions. The parent sessions will be convened in the school assembly hall, beginning at 9.15am, concluding with a catered morning tea at 10.15am. More information will be communicated early in term 4.

